

Diablo View Orchid Society

Zoom Meetings Only

Greetings Orchid Friends,

February 3, 2021

I hope you all made it through January relatively unscathed. I could never have predicted that month and I have to say that I am glad it is behind us. I am hoping that we all see political calm, COVID vaccines and rain clouds in our near future!

My Cattleyas are starting to tail off but the Laelia anceps are stepping up! They are so beautiful (and HUGE!). Masdevallias and Dendrobium kingianum are starting to put on a show. The Cymbidiums are starting to open and others are showing spikes. It looks like we will have a good Cymbidium year.

This time last year we were running around getting ready for the DVOS show. It makes me very sad that we will not be having our Valentines show this year. I guess that means we will just have even bigger, beefier plants to see next year. Even though there is no show, get out there and appreciate your plants. 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 a couple time sensitive items to cover here. Make sure you don't miss anything!

- Speakers corner
- Show and tell links

Keep reading for details on all of these subjects

Speakers Corner

- Rick Lockwood will be talking about **WHAT DO ORCHIDS EAT?**
- Date: Thursday February 11 at 7:00 PM
- You **MUST** RSVP to get access to this meeting.
- RSVP to padvos@attglobal.net **not later than Sunday February 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:** Every member who attends the February 11 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 Santa Barbara Orchid Estate.

Virtual Show and tell

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

VOTE for your favorites from the beautiful entries for January.

Voting for January and entry for February close February 28. If you have any questions, problems with the links, concerns etc. with virtual show and tell, direct them to Diane Bond at bondddiane9@gmail.com.

December 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 January.

January 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 January Show and Tell (voting closes February 28):

Lancer Smith

<https://forms.gle/zs7jEeGoivJZZkbe6>

Novice

<https://forms.gle/zB8KCmvpZZi7t5so7>

Intermediate

<https://forms.gle/ufPyLeJgirmVBaCt9>

Advanced

<https://forms.gle/iiBZQ5cHKtqhBCxo6>

February Show and Tell Submission

February 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/11ayU6P1tIPiLo1te1o2bQtsWO75yCFaj?usp=sharing>

If you have any problem with this, you can always mail it to me at bondddiane9@gmail.com

Entries must be in by February 28.

SPEAKERS' CORNER

After two months when we visited specific genera, this month's topic should be of interest, no matter what you grow.

Rick Lockwood will be with us on **Thursday, February 11**, at **7:00 PM** to answer the question "What do Orchids Eat?"

Rick has very kindly shared with us the attached update of his original article on "**What do orchids eat?**" (excluding charts and tables) which takes us to 2014. That article is on the list after my signature below... **ARCHIVED FILES**. His article is in **red**.

I thought some of you would like review this before the meeting when Rick will take us on his journey of the following 6 years as he continued his research to find the ideal menu and serving size for our orchids.

From the age of 5, Rick has been figuring out how to culture oddball organisms. After graduating from The University of California Irvine he became a herpetologist and aquarist for the Oklahoma City Zoo. After leaving The Zoo in 1995, Rick became an environmental toxicologist with Ramboll Group A/S, where he is managing scientist for the aquatic toxicology division in Nashville. He has focused on major ion (salt) toxicity issues (in particular potassium) since 2005. His wife, Robin, rekindled his love of orchids in 2001 and she has since been passionately pursuing the study of species orchid culture, breeding, and conservation. Rick is an active and past office holder of the Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee and a major contributor on the SlipperTalk orchid forum. Slipper orchids are his favorites, but it took almost 10 years before he "got it right" to the point where he was achieving AOS awards with his favorite flowers. Besides "Slippers", Rick also keeps an extensive collection of species Bulbophyllums and Phalaenopsis.

To further whet your appetite for Rick's talk, here is a photograph taken in the well-stocked greenhouse of a member of Smoky Mountain Orchid Society who has been following his suggestions after hearing him speak in 2016.

To attend the 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 version of the 'Zoom Client for Meetings' from: <https://zoom.us/download>.
- RSVP to padvos@attglobal.net not later than **Sunday, February 7**.



- 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-Rickinfo**. You do not need to respond to that message. Thanks to the vagaries of cyberspace each month, some members do not receive their sign-in message. Beginning this month, that message will be transmitted a second time on a different date.

Our February drawing from members present at the meeting will be for 5x\$50 gift certificates provided by DVOS and redeemable at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate (SBOE) <https://sborchid.com/>. The winners will be announced during the evening. SBOE does not have an on-line store; if you are a winner, you will receive your gift certificate and special redemption information by email shortly after the meeting.

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 after my signature below. Please note they are now stored locally. *If you are interested in any of them just send me a message.*

And so, with The Inauguration finally behind us, the year starts in earnest. I have a feeling it will be a great one for DVOS. Certainly, here in Speakers' Corner we will do our best to help make it so.

Please continue to stay safe and positive.

Until the 11th,

Santé,

Peter

DVOS *Speakers' Corner* ARCHIVED FILES

- ***"Shangri-La"***, an installment on Yunan from the 2008 BBC documentary "Wild China"
- ***"The Judge, the Thief, the Hunter and the Black Orchid"***, a documentary directed by Rich Walton with Fred Clarke and other orchid luminaries.
- ***"The Culture of Hybrid Phragmipediums"***, based on the knowledge of Leo Schordje.
- ***"10 Species of Orchids you can Grow Outside"***, by Jeff Trimble.
- ***"Fred's Catasetinae tips"***, by Fred Clarke.
- ***"What do Orchids Eat"***, By Rick Lockwood 2013.
- ***"How to Grow Happy, Healthy Scale and Mealy Bugs"***, by Deborah Dillon-Townes.

If you would like to review any of these please send your request to my email:

padvos@attglobal.net

December 2020 Show and Tell Winners



Coelogyne gramanifolia
Novice – 1st Place
Grown by Peter Annsdell



Cymbidium NoID
Novice – 2nd Place
Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff



Oncidium Sweet Redonence
Novice – 3rd Place
Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff



Brassolaeliocattleya Nacouchee 'Mission Valley' AM/AOS
Intermediate – 1st Place
Grown by Renate Johnson



Dendrobium Spider Lady
Intermediate – 2nd Place
Grown by Linda Castleton



Cattlianthe Grainer's Pride 'James' AM/AOS
Intermediate – 3rd Place
Grown by George Su



Epicattleya Siam Jade 'Sweet Fragrance'
Intermediate – Honorable Mention 1st Place
Grown by Renate Johnson



Potinara Erin Kobayashi x Potinara Marlene Lundquist
Intermediate – Honorable Mention – 2nd Place
Grown by Renate Johnson



Rhynolaeliocattleya Golf Green
Advanced – 1st Place
Grown by Diane Bond



Laeliocattleya Fiesta Days 'Solo Flight' FCC/AOS
Advanced – 2nd Place
Grown by Sue Davis



Potinara Love Call 'Nora'
Advanced – 3rd Place
Grown by Diane Bond



Cymbidium tracyanum 'Quatro Stripes'
Advanced – Honorable Mention – 1st Place
Grown by Sue Davis



Laeliocattleya Kookau Treat
Advanced – Honorable Mention – 2nd Place
Grown by Miki Ichiyanagi



Dendrobium cuthbertsonii
Lancer Smith Award – 1st Place
Grown by Diane Bond



Epigeneium Chapecoense
Lancer Smith Award – 2nd Place
Grown by Marcia Hart

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