

# Diablo View Orchid Society

## Zoom Meetings Continue

**Diablo View Orchid Society (DVOS)**  
**Virtual monthly meeting for July 14, 2022**

**Zoom meeting starts at 7:00pm PST**  
**(Chit-chat begins at 6:45pm)**

### Our July Speaker

*Mediterranean-Climate Terrestrial Orchids of  
Europe and Australia (how to grow them)*

**Speaker: Scott A. McGregor**



*Calypso bulbosa*. A CA

Our July meeting will feature [Scott A. McGregor](#), who in addition to having a notable career in the computer software and hardware industries, has been growing orchids since he was 12, when a neighbor gave him a plant. That plant had a short life, but the hook was set. Scott studied books on orchids and sought out sources for orchid species while growing up in St. Louis, MO. Having lived in different locations around the world, his collection evolved over time, but has always centered around more "unusual" species. Scott grows all his plants outdoors, without a greenhouse, just "subtracting some sunlight and adding some water" to what nature provides at his current home in Orange County, CA.



He especially enjoys finding new species that grow well in our Mediterranean climate (many are far more adaptable than most people would believe), and now grows over 500 different orchid species, along with cloud forest companion plants such as *Heliamphora* and epiphytic *Utricularia*. He rarely uses chemical insecticides or fungicides, preferring fresh air, beneficial insects, and our native tree frogs.

Scott retired from the corporate world a few years ago but stays active on various corporate boards and working with non-profit organizations that promote science education for kids.

**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 7/13/22 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,

July 6, 2022

I hope you all enjoyed Harvey Brenneise's talk on semi-hydroponic growing. He gave me a lot to think about and precipitated a trip to IKEA. I look forward to seeing how I can incorporate his ideas into my growing environment. I would like to hear what you are all doing with this information.

I am truly enjoying my early summer *Cattleya* bloom this year. I have four *Cattleya purpuratas* in full bloom. Now my *Cattleya tenebrosa* has finally bloomed. I feel like I am channeling Tom Pickford! *Rechingerara Zazzle* is getting ready to throw up some more blooms again. Thanks to the breeding of Ted McClellan several of us have one of these plants and they seem to be in bloom all year long! Thanks for the entertainment, Ted.

Remember our late summer **AUCTION**. We will be having an auction in the parking lot of the water district again this year on Saturday, August 13 starting at 8:30 AM. PLEASE- lets all participate as both donors and buyers. We had a great time last year. Let's make it even better this year. See details in the newsletter.

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

Stay safe and healthy!

*Diane*

# DVOS Late Summer Auction

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August 13, 2022

Check in 8:30 AM

Auction Starts 9:30 AM

Contra Costa Water District Parking Lot

1331 Concord Ave

Concord, CA 94520





# Volunteers Needed for the Auction

Our auction is coming up August 13 at 9:30 AM. We need EVERYBODY to participate.

Please:

- Prepare plants for donation (Check for bugs!).
- Submit information for the pre auction catalog. Your plant does not need to be “fancy” to be in the catalog. This catalog was very helpful last year for getting folks interested in the auction. Let’s make it work again this year.
- Communicate with you orchid growing friends about donating to our auction. They don’t need to be members of DVOS to donate!

We need help the day of the auction

- Chairs
- Tables
- Shade- tents, umbrellas
- White board
- Refreshments
- Check in will start at 8:30 AM
- Auction will start at 9:30 AM If you can volunteer to work, please contact Diane Bond ([bondddiane9@gmail.com](mailto:bondddiane9@gmail.com))
- **BRING A CHAIR**- this auction is outside.
- We would like EVERYONE to participate. Please donate plants. Please make sure your plants are healthy, vigorous and pest free.
- We are making a catalog to be released 1 week before the auction. If you would like your plant to be included in the catalog, please send your information to Diane Bond ([bondddiane9@gmail.com](mailto:bondddiane9@gmail.com)). She must receive your information by Saturday July 30 for inclusion in the catalog:
  - We would like as much information as possible for the catalog but at the very least list the plant name.
  - See following pages for examples of further information that could be useful for the catalog.

**This auction is going to be outside in August. Make sure you have sun protection, water, chairs.**

**IF YOU CANNOT BE PRESENT IN PERSON, BUT WOULD LIKE TO BID** on items in the catalog, we have appointed Pat [Bacchetti](mailto:bacpab@comcast.net) to act as Proxy and bid for you. Please contact her at [bacpab@comcast.net](mailto:bacpab@comcast.net) no later than August 6 for details. This service is available to DVOS members only.

# Auction Catalog Page Template

Photo of actual plant  
that is being auctioned.  
Please indicate scale.

If not in bloom, please  
provide a photo of the  
bloom. Please indicate  
if the photo is of this  
plant (or a division of  
this plant)

- Name (please include the entire name as you know it)
- Any cultural background that you have or can find
- How you have been growing it
- Last time it bloomed, was divided, was repotted
- Has it been tested for Virus? If so- what is it's status? (you do NOT have to virus test)
- Reserve price (if applicable)
- Donor's name

You do not have to present all of your information in this format. This is an illustration of the kind of information that we would like for the catalog. **You can just provide this information (along with images) in an email to Diane ([bonddiane9@gmail.com](mailto:bonddiane9@gmail.com))**

## Auction Catalog Page Example



Plant is 10 inches above the rim  
of the pot.

Blooms 3.5" vertical x 2.5 "  
horizontal.

Photo taken early July 2021

### Lycaste deppei

- One of the plants we received from the Littauer family. It was repotted June 1, 2021 into a 5" plastic pot with large fir bark.
- Found in Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua on trees and rocks in humid montane forests at elevations of 3000 ft to 5000 ft above sea level. Cold to warm growing. Flower should have a peppermint scent. Deciduous.
- Very healthy plant growing outside under shade cloth in Oakland. Watered ~ twice a week. Fertilized with K-Lite (62 ppm) pH5.5.
- Reserve price \$20.
- Donor Littauer family.





# ANYBODY INTERESTED IN KIWI BARK?

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- **WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT SIZES ARE AVAILABLE OR PRICE YET.**
  - **Last year we paid \$38/50 liter bag. Assume it will be more expensive this year but still much better price than you can get elsewhere.**
  - **Please let us know if you are interested (BONDDIANE9@GMAIL.COM)**

## **Kiwi Orchid Bark is available in various graded sizes**

- No. 1 is approximately 3 to 6mm in size. It can be used for young or small plants.
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- No. 3 is approximately 8 to 20 mm in size. Suitable for 4" to 5" pot size. Used for small to medium-sized cymbidiums, cattleyas, vandas and phalaenopsis, etc.
- No. 4 is approximately 20 to 25 mm in size. Suitable for 6" to 8" pot size.Used for larger cattleya type orchids and cymbidium mixes.
- No. 5 is approximately 25 to 50 mm in size. Used for larger orchids that need to dry out between watering.

# Virtual Show and Tell

It's July and summer is upon us. Please share images of your blooms with your fellow DVOS members. As you know, we are still meeting "virtually", so please take advantage of this online opportunity to show us what your plants are doing. Take pictures and send them in for others to enjoy. We seem to have a "core" group of people who submit images; I encourage more of our members to participate!

As always, please vote for your fellow members' submissions from last month. We had a rather poor voting turnout last month. Let's see if we can do better in voting for our June submissions.

## Voting on June submissions

June appears to have been a "slow" month for flowering; nevertheless, we have a nice, though somewhat smaller, selection of blooms for you to vote on. Make your preferences known and vote! Voting closes on July 31, 2022. Links to the voting forms are given below.

### Novice:

<https://forms.gle/M8PcyCBRYgYQ1Q4z9>

### Intermediate:

<https://forms.gle/YgBhH8sFrKT1zLMY8>

### Advanced:

<https://forms.gle/duuZccTUuZxR31bM9>

### Master:

<https://forms.gle/sGhwcWj2VaHKbUsq5>

### Lancer Smith:

<https://forms.gle/ps1TuFXtvip4DKGs8>

## Submitting July 2022 Show and Tell entries

We're ready to accept submissions of your June inflorescences (thru July 31, 2022). Don't hold out on us; we want to see those beautiful plants! 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/1XkCzgPJSnLC38wFJ1vUaf6RK9YcY9Q\\_r?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XkCzgPJSnLC38wFJ1vUaf6RK9YcY9Q_r?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). Please don't send your images to my sbcglobal.net account; use the e-mail account given above.

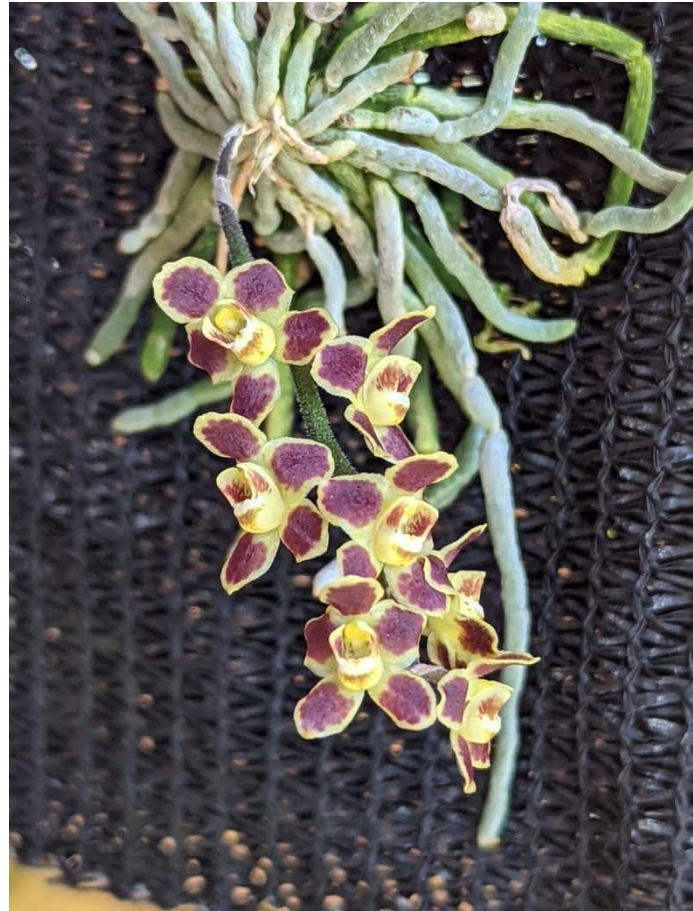
*Henry*



# May Show and Tell Winners

## Novice

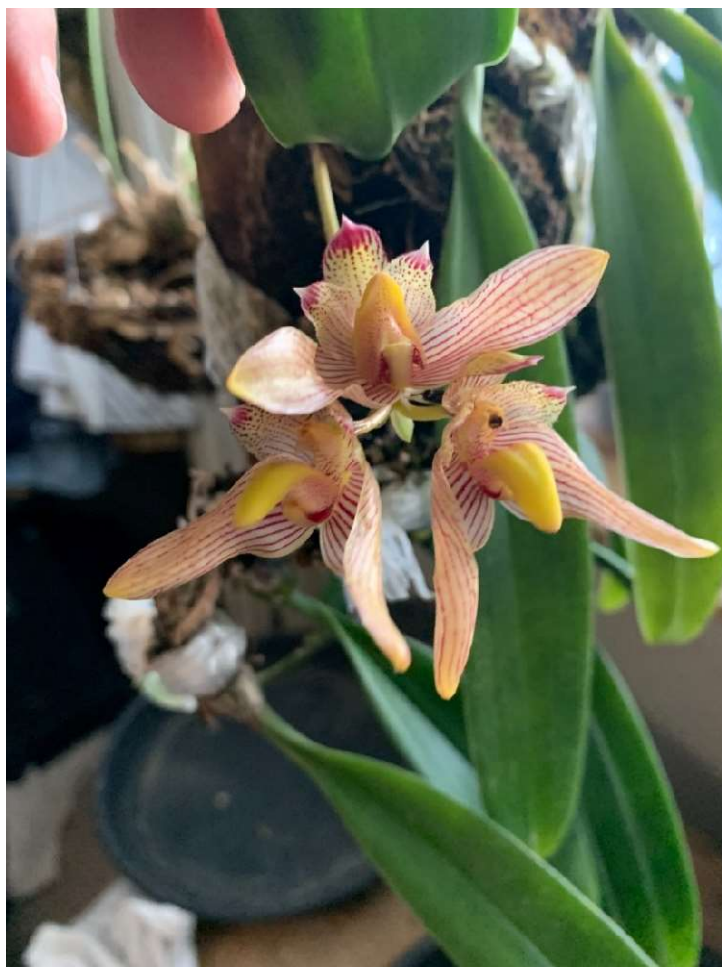
1<sup>st</sup> *Chiloschista lunifera* grown by Kaitlyn Strom



2<sup>nd</sup> *Masdevallia coccinea* var. *xanthina* M. Wayne Miller  
AM/AOS grown by Pat Bacchetti



3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) *Bulbophyllum bicolor* grown by Daniel Neighbors



3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) *Epipactis gigantea* grown by Daniel Neighbors



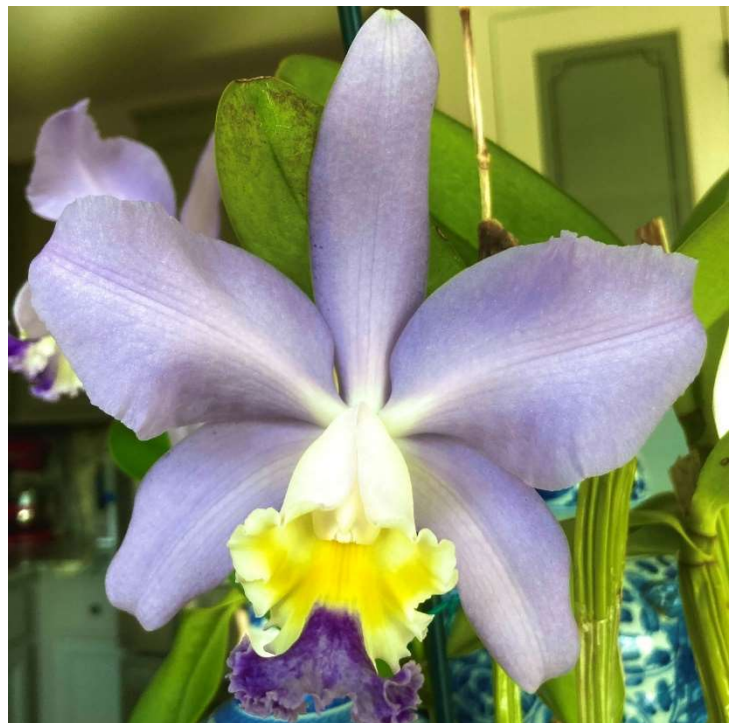


## Intermediate

1<sup>st</sup> *Cattlianthe* Final Blue 'Royal Purple' grown by George Su



2<sup>nd</sup> *Cattleya* Mrs. Herbert Greaves 'Jenny Blue' grown by George Su





3<sup>rd</sup> *Catyclia* Atrowalker grown by George Su



## Advanced

1<sup>st</sup> *Cattleya grandis* grown by Tom Pickford



2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) *Barkeria spectabilis* grown  
by Miki Ichiyanagi

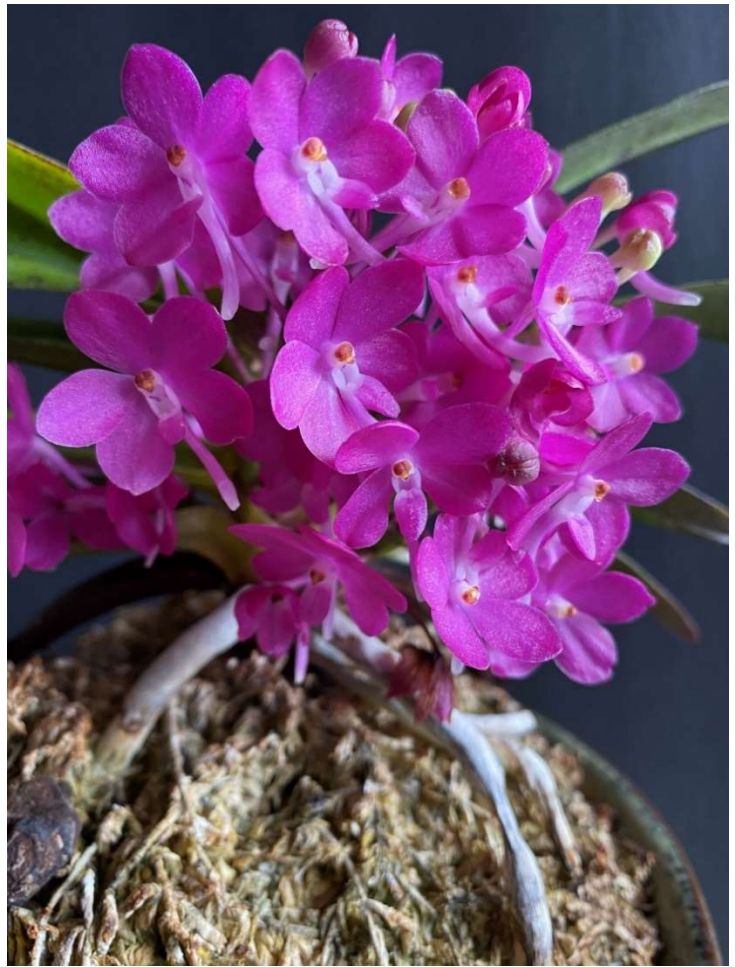


2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) *Cattleya* Zip grown by Tom  
Pickford

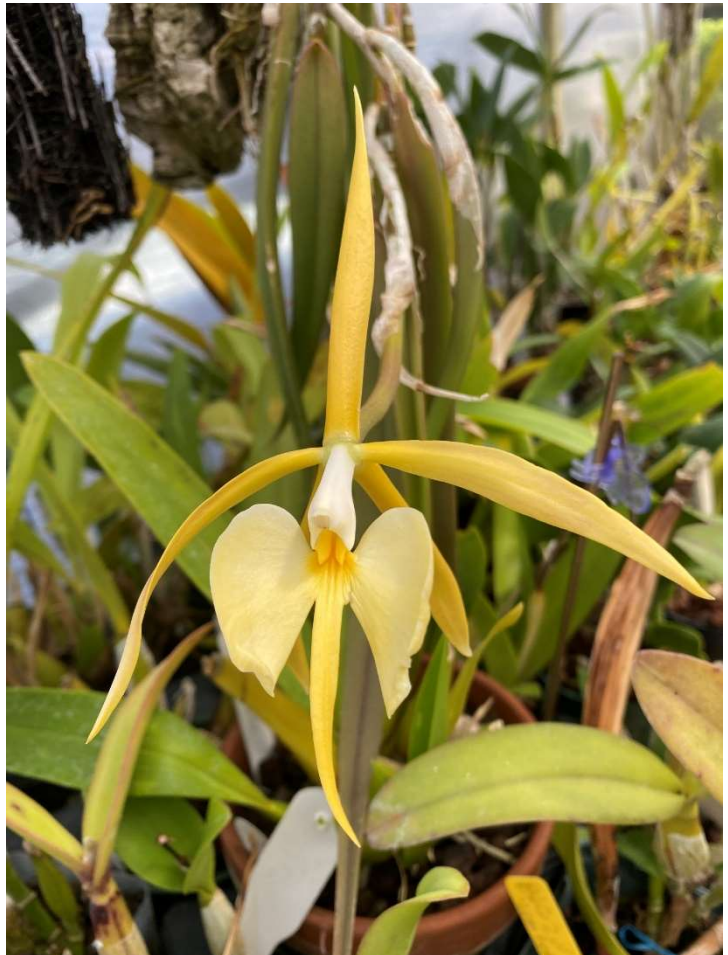




3<sup>rd</sup> (3-way tie) *Ascofinetia* Cherry Blossom  
grown by Marcia Hart



3<sup>rd</sup> (3-way tie) *Epidendrum parkinsonianum*  
grown by Marcia Hart



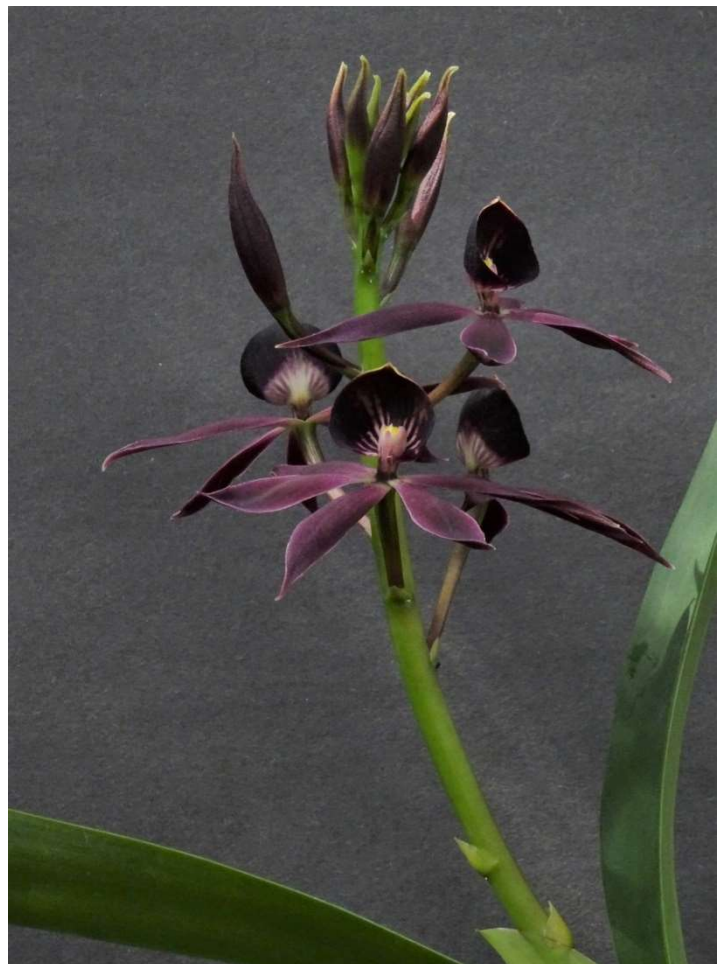


3<sup>rd</sup> (3-way tie) *Guarilanthé guatemalensis* grown by Marcia Hart

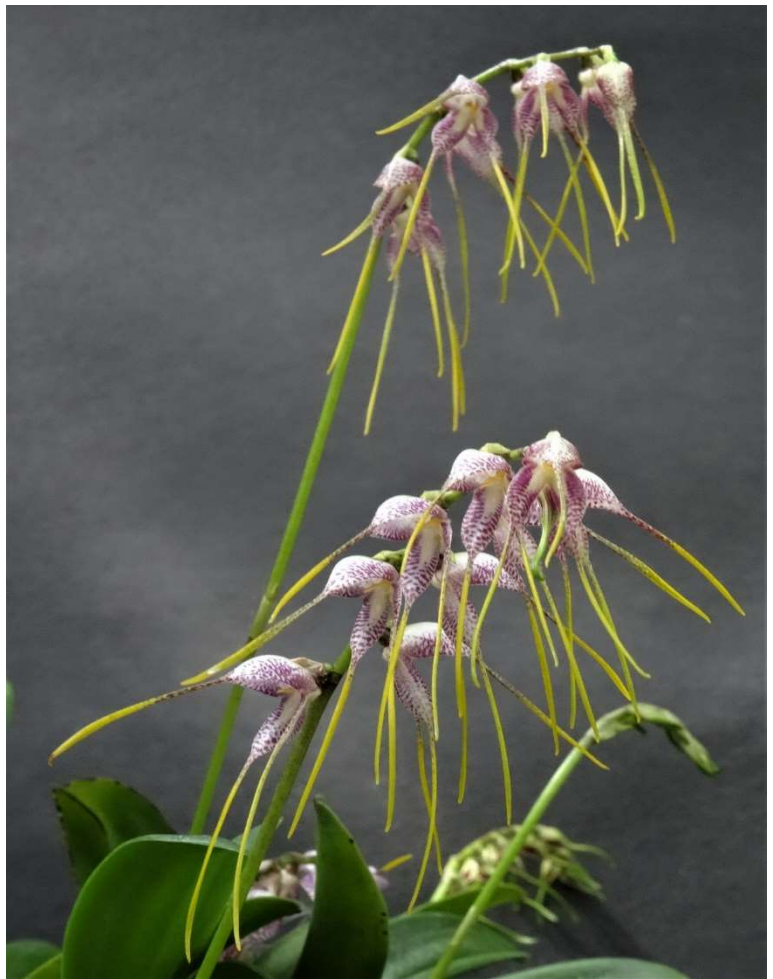


## Master

1<sup>st</sup> *Guarechea* Black Comet Indigo Blue grown by Diane Bond



2<sup>nd</sup> *Masdevallia superbiens* grown by Diane Bond



3<sup>rd</sup> *Dendrobium chrysotoxum* grown by Eileen Jackson



## Lancer Smith

1<sup>st</sup> *Capenemia uliginosa* grown by Elieen Jackson



2<sup>nd</sup> *Vanda falcata* grown by Marcia Hart





3<sup>rd</sup> *Dendrobium parishii* grown by  
Eileen Jackson



### **Your 2022 DVOC Leaders**

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