

Diablo View Orchid Society

Zoom Meetings Only

Greetings Orchid Friends,

September 6, 2020

Another month and another cancellation of our live meeting. I hope this newsletter finds you all well and happy. I got to see some of you last week at the great Orchiata pick up/ drop off. This was the culmination of our annual Orchiata bulk order. This year we purchased 156 bags of bark. Many thanks to Dennis Olivas Liz Charlton and Betty Chinn for making this happen. Also, thanks to Phyllis Arthur, Marcia Hart, Jim Chan, Miki Ichinyanagi and Me for agreeing to be satellite pick up sites. It was awfully nice to visit with you all even if it did involve moving 156 bags of bark!

The orchids are starting to acknowledge that the seasons are thinking about changing. Phalaenopsis are starting to put on new growths and the Masdevallias are thinking about a nice fall bloom. Fall blooming Cattleyas are starting to do their thing. I was out in the Cymbidiums thinking about repotting (OK- I'm a little late!) and found several plants with spikes already. One had 8 spikes! I guess they will limp through another season without repotting.

I look forward to hearing (and seeing) what you all have blooming this month.
Now for a few reminders and updates:

Speakers Corner

- Peter has arranged another exciting ZOOM based speaker for us. He has already brought us Masdevallias and Dendrobiums. This month we get to go to one of his favorite places- Brazil!
- **Ron Kaufmann** will be taking us on a virtual trip to see "**Diamonds in the Rough: The Orchids of Chapada Diamantina, Bahia, Brazil**".
- Date: Wednesday September 16 at 7:00 PM
- You MUST RSVP to get access to this meeting.
- RSVP to padvos@attglobal.net **not later than September 13!**
- If you RSVP, you will receive the sign-in data and other final information a couple of days before the meeting. Be sure to look for an e-mail message headed **Kaufmanninfo**. You do not need to respond to that message.

Return of the Raffle

Well, unfortunately we can't have a live raffle table. But we are going to have a virtual raffle this month. Everyone who attends the September 13 meeting will be entered in the drawing when they enter the meeting. At the end of the meeting, Peter will announce 5 winners. This month's prizes will be \$50 gift certificates from California Orchids. This way we can accomplish two goals: Support our local grower Mary Nisbet and scratch that "I want to win an orchid" itch.

Virtual Show and tell

It is a new month. We need to see what you have blooming in September. Take a picture of your blooms and send it in. All of those Cattleyas should be waking up. Let's see if we can get more entries than August!

VOTE for your favorites from the beautiful entries for August.

Voting for August and entry for September close September 30. If you have any questions, problems with the links, concerns etc. with virtual show and tell, direct them to me at bonddiane9@gmail.com.

July 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 August!

August Show and Tell Voting

Please view and vote for the entries in the August show and tell. We have some beautiful images. It may have been the dog days, but some of us were busy with our orchids!

Vote on August Show and Tell

Lancer Smith

<https://forms.gle/6brpwcU9HARQhaTK8>

Novice

<https://forms.gle/ZZjmczPBgg9Ejxmt7>

Intermediate

<https://forms.gle/Xm6cAHqBiCpdHMvy8>

Advanced

<https://forms.gle/knBKSC4ME4KDC7Sh6>

September Show and Tell Submission

September entries are currently being accepted. Let's get a large group of photos! Let's work on Novice and Intermediate entries. C'mon- everybody can take a quick pic to share with all of us.

- Enter photos of your September 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.
- Drop your entry into this folder:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YMJHuTgYctnu7X7RvFlvbhbrHE57jM_y?usp=sharing

- If you have any problem with this, you can always mail it to me at bond Diane9@gmail.com
- Entries will close September 30.

September Auction

Auction Committee

Diane Bond, Liz Charlton, Brittany Miller, Greg Scown

The purpose of the auction is to allow members to buy and sell great plants to raise money for DVOS. There aren't too many details, so please read this whole document.

- Instructions on how to donate plants and how to bid will be emailed on September 10th. As soon as you receive these instructions, you can start donating plants.
- There will be a live Zoom meeting Thursday September 10, 2020. Anyone who wants to go through the process live should attend that meeting
- Your detailed plant entries are due by noon on Saturday September 19, 2020. If you're not sure if a plant has bugs or viruses, please don't put it up for auction.
- **Bidding opens at approximately 5pm on Sunday September 20, 2020.** We'll send an email blast when bidding opens.
- **Bidding closes at 5pm on Saturday September 26, 2020**
Winners will be charged Monday September 28, 2020

Swap Day

Swap Day will be Saturday October 3, 2020 at the Contra Costa Water District parking lot (1331 Concord Ave, Concord, CA 94520)

Instructions for Swap Day will be sent by 5 PM Thursday October 1, 2020. If you don't receive them, please write to Brittany to ask for them. Mark your calendar now to make sure you check for the instructions and give yourself some time to follow them.

- Drop off donated plants between 10:30 and 11:30 PM.
- Pick-up for the winners will be from 12:30 to 1:30 PM.

Masks and physical distancing are required for all who participate in Swap Day.

Plants that aren't picked up are donated to DVOS and distributed by the Swap Day volunteers.

Your great plants must be free of bugs and viruses. Plants with bugs or viruses will be disposed of at the discretion of Swap Day volunteers. Winners will be refunded. Donors will be asked to donate the winning bid price to DVOS.

This is supposed to be fun for everyone, including the folks who manage the auction, collect the money, and volunteer on Swap Day. Please be patient and kind, and please let everyone do their best to work out anything which comes up.

Thanks, and we look forward to an excellent 2020 DVOS Auction!

That's all the news I have for now. Be on the lookout for more Speakers Corner and Auction news.

And finally- A visitor in my greenhouse ... a small frog!

Regards,

Diane



July Show and Tell Winners

Oncidium Volcano Midnight

‘Volcano Queen’

Novice: 1st Place

Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff



Cattleya Maui Plum

‘Volcano Queen’

Novice: 2nd Place

Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff





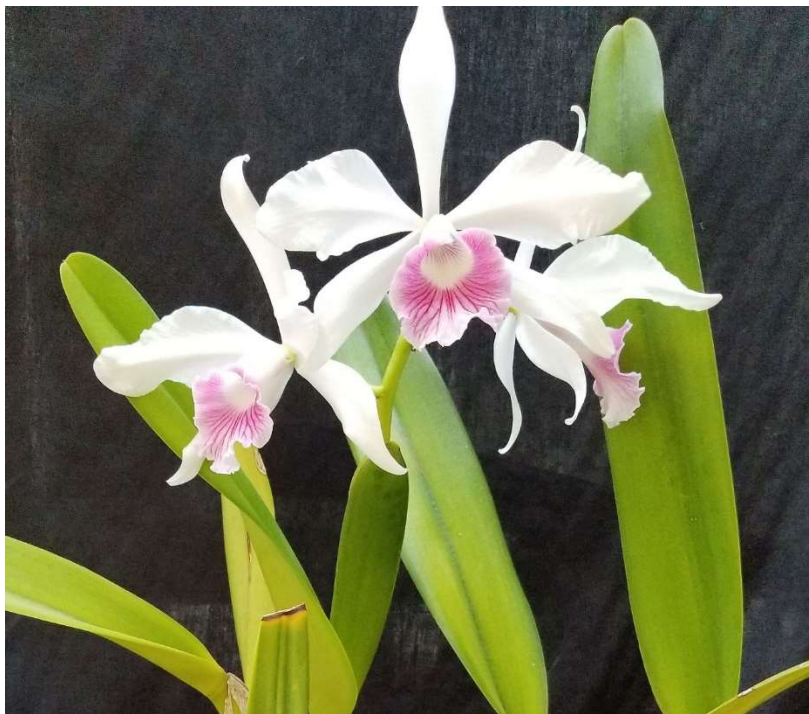
Encyclia radiata
Novice: 3rd Place
Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff



Vandachostylis (Darwinara) Rainbow Stars
Intermediate: 1st Place
Grown by Henry Shaw



Oncidium Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
Intermediate: 2nd Place
Grown by Henry Shaw



Cattleya purpurata 'carnea'
Intermediate: 3rd Place
Grown by Henry Shaw



Myrmecophila Desert Dawn
Advanced: 1st Place
Grown by Diane Bond



Laeliocattleya Opopeo
Advanced: 2nd Place
Grown by Yunor Peralta



Inobulbon munificum 'Pauwela' HCC/AOS
Advanced: 3rd Place
Grown by Eileen Jackson

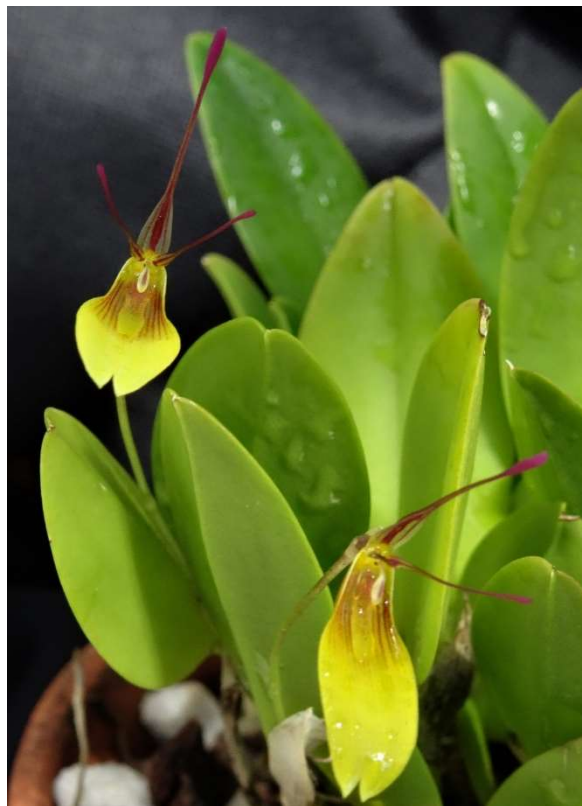


Dendrobium helwigianum
Lancer Smith Award
Grown by Tom Pickford

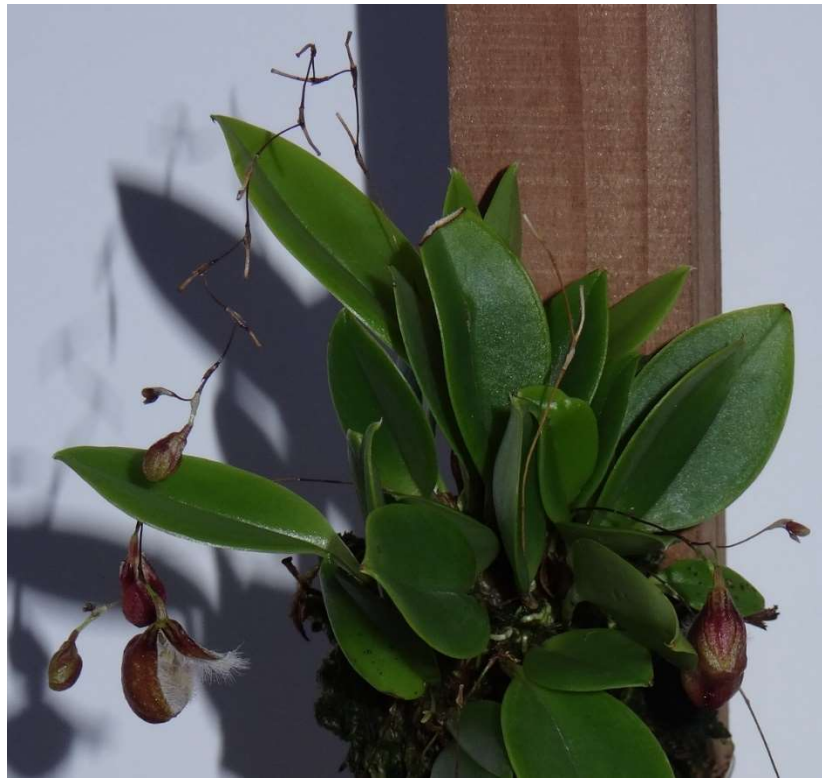
**From here on... we have some beautiful entrees
that earned “Honorable Mentions”**



Macroclinium manabinum
Lancer Smith HM 1
Grown by Diane Bond



Restrepia wagneri
Novice: HM 2
Grown by Diane Bond



Pleurothallus cyripedioides
Lancer Smith HM 3
Grown by Diane Bond



Phalaenopsis seedling bellinax Prima
Novice HM 1
Grown by Peter Ansdell



Phalaenopsis No name
Novice: HM 2
Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff



Phalaenopsis Lucha Beauty x Phalaenopsis Fangmei Girl
Novice: HM 3
Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff



Euchile marine
Advanced: HM 1
Grown by Yunor Peralta



Dendrobium smilliae
Advanced: HM 2
Grown by Eileen Jackson



Cattleya Bicolor
Advanced: HM 3
Grown by Tom Pickford