Greetings Orchid Friends,

Another month and another cancellation of our live meeting. I hope this newsletter finds you all well and happy. I have been enjoying the summer garden as well as the orchids. The weather in Oakland has been wonderful. Not too hot, not too cool. I feel like Goldilocks! I am starting to see the beginnings of my fall bloom. The Restrepias are hanging in there. I am seeing buds on Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums. Some of the Cattleyas are waking up also. I am excited to see my Odontaglossum bloom. I look forward to hearing (and seeing) what you all have blooming

Now for a few reminders and updates:

**Speakers Corner**

Peter has arranged another exciting ZOOM based speaker for us. Last month was great! Mary Gerritsen told us all about Masdevallias. It was wonderful to see folks and we got a mini show and tell after the meeting.

This month Peter has arranged a presentation by Ron Parsons. He will be speaking about the genus Dendrobium.

Date: Friday August 14 7:00 PM

You MUST RSVP to get access to this meeting.

- RSVP to <padvos@attglobal.net> not later than August 11. [The link should work this month!]

- If your RSVP is acknowledged, look for an e-mail message a couple of days before the meeting headed "Parsonsinfo" and containing the sign-in instructions and other information you will need

I hope to see you all there.

**Virtual Show and tell**

It is a new month. We need to see what you have blooming in August. Take a picture of your blooms and send it in. Let’s see if we can get more entries that July!

VOTE for your favorites from the beautiful entries for July.

Voting for July and entry for July close August 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 Winners**

See the photos of the winners we chose below and on the website. We have good participation in the voting last month. Just wait ‘til you see what we have for July!

**July Show and Tell Voting**

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

Vote on July Show and Tell

Lancer Smith

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12RvQ40a3tKJdj9Ck_CR04L_DOF5gy-P3zOtrIm1uaEs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12RvQ40a3tKJdj9Ck_CR04L_DOF5gy-P3zOtrIm1uaEs/edit?usp=sharing)
August Show and Tell Submission

August 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 advanced growers really produced in July. Time for everyone else to catch up with them!

- Enter photos of your August 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.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SPWluH-AD6RBF_c_FeS3mCBrANn29EUP?usp=sharing

- If you have any problem with this, you can always mail it to me at bonddiane9@gmail.com
- Entries will close August 31.

September Auction

The auction is ON! We will be having a silent auction online this year.

Auction Committee

- Liz Charlton
- Brittany Miller
- Greg Scown

Start looking at you plants to decide which ones you want to donate for the auction. PLEASE- We ask that the plants are vigorous and PEST FREE. There will not be a $5 table this year so if your plant is struggling, save it for another time.

TENTATIVE DATES

Electronic submission will be collected the week of September 13
Online auction will be the week of September 20.
Payment will be collected the week of September 27.
Donation and pick up of the actual plants will be October 3.

We will have a detailed info sheet sent from the Auction Committee later this month outlining how the auction will work.

Classified Ads

Fertilizer

I have a bit 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 in the final stages of a bulk order of Orchiata bark. If you have not ordered yet- you are very late. Contact me immediately and I will see if I can squeeze you in (bonddiane9@gmail.com)

Mary Gerritsen mid-summer orchid sale

Mary is having a non-contact orchid sale. Please see the attached documents for details.

That’s all the news I have for now. I hope to see you all Friday to hear about Dendrobiums.

Regards,

Diane

Special Announcement:

The California Sierra Nevada judging center has resumed AOS judging. Chair Susan Wedegaertner says "We have reserved Sunday, September 13 at Dueling Dogs Brew House in Lincoln, CA at 9 am for our next judging adventure. The beer and food from the food truck was delicious!"

See http://www.csnjc.org for the address and google maps for directions

The July winners of the Show and Tell are below...

Dendrobium Oriental Smile ‘Fantasy’
Novice: 1st Place
Grown by Kaitland Strom

Phalaenopsis inscriptiosinesis
Novice: 2nd Place
Grown by Peter Ansdell
Phalaenopsis Younghome Sunkist Y9742
Novice: 3rd Place
Grown by Kaitland Strom

Caulocattleya Chantilly Lace ‘Twinkle’
Intermediate: 1st Place
Grown by George Su
Laelia purpurata carnea  
Intermediate: 2nd Place  
Grown by Barbara Ungersma

Phalaenopsis Chang Maw Jade  
Intermediate: 3rd Place  
Grown by Henry Shaw
Cattleya Brabantiae
Advanced: 1st Place
Grown by Marcia Hart

Dendrobium eximum x polysema
Advanced: 2nd Place
Grown by Diane Bond
Psychopsis Mariposa ‘Twins’ (Trilabelo)
Advanced: 3rd Place
Grown by Diane Bond

Restrepia teaguei ‘Walter’
Lancer Smith Award
Grown by Diane Bond