

# Diablo View Orchid Society

## Zoom Meetings Only

Greetings Orchid Friends

April 4, 2021

I love this time of year. The garden is starting to wake up. We have had our first warm spell (You need to understand- over here in Oakland, we start to melt if the temperature gets above 80°F!). Now, the garden plants are competing with the repotting needs of the orchids. What a blessing to have these problems. I hope you are all enjoying the plants as much as I am.

I was fascinated and inspired by last month's speaker, Sam Tsui and his multifloral Paphiopedilums. My Paphiopedilum Julius was so excited that it (finally) put up a spike! This month we will turn our attention to Phalaenopsis with Peter Lin. I am sure that he will have much to teach us.

What's going on with your orchids? My Cymbidiums continue to mature. About 30% of them are blooming now with the others following closely. Australian Dendrobiums are in their full glory and I am starting to see many other Dendrobiums getting started. The Masdevallias are joining the party also. It is always nice to see things develop with the first warm weather. I hope you get a chance to get out and enjoy your plants. Take some pictures to share with all of us.

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
- Fall Auction preparation
  - See details below

### Virtual Show and tell

It is a new month. We need to see what you have blooming in April. 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 eleven members. We had 14 members submit photos in March. You will be amazed by the variety of orchids we are growing.

| Category     | February | March |
|--------------|----------|-------|
| Novice       | 5        | 5     |
| Intermediate | 2        | 4     |
| Advanced     | 4        | 5     |
| Lancer Smith | 1        | 3     |

Let's shoot for ATLEAST 20 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).

Voting for March and entry for April close April 30. 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).

### February 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 March.

### March Show and Tell Voting

We have a wonderful collection of plants this month. We have many new entrants and a total of 53 submissions! It is great to see everyone's plants and I think I can confidently say that it is Cymbidium season.

Vote for your favorite March Show and Tell plants (voting closes April 30):

Lancer Smith

<https://forms.gle/VvoRaJnDvY5Qkt6N9>

Novice

<https://forms.gle/BQxSozn4pf8pATH8A>

Intermediate

<https://forms.gle/spka1orPwyvtxWeJ9>

Advanced

<https://forms.gle/zcjbqciAPH916GNo7>

### April Show and Tell Submission

April entries are currently being accepted. We are going to have to work hard to beat last month but I have confidence in us. I want to see all of those beautiful blooms! C'mon- everybody can take a quick pic to share with all of us.

- Enter photos of your April 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/19jMb3SrMKeeMaRBTPS8Mq1xGbdy9tBKZ?usp=sharing>

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

## DVOS Fall Auction

We will be having an auction this fall. We have not decided on date or format yet but that is not important right now. What is important is that EVERY ONE be thinking about what we can donate for the auction NOW. It is repotting time for many of us. Keep back some nice juicy divisions to donate to the DVOS auction. By planning for the auction now, we can have vigorous, established plants when it is time for the auction.

Let's plan ahead this year and produce a good collection of plants for the auction.

## ***SPEAKERS' CORNER***

Greetings everyone,

Last month, Sam Tsui took us on a fascinating trip through the world of Multifloral Paphiopedilums. We were introduced to the 20 most important species used for breeding and hybridizing, mainly from the sub-genus Polyantha. He lead us through their growing regions (chiefly Indonesia and the Philippines with some as far north as southern China), and their native growing conditions.

We were shown many of the results of his and other growers' hybridizing of these species. Sam discussed how individual plants become easier to bloom with more and larger flowers the more generations they are away from the jungle. He showed examples of their ultimate flowering with the native number of blooms for comparison. While it was apparent that *Paphiopedilum rothschildianum* was in many hybrids producing rather large plants perhaps more suitable for a greenhouse, Sam emphasized that there are Multifloral species which produce smaller hybrids easy to grow in the home. *Richardianum* was one interesting example.

Our speaker also offered a personal recipe for light, temperature, humidity, fertilizer and potting media when growing Multiflorals. He stressed that in the wild they usually grow in hot, wet, limestone areas and thus require plenty of water with a higher pH than many other orchids.

In the final section of his detailed presentation, added specially for DVOS, Sam took us, with many images, through his cultivation regimen for seedlings from flask to community containers and on to the individual blooming size pots we saw in his greenhouses.



Our guest speaker on Zoom on **April 8 at 7:00PM PST** will be **Peter Lin** [Not to be confused with Peter T. Lin]. He will be joining us from Dallas/Fort Worth to share his knowledge with a presentation entitled “**The Top 5 Fragrant Phalaenopsis Species and Their Influence on Modern Novelty Hybridizing**”. Although some of you may have heard Peter talk on other occasions, this will be an updated presentation which will include the latest developments in non-commodity Phalaenopsis and his particular interest in the breeding potential of the species *gigantea*. You can see *gigantea* in bloom next to Peter in the photograph.

Peter Lin started growing orchids 40 years ago before emigrating from Taiwan. In 1996 he turned his Phalaenopsis collection and interest in hybridizing into Big Leaf Orchids in Southlake, where he specializes in species and novelty Phalaenopsis, many of them fragrant. Before Covid-19, Peter made frequent trips to Taiwan to see the latest advances in breeding and to select new varieties for his customers and for inclusion in his own program.

Despite interest in other genus over the years, Peter's primary focus is still hybridizing Phalaenopsis. As we shall see, the results of his efforts are the antithesis of the commodity plants seen in big box stores everywhere.

Big Leaf Orchids is offering a limited time 10% **discount** to DVOS members on sales of \$50 or more from 4/1 through 4/11. Just use the coupon code "DVOS10". The timing is fortuitous. Peter is just preparing his spring offering of both hybrids and species, many of which will be very limited. They may become available during the discount period. His website is <https://www.bigleaforchids.com/store>

To attend Peter'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>. There have been upgrades since last month's meeting.
- RSVP to [padvos@attglobal.net](mailto:padvos@attglobal.net) not later than **Monday, April 5**.
- If you RSVP, you will receive the sign-in data and other final information before the meeting. Be sure to look for an email message headed **DVOS-LININFO**. You do not need to respond to that message.



As usual, there will be a drawing from members present for \$50 gift certificates (for Big Leaf Orchids this month) provided by DVOS. The winners will be announced during the evening. If you are a winner, you will receive your gift certificate and redemption information by email.

Please remember that some files referred to in past editions of Speakers' Corner are still available for personal viewing. Should you be interested in any of them just send me a message 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.

As I glance out of my window while I put the final touches to this edition of Speakers' Corner and see our brilliant spring sunshine and notice the sweater hanging unused on the back of my chair, I remember a day many years ago. Then, when I looked out of my English window it was snowing on the daffodils just coming into bloom - and the calendar read *June*. Yes, I would have liked more than a little additional rain this past winter but...

Please continue to stay safe *and* positive.

Until a week on Thursday,

Santé,

*Peter*



# February 2021 Show and Tell Winners

*Dendrobium nobile* NoID

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

Grown by Daniel Neighbors



*Brassolaeliocattleya* Guess What  
'SVO'

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

Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff



Laeliocattleya Fire Dance  
'Patricia'

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

Grown by Vera Kirichenko



Phalaenopsis NoID

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

Grown by Vera Kirichenko





Cymbidium Wine Shower x  
Cymbidium Fire Village

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

Grown by Daniel Neighbors



Sarc. Cherry Scarlet 'Red Fox'  
x Sarc 'The Foxes Back'

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

Grown by Peter Ansdell





Cymbidium Remus x  
Cymbisium tracyanum

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

Grown by Pat Bacchetti



Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga

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

Grown by Henry Shaw



*Laelia anceps*  
Intermediate: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Grown by Henry Shaw



*Lycaste Sunray*  
Advanced: 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Grown by Eileen Jackson



Dendrobium Yellow Stars

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

Grown by Barbara Ungersma



Dend tetragonum 'Hot Lips' x  
Dend tetragonum 'Dark Form'

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

Grown by Diane Bond



Fredclarkeara After Dark  
Sunset Valley Orchids FCC/AOS

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

Grown by Diane Bond



Potinara San Damiano x Potinara Chocolate Drop  
Advanced: HM 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Grown by Eileen Jackson





Epidendrum hybrid  
Advanced: HM 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Grown by Miki Ichiyanagi

*Pleurothallis loranthophylla*

Lancer Smith Award

Grown by Diane Bond



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