

Diablo View Orchid Society

Meetings Cancelled (until further notice)

President's Message

Dear Orchid Friends,

I hope all is well with everyone. Our household is fine. Shelter in place has meant a lot of gardening, baking, exercising. Did I mention gardening?? My orchids have received more attention in the last month than they have in the previous 10 years. I hope all of the repotting, manicuring, photographing, record keeping and shade management is appreciated by them. I know that I feel very lucky to have them to play with during these very uncertain times.

Eileen has asked that I remind everyone that the AOS website is a wonderful resource:

"There is loads of information about all the different genera available on line plus many webinars available to the public. Even though we are not meeting, the people need to be reminded of what is available while they sit at home."

The following message is on the AOS website (AOS.org):

We recognize these are challenging times. We're living through an unprecedented period in our history.

In light of this, we're pleased to announce that we're making some of our most cherished member-only content ([our member-only webinars](#)) available for the general public through the end of April. Browse our entire webinar catalogue. Learn about orchids. Breathe. Reflect. We can and we will triumph over this terrible virus. We hope this small gesture can add color, beauty and education into your life. Let one of nature's largest families of flowering plants inspire you with its beauty and diversity.

I want to tell you all that the board is considering some activities to stay connected during this time of distancing.

Speakers Corner

Peter is working on a speaker's presentation that does not involve us all being in the same room. He will be sending out a letter in the next week or two with more information about this. Many thanks for all of the work Peter!

Virtual Show and Tell

If you are like me, you are itching to show some of your plants to others. Brittany is working on some ideas for show and tell with some friendly judging on the side. She has asked that we send photos (or links to photos if they are too big) to her (bumbletowne@gmail.com). Please limit yourself to 3-5 photos. Send photos or links to Brittney by Monday April 20, 2020. She will collect the photos into a form that we can all see. She will set up a ranked choice voting form so that we can all vote for our favorite photos.

The glue that keeps us together

I am hoping that we will have more information on both of these topics in the next week or two. That brings me to two other members that we can't function without. Barry is still taking care of our newsletter and Ulrike is keeping our website up to date. Please be expecting further details from them.

I miss you all (and your orchids!). I look forward to the next time we can see each other.

Until then- stay safe and well. Enjoy the orchid activities available from DVOS and AOS.

Regards,

Diane

In the next few pages there are some images to make you smile...



Dendrobium kingianum

It usually sits under a Japanese maple. Left to its own devices it decided to bloom after it had been damaged by a hard frost two years ago.

Cheers,

Ulrike



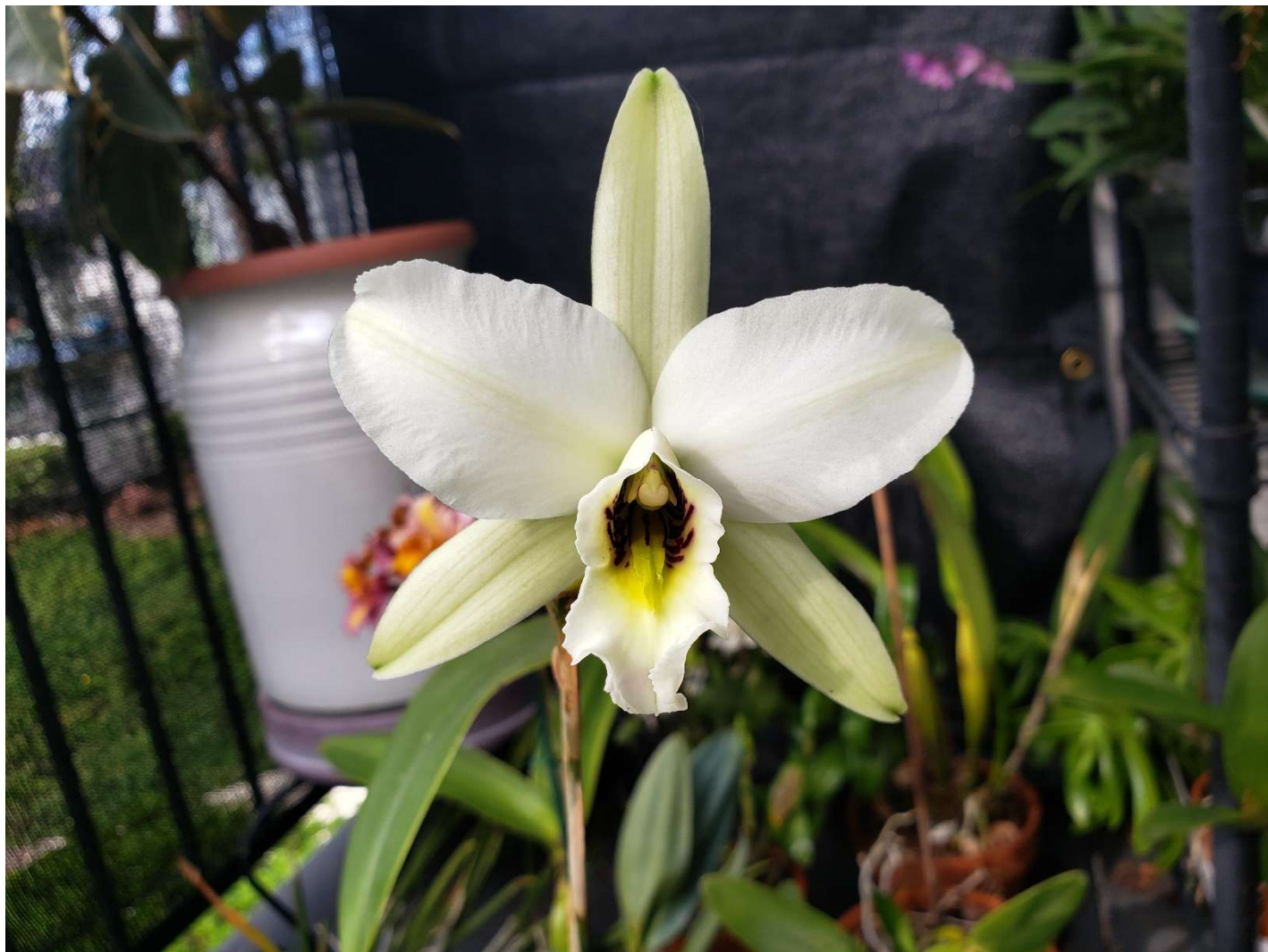
Prosthechia vitellina
at Yunor and Greg's



Here's a Phalaenopsis that is definitely getting too big for its' boots. Sorry, I mean 'pot'!

Stay well everyone,

Peter



From Brittany...

This is a picture of my *Laelia anceps* I got at our show (last year?). First bloom for this plant. I thought it was going to be pink and was pleasantly surprised. It smells like honey.



Cymbidium Son of Freak
x Cymbidium
devonianum



A couple of my plants for April
Best Wishes,
Diane



Paph. New Generation x Lancer 'Alien form'

Barry



Phrag. Nicolle Tower

Marcia



Mormolyca ringens

This is a really little guy... top to bottom is about an inch!

Marcia

