

Diablo View Orchid Society

Zoom Meetings Continue

Diablo View Orchid Society (DVOS)
Virtual monthly meeting on March 10, 2022
Zoom meeting starts at 7:00pm PST

Vanilla orchids: natural history and cultivation
Prof. Ken Cameron, U WI, Madison

DVOS monthly meetings will continue to be held in a “virtual” (Zoom) format through at least April 2022. As I’ve noted before, that allows us to hear excellent speakers from around the world who we would otherwise have difficulty bringing to our monthly meetings. Our March 2022 meeting will continue along these lines and our featured speaker will be Professor Ken Cameron of the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Although the orchid family is one of the largest families of plants on Earth, with over 30,000 known species, only one genus in this enormous family has any large-scale agricultural value -- the vanilla orchid. Professor Cameron’s will speak on the fascinating natural history, phylogeny, and cultivation of the vanilla orchid (*Vanilla planifolia*) and its relatives.

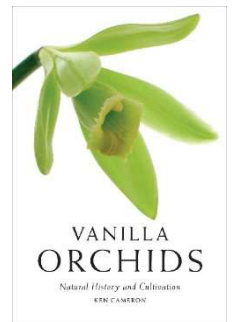
Dr. Cameron is a professor of botany at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and the Director of the Wisconsin State herbarium, a collection of more than 1.4 million specimens. His primary area of research is the

systematics and phylogeny of the orchids, with a view to their conservation and protection. Working with scientists around the world, he is using modern DNA-sequencing techniques to develop a stable, evolution-based classification system for the orchid family (as well as other plant groups). He specializes in the subfamily *Vanilloideae* (which includes the vanilla orchid, among others) and literally “wrote the book” on this subfamily with his 2011 book, *Vanilla orchids: natural history & cultivation*.

Professor Cameron received a B.S. in Biology from Rhodes College in Tennessee and a Ph.D. in Biology from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where his work on the phylogenetic relationships of the vanilloid orchids began. Prior to moving to the

University of Wisconsin in 2010, he had spent time as a postdoctoral researcher at the Royal Botanical Garden, Kew, was professor at Guilford College in North Carolina, and was the Director of The New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx.

He is the recipient of both the George R. Cooley Award and the Peter Raven Award from the American Society of Plant Taxonomists, as well as the Katherine Esau Award from the Botanical Society of America.



To attend Prof. Cameron’s presentation, please follow the steps on the next page. If you would like to invite a friend, send me the name and email address and your guest will receive the sign-in information when you do.

- **RSVP to dvosshowandtell@gmail.com no later than March 8th.**
- After you RSVP, you will receive the sign-in data and other final information before the meeting. Be sure to look for an email message from **the email address in the line just above this**. You do not need to respond to that message.
- 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 are frequent updates.

The President's Letter

Greetings Orchid Friends,

March 4, 2022

I hope this letter finds all of you healthy and happy. Last night's rain made me smile. Yes- I know that it did nothing for our water deficit (or even my gardens need for a good soak!), but it still makes me feel good to smell the rain! Hopefully we will get some more later this month.

My orchids have been having a good late winter. Schoenorchis gemmate is in full glorious bloom alongside Cattleya jongheana. I got both of these plants from Yunor Peralta in 2020 and 2021. They are beautiful and always make me remember our friends Yunor and Greg. The Laelia anceps are in mid bloom. Laelia Santa Barbara Sunset is starting it's show also. The Cymbidiums are not going to be left out either. I have blooms opening and other buds just coming on. It looks like I am going to be in Cymbidiums for a while now.

It looks like you all took the challenge to send photos of your plants that would have gone to our show (if it hadn't gotten cancelled). We will have a beautiful show and tell to vote for this month. Keep up the good work in March.

I went to the Pacific Orchid Expo in San Francisco last week. It was beautiful and one of our own did very well. We will have to ask him about it at the meeting. I am putting together a slide show of the photos that I took (I got kinda Cymbidium sidetracked). I will send out links when it is done.

I did not know how Henry was going to keep up with Peter as far as finding speakers for us. Well, he certainly showed us a good time with Melissa McCormick's talk on Orchid and Fungi relationships. Everyone seemed to be really engaged. I certainly enjoyed it.

Please read Marcia Hart's notice of the Greenhouse tours in early April. Six members have agreed to open their greenhouses (and sometimes gardens!) for tours. DVOS members as well as the public are invited. There will be plant raffles, plant sales, member sales tables. We are going to be needing plenty of help manning these sites so please get involved. Help out and get an opportunity to see your orchid friends (and perhaps shop a bit...). Read Marcia's note in this newsletter for more information.

Stay safe, healthy, and happy. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting next week. Vanilla orchids, oh my!

Regards,

Diane

Important Fundraiser Information!

About our Greenhouse and Garden Tour

(The informational flyer is on the next page)

It is very exciting for us to try something new as a fundraiser. Thank you to our six members who volunteered their greenhouses and gardens. I know it is a big job getting plants and gardens ready.

Each homeowner has sent me a photo and paragraph or two about what they love about their garden and greenhouse. Their thoughts will be incorporated in a brochure/ticket that each participant of the tour will receive. Our goal is to give people a great experience!

Member Plant Sale: Our members can also sell orchids. We want to have orchids/divisions for sale. There are two classifications of sales: 1) plants are donated and the club gets all the money or 2) regular sales, where the club gets 20%. In both cases, keep the pricing simple.

We will need volunteer docents at each home. Jobs include: Greeting visitors, giving away doorprizes, helping with orchid sales and pointing out things in the garden

Members, please post info about our tour on nextdoor, facebook, other social media. You can also take copies of the flyer page of this newsletter to local nurseries, etc. All publicity helps! Social media is where we get the most participants. Thank you in advance.

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DVOS GREENHOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR 2022



Doorprizes!
Orchids for Sale!

Concord
Berkeley
Oakland
Vallejo (2)

Visit 4 lovely gardens and
6 orchid filled greenhouses

All open between 10AM and 4PM

Dates: Friday, April 1 (5 open)

Saturday, April 2 (5 open)

Sunday bonus: April 3 only

A special Castro Valley Greenhouse



Cost: \$30 per person
\$10 for members



(DVOS membership is \$30 per household per year)

Advanced sales (tickets will be mailed to you)

Payment must be received by Saturday, March 26!

1) Mail a check payable to DVOS to:

Marcia Hart

1421 Park Glen Court
Concord, CA 94521

2) Email Liz at

ko6xp51@gmail.com

to get a paypal invoice

Buy tickets Friday or Saturday at Marcia's house (cash or check)

Questions: Phone Marcia at 925-827-9540

Virtual Show and tell

It's March and spring arrives this month! Please share images of your blooms with your fellow DVOS members. Although we had to defer our annual show, please take advantage of this online opportunity to show us in show what your plants are doing. Take pictures and send them in for others to enjoy. I urge our "Intermediate-level" growers to submit more images! As always, please vote for your fellow members' submissions for last month.

February Show and Tell Voting

Once again, we have a beautiful and diverse collection of plants, especially in the Novice and Advanced categories. Make your preferences known and vote! Voting closes on March 31, 2022. Links to the voting forms are given below.

Novice:

<https://forms.gle/LJfQe2ujBaJaSEg6>

Intermediate:

<https://forms.gle/cBqLApHM2fFAN4Yo9>

Advanced:

<https://forms.gle/LmNyWMsR52K9zFf47>

Master:

<https://forms.gle/Ddh52N2KkRhhCqfZ7>

Lancer Smith:

<https://forms.gle/J8fRtcFPSEgxr7Kd7>

March 2022 Show and Tell Submissions

Entries of your March blooms are now being accepted (thru Mar. 31, 2022). Don't hold out on us. In particular, I'd love to see more submittals in both the Intermediate-grower and the Lancer Smith categories. We want to see those beautiful blooms! It's not hard to participate.

Take a picture with your camera or phone and upload it to the website/folder listed below. Please remember -- only submit photos of **YOUR OWN PLANTS, and YOUR OWN PHOTOS.**

- All images should be labeled with the name of the plant, the name of the grower, and the experience level of the grower (novice, intermediate, advanced, or master). This information can be in the name of the file, or you can label the photo itself.
 - Ideally, your filename should look like:
[Category/experience]_[Plantname]_[Grower].jpg, e.g., Intermediate_Leptotes bicolor_Henry Shaw.jpg.
- If you have any questions as to what grower category you are in, contact Eileen Jackson (eileen.jackson@att.net). She will ask you a few questions and assign you a level.
- If your plant is eligible for the Lancer Smith award (the entire plant is 6" or less in any dimension, excluding roots and inflorescences) please indicate that in the name of the file (Category = LS) or on the photo itself. Growers of any experience can submit to the Lancer Smith category.
- Plants can only be entered into one category per month.
- Drop/upload your entries into the appropriate subfolder in this folder:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UtVG17xNjEiHr1VvfDB365Mr-8ywRFq9?usp=sharing>

If you have questions or problem uploading your images, you can always e-mail me at dvosshowandtell@gmail.com

Henry

January Show and Tell Winners

Wilsonara Opalescent
'On the Edge'
Novice: 1st Place
Grown by Rachael Brinkerhoff



Phal tetraspis 'Purple'
X Phal tetraspis
Novice: 2nd Place
Grown by Kaitlyn Strom



Dendrobium Hamana Smile
Novice: 3rd Place
Grown by Rachael Brinkerhoff



'Scheherazade'
Novice: HM
Grown by Rachael Brinkerhoff



Paphiopedilum No ID #1
Intermediate: 1st Place
Grown by Carol Bassett



Paphiopedilum No ID #2
Intermediate: 2nd Place
Grown by Carol Bassett



Bulbophyllum Kalimpong
Advanced: 1st Place
Grown by Eileen Jackson



Masdevallia Sydney x Masdevallia uniflora x Masdevallia patriciana
Advanced: 2nd Place
Grown by Diane Bond

Rechingerara Zazzie '#24'
Advanced: 3rd Place
Grown by Ted McClellan



Coel Memoria Louis
Forget 'Mystery'
Advanced: HM
Grown by Diane Bond



Dendrochilum cobbianum
Advanced: HM
Grown by Marcia Hart



Dendrobium cuthbertsonii
Lancer Smith: 1st Place
Grown by Diane Bond



Stellis morganii
Lancer Smith: 2nd Place
Grown by Eileen Jackson



Dendrobium bulbophylloides
Lancer Smith: 3rd Place
Grown by Miki Ichiyanagi



Dendrobium speciosum 'Moon Shadow'
Master Division
Grown by Sung Lee

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