

Diablo View Orchid Society

Zoom Meetings Continue

Diablo View Orchid Society (DVOS)

Virtual monthly meeting for Sept. 8, 2022

Zoom meeting starts at 7:00pm PST

(Doors “open” at 6:45pm for general chit-chat)

September's Speaker Topic

Survival of the Trickiest (How Orchids Trick their Pollinators)

Speaker: Lawrence Kuekes, Hilo Orchid Society

Most flowers lure their pollinators with a reward of nectar or pollen. But did you know that at least a third of all orchid species trick their pollinators into pollinating them with no reward whatsoever? This month, our speaker, Larry Kuekes, will present a Zoom talk showing some of the amazing adaptations that orchids use to trick their pollinators, from providing fake pollen, to imitating a female bee (to attract male bees), to mechanical traps worthy of a James Bond film. The presentation will be done in Larry's distinctive multimedia style, including music and video clips. Join us for a fun survey of some of the world's most amazing orchids!

Larry started growing orchids on his windowsills in Connecticut in 1984, where he grew mostly cool- and intermediate-growing orchids. In 2010 he retired and moved to Hilo Hawaii, where he started a small diverse collection of mostly warm-growing orchids in a shade house near sea level. Although he grows some hybrids, he's a self-described “species nut”.

Larry was President of the Hilo Orchid Society in 2014-2015, was their Treasurer 2020-2021, and is currently their Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.

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 before 9/7/22 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,

September 1, 2022

Whew! Well, the late summer auction is wrapped up. I hope you had a good time. It was very nice to see folks that could make it. We missed those of you who were out of town (Linda Castleton- I'm talking about you!) Hopefully, next year we can schedule it so a larger number of us can get there. The auction was a great success. This is our major fundraiser. We did almost exactly as well as we did last year (which was great!). And - yes- I brought home some more friends for the greenhouse. I would like to thank our wonderful auctioneers again. Carol Klonowski and Kathy Barrett are amazing orchid experts and great entertainment on top of that. We are very lucky that these two took the time to help us out and educate us on the way. What a treat!

Now I must get out there and take care of all of the plants I have collected. I am doing a lot of repotting. I have decided that my Masdevallias like to be repotted every year. I guess that is the reason for all those Masdevallia divisions at the auction! Other plants are getting HUGE. I guess I will be making more divisions for the show or auction. It's always nice to share. My Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums are starting to bloom. It is always nice to see them wake up. I like watching the Phalaenopsis as the seasons change. They must be very sensitive to daylength changes. They always seem to start put on growth, spikes and roots as the summer starts to wane. There is always something to watch with the orchids (yes - those Cymbidiums need some cleaning up!).

The next activity that we need to turn to here at DVOS is our annual ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS. We kicked that can down the road last year but now we need to get down to business. There are several positions that are open. I NEED volunteers for our society's leadership positions. DVOS is a vibrant, fun organization because members get involved. Well, I'm telling you - it is time to get involved.

Take pictures. I want to see what is blooming in YOUR garden.

Stay safe and healthy! I hope to see you at the meeting (by Zoom).

Regards,

Diane

Diablo View Orchid Society Elections

From the DVOS Constitution

Article 4- Officers and Board of Directors, Section 3.

No officer, with the exception of Treasurer, shall be eligible for more than two consecutive terms in the same office or until his or her successors are elected.

This means that we need a new President and Secretary this year.

So that you don't have to read any more of the constitution, I will summarize what will be taking place this fall:

1. The nominating committee will be convened in October. This will be led by Marcia Hart (Immediate Past President) and include two members nominated by Marcia.
2. The proposed slate of officers will be published in the November newsletter and presented at the November general meeting.
3. Voting for the slate of officers and board members will take place at the December meeting.

DVOS needs your help. When contacted, please contribute. Our society is only as good as each member makes it. Let's make DVOS 2023 GREAT!

Virtual Show and Tell

Where did the summer go??? The forecast is for record high temperatures this first week of September, autumn and cooler weather should be coming. Although we still have some warm days and cool nights ahead of us, those plants that need a dry winter rest will soon need to be situated appropriately.

We are still meeting "virtually" this month, but all indications are that we will be back to "in-person" meetings in October. In the meantime, please take advantage of this online opportunity to share images of your blooms with your fellow DVOS members. Please to show us what your plants are doing. Take pictures and send them in for others to enjoy. We continue to have a rather small "core" group of people who submit images, and in August, we had **NO** Novice submissions (for the first time I've been handling the virtual S&T). I encourage more of our members to participate!

As always, please vote for your fellow members' submissions from last month. We had another low voting turnout for the July submissions. Let's see if we can do better in voting on the August plants. Remember that when voting, you have to scroll to the very bottom of the page and hit the "**submit**" button, otherwise your votes will not be recorded!

Voting on August submissions

We have a small, but lovely selection of blooms for you to vote on. Make your preferences known and vote! Voting closes on September 30, 2022. Links to the voting forms are given below.

Novice:

No submissions

Intermediate:

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Advanced:

<https://forms.gle/zuEAnBn9Rqu5tSw17>

Master:

<https://forms.gle/E8SwpgJji7G9ppDQ9>

Lancer Smith:

<https://forms.gle/QpgxD5TuQAXvjkQK7>

Submitting September 2022 Show and Tell entries

We're ready to accept submissions of your JSeptember inflorescences (through September 30, 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). 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/1W--Iz5zLJZ--BOUW0pliv21ok77dMDBN?usp=sharing>

As always, if you have questions or problem uploading your images, you can e-mail me at dvosshowandtell@gmail.com. Please don't send your images to my sbcglobal.net account; use the e-mail account given above.

Henry

The American Orchid Society **FALL MEMBERS MEETING**

Hosted by The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

"Panning for Orchids" Show and Sale

October 26th - 30th, 2022

at the Embassy Suites Sacramento Riverfront
in Sacramento, CA

- Orchid Displays and Plant Sales
- Preview Event
- AOS Judging
- Live & Silent Auction
- Beautiful Setting in Old Town Sacramento - Close to it All

SAVE THE DATE!

Details Coming Soon

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American Orchid Society
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Our Lineup of Speakers

Dave Sorokowsky – *The Evolution of Judging Standards of Paphiopedilum Species*

Dr. Leslie EE – *Phalaenopsis violacea Blue Breeding*

Francisco Miranda – *Improvement in Brazilian Cattleya Breeding*

Alan Koch - *Angraecums and their Relatives for the Home Grower*

Ramon de los Santos – *Notable Orchids of the Philippines*

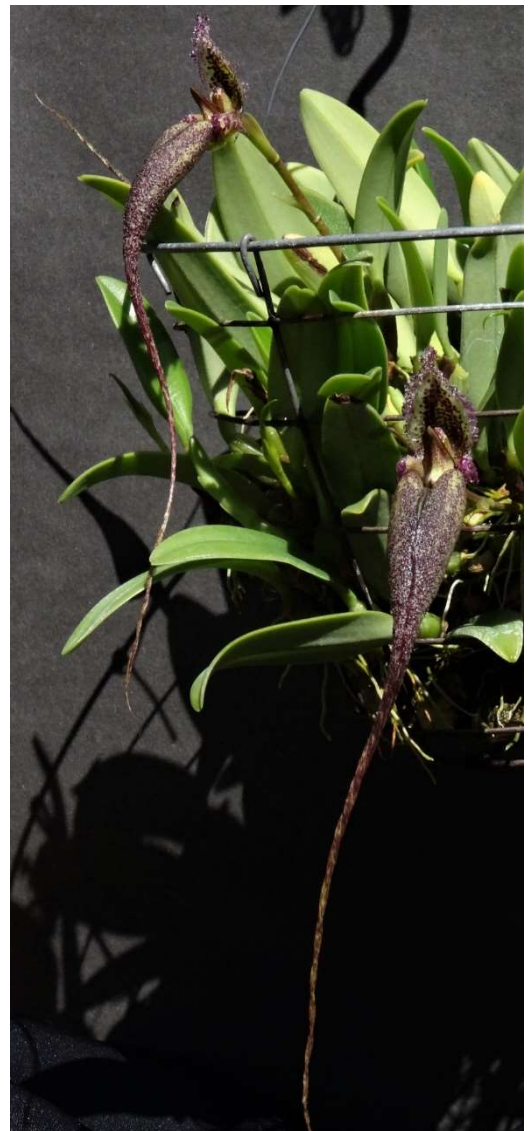
July 2002 DVOS Show and Tell Winners

Masters

1st: *Cattleya Canhamiana* 'Cobalt' AM/AOS x
Cattleya Canhamiana 'Azure Skies' AM/AOS,
grown by Diane Bond



2nd: *Bulbophyllum fascinator* var *corazonae*, grown by
Diane Bond



3rd: *Lycaste aromatica*,
grown by Diane Bon

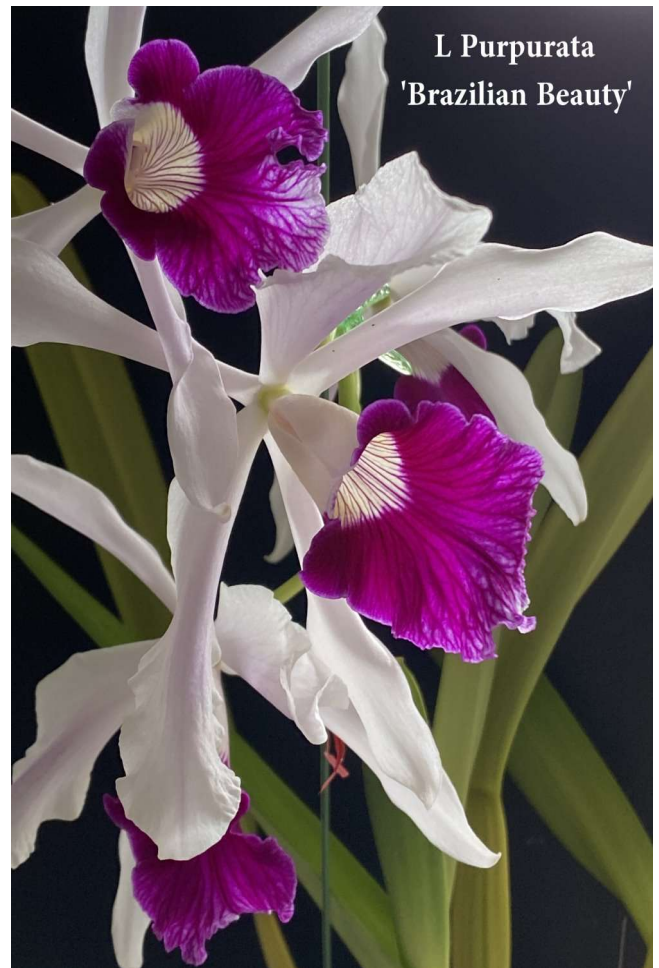


Advanced

1st: *Epidendrum cristatum*, grown by
Tom Pickford



2nd (tie): *Laelia purpurata* 'Brazilian Beauty',
grown by Marcia Hart



2nd (tie): *Phragmipedium Calurum*
var. Roseum, grown by Miki
Ichiyanagi

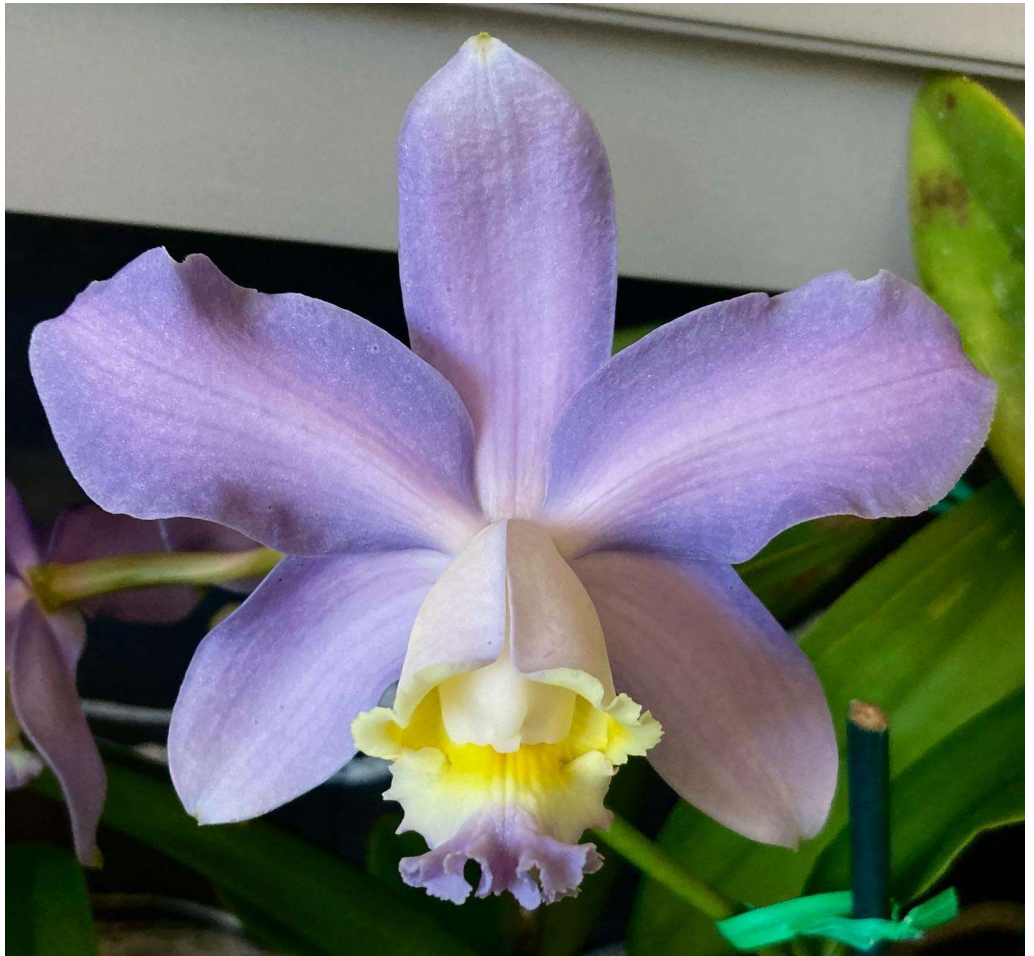


3rd: *Cattleya Samba*
Crown, grown by Tom
Pickford



Intermediate

1st: *Cattleya loddigesii*
f *coerulea* 'Blue Sky'
AM/AOS, grown by
George Su



2nd: *Cattleya Memoria Nettie Belk*,
grown by George Su

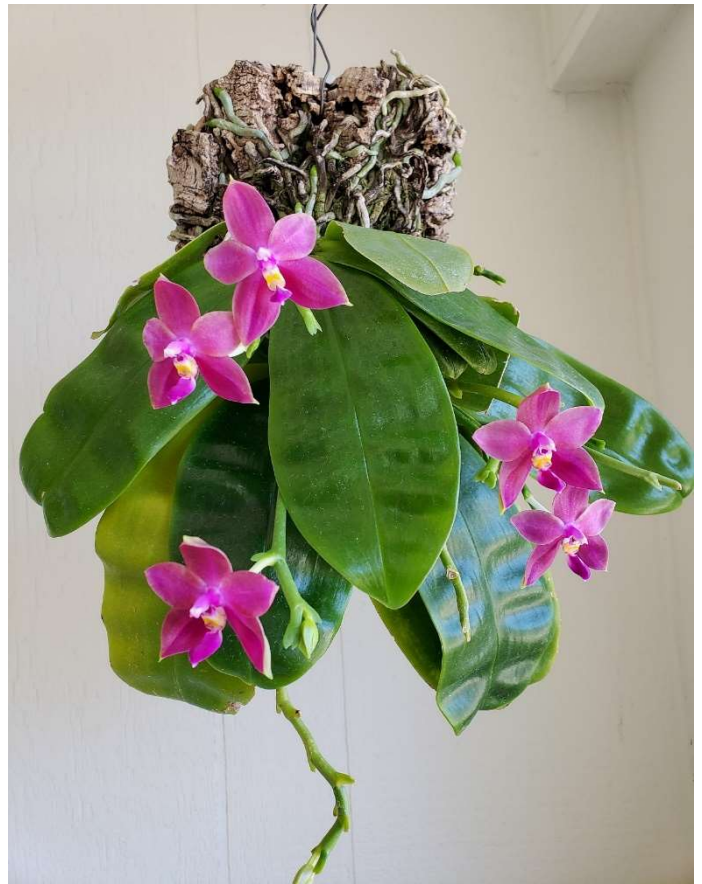


3rd: *Vanda falcata*, grown by Carol
Bassett



Novice

1st: *Phalaenopsis* LD Bellina Eagle x
Phalapsis Prima, grown by Peter Ansdell



2nd: *Bulbophyllum*
Jan Ragan, grown by
Pat Bacchetti



3rd (tie): *Phalaenopsis* LD Green Kingfisher
'Mituo', grown by Kaitlyn Strom



3rd (tie): *Phalaenopsis* Mituo Purple
Dragon 'Phalanx', grown by Kaitlyn
Strom



Lancer Smith

1st: *Meiracyllia triasutum*, grown by Tom Pickford



2nd: *Vanda falcata*, grown by Henry Shaw



Your 2022 DVOC Leaders

• President	Diane Bond
• Vice President	Henry Shaw
• Secretary	Brittany Miller
• Treasurer	Liz Charlton
• Board Member	Ulrike Ahlborn
• Board Member	Patricia Bachett
• Board Member	Rachel Brinkerhoff
• Board Member	Barry Hart
• Board Member	Eileen Jackson
• Board Member	George Su
• Newsletter Editor	Barry Hart
• Web Master	Ulrike Ahlborn
• Membership Chairperson	Ulrike Ahlborn
• Past President	Marcia Hart
• New Member Mentor	Eileen Jackson
• Show and Sale Chairperson	Eileen Jackson
• Hospitality	open
• Raffle	Marcia Hart
• Show and Tell Supervisor	open