

# Diablo View Orchid Society

## Zoom Meetings Only

Greetings Orchid Friends,

January 7, 2021

I hope you all had a safe and happy holiday season. We certainly did at our home even if it was far quieter than usual.

My cattleyas are starting to tail off. There are still a few coming on (including Rechangerara 'Razzle' Thanks Ted McClellan!). The Restrepias look like they are just going to keep on blooming. Masdevallias are really starting to put up some spikes and then of course there are the Cymbidiums. Looks like it is going to be a good Cymbidium season.

I know that some of us took advantage of the virus test kit purchase last month. I received my kits and found myself torn. Did I want to know? I finally started testing some of my plants. On the up side, I could have guessed many of the virus positive plants based on performance. On the down side, some of my old friends did in fact have one or the other virus. I have decided that it is a good thing to have information, even if you decide to keep (and isolate) infected plants. Thanks to Liz for making that purchase happen.

Our world continues to be frustrating, frightening and simply crazy. I find working with my orchids to be very important this year. My orchids provide me with an activity that is normal, nurturing and beautiful. That is comforting to me. I hope that all of you find joy and comfort with your orchids.

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
- "A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species" bulk order
- Show and tell links

Keep reading for details on all of these subjects

## Speakers Corner

- Scott BarrieFred f Barrita Orchids in Kulnara Australia will be talking about "The Latest Developments in Sarcophilus"
- Date: Thursday January 14 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 January 11.
- If you RSVP, you will receive the sign-in data and other final information a couple of days before the meeting.

- **Drawing this month:** Every member who attends the January 14 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, provided by DVOS, for plants from the The Tiny Jungle.

## **Photos from last month's random drawing winner Carol Basset**

Carol sent these photos of the plants she purchased from SVO with the gift certificate she won last month at the meeting. Nice choices Carol!

Bulbophyllum rothschildianum 'Adoribil' FCC/AOS (left)

Bulb Wilbur Change 'A-D' x Bulb facetime 'Beauty' (right)



## **“A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species” special discount to orchid societies**

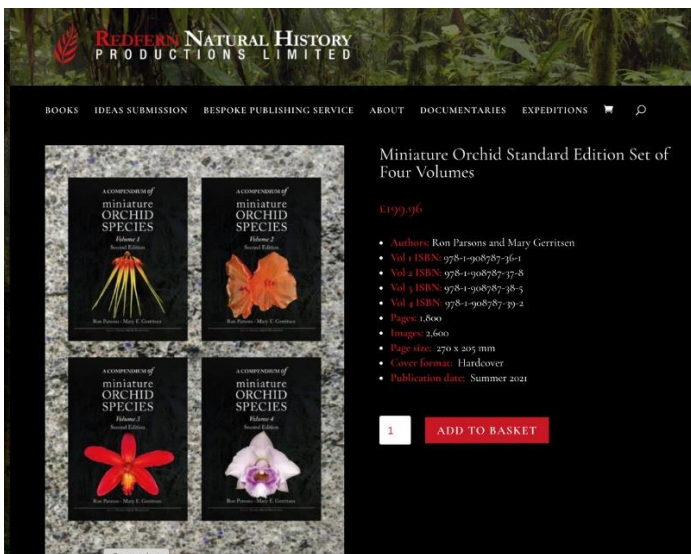
Mary Gerritson and Ron Parsons have completed the second edition of their book set “A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species”.

See message from Mary below:

“We are really excited about the new set of books and I hope your fellow orchid society members will be as well. It will feature over 2600 color photographs, many never before published, and in depth discussions and culture information of well over 500 miniature orchid species. The books can be ordered through the Red Fern Natural History Website, but we thought we would offer a special bulk discount to Orchid Society members.

If your local orchid society can put together a bulk order of 10 or more sets of books, Red Fern will offer a special discounted price of \$300 (US dollars) per set, including shipping to single US address. This is a savings of at least \$40 US per set, and possibly more as we won't have an accurate shipping cost until the books are actually printed and boxed and we have an accurate weight. Each set is packaged in a sturdy shipping box to protect the books during shipping.

(Note that the first edition (two book set) rapidly sold out and single volumes are selling for \$500 to \$1000 on Amazon!). This will be a limited printing, so we highly recommend preorders to ensure you get your copies.



For more information about the books:

[www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/product/miniature-orchids-set-of-four-volumes/](http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/product/miniature-orchids-set-of-four-volumes/)

If you are interested in ordering a set of these books, please contact Diane Bond ([bonddiane9@gmail.com](mailto:bonddiane9@gmail.com)). We will see if we can order enough to qualify for the bulk discount.

## Virtual Show and tell

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

VOTE for your favorites from the beautiful entries for December.

Voting for December and entry for January close January 31.

If you have any questions, problems with the links, concerns etc. with virtual show and tell, direct them to Diane Bond at [bonddiane9@gmail.com](mailto:bonddiane9@gmail.com).

## November 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 December.

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

Lancer Smith

<https://forms.gle/bKZ6fxbVDeRutjvf6>

Novice

<https://forms.gle/LVuj8cgcMdkhQNNc8>

Intermediate

<https://forms.gle/AoCj3UibxDvedV8Y8>

Advanced

<https://forms.gle/4Fytz7J3euDQ4uaU6>

## January Show and Tell Submission

January 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 January 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/1T6KIVhcV5zw27tz2WRw\\_V4B\\_f9k4fs2W?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1T6KIVhcV5zw27tz2WRw_V4B_f9k4fs2W?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 January 31.

## **Officers and Board 2021**

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## ***SPEAKERS' CORNER**      **January 2021***

So we start a new year with the prospect of multiple vaccines against COVID-19, a change of administration in Washington and finally some rainy days. All three give me cause for optimism as do my orchids many of which are producing healthy looking spikes or have had to be potted-on earlier than expected. Even some species I thought would never bloom for me seem to have finally got the message! I have good reason to be hopeful.

Looking back for a moment, I had no sound during most of Fred Clarke's presentation last month. What I saw fascinated me so I located a full set of his growing tips for *Catasetinae*. If you need a refresher, they are included in our archived files\*\*



Our January speaker will be **Scott Barrie**. Scott will be with us from Kulnara, about 50 miles from Sydney, on **Thursday** you who are curious) to bring us up to date on "**The Latest Developments in Sarcochilus**"

Scott is co-owner and manager of Barrita Orchids, a commercial grower supplying quality potted plants to retail stores and nurseries throughout the east coast of Australia as well as cut flowers to markets Australia wide. He grew up around the benches and packing shed of his family's nursery and has spent his entire working life in the orchid business. He was also a judge for the Australian Orchid Council (AOC) for over twenty years.

In addition to complex breeding programs for Cymbidiums and *varicosum* Oncidiums, Barrita Orchids has made significant advances in the commercialization of Sarcochilus, with outstanding results in the refining of this Australian native genus. Successes have included almost 200 registered hybrids which have received numerous awards from the AOC, Royal Horticultural Society and the AOS. Some of his current efforts can be seen at <https://barritaorchids.com/collections/sarcochilus>

If you are growing a hybrid Sarcochilus with "Kulnara" on its' name tag all, or part of it, will be one or more of Scott's creations.

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

- Before the event, please check to be sure you have the latest update of the 'Zoom Client for Meetings' from: <https://zoom.us/download>.
- RSVP to [padvos@attglobal.net](mailto:padvos@attglobal.net) not later than **January 11**.
- If you RSVP, you will receive the sign-in data and other final information a few days before the meeting. Be sure to look for an e-mail message headed **DVOS-Scottinfo**. You do not need to respond to that message.

**\*\***Please remember that some files referred to in past editions of Speakers' Corner are still available for your personal viewing pleasure. A list of those files is attached. **Please also note** they are now stored locally. If you are interested in any of them send me a message at padvos@attglobal.net and I will send you a copy.

Our first random drawing of 2021 from members present at the meeting will be for 5x\$50 gift certificates provided by DVOS and redeemable at <https://www.thetinyjungle.com>. The winners will be announced during the evening. If you are a winner, you will receive your gift certificate and redemption information the following week.

**At** this point in time, there is no way of knowing how the script for 2021 will actually play out. However things transpire, there are on-line speakers waiting in the wings who I'm hopeful will keep you signing-in each month until we can finally meet again in person around our fondly remembered dessert table.

Please continue to stay safe and positive.

Until the 14th,

Santé,

*Peter*

## November 2020 Show and Tell Winners

Cycnodes Wine Delight 'JEM'

Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff

Novice – 1<sup>st</sup> Place



*Bulbophyllum sumatranum* x sib

Grown by Peter Ansdell

Novice – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



*Odontecidium Brennan Scott Barfield*

Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff

Novice – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place





Howeara Lava Burst 'Puanani'

Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff

Novice – Honorable Mention



*Cymbidium tracyanum*

Grown by Pat Bacchetti

Intermediate – 1<sup>st</sup> Place



Potinaria Erin Kobayashi x  
Marlene Lundquist

Grown by Marcia Hart

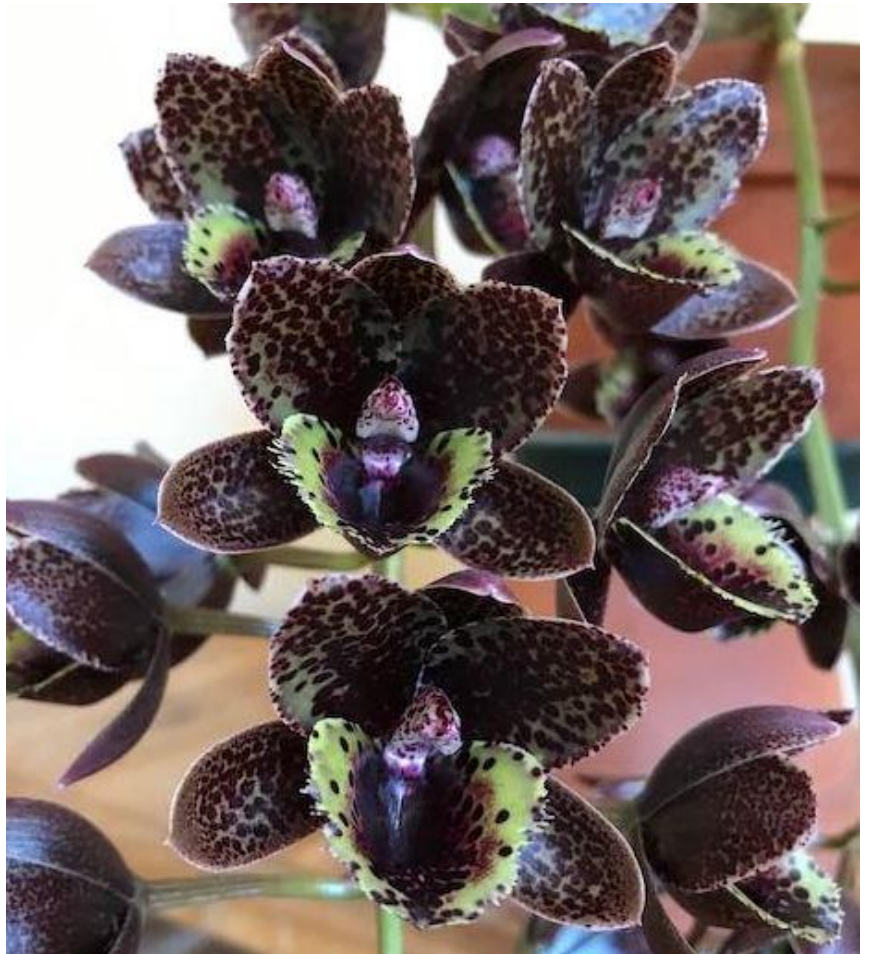
Advanced – 1<sup>st</sup> Place



Fredclarkeara After Dark  
'Sunset Valley Orchids'  
FCC/AOS

Grown by Barbara Ungersma

Advanced – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Cattleya Sun Catcher  
'Octoberfest'  
(a Raymond Burr hybrid)

Grown by Tom Pickford

Advanced – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



Oncidium Wildcat ‘Green Valley’

Grown by Marcia Hart

Advanced – Honorable Mention



Masdevallia Panguena

Grown by Diane Bond

Lancer Smith Award