

Diablo View Orchid Society

Dear Orchid Friends,

Aug. 25, 2020

We had another great speaker August 14. Ron Parsons gave a wonderful talk about the genus *Dendrobium*. We got to see many beautiful images as well as very useful information about culture and where these plants are found in the wild. Mary Gerritsen was also in attendance so we got the gift of two experts in one talk. Peter is doing a wonderful job arranging knowledgeable speakers and getting the presentations done in a safe manner. Again, it was nice to get to see so many of you. I hope to see you again in September when Peter brings us another interesting speaker.

Now for a few reminders and updates:

Virtual Show and tell

I know that August is a quiet time in many collections but there are plants out there that you need to photograph! We had so many beautiful and diverse plants last month. I have had multiple people tell me how much they enjoyed seeing the variety. I know I did. The only way we get that variety is for EVERYONE to participate and enter photos for show and tell. Get a couple photos out for August show and tell VOTE for your favorites from the beautiful entries for July. Take a picture of your blooms and send it in. HURRY! Voting for July and entry for August close Monday August 31. If you have any questions, problems with the links, concerns etc. with virtual show and tell, direct them to me at bondiane9@gmail.com.

July Show and Tell

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

Images for voting can be found in the following links:

- Lancer Smith

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12RvQ40a3tKJdj9Ck_CR04L_DOFSgy-P3zOtrIm1uaEs/edit?usp=sharing

- Novice

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SrvFADcR42CeU0D46uY-UVbcdgCAkQY_NVMeRkarWsc/edit?usp=sharing

- Intermediate

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xR-OVNfwpcbul8FnnJUlSM77VmwPz9kwv4hzjRWpy0/edit?usp=sharing>

- Advanced

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dS1KlqxzNROe2s2JHRJg8Zw-ogbUwt8-yp0b2W2rifk/edit?usp=sharing>

- *Voting will close August 31*

August Show and Tell

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.
- Please drop your photos in this file

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SPWluH-AD6RBF_c_Fe53mCbRANn29EUP?usp=sharing

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

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September Auction

The auction is ON! We will be having a silent auction on line 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

On line 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 or early September outlining how the auction will work.

Enough of my nagging for now. Get out there and take photos of your orchids. Stay safe.

Regards,

Diane