

# Diablo View Orchid Society

## Zoom Meetings Continue

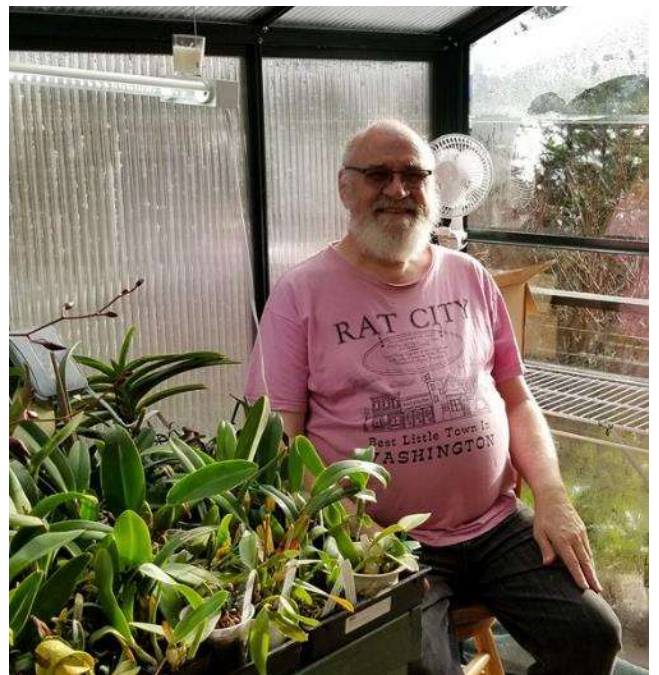
**Diablo View Orchid Society (DVOS)**  
**Virtual monthly meeting for June 9, 2022**

**Zoom meeting starts at 7:00pm PST**

***“Throw Out the Bark for the Last Time:  
Growing Orchids in Rocks and Water”***

**Speaker: Harvey Brenneise**

The June DVOS monthly meeting will once again be held in a “virtual” (Zoom) format and will feature Harvey Brenneise of Oak Harbor, WA, who will be speaking on the semi-hydroponic method of growing orchids. This technique differs from full hydroponic culture because the water does not circulate; instead, it stays as a reservoir at the bottom of a vessel with a rock layer above it that draws the water up to the root zone. Harvey will discuss media, pots and reservoirs, watering and fertilizing, and other tips for using this technique of growing orchids without an organic potting medium.



A California native, Harvey has grown orchids for most of his life, beginning at the age of 10 with a wonderful clone of *Cattleya trianae* given to him by an experienced local “orchid lady.” To encourage his son’s interest, his dad then traded a playhouse for a small greenhouse for Harvey to use as a boy while growing up in Mountain View.

Harvey is a retired professional librarian, and has worked in various academic and public libraries, including Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and the Seattle Public Library. Most recently he was Associate Dean for Research Services at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Harvey has grown a wide variety of orchids under many different conditions – in greenhouses, outside, under various types of lights, and on windowsills in Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, California, and Washington state. His plants have received 6 Awards of Merit (AMs) and 2 Highly Commended Certificates (HCCs, mostly for slipper orchids). He is a past chair of the American Orchid Society library committee and co-authored an *Orchids* magazine article with Rob Halgren on “growing orchids in mud”. Harvey has been a member of numerous orchid societies, including the AOS, the Mid-America Orchid Congress, the Michiana, Dunes-Kalamazoo, Greater Lansing, Riverside-San Bernardino, Gulf Coast, Northwest, and Mt. Baker orchid societies.

**DVOS meetings are open to everyone. DVOS members are automatically sent the Zoom login link *via* e-mail. Non-members of DVOS who wish to attend should RSVP to: [dvosshowandtell@gmail.com](mailto:dvosshowandtell@gmail.com) before 6/8/22 and you will be sent the login information for the meeting.**

DVOS members who “attend” the meeting and who have paid their 2022 dues are automatically entered into the monthly drawing for one of two \$50 gift certificates, good towards a purchase of an orchid or supplies from a recognized orchid vendor.

## The President's Letter

Greetings Orchid Friends,

June 1, 2022

I hope you all enjoyed Ray Barkalow's talk on probiotics and stimulants for your orchids (and other plants!). I have to tell you; I have heard many talks on plant physiology and I am quite compelled by his presentation. Plus- I am always looking for another magic bullet for my flowers. I did some transplanting yesterday and I expect those plants to be jumping out of their pots soon.

Speaking of transplanting... We are starting to plan for our annual auction. Nothing is written in stone, so I don't want to get into details but expect an outdoor auction in August again. That means that it is time to get to transplanting and dividing so that you will have plants to donate to the auction. We had a wonderful auction last year and there was participation from a variety of growers. We all like to see what each other is growing and (let's be honest) have a piece of it. I challenge you all to participate as both donor and bidder in this year's auction.

As my Cymbidiums are wrapping up their spring bloom, the Cattleyas are starting to bloom. I have some Cattleya purpuratas that I haven't seen bloom yet that have spikes. It is always nice to see a new flower. My Jackfowlieara Apple Blossom is as regular as clockwork with 4 spikes with ~24 flowers and 28 buds. Nothing says June like that show. The Restrepias are starting to put on a show now. I know they are not everybody's cup of tea but I love my little cockroaches. I am looking forward to see what the Masdevallias have in store

for me this summer. Share photos of your flowers in show and tell or Facebook. We all want to see what you have growing!

We haven't gotten the go ahead from Phyllis yet for in person meetings so we will be having a Zoom meeting again. I am sure that Henry will entertain as usual.

Get out there and enjoy that beautiful June weather. Enter photos in show and tell. I want to see what is blooming in YOUR garden.

Stay safe and healthy!

Regards,

*Diane*

## **Virtual Show and tell**

It's June, and summer officially begins this month. Please share images of your blooms with your fellow DVOS members. As you know, we are still meeting "virtually", so you should take advantage of this online opportunity to show us what your plants are doing. Take pictures and share them for others to enjoy.

As always, please vote for your fellow members' submissions from last month. We continue to have a rather poor voting turnout – far fewer than the number of photo submission in some categories, so I don't think we're getting a particularly robust assessment of the submissions. Please vote.

## **Voting on May submissions**

Once again, we have a beautiful and diverse collection of plants, especially in the Intermediate and Advanced categories. Make your preferences known and vote! Voting closes on June 30, 2022. Links to the voting forms are given below.

**Lancer Smith:**

<https://forms.gle/FyLNFSkYtYrmFg3WA>

**Novice:**

<https://forms.gle/zo7s8K6TDTFVJsCQ7>

**Intermediate:**

<https://forms.gle/vEc8gQuHp2Y11Atz5>

**Advanced:**

<https://forms.gle/FK1gctQSxtc5e7Fc7>

**Master:**

<https://forms.gle/8SKDygM4ahLgpyA17>

## Submitting Show and Tell entries for June 2022

We're ready to accept submissions of your June (thru Jun. 30, 2022). Don't hold out on us; 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](mailto: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/1EDBCDajQ0KbXilw6tF8D0BDKwXZzJk5a?usp=sharing>

As always, if you have questions or problem uploading your images, you can e-mail me at [dvosshowandtell@gmail.com](mailto:dvosshowandtell@gmail.com)

*Henry*

# April Show and Tell Winners

## Novice

1<sup>st</sup>: *Cattleya* Excellent Ina x *Potinara* Mark Koch, grown by Pat Bacchetti



2<sup>nd</sup>: *Phalaenopsis* Zheng Min Anaconda, grown by Peter Ansdell





3<sup>rd</sup>: *Cymbidium* NOID, grown by Pat Bacchetti



Honorable Mention: *Phalaenopsis* Gentleman Jack (*Phal. tetraopsis* var. alba x *Phal. gigantea* var. alba), grown by Peter Ansdell



## Intermediate

1<sup>st</sup>: *Laeliocattleya* Blazing Sun 'NN', grown by Renate Johnson



2<sup>nd</sup>: *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Ranger Six 'A-Ok' FCC/AOS, grown by Renate Johnson





3<sup>rd</sup>: *Vuylstekeara* Celtic Sun 'Maya', grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff



## Advanced

1<sup>st</sup>: *Dendrobium jenksii*, grown by Tom Pickford





2<sup>nd</sup>: *Dendrobium* Mousmee (*amablie* x *thyriflorum*), grown by Tom Pickford



3<sup>rd</sup>: *Dendrobium lindleyi*, grown by Tom Pickford



## Masters

1<sup>st</sup>: *Coelogyne mooreana* 'Brockhurst', grown by Diane Bond



2<sup>nd</sup>: *Cymbidium* Speckles 'Bold Vision', grown by Diane Bond





3<sup>rd</sup> (tie): *Cymbidium* Half Moon Wonderland, grown by Diane Bond

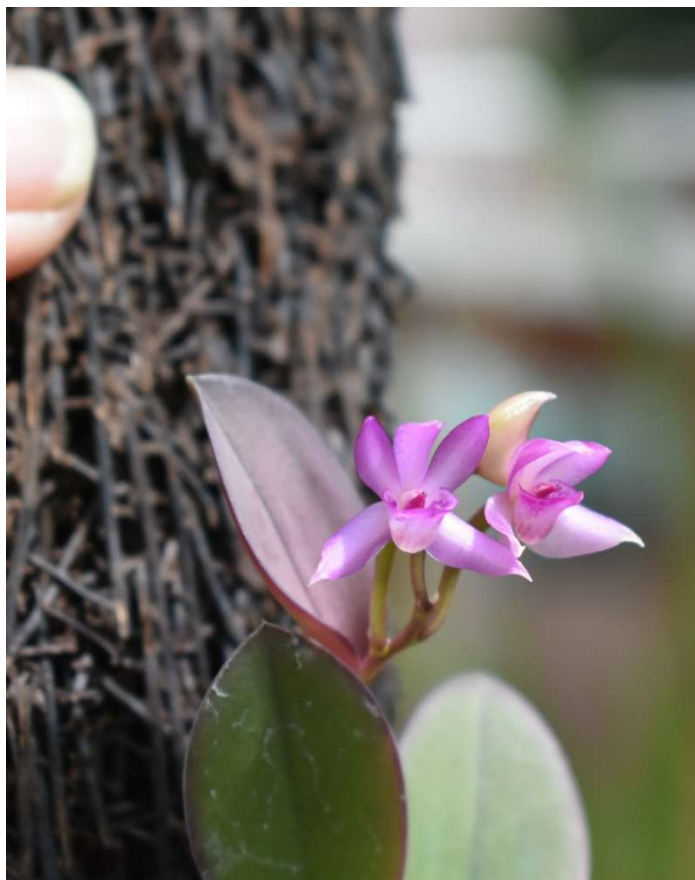


3<sup>rd</sup> (tie): *Cymbidium* Lambert Day 'Amber', grown by Diane Bond

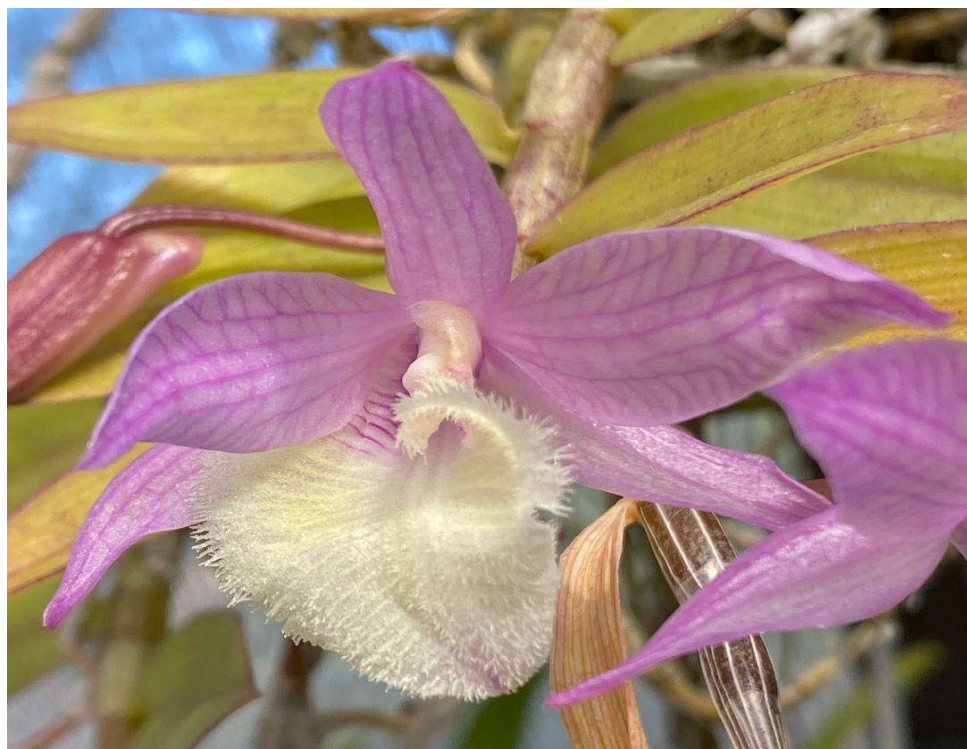


## Lancer Smith

1<sup>st</sup>: *Meiracyllium trinasutum* 'Laurelwood' grown by Miki Ichiyanagi



2<sup>nd</sup>: *Dendrobium aphyllum*, grown by Marcia Hart





3<sup>rd</sup>: *Aerangis hildebrand* 'Gold Country' grown by Miki Ichiyanagi



### **Your 2022 DVOC Leaders**

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