

Diablo View Orchid Society

Meetings Cancelled (until further notice)

President's Message

June 15, 2020

Dear Orchid Friends,

Well, another month has gone by and the world continues to change. I hope that all of you are safe and sound. I am spending a lot of time with my orchids. It helps me to be able to nurture something beautiful that brings me joy. With the problems that we are facing both medically and socially, I find that my orchids are an important refuge for me. I hope you all are able to find comfort in your gardens. Hopefully soon it will be time for all of us to get back out in the world and make it a better place.

I am going to update you all on DVOS business.

Speakers' Corner

Obviously, the June meeting has been cancelled but Peter has provided a wonderful film that we can watch this month. You should have already received his Speakers' Corner message (sent June 9). He provides clear instructions for download or viewing. All you have to add is the popcorn! I have watched the movie and certainly enjoyed it. The only thing that would make it better is if I could watch it with all of you.

Virtual Show and tell

I hope you all have been enjoying seeing everyone's photos as much as I have. The winners of the April Show and Tell are below. If you have any questions, problems with the links, concerns etc. with virtual show and tell, direct them to me at bonddiane9@gmail.com.

Please view and vote for the entries in the May show and tell. We have some beautiful images!

- DVOS May 2020 Show and Tell Novice Growers:

<https://forms.gle/ZuaASQBW7kfoRuzT7>

- DVOS May 2020 Show and Tell Advanced Growers:

<https://forms.gle/mbgvahkJMD6LZEzv6>

- **Voting will close June 30**

June entries are currently being accepted. Let's get a large group of photos! C'mon- everybody can take a quick pic to share with all of us. You intermediate growers get going!

- Enter photos of your June blooms
- All images should be labeled with the name of the **plant** and the name of the **grower**. This ID can be in the name of the file or you can actually label the photo itself.
- Please drop your photos in this file
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rxpQ6hX8are3mRs6V8J1CBNoHtfhrTY9?usp=sharing>
- **Entries will close June 30.**

I am looking forward to seeing what everyone has blooming.

Collection tour

We have more tours of our fellow members collections.

- Peter Ansdell distributed his collection tour along with the Speakers Corner message. That man has a way with Phalaenopsis!

- Tom Pickford has graciously provided a peek into his collection. This tour will be sent out in a week or two.

I will continue to tap members to share with us all. When I do contact you, please let us get a peek at your plants. The purpose of this exercise (other than to see beautiful plants!) is to get to know each other better. It doesn't matter if you have one plant that you grow outside, 10 plants that inhabit every windowsill in your home or 500 plants. I want to know how you grow, why you grow, what's working, what's not. So- be ready. I'm out to get you!

Remember! We will be having an auction in September. We do not know whether it will be live or virtual. Regardless, now is the time to be thinking about choosing, dividing and generally getting plants ready to donate for the auction. If you have many plants or no time and need help getting things ready for the auction- contact me (bondddiane9@gmail.com). I am sure that we can get you some help.

Fertilizer

I have ordered some more MSU RO/Tap water fertilizer. You can read more about this fertilizer in this AOS article.

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/additional-resources/a-new-fertilizer-without-high-phosphorus.aspx>

I will make fertilizer available for \$5.50/lb. Please contact me (bondddiane9@gmail.com) if you are interested. We will have a Concord and an Oakland pick up location.

That is all of the DVOS news I have. Please stay safe and healthy. Be kind to everyone you meet. Go out there and enjoy the summer.

Regards,

Diane

April Show and Tell Winners

The three pictures that follow are...

Advanced- Epidendrum porpax by Miki Ichiyanagi

Intermediate-Lc. Mildren Rives Orchidglade FCC/AOS by Renate Johnson

Beginner-Daniel Neighbors-Phragmipedium hybrid



