

# Diablo View Orchid Society

## Zoom Meetings Only

Greetings Orchid Friends,

March 5, 2021

Well, we made it through February without any orchid shows. It was kinda sad but in the grand scheme of things we have bigger projects to address. I hope we are starting to get some COVID vaccines out there! That is the first step to getting to our new normal.

I hope you all enjoyed Rick Lockwood's presentation on orchid nutrition. He certainly gave us a lot to think about. Now I am looking forward to hearing about multifloral Paphiopedilums with Sam Tsui. Peter just keeps bringing in great speakers. We are very lucky to have him planning for us!

How are your plants looking? I have seen some beautiful photos for show and tell. More folks are participating. Thank you for sharing. I know that many of us are enjoying getting to see other folk's plants. There are others of you out there that have photos (you know who you are!!). Everybody share! That way we get to see the diversity of orchids being grown by DVOS. My plants continue to put on a show. I have a couple multifloral Cattleyas that have decided to bloom. Fredclarkeara After Dark 'Sunset Valley Orchids' has been blooming for over a month. I was watering some plants lower than it the other day and realized that it has a wonderful scent. It smells like cloves! What a treat. Several of my Cymbidiums will be blooming in March. I am looking forward to the show.

March is a season of change in the Bay Area. I am expecting the weather to really start warming up and our growing areas to start getting more sun light. That will make the plants respond. Get out there and watch the changes in your orchids. I hope that all of you find joy and comfort with your orchids.

We derive great joy from getting to see all of the beautiful plants brought in for show and tell at the DVOS monthly meetings. Since the meetings have been virtual, so has show and tell. I hope everyone has enjoyed the virtual blooms and voting on your favorites. To make this activity a bit more interesting, we award \$50 to the member whose blooms get the most votes throughout the year. The winners for DVOS Virtual Show and Tell 2020 are: In Advanced: Diane Bond, in Intermediate: Renate Johnson and George Su (they tied) and in Novice: Rachel Brinkerhoff.

Stay safe, healthy and happy. Get out there and find some vaccine!

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
  - See Peters comments later in the newsletter for details
- Show and tell links
  - See details below

## Virtual Show and tell

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

The only way we get to see the variety of orchids grown in our society is if EVERYODY participates. Last month we had photos submitted by a total of eleven members. In Novice there were 5, in Intermediate there were 2 and in Advanced there were 4. Let's shoot for ATLEAST 15 members this month. It's easy. Take a photo and either follow the link below to drop your photo off or just send it to me (see below).

VOTE for your favorites from the beautiful entries From February. Voting for February and entry for March close March 31. 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](mailto:bondddiane9@gmail.com).

At the end of this newsletter, you can see the photos of the January winners. We had good participation in the voting last month. Keep up the good work for February.

## February 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 February Show and Tell (*voting closes March 31*):

Lancer Smith

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CktnpHBCct5H8GspgKdOwwkwCnyvnEIR6rWsMNIRF6E/edit?usp=sharing>

Novice

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1crI603uGEzY\\_sIWyf6jraROppa00g5LUXMXkEKKC5Ro/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1crI603uGEzY_sIWyf6jraROppa00g5LUXMXkEKKC5Ro/edit?usp=sharing)

Intermediate

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nTr6myBCJxMguLuDX4-JvY1jW6JhvDIO2FIOIxTtHNU/edit?usp=sharing>

Advanced

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1z5PU2FEY1NBVS1EuBGNOKDfAFvxUw6igZTw0mEWcoqc/edit?usp=sharing>

## March Show and Tell Submission

March entries are currently being accepted. Let's get a large group of photos! I want to see more blooms from folks who don't usually share. 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 March 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/1mrm2mC3wssj0SAWVnwli3c\\_CozuICHG-?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mrm2mC3wssj0SAWVnwli3c_CozuICHG-?usp=sharing)

If you have any problem with this, you can always mail it to me at [bondddiane9@gmail.com](mailto:bondddiane9@gmail.com)

- Entries will close March 31.

# ***SPEAKERS' CORNER***

Greetings everyone,

**Last** month's presentation by Rick Lockwood, an environmental toxicologist, first took us in detail through his many years spent studying which chemicals an orchid uses and in what quantities, compared with what *we* think it needs. He explained how, during those years, he morphed from a frustrated orchidist into the progenitor of K-Lite in conjunction with Ray Barkelow. [For those of you who do not know K-lite, it is a version of the basic MSU formula with much reduced levels of potassium and phosphorus, particularly the former].

Rick then led us through his more recent studies of the other components of an orchid's *actual* diet up to his current experiments with calcium and with greatly reduced levels of nitrogen. The very positive results of his changes in his watering regime were clearly visible in the orchid images he showed us.

There was great deal of concentrated information in Rick's program. If you would like to review any of his many text slides, he has made them available for inclusion in the DVOS archives\*\*\*. If you were present and have follow-up questions, he has also provided his email address rlockwood@ramboll.com.

-----

This month's speaker will be **Sam Tsui** who will be with us from Illinois on **March 11 at 7:00PM PST** to talk about "**Multifloral Paphiopedilums**". Sam was born and raised in Hong Kong, later attending Illinois State University where he graduated in computer science and accounting. He retired from a position in IT in 2008 and is now concentrating full time on his orchid growing business, <https://orchidinnusa.com>, founded in 1995. Although he started growing his orchids in his basement he now has commercial greenhouses and currently makes over 300 crosses and produces up to 5,000 flasks annually.



Hybridizing is Sam's passion. He emphasizes Paphiopedilum species, Brachypetalum, Parvisepalum and multifloral hybrids. Sam travels and judges widely (in better times) and has received over 300 awards for his orchids including many from the AOS, European Orchid Congress, The Cymbideum Society of America and the Dresden International Orchid Show where he received the Grand Champion Award.

To attend Sam's 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](mailto:padvos@attglobal.net) not later than **Sunday, March 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-TSUINFO**. You do not need to respond to that message.

Our March drawing from members present at the meeting will be for 5x\$50 gift certificates provided by DVOS and redeemable at <https://orchidinnusa.com>. The winners will be announced during the evening. If you are a winner, you will receive your gift certificate and redemption information by e-mail.

\*\*\*Please remember that some files referred to in past editions of Speakers' Corner are still available for personal viewing. If you are interested in any of them please just send me an email at the RSVP address. Here is the current list:

- "Shangri-La", a documentary on Yunan, China from the 2008.
- "The Judge, the Thief, the Hunter and the Black Orchid", a 2010 documentary directed by Rich Walton featuring 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.
- "How to Grow Happy, Healthy Scale and Mealy Bugs", by Deborah Dillon-Townes.
- "What Do Orchids Eat?", text slides from Rick Lockwood's 2/21 Zoom presentation to DVOS.

**Every** month last year I had to ponder long and hard before I could come up with a sign-off I felt comfortable with. This year it seems to have become much less of a hassle; more like sliding my feet into a comfortable pair of shoes. A pair of shoes I very much enjoy wearing!

Please continue to stay safe *and* positive.

Until the 11th,

Santé,

*Peter*

**January 2021 Show and Tell Winners**

*Rhynchostylis gigantea* var.  
*Vivaphandul*

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

Grown by Peter Ansdell



*Sophrolaeliocattleya*  
Hsin Buu Lady 'YT'

Novice: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff





Masdevallia Marguerite  
'Highlands'

Novice: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff



Masdevallia Morning Glory  
'Heather'

Novice: Honorable Mention

Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff



Brassocattleya Maikai  
'Mayumi'

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

Grown by Henry Shaw



Brassavola Little Stars  
'Marcia O'

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

Grown by Henry Shaw





*Sophranitis coccinea*

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

Grown by Diane Bond



*Masdevallia towarensis*

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

Grown by Diane Bond





Coelogyne Memoria  
Louise Forget 'Mystery'

Advanced: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Grown by Diane Bond



Cattleya Fascelis  
(aclandiae x bicolor)

Advanced: HM 1

Grown by Tom Pickford



Bulbophyllum  
Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry  
FCC/AOS

Advanced: HM 2 (tied)

Grown by Eileen Jackson



Laelia gouldiana  
'Greta Garbo'

Advanced: HM 2 (tied)

Grown by Marcia Hart



Trichoglottis pusilla

Lancer Smith Award

Grown by Diane Bond



## **Officers and Board**

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