

Diablo View Orchid Society



January Meeting:

Thursday, Jan. 9 - 7:15 PM

**at the Contra Costa Water District
1331 Concord Ave, Concord 94521**

Refreshments will be supplied by volunteers
as we have been doing over the last few months

About our January speaker... Dennis Olivas

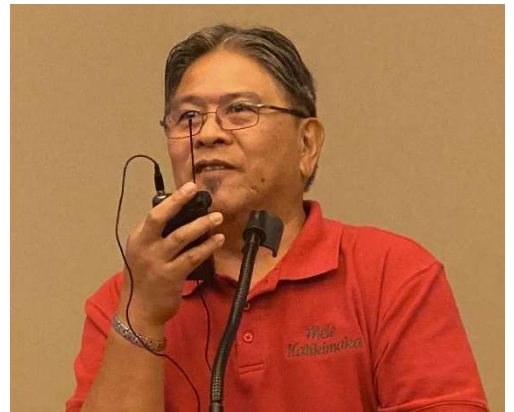
Learn the basics about how to take care of your *Sarcochilus* orchid!

Dennis was born on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. As a lad he helped his mom grow her orchids and got hooked. He joined the Future Farmers of America and his project was raising and selling orchids.

In 1980 he moved to the mainland and swore off the orchid family; not for long, as he was introduced to Rod McLellan's 'Acres of Orchids'.

First, he filled his home with upwards of 6,000 plants. Later he leased greenhouse space for his collection. A glutton for punishment, he continued to add to his collection, overflowing the 3,000 sq. ft. greenhouse in Half Moon Bay. Currently his greenhouse (D&D Flowers) is in Daly City.

Dennis has been president of Peninsula Orchid Society, San Francisco Orchid Society, Diablo View Orchid Society and the Santa Cruz Orchid Society. He is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society. Dennis belongs to over 14 orchid societies and tries to assist them whenever possible. Dennis will be supplying our raffle plants!



Dinner with the Speaker at 5:30 p.m. is at Yan's Garden, 2223 Morello Ave #1850, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker – email Peter Ansdell at padvos@attglobal.net to reserve a seat; not later than the day before the meeting, please.

President's Message

Dear Orchid Friends,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season (and have now recovered to some degree!). We have a new decade and the society has a new president and board. I hope that I can do as good a job as Marcia, but I need help from all of you. Please tell me what you want out of our society so that it can fill the needs of all of us.

December was kinda cool and gloomy. That's OK on one hand. We Californians need the rain. BUT- the orchids were in a bit of a funk. I can already see some of my plants starting to perk up with a bit of sun. I am also sure that they all know that the days are getting longer (ha ha!). I hope that you will all bring your winter blooms in to share for show and tell next week. I always love to see what everyone else is blooming.

Speaking of seeing what everyone else is blooming - It is time to start thinking about the DVOS orchid show!! It will be on February 8. We will be asking for folks to help in many capacities at the January meeting. So please be thinking about how you can contribute as well as which of your beautiful plants you can bring to the show.

See you next week,

Diane

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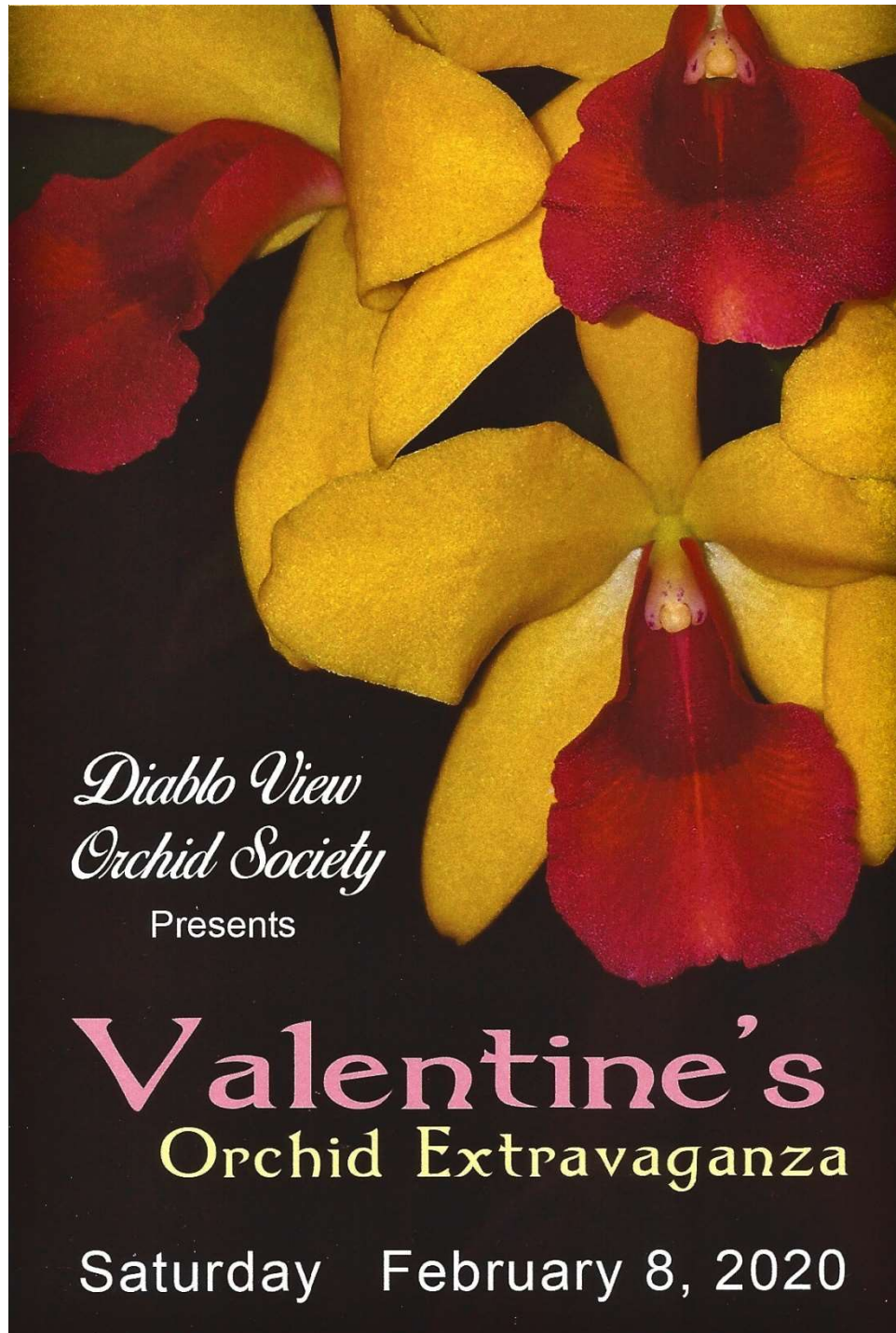
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This is the advertising card for our upcoming Orchid Show!
The back has all the details about it.

We have lots of them, so get some at the meeting and pass them around!



Watching and bidding as Dennis and Yunor
run the auction at our Holiday Party



Our leaders for 2020



Our Holiday Party
was a
great success!



Our gift table



Yunor with an auction item



A happy raffle winner



Dennis and Marcia