

# Diablo View Orchid Society

The meeting is Jan. 12 at 7:15 pm PST, at the  
Concord Water District, 1331 Concord Ave, Concord 94521  
Doors open at 6:30pm for Show & Tell setup and conversations

January's Speaker is Tanya Lam

## Long Lasting and Frequently Blooming Orchid Species

This month's topic should be interesting to everyone. We are all trying to create collections with at least a few blossoms to enjoy, no matter the time of year. Many of us are also becoming more interested in growing more of the many fascinating orchid species. This lecture brings together both of these desires in a talk about long lasting and frequently blooming orchid species.

Our January speaker will be Tanya Lam. Tanya is an accomplished orchid grower and has spoken to many societies on various orchid topics. She lives in San Jose California where she grows many orchid genera both outdoors and in greenhouses. Tanya juggles her time to work full time, travel frequently for business, take care of family, and tend to her orchid collections. As Tanya has expanded her collections over the past 20 years, she has tried to have different orchids in bloom every day of the year. She does not want to miss seeing the blooms just because she is on business trips.



After seeing plants grow in their habitats in Thailand, Brazil, Ecuador, Australia, and China, she realized that acquiring an orchid collection that encompasses the geographical diversity of orchids would help her achieve her goals. Tanya has now grown species from every continent and continues to search for long lasting and frequently blooming species to add to her collections.

For her presentation this month, she will share a list of recommended plants, including photos and a brief overview of the growing conditions for each. This is a great opportunity to learn about some orchid species that will add diversity and flowers to your collection. Don't miss it!

Members of DOVS are invited to a no-host, pre-meeting dinner with our guest speaker, We will meet for dinner at 5 PM on Thursday January 12 at: Aung Burma, 2151 Salvio St Suite E, Concord, CA 94520

This restaurant is a 5-minute drive from the meeting venue. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to [bonddiane9@gmail.com](mailto:bonddiane9@gmail.com) by 5PM Wednesday, January 11 so that I can make reservations.

# The President's Letter

Dear Orchid Friends:

Happy New Year to all our members! May 2023 bring you and yours only good things, healthy plants, and abundant orchid blooms!

In 2022, DVOS began slowly awakening from our COVID-19-imposed transition to “in-person” meetings, and I hope that 2023 will continue that trend back to normalcy. I want to thank our past President, Diane Bond, for guiding us through three challenging years, and I look forward to having her serve as Vice President of our Society in 2023. She is using her contacts to put together an exciting and informative series of meeting speakers that will likely involve a mix of both in-person and remote speakers using a hybrid meeting format. As you’ll read elsewhere in this newsletter, our January meeting will feature Tanya Lam, an experienced grower from San Jose who will give us her recommendations for good plants and how to grow them in our area, based on her experience with her extensive orchid collection. (On a personal note, this is a timely talk, as my *Bc. Makai* ‘Mayumi’ HCC/AOS is currently in bloom. This is a plant I acquired at the 2019 Peninsula Orchid Society Show and was one of the plants Tanya had for sale at the members’ sale table. It’s been a reliable bloomer every year.)

I and the rest of the DVOS Board know that some of our members preferred being able to “attend” our meetings via Zoom, so we are looking into how to “broadcast” our in-person meetings so that members who can’t or don’t wish to travel to Concord can participate. Nevertheless, I think our emphasis should be on trying to get together in person (insofar as it’s “safe” from a health standpoint). Although attending a talk in pajamas from the comfort of one’s own home is convenient, we lose much of the person-to-person connection that’s so important for an all-volunteer organization to thrive. “Virtual” meetings don’t provide the opportunity to look at fellow members’ Show & Tell plants up close; have dinner with and get to know our speakers; or to indulge in the yummy edible treats that our members bring for our meeting “intermission”. I hope that all of you will make the effort necessary to attend meetings in person in 2023!

DVOS has several near-term events on the calendar. We’ve been invited to stage a display of blooming orchids at the **Filoli Historic House & Gardens in January**. Be sure to look at Diane Bond’s article in this newsletter to see how you can participate. (Hint – bring your blooming plants to our monthly meeting on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>.) We are also in the thick of the planning for **our Annual Orchid Show**, which will be held, after a two-year hiatus, on Saturday, February 11, 2023. We need volunteers both for setup on the evening of Feb. 10, and folks to help on the day of the Show, as well as help publicizing the event. Our annual show is our primary means of attracting new members, and we need to rebuild our membership after several years of COVID-19 membership losses. We’ll be discussing how people can help during the business sessions at both our January and February general meetings. Please volunteer! If you can’t attend these meetings but want to help, please contact me at [DVOSShowandTell@gmail.com](mailto:DVOSShowandTell@gmail.com).

Because we’ve not had the opportunity to have “hallway chats” at meetings for the last few years, and because I’ve only been a member of DVOS since 2019, joining at our Show that year, many of you probably don’t know who I am, so an introduction is in order. I’m a relative newcomer to orchid cultivation. Although I killed my share of Trader Joe’s and grocery store Phalaenopsis plants over the years, my serious interest in orchids only began around 2015, when I recognized that there was a

world of orchids beyond what Trader Joe's sells. The oldest plants in my collection are some of those old Phals, and one survivor (*Onc. Sharry Baby* 'Sweet Fragrance') out of three tiny one-inch pot seedlings I bought from Akatsuka Orchid Gardens in Hawaii while on vacation there in 2015. The rest of my ~100-plant collection has been accumulated since then from local shows and online vendors. I have no greenhouse; I grow everything under natural light on windowsills or outdoors, and I'm still very much experimenting to see what I can grow and bloom successfully under the conditions I can provide here in San Ramon. So far, I've been most successful with Australian Dendrobiums, *Vanda* (*Neofinetia*) *falcata*, and various *Oncidium* species. I look forward to continuing my experimenting and sharing my orchid journey with all of you!

Henry

Just in case... and for the last time...

## **2023 Membership Dues are Due!**

**Its that time again!**

**Please send in your dues for next year so that we can continue to keep DVOS going.**

**There are two easy ways to pay- electronic or good old snail mail. See instructions in the next two pages.**

**Get those dues in so that DVOS can continue to be the society we all depend on.**

## **Electronic submission of DVOS dues**

**Fill in the membership form at this link:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSJo4es2EKGJj01\\_SG9XLt6CBTtxtXKGy6BXiYzlq3lzINdbQ/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSJo4es2EKGJj01_SG9XLt6CBTtxtXKGy6BXiYzlq3lzINdbQ/viewform?usp=sharing)

**Pay:**

**Zelle**

**Pay \$30.00 to [dvostreasury@gmail.com](mailto:dvostreasury@gmail.com)**

**Or**

**Stripe:**

Use either this

link <https://buy.stripe.com/dR6aGf3lX0sd1C8288> or the QR code below to pay by credit card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay



**You will be charged \$30 plus 90 cents to pay for processing.**

**You will be notified by email of receipt of funds.**

## **Mail in submission of DVOS dues**

**1. We ask for the following carefully printed information:**

**First Name**

**Last Name**

**Email address**

**Phone number**

**Address**

**2. Write a check for \$30 payable to Diablo View Orchid Society.**

**3. Mail the check along with the information indicated above to:**

**Liz Charlton**

**104 Brandon Rd**

**Pleasant Hill, CA 94523**

**I will email you on receipt of funds and membership form.**

# Filoli Orchid Exhibit 2023

## IT'S THIS MONTH!!

DVOS has been invited to participate in the Filoli orchid exhibit in 2023. We will be responsible for providing orchids to be on exhibit from Friday January 13 through Monday January 22.

This is an exciting opportunity for us and should be good publicity for our society. Now I need help from all of you. If you would be willing to contribute blooming plants for our exhibit, please contact Diane Bond ([bonddiane9@gmail.com](mailto:bonddiane9@gmail.com)).



Please bring your blooming plants to the January 12 meeting or make arrangements with Diane for plant pick up. I know this is a slow time in a lot of collections but now you can't say "you should have seen it a few weeks ago!" at the DVOS show and sale.

## IT'S NEXT MONTH!!

**FEBRUARY 10 AND 11, WE ARE HAVING OUR IN-PERSON SHOW AND SALE!**

**At the same place we did it a few years ago...**

**First Lutheran Church**

**4000 CONCORD BLVD**

**Concord, Ca 94519**

Friday February 10 set up begins at 6.15pm. Please do not come before this time as parents picking up their children, and the cleaning crew need the entrance to be clear. If you get there before this time park further out in the parking lot and wait until 6.15pm before you enter the building.

Bring your blooming plants for the show. There will be people to help you fill out the required entry tags. Entries for novice, intermediate and advanced will be accepted. Ribbons and rosettes will be awarded in each class. Plants need to be at the show by 7.30pm This will give us enough time to set up the display. Please make yourself a list of all the orchids you are entering. This will ensure you take home the same plants that you brought.

Volunteers needed to help with set up 6.15pm – 9pm. Pizza will be provided.

### Saturday February 11

8am Set up continues. Volunteers needed.

9am Ribbon judging will be done by AOS judges and members of DVOS, please volunteer to do this and learn a lot from the judges. Any plants deemed worthy by the AOS judges will be judged independently after the ribbon judging. All DVOS members are welcome to listen in.

The show will be open to the public from 10am – 4pm. We need volunteers during the show for the entry table, talk to the public about the society, man the Society sales table and the plant hotel. There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting. If you are unable to attend that meeting but are able to volunteer at the show email Eileen at [Eileen.jackson@att.net](mailto:Eileen.jackson@att.net) or call 707-853-3963.

Morning coffee and lunch will be provided for the volunteers

Member's sales table: members are welcome to sell their plants with 20% going toward the society. Members wishing to sell plants will need to get the required paperwork from Liz Charlton, this will be available at the January meeting.

Take-down of the show will be 4pm-5pm. We need everyone to help to get everything put away as we still have to sweep the floor.

### **Information for Exhibitors**

- 1) The show is open to all DVOS members wishing to exhibit for ribbon judging and AOS judging. If you do not want your plant entered for AOS judging please [clearly mark NO AOS JUDGING](#) on the entry tag.
- 2) All plants to be displayed in competition shall have been grown by the exhibitor or in their possession for at least 90 days prior to the show.
- 3) All plants must be checked in by the entry clerk. There will colored cards for Novice/Intermediate/Advanced. The card will show the name of the plant, parentage if known, and name of the grower.
- 4) Judges may transfer plants to other classes at their discretion. The decision of the judges is final. For any questions pertaining to judging, the decision of the show chairperson will govern.
- 5) For your protection and the protection of other growers, no plant with visible insects, pests or disease will be accepted for entry.
- 6) No exhibitor's plants may be removed before the end of the show except when the life of the plant is in danger, and only with the consent of the show chairperson. All entries must be claimed promptly by 4.30pm on the day of the show.
- 7) All entries and entry forms must be received on Friday February 10 from 6.15pm-7.pm.
- 8) The society will endeavor to care for all exhibits, however the Society assumes no responsibility for loss or injury. Containers should be inconspicuously labelled with the owner's name.



# **We had a great Holiday Dinner!**



**GREAT Food!**



**ENTHUSIASTIC Eaters!**



**Wonderful gifts to swap!**



**At the auction, Cheryl Phillipson outbid everyone to get this beauty!**





## Your 2023 DVOC Leaders

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