

# Diablo View Orchid Society

## 2019 Holiday Pot Luck Party!

Note the changes of **LOCATION** and **TIME**  
for the December Meeting!

Location: Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Concord  
(Where we had our party last year - street level - center)

Date: **December 12** (the 2nd Thursday of the month) Welcome to our new member:

Time: Set-up begins at **6:00 PM**, Dinner at **7:00 PM** Rachel Brinkhoff

Ham and turkey and soft drinks will be provided by the Board ... the rest... by  
you... (we do have a liquor license so you can bring whatever you want)

Bring a dish, salad or desert... enough for 8... according to the beginning letter of your last name...

( A - G ) Desert                      ( H - O ) Salad                      ( P - Z ) Hot Dish

For the gift exchange, bring either a nice plant (bug free)  
or an orchid related item!

(a pot, gardening tool, etc... something that you would like to get yourself... limit = \$25)

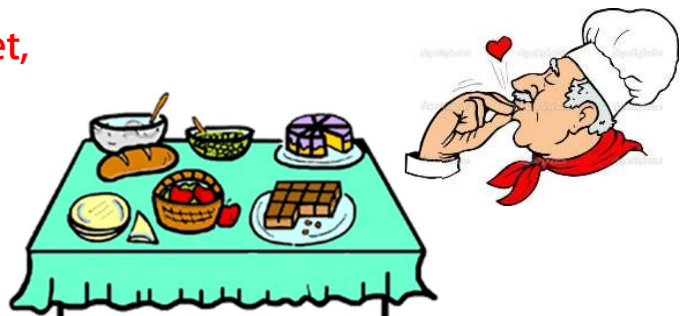
The gift exchange is lots of fun... *the rules are on page 2.*

*There will also be a small auction for some very special items!*

Note: This is a members only event... spouses are welcome, too!

If you haven't paid your 2020 membership yet,  
you can pay at the door! (\$30 )

*The first 40 renewals will  
receive an orchid grown by Dennis!*



## President's Message

Dear Orchid Enthusiasts:

It's been a pleasure being your president for these last two years. I must admit that I was apprehensive in the beginning, but as the months passed I got more and more confident in the job. I owe a lot to my wonderful board who stepped up when necessary to do whatever job was needed. I know that I leave the club in good hands. Diane Bond and her board will surely do a wonderful job.

Over Thanksgiving week we went to Cannon Beach in Oregon to be with the grandkids. There was a definite cold snap here in Concord while we were away and I had left about 40 orchids outside (not including cymbidiums)... hanging in trees or sitting on tables around the house. When I returned I was pleased that only one of the plants died... the one that was from Hawaii. No real surprise there! I do have to protect them from the rain soon.

I'm looking forward to the Holiday Party... great food, a gift exchange, our auction, fun with friends and the installation of the new board!

See you there!

Marcia

## DVOS Holiday Party Gift Exchange Game Rules

1. Bring a wrapped gift--a plant or an orchid related item that you yourself would like to receive.
2. Pick up a ticket (hold onto it!) and place your gift on the table in the middle of the room. Take a look at what people brought without undoing the wrapping.
3. Each person whose ticket number is called will select a gift, also without undoing the wrapping (guessing is part of the game!), then present the gift to the audience—read the label, describe the item, etc. The next number will be called after we've all had a chance to admire your gift.
4. Put the gift on your table and keep it there where everyone can see. No putting it down on the floor or otherwise hiding it.
5. The next person whose turn it is can either "steal" yours or any other available gift. If yours is stolen, it'll be your turn next to pick.
6. Each gift may be stolen up to twice. After the second time, the gift is considered "dead," and cannot be taken away from that person.

## Getting to know your new president... Diane Bond

She was a Navy Brat so she moved around quite a bit when she was a kid. She was born in Vallejo and graduated from Concord High (Go Minutemen!). As a plant molecular biologist, she traveled to Stillwater Oklahoma, Leiden, The Netherlands, Des Moines, Iowa then returned to the bay area to finish her scientific career in the genomics industry. She feels very blessed to have been able to participate in all of the scientific developments that have taken place during her career, but she is now retired.



Retirement is the best thing that has ever happened to her orchids. While she has grown orchids forever, she has only consistently bloomed orchids in the last couple years! She is lucky enough to have a hobby greenhouse where she grows most of her orchids and another space that is starting to work well for the cymbidiums. Her growing areas as well as the very forgiving climate in Oakland have come together with her new found abundance of free time to translate into many orchid blooms.

## DVOS Board Slate 2020

The following is the list of officers for 2020. They will be installed at this meeting.

**President:**

Diane Bond

**Vice President:**

Peter Ansdell

**Treasurer:**

Liz Charlton

**Secretary:**

Brittany Miller

**Refreshment Chair:**

Helen Ratto

**Immediate Past President:**

Marcia Hart

**Board Members:**

Ulrike Ahlborn, Betty Chinn,  
Daniel Neighbors, Helen Ratto,  
Yunor Peralta and Greg Scown

**New Member Mentor:**

Sung Lee

**Newsletter Editor:**

Barry Hart

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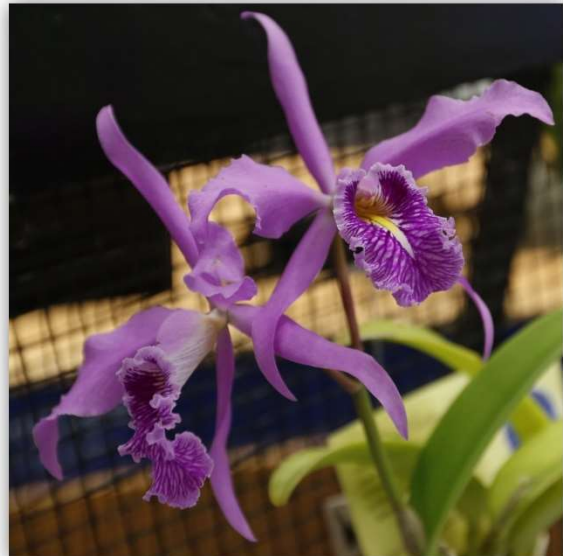
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Novice: 1st Place  
Grown by Diane Bond



Rtn Linda Vee "Volcano Queen"  
Novice: 2nd Place  
Grown by Rachel Brinkerho



Masdevallia andreetana  
Novice: 3rd Place  
Grown by Diane Bond



Cattleya maxima  
Intermediate: 1st Place  
Grown by Marcia Hart



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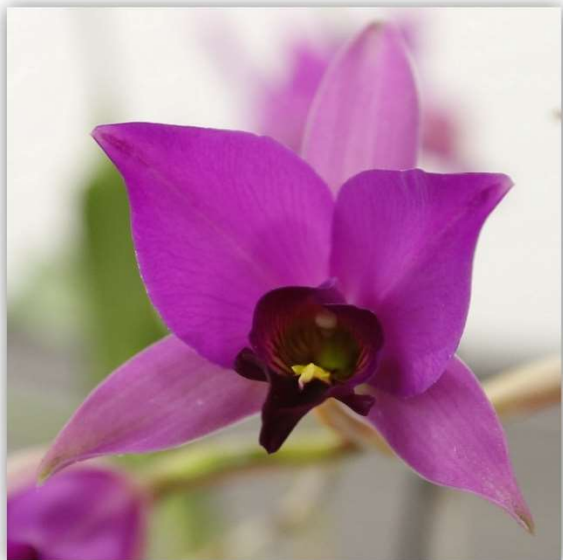
Pot Dream Circle 'Long Jack'  
Intermediate: 2nd Place  
Grown by Chen-Hao Hsu



Cattleya maxima alba  
Intermediate 3rd Place  
Grown by Renate Johnson



Tamara  
Advanced: 1st Place  
Grown by Kathy Barrett



Stengottis Venus  
Advanced: 2nd Place  
Grown by Eileen Jackson

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*Laelia anceps rosemania*  
Advanced: 3rd Place  
Grown by Barbara Ungerson



*Masdevallia andreeta*  
Lancer Smith Award  
Grown by Diane Bond



Kathy Barrett



Dennis Olivas