

Diablo View Orchid Society

It's our Annual Auction!



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NOTICE: The August meeting is on the THIRD Thursday!

About the Auction

We will have a chance to share our orchid growing success by donating plants at our August Auction. This fundraiser is an event where healthy plants will be auctioned off for the benefit of our society. *See page 3 for helpful hints on what to do.*

In the past, this type of event has been a lot of fun and this year will be fun, too!

August Meeting:

**Thursday, Aug 15 at 7:15 pm
at the Contra Costa Water District
1331 Concord Ave, Concord**

*Refreshments will be supplied by:
Your Board*

***The room will be available starting at
6:30 for arranging your orchids
for the auction!***

We are still looking for Phyllis' orchid that was left at the June meeting. It was an angraecum didieri in a 4 inch wooden slat basket. It won the Lancer Smith Award!

The Auctioneer will be Sue Fordyce

Sue has a rich horticultural history, most of her life spent in the orchid world with the family business at the Orchid Ranch in Livermore. Her father, Frank Fordyce passed on his passion for orchids and hybridizing Cattleyas to her and she was able to travel and speak to groups throughout the United States and Canada about Orchids, (specifically Cattleyas). When the family business sold in 2006, Sue had the opportunity to change gears and join an exceptionally beautiful and unique property, Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. She currently manages the Houseplants and Orchids dept., teaches a variety of classes, both horticultural as well as craft and art classes, and she loves what she does. Sue and her family are part of the founding members of Diablo View Orchid Society and a past President. She is an enthusiastic speaker, a patient teacher and has a firm belief that whatever she is doing at the time, it should include an element of fun!



President's Message

Dear Orchid Enthusiasts:

I hope you are all looking forward to our Annual Auction. A member asked me if we need to identify who brought in the orchids for auction. I said “no” but now I’ve reconsidered. When you know who grew it successfully you have someone to ask about it. It also adds to the camaraderie of our club.

At Speaker’s Day, a plant was donated to us from the New World Orchids. They specialize in small orchids and her topic was titled “Honey, I shrunk the orchids”.

Last month, our speaker, Jim, told us that we can see orchids growing in nature “in situ”. So I tried it. I googled the name of an orchid then put in situ. There were lots of images of that orchid growing where it thrives. Seeing it there will contribute to our continuing success in growing orchids.

So find a picture of the flowers, put your name on the labels as the plant grower and donate your little darlings to our auction. Sue will talk it up and the rest of us will bid generously. As you can see from her bio, Sue Fordyce really knows orchids. So please bring your checkbooks!

Marcia

Helpful Hints On How To Prepare Your Plants

We really want the members to bring in anything that they can – but NO diseased or dying plants, please.

Some examples of good donations would be:

Divisions of plants (where they have split a plant into two or more pieces). This needs to be done a few months before the auction so that the plants can become well established.

Plants that one might have that they no longer want due to a change of interests or an effort to downsize their collection.

Plants where the donor has not had particular success – maybe due to the lack of a greenhouse or the wrong light in windows or temperature problems. Someone else might have more success.

Some donors buy flasks or multiple seedlings. They might pot up some of their extras and donate them.

It would be nice if donors could clean up their plants. They can clean the top side of the leaves with milk or diluted lemon juice (but do not wipe the bottom of the leaves, too). Even plain water would get rid of some of the dust (wiping the bottom of the leaves with plain water if OK!). It would also be nice if blooming plants could be staked to show the blooms to the greatest advantage. Blooming plants usually bring in higher bids.

If you have a plant that is not in bloom and have a picture of the bloom, that would be helpful, too. You can tape it to the container.

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Lockhartia lunifera
Novice: 1st Place
Grown by Diane Bond



Restrepa
Novice: 2nd Place
Grown by Diane Bond



Ph kaoda twinkle chocolate drop
Novice: 3rd Place
Grown by Kaitlyn Strom



Tolumnia velutina
Intermediate: 1st Place
Grown by Marcia Hart

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Phaleanopsis noname
Intermediate: 2nd Place
Grown by Jeanette Bean



Paph Sandy's Brocade
Intermediate: 3rd Place
Grown by Marcia Hart



Laelia purpurata x carnea
Advanced: 1st Place
Grown by Barbara Ungersma



Cat Angleealker 'Delight'
Advanced: 2nd Place
Grown by Phyllis Arthur

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Bulb. Carunculatum
Advanced: 3rd Place
Grown by Eileen Jackson



Appendiculata elegans
Lancer Smith Award
Grown by Dave Trebotich



Expert Class*
Grown by Sung Lee

*I'll get the names next time...



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