

Diablo View Orchid Society

Zoom Meetings Only

Greetings Orchid Friends,

Nov. 9, 2020

Another month and another cancellation of our live meeting. I hope you all well and happy.

This has been a month full of anxiety with COVID-19 cases rising and of course the contentious election. These are serious and concerning topics that demand our attention. I find that my orchids supply me with a refuge from the very real worries of our world. The Cattleyas are continuing a beautiful show and my Dendrobium kingianums have made their annual migration outdoors for some cool weather. The Cymbidiums are starting to show spikes and I keep expecting a new flush of Masdevallia blooms any day now.

I look forward to hearing (and seeing) what you all have blooming this month.
Stay safe, healthy and happy.

Diablo View Orchid Society Membership Dues! Have you sent in your 2021 membership dues?

It is time to send in dues for 2021. I know that 2020 was not the year that any of us expected, but we have kept the society together, entertained and educated ourselves. We have also grown and shared some beautiful plants. This is something worth nurturing. It is now time to make sure that we can make 2021 another wonderful orchid growing and sharing year.

Member Benefits:

- Monthly meetings (in person or via Zoom) with knowledgeable presenters
- Monthly newsletter
- Win free orchids at the monthly meetings
- Sell plants at member plant sales table
- Show off your plants and techniques at our monthly meetings
- Access to our annual plant auction
- Connect with likeminded members



Dennis Olivas and Yunor Peralta have graciously donated plants to be given away to members who submit their 2021 dues by Thursday December 10, 2020. Get your dues in early! The earlier your dues are received, the better your chances of winning one of these plants.

Paying DVOS dues in these days of COVID-19. In an effort to make this as painless as possible we have two ways you can get your 2021 dues submitted:

- **Electronic**
 - Fill in online form
 - Submit payment online via Stripe

- Done!
- **Good old snail mail**
 - Fill in and print off form
 - Write a check for dues
 - Mail the form and the check to Ulrike
 - Done!

Directions for both methods will follow.

Either way you choose to do it, please get your dues in now.

Electronic submission of DVOS dues

Fill in the membership form at this link:

<https://dvos.org/2021-member>

Submit dues via Stripe at this link:

<https://dvos.org/pay-2021-dues>

You will be notified by email of receipt of funds and membership form.

Mail in submission of DVOS dues

Fill in and print off the membership form at this link:

<https://dvos.org/2021-membership-form.pdf>

***If you don't have the ability to print out this form, go to the form and LEGIBLY print the information requested on a blank sheet of paper.

Write a check for \$30 payable to Diablo View Orchid Society.

Mail filled out membership form along with check to:

Ulrike Ahlborn

202 Gaucho Ct

San Ramon, CA 94583

You will be notified by email of receipt of funds and membership form.

Now for a few reminders and updates:

Speakers Corner

- Peter has arranged another exciting ZOOM based speaker for us. We go from Southern China to Brazil.
- Ken Jacobsen will be speaking on "*Cattleya purpurata*, Queen of the Brazilian Spring".
- **Date: Thursday November 12 at 7:00 PM**
- **You MUST RSVP to get access to this meeting.**
- RSVP to padvos@attglobal.net not later than November 9.
- If you RSVP, you will receive the sign-in data and other final information a couple of days before the meeting.
- **Raffle this month:** Everyone who attends the November 9 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 five **\$50 gift certificates**, provided by DVOS, for plants from the Jacobsens' greenhouses.

Virtual Show and tell

It is a new month. We need to see what you have blooming in November. Take a picture of your blooms and send it in.

VOTE for your favorites from the beautiful entries for October.

Voting for September and entry for October closed October 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.

September Winners

See the photos of the winners we chose below and on the website. We have good participation in the voting last month. Keep up the good work for October.

October Show and Tell Voting

I imagine we are all exhausted from all of the voting that has been going on. But remember, voting is important. And now for some much more enjoyable voting! We have a wonderful collection of plants this month. They are certainly showing how the seasons are changing in everybody's collections. Vote on October Show and Tell (voting closes November 30):

Lancer Smith

<https://forms.gle/m4cM7Lpm55BYGyWW7>

Novice

<https://forms.gle/b64UWwfiHpEDjWcT6>

Intermediate

<https://forms.gle/t1axMVVSRjJBxRaeA>

Advanced

<https://forms.gle/FiwMABf8haAsJsSG6>

November Show and Tell Submission

November 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 November 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/1XbkBm2UnGdoodZCkTFRjFHnxR43vqkSm?usp=sharing>

- If you have any problem with this, you can always mail it to me at bonddiane9@gmail.com
- Entries will close November 30.

DVOS Officers Board of Directors

We have a list of candidates for the Officers and Board of Directors. These folks are the glue that hold DVOS together. From the gargantuan task of putting on the show (yes- someday we hope to have a show again!) to simply making sure that we have organized and interesting refreshments. This group takes care of the details so that our meetings and activities are enjoyable for everyone. Please look at this proposed list and be prepared to vote on the topic at the meeting.

President: Diane Bond
Vice President: Peter Ansdell
Treasurer: Liz Charlton
Secretary: Brittany Miller
Board Member: Ulrike Ahlborn
Board Member: Daniel Neighbors
Board Member: George Su
Board Member: Henry Shaw
Board Member: Yunor Peralta
Board Member: Greg Scown
Past President: Marcia Hart
New Member Mentor: Eileen Jackson
Newsletter Editor: Barry Hart
Refreshment Chair: Helen Ratto
Membership and Website: Ulrike Ahlborn
Show Committee Chair: Eileen Jackson

SPEAKERS' CORNER, 11/2020 **Thursday, Nov. 12th at 7:00**

Welcome to November everyone. I hope you all stayed safe despite the fires and the concomitant smoke.

For me, as a long-ago English schoolboy, early November meant Guy Fawkes night on the 5th, the plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament, bonfires in the back yard with fireworks and, invariably, rain. Here's hoping for that rain from our virtual visits to Brazil and China, our

November speaker, **Ken Jacobsen**, will be with us on Zoom on **Thursday November 12. at 7:00PM** to greet us with an in-depth presentation on "***Cattleya purpurata*, Queen of the Brazillian Spring**".

Ken was first introduced to orchids by his uncle in the 1960's and has been growing them for well over 50 years. His collection includes Cymbidiums, Oncidiums, Odontoglossums, Lycastes, Cattleyas, Laelias,



Masdevallias and several other genera. In better times, Ken and his wife, Amy, enjoyed traveling to all areas of the world where orchids are grown, visiting the local growers, and seeing various species in the wild. Together, Amy and Ken now have more than 7000 plants in some 6000 square feet of greenhouse space.

Ken is a judge in the AOS judging program and the CSA judging program, and is currently an AOS trustee. Amy is also a judge in the AOS program.

To attend Ken's presentation, please follow the steps below. **If you would like to invite a friend** just send me the name and email address and they will receive the sign-in information when you do.

- Before the event, download and install the **latest** version of the 'Zoom Client for Meetings' from: <https://zoom.us/download>
- RSVP to padvos@attglobal.net not later than **November 9th. That's TODAY!**
- If you RSVP, you will receive the sign-in data and other final information before the meeting. Be sure to look for an e-mail message headed **DVOS-Jacobseninfo**. You do not need to respond to that message.

This month's digital **random drawing** from those present will be for **five \$50 gift certificates**, provided by DVOS, for plants from the Jacobsens' greenhouses. The winners will be announced during the evening. They will receive their certificates with redemption instructions during the following week.

Please remember that the following Speakers' Corner files remain available for your **personal** download or viewing pleasure:

"Shangri-La" an installment on Yunan from the 2008 BBC documentary "Wild China" available for **download only** at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/wjo9evoolpv6nj/AAAJXLGv2uDDukSTaJfaQqW6a?dl=0>

Password: unanny

"The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief and The Black Orchid" a documentary movie available at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7agpom9yd1oj2j4/AABV7SLbM5mOyRozvjEKsU8Fa?dl=0>

Password: jhba620.

I apologize for Dropbox's inferior images from this movie but the HD Movie file is very large and difficult to download for most home systems. By all means try to download if you have a fast cable internet connection; you will get superior reproduction that way.

"The Culture of Hybrid Phragmipediums". based on the knowledge of Leo Schordje, available at:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fzkbc80uu8fapcu/AAAoqMXzIwsGGI5xXyoLWoF_a?dl=0

Password: pphrags20

"10 Species of Orchids you can Grow Outside" by Jeff Trimble, available at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/r78rkxoixl85d3p/jeff%20Trimble%20-%2010%20types%20of%20outside%20growing%20orchids%20v4odpwords.pdf?dl=0>

Password: tengenus

To view a file at Dropbox, click on the link, enter the password and click "continue". Click on the small image on the screen. Remove any Dropbox banners on the bottom of the Dropbox window by clicking the 'x' in the top right of the banner then enjoy. If you want to view 'full screen' click the double arrows at the bottom right of the image.

To download a file from Dropbox, click on the link and password as above, then click "download" at the top right of the Dropbox window. If you have any problems, please give me a call at (509)-961-8719 or send me a text message.

Thinking about my childhood experiences of Guy Fawkes night as I type this reminds me that November always meant the approach of the holiday season. Despite the difficulties of those times, we always managed to find a way to enjoy a family get together or a celebratory meal. I hope all of you will be able to do the same as this extraordinary year of 2020 nears its end.

With best wishes to everyone for a happy Thanksgiving and looking forward to seeing you before then, on the 12th.

Santé,

Peter

September Show and Tell Winners



Rhyncattleanthus Volcano Blue 'Volcano Queen'
Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff
Novice – 1st Place



Rhyncholealiocattleya Emma Leilani
Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff
Novice – 2nd Place



Phalaenopsis Flask seedling #3 'Orchidview Tabasco #1 x 'Mituo Sun Queen
Grown by Peter Ansdell
Novice – 3rd Place



Cattleya Indigo Mist 'Coastal Blue'
Grown by George Su
Intermediate – 1st Place



Pecteilis (Habenaria) radiata variegated form
Grown by Henry Shaw
Intermediate – 2nd Place



Dendrochilum magnum
Grown by Henry Shaw
Intermediate – 3rd Place



Cleisocentron gokusingii
Grown by Yunor Peralta
Advanced: 1st Place

Phragmepedium lindenii
Grown by Diane Bond
Advanced: 2nd Place





Laelia tenebrosa 'Rogerson'
Grown by Yunor Peralta
Advanced: 3rd Place



Cattleya forbesii 'Equilab' AM/AOS x self
Grown by Diane Bond
Advanced: Honorable Mention – 1st



Stanhopea wardii
Grown by Eileen Jackson
Advanced: Honorable Mention – 2nd



Aerangis punctata
Grown by Yunor Peralta
Lancer Smith: 1st Place



Dendrobium cuthbertsonii
Grown by Diane Bond
Lancer Smith: Honorable Mention – 1st



Schoenorchis fragrans
Grown by Yunor Peralta
Lancer Smith: Honorable Mention – 2nd