

# Diablo View Orchid Society

## Zoom Meetings Only

Greetings Orchid Friends,

Dec. 5, 2020

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and happy. Well, that was a Thanksgiving that was in fact full of considerable thanks but I hope we never have to do it that way again. I still find great comfort from the routine and rewards of working with my orchids in these strange, frightening times.

I have become the queen of the winter Cattleyas this year. Several seedlings that I haven't seen bloom before are putting on a show. The older plants are setting good examples with multiple spikes. The Cymbidiums are starting to declare that they are next on the agenda. I can't wait to see what they do this year.

George Su has been a member of DVOS for a couple of years but has been breeding orchids for much longer. He has graciously put together a collection tour presentation that is attached to this mail message. Take a look at what George is doing. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know a fascinating member (and new board member!) better.

Tell us all about what you have going on in your collections!  
Stay safe, healthy and happy.

Regards,

*Diane*

Now for a few reminders and updates:

There are several time sensitive items to cover here. Make sure you don't miss anything!

- Speakers corner
- 2021 Dues announcement
- Voting for officers and board of directors at the December meeting
- Virus test kit purchase in December
- Show and tell links

Keep reading for details on all of these subjects

## Speakers Corner

- Peter has a special ZOOM based speaker for us this month. Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids will be with us.
- Fred will be speaking about "Catasetinae Species and their Cultivation"
- Date: Thursday December 10 at 7:00 PM
- You MUST RSVP to get access to this meeting.
- RSVP to [padvos@attglobal.net](mailto:padvos@attglobal.net) not later than Monday December 7.
- If you RSVP, you will receive the sign-in data and other final information a couple of days before the meeting.
- **Drawing this month:** We have a special holiday drawing. Instead of our usual 5 winners we will have 10 winners. Everyone who attends the December 10 meeting will be entered in the drawing when they enter the meeting. At the end of the meeting, Peter will announce 10 winners. This month's prizes will be \$50 gift certificates, provided by DVOS, for plants from the Sunset Valley Orchids.

## Diablo View Orchid Society Membership Dues are Due!

### 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 you 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 our 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.

## **DVOS Officers Board of Directors**

WE WILL BE VOTING ON THE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES AT THE DECEMBER MEETING. If you have any questions, comments and/or additions, please contact me at [bonddiane9@gmail.com](mailto:bonddiane9@gmail.com) before that meeting.

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

### **Agitest Plant Virus Test Kit Purchase**

Cymbidium Mosaic Virus and Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus are commonly found in orchid collections. These viruses can cause loss of vigor and color breaks in blossoms. More importantly, they can travel to other plants in your collection via pests or contaminated tools. To protect your collection, it is prudent to test suspect plants and new introductions for the presence of these viruses.

Liz Charlton has very graciously agreed (with some whining) to organize a volume purchase of orchid virus test kits for DVOS. This order will be placed soon so please contact Liz ([ko6xp51@gmail.com](mailto:ko6xp51@gmail.com)) if you are interested in getting some of these kits.

- Manufactured by Regabio.
- Detect Cymbidium Mosaic Virus and Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus
- Stable at room temperature
- Officially good until October 2021; will probably last a few additional months
- Your price (including shipping):

**10 kits for \$32**  
**25 kits for \$75**  
**50 kits for \$145**

- **To reserve your kits**, make out your check to Diablo View Orchid Society and mail to:  
Liz Charlton  
104 Brandon Rd  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
- **Checks must be received by Tuesday, December 15, 2020**. Any checks received after that date will be returned.
- This is a good deal, everyone. Agdia virus tests cost \$5.00 each.

## Virtual Show and tell

It is a new month. We need to see what you have blooming in December. Take pictures of your blooms and send them in.

VOTE for your favorites from the beautiful entries for October.

Voting for November and entry for December close December 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](mailto:bonddiane9@gmail.com).

## October 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 November.

## November Show and Tell 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 November Show and Tell (voting closes December 31):

Lancer Smith

<https://forms.gle/1kAYLCkhSvdp3F2w6>

Novice

<https://forms.gle/YBJziM4ffj97YAiT8>

Intermediate

<https://forms.gle/bP668wgfgoNzHczF8>

Advanced

<https://forms.gle/QbpYefFsNqfWNor98>

## December Show and Tell Submission

November entries are currently being accepted. Let's get a large group of photos! I want to see more NOVICE and INTERMEDIATE blooms. I know you have them out there! 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/1N5EsDk476JWBo60VIOkcavfo70oWhd5u?usp=sharing>

If you have any problem with this, you can always mail it to me at [bonddiane9@gmail.com](mailto:bonddiane9@gmail.com)

- **Entries will close December 31.**

## *SPEAKERS' CORNER, 11/2020*

Greetings Everyone,

This is just a friendly reminder about **Fred Clarke's** talk on “**Catasetinae Species and their Cultivation**” coming up on Zoom at **7:00PM** this coming **Thursday, December 10**.

If you would like to see and hear Fred speaking on what I suspect is his favorite topic, and possibly win one of our bumper holiday cache of 10x\$50 gift certificates for orchids from Fred's on-line store, please RSVP not later than **this Monday (Dec. 7)**. Just reply to this message with “**RSVP**” and I will confirm back.

**My thanks if you have already sent your RSVP, no further action is necessary.**

To maximize our digital security we need your RSVP or you will not be able to join the meeting.

**Fred Clarke limited time discount:** Fred is offering a special **20% discount** in recognition of our Zoom meeting to **all DVOS members** on purchases from <http://sunsetvalleyorchids.com/>. This is in addition to his normal discounts and will be **available from 12/11 through 12/17 only**. To take this discount enter the coupon name (you find it in the “Speakers Corner” emailed to you by Peter) in the “voucher code” box on the shopping cart page and click “recalculate”. You may use this discount even if you cannot attend the meeting next Thursday.

If you have any questions about the evening or the discount, please let me know.

Hoping to see you on the 10th.

Stay well,

*Peter*

# October 2020 Show and Tell Winners

Masdevallia Confetti

Novice: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff



Laeliocattleya Blue  
Magic 'SVO'

Intermediate: 1<sup>st</sup>

George Su



C purpurata hybrid

Intermediate: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Linda Castleton



Cattleya Hagans 'Ace'

Intermediate: 3<sup>rd</sup>

George Su



LC Sassy Sis 'Wati'

Intermediate: HM 1<sup>st</sup>

Linda Castleton





LC Lorraine Shirai 'Raye' x  
LC Lou Gilmore 'Hartford'

Intermediate: HM 2<sup>nd</sup>

Linda Castleton



*Aerangis lutes alba* x *rodosticta*  
Advanced: 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tom Pickford

*Cattleya tenuis*

Advanced: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tom Pickford



*Habınaria medusa*

Advanced: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Marcia Hart



Epidendrum 'Wedding  
Valley'

Advanced: HM 1<sup>st</sup>

Miki Ichiyanagi



*Cattleya maxima*

Advanced: HM 2<sup>nd</sup>

Marcia Hart



*Pleurothallis cyripedioides*

Lancer Smith: 1<sup>st</sup> (tie)

Diane Bond



*Oberonia anthropophora*

Lancer Smith: 1<sup>st</sup> (tie)

Tom Pickford