

Diablo View Orchid Society

Zoom Meetings Only

E A R L Y E D I T I O N

Dear Orchid Friends,

July 25, 2020

It was so nice to see many of you last night for Mary Gerriston's talk on Masdevallias. She talked about many plants that grow well over on this side of the hills (Oakland) but also some that would do well in Concord. I hope she inspired all of us to grow a few Masdevallias. It was wonderful to be able to see and/or talk with others that gathered for the meeting. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Peter for arranging the program and making sure that we could all participate safely. Bravo Mary, Bravo Peter! I can't wait until next month.

Now for a few reminders and updates:

Virtual Show and tell

Well we are coming up to the end of the month and I am still looking for MANY more entries for virtual show and tell. VOTE for your favorites from the beautiful entries for June. Take a picture of your blooms and send it in. HURRY! Voting for June and entry for July close July 31. If you have any questions, problems with the links, concerns etc. with virtual show and tell, direct them to me at bonddiane9@gmail.com.

June Show and Tell

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

- DVOS June 2020 Show and Tell Lancer Smith:
<https://forms.gle/8LBkQ7gk8jwaogJT6>
- DVOS June 2020 Show and Tell Novice Growers:
<https://forms.gle/h1HfgbmK3HcxaGyz6>
- DVOS June 2020 Show and Tell Intermediate Growers:
<https://forms.gle/xiEgZpc6iGuCyHp27>
- DVOS June 2020 Show and Tell Advanced Growers:
<https://forms.gle/xg6ewGNd5B2cMsVC7>
- Voting will close July 31

July Show and Tell

July 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. The intermediate growers really produced in June. Time for everyone else to catch up with them!

- Enter photos of your July 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.
- If your plant is eligible for the Lancer Smith award (entire plant is 6 inches or less) please indicate that in the name of the file or on the photo itself.
- Please drop your photos in this file
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ribNcIeykSVdEz51Jw4DGIDfk4Z7phtn?usp=sharing>

If you have any problem with this, you can always mail it to me at bonddiane9@gmail.com

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Collection Tour- part 2

As promised, we have another collection tour this month. Dennis Olivas has graciously provided a peek into his collection. See the collection attached to this email.

September Auction

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 (bonddiane9@gmail.com). I am sure that we can get you some help.

Classified Ads

Fertilizer

I have received 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>

This fertilizer is available for \$5.50/lb. Please contact me (bonddiane9@gmail.com) if you are interested. We have a Concord and an Oakland pick up locations.

Bark

We are thinking about buying potting bark as a large group to minimize shipping cost. I would like to get an idea of how many folks are interested.

We are looking at several suppliers. Information is not complete right now. We will supply more information as we receive it.

I am looking to see if we have enough interest to order some Kiwi Bark. Kiwi Bark is a product from New Zealand. It is pinus radiata bark (same as Orchiata source). I bought some last year and I am very happy with it. It is comparable to Orchiata in my hands. If we have enough people interested, we can get this material for \$35/50L bag (delivered to a single location in the bay area).

Sizes:

Fine	1/4- 1/2 "
Medium	1/2- 3/4"

If you would like to participate in this bulk purchase, please send me the following information (bonddiane9@gmail.com) :

Name, size of bark, number of bags desired.

Whew! Thats it for now. Thank you again Mary and Peter for the wonderful program. I am already looking forward to next month's program!

Regards,

Diane