

Diablo View Orchid Society

Meetings Cancelled (until further notice)

President's Message

May 12, 2020

Dear Orchid Friends,

I hope all is going well with all of you. I was hoping we would have better news to be talking about as far as our meetings but we are definitely going to miss another live meeting for May. The important thing is that we all stay safe. We can use all of the time and energy to devote to our plants.

I hope you all enjoyed last month's presentation by Jeff Trimble on the 10 species of orchids you can grow outside. Hmmm.....maybe I can fit some more plants in. Thank you Peter for all of the fine work making that happen. Please read the Speaker's corner to see what Peter has in store for us this month. I certainly appreciate all of the work Peter has been doing to keep our speakers presentations going.

Virtual Show and Tell-

Thanks to Brittany our April virtual show and tell is ready for voting. Please follow the links below to see our show and tell plants and vote for your favorites. Ulrike will post the winners on the website <http://dvos.org/>

Beginner

<https://forms.gle/FHBrMn4tryPBUf928>

Intermediate

<https://forms.gle/4n4Yyyp2BAtpQih2A>

Advanced

<https://forms.gle/PPHLTJRraw8PJBek6>

Please submit your May photos to Brittany bumbletowne@gmail.com. I can't wait to see what you all have blooming.

Collection Tours- Until we have other things to occupy our attention I have decided to institute "Collection Tours". (Wow- that sounds awfully fancy for Here - this is what I have). We are going to start with my "Collection" because I can bully myself into doing it. But- get ready it is going to be your turn to show you collection soon. The reason I want to do this is to be able to share our pictures with each other but also to learn how different people grow. Do they grow outdoors? Do they grow in the house? Do they have a greenhouse? Do they grow the same species I do? I am hoping that we can learn a bit more about each other and see some nice plants in the process. So please see my brief collection tour below.

Again - I want to thank Barry and Ulrike for keeping the wheels on our communication bus. Great work y'all.

I miss you all and I hope that you are all doing well. I look forward to the next time we can see each other. Until then- stay safe and well.

Regards,

Diane

Speakers' Corner, May 2020

Welcome back to the temporary replacement for our monthly speakers. Although there is no way to truly replace the personal appearance of an expert, I can again introduce a 'stand-in' which will give you the major part of that experience, in this case *sans* only the dulcet tones of the speaker.

Last month, Jeff Trimble put together an excellent voice-over presentation on '10 species of orchids you can grow outside'. Although my residence provides none of the 'outside' Jeff had in mind, I know many of you were surprised at some of the species he had learned can flourish outside in our every-changing Bay Area climates.

This month's speaker was to have been Leo Schordje who grows his orchids, mostly under lights, in Zion City, on the shore of Lake Michigan about 40 miles north of Chicago. [At the thought of that location in winter, my orchids are already shivering!]



Leo

For health reasons unrelated to COVID-19 Leo could not have been with us personally, but with his kind permission we have developed a substantial slide presentation from his written material. It will be available for download on **May 16**. After only limited editing of his actual words, the text portion very closely represents what he would have said in his planned talk on 'The culture of hybrid *Phragmipediums*'. Having talked to Leo at length, I think his personality and humor are quite apparent and complemented by the many supporting images.

Those of you who had some interesting experiences playing Jeff's file [still available through May 15], will be glad to know that this month's presentation is in a format any computer should be able to play.

I will send you all the link and password in the next few days. **Please look out for them.**

I hope you enjoy Leo and his knowledge of *Phragmipediums* as much as I did trying to bring them to life! **Should you have any difficulties with the file, please reach out to me at (509)-9618719 or at padvos@attglobal.net.**

That's it until next month friends, when I suspect getting together again may not seem quite so far away.

Stay well until then.

Peter

Orchid Tour

Diane Bond May 8,2020

I have been growing orchids for over 30 years but have only been successfully growing them for ~ 2yrs.

The biggest difference - free time.

I have two greenhouses:

10X12' 10ft peak house(Harbor Freight) This is the main tropical orchid house

- Cold water
- Electricity
- Gas heater
- Swamp cooler
- Fans
- Shade cloth

8 X 10' 7 ft peak house

This is where I keep my Cymbidiums

- Cold water
- Open sides (so it is basically a lath structure)

I don't grow orchids in the house due to an orchid eating cat.



Photo of the Cymbidium house April 2020



Cymbidium Cali Night 'Geyserland'



**Cymbidium Son of Freak
x Cymbidium devonianum**



**Cymbidium Showgirl
'Julie Andrews'**



Cymbidium NoID_9



Main Greenhouse



Cattleya B_Nold



**Cattleya intermedia
coerulea aquinii**



**Phaius Dan Rosenberg
'Tropical Ice'**



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**Guarechea 'Indigo
Blue' 9 Ency. cochleata x
Guarechea MiVa
Etoile Noire)**



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