

Diablo View Orchid Society

Our special **ZOOM ONLY** meeting is Feb. 9 at 7:00 pm PST
(You will get the zoom invitation information in a few days)

The President's Letter

Orchid Friends:

Wow. It's February already and our Show and Sale is only about 2 weeks away (on Saturday Feb. 11th, with setup the evening before)! See the article in [last month's newsletter](#), as well as elsewhere this edition for further details. Putting on these events "takes a village" and I encourage all our members to step up and volunteer to help, as well as bring their blooming plants for display and judging. Eileen Jackson deserves our thanks for having done a great job organizing and rounding up vendors and AOS judges. The actual execution is up to all of us!

Note that all plants to be displayed must arrive at the Show venue (First Lutheran Church, 4000 Concord Blvd. in Concord) the night before the show. We will discuss We will also have a members' sales table. If you have plants you wish to sell, and have not already been in contact with Liz Charlton (ko6xp51@gmail.com) **immediately** for instructions. DVOS will take a 20% cut of all members' sales. We will also have Marcia's jam for sale. All proceeds from the jam sales will go to DVOS.

Traditionally, our annual Show has been our primary means of attracting new members. We've not held a Show since 2020, just before COVID-19 shut everything down. Our membership ranks have declined since then and it's vital for the health of our Society to bring our numbers back up. We're a volunteer organization and we can't continue to rely on the same small group to get things done. Please get the word out to your friends and acquaintances. Post on social media. (Our website has a [graphic](#) you can use and distribute: <https://dvos.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Show23crop.jpg>). Distribute flyers to libraries, senior centers, garden stores, Trader Joe's orchid displays, etc. If you are a member of Nextdoor or similar community-based social networks, post the event in your "neighborhood". If you haven't already seen it, there is a nice writeup about the Show in *The Pioneer*, a Concord/Clayton/Pleasant Hill newspaper -- see: <https://pioneerpublishers.com/alluring-beauty-of-orchids-keep-lovers-wanting-more/>. You might link to that online article to promote the Show.

I hope you all survived the January deluge with few impacts. My backyard is still a swamp, and my own orchid collection is sulking after weeks of gloom. I have lots of plants in spike -- Aussie and hybrid Dendrobiums, my nearly everblooming *Leomesesia* (Howeara) Lava Burst 'Puanani', various *Laelia anceps*, and even a *Vanda falcata* that usually blooms in June/July are all spiking, but nothing is in bloom. With luck some of these will decide to cooperate and bloom in time for our Show!

Henry

February meeting will be ZOOM ONLY

Because our monthly meeting is the day before the set up for the show and sale, we decided to spend that time preparing for the show. The meeting will be via ZOOM. You will receive a link to the meeting by email in the next couple of days.

Topics:

- Overview of show calendar
 - Friday set up
 - Saturday
 - Ribbon judging
 - AOS judging
 - Member sales
 - Speakers
 - Clean up
- Volunteer opportunities still available
- Preparing you plants for the show
 - Trimming, washing, staking
 - Check for pests
 - How to label your plants
 - What happens when you get your plant to the show

Sign up to help at DVOS Show and Sale

Friday February 10, 6:15PM

Saturday February 11, 9:00AM - ~5:00 PM

We need help on both of these days. Please click on the link below to sign up for different jobs.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1v5_qccdhf6q7lnwpjaZ2aj3YyfH_0RhUqGTVBduxCo/edit?usp=sharing

There is a task for everyone:

Friday night:

- Set up - We will need help getting plants entered and put in the right position. No expertise necessary.

Saturday:

- Ribbon judging- Come at 9:00 to judge the show. You don't need to have any orchid expertise. Just know what you like!
- Security
- Welcome and entrance table
- Member sales table
- Plant hotel
- Clean up!!



Don't Miss This!

San Francisco Orchid Society Presents:
Celebrating Diversity
The 70th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition

February 24-25 10am - 5pm

February 26 10am - 4pm

Preview Night:

February 23 6-9pm
(Must be 21 or older)

County Fair Building
1199 9th Ave.
San Francisco, CA



www.orchidsanfrancisco.org
Discounted advance tickets available online



January Show and Tell Winners

Masdevallia papillosa

Lancer Smith: First Place

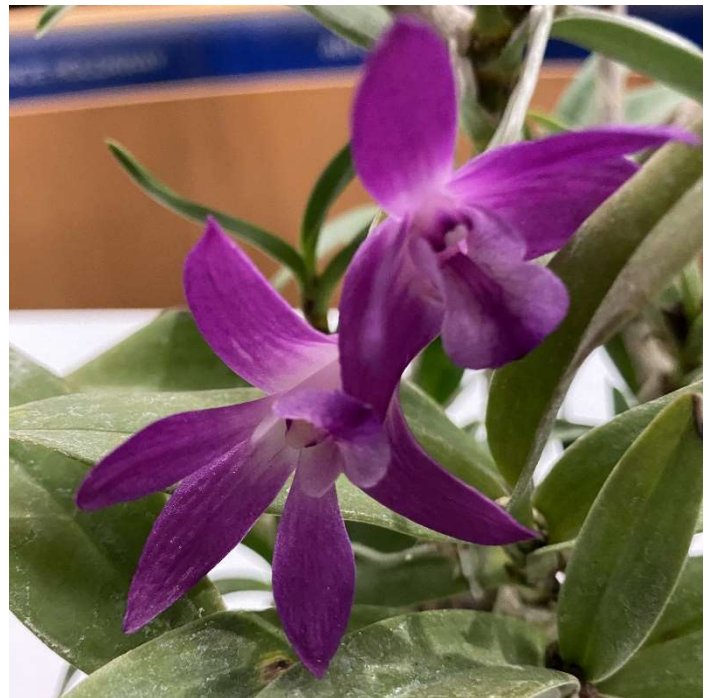
Grower: Diane Bond



Dendrobium Jonathans Glory

Novice: 1st Place

Grower: Sonya Provaznik



Oncidium Twinkle 'Yellow Bird'

Novice: 2nd Place

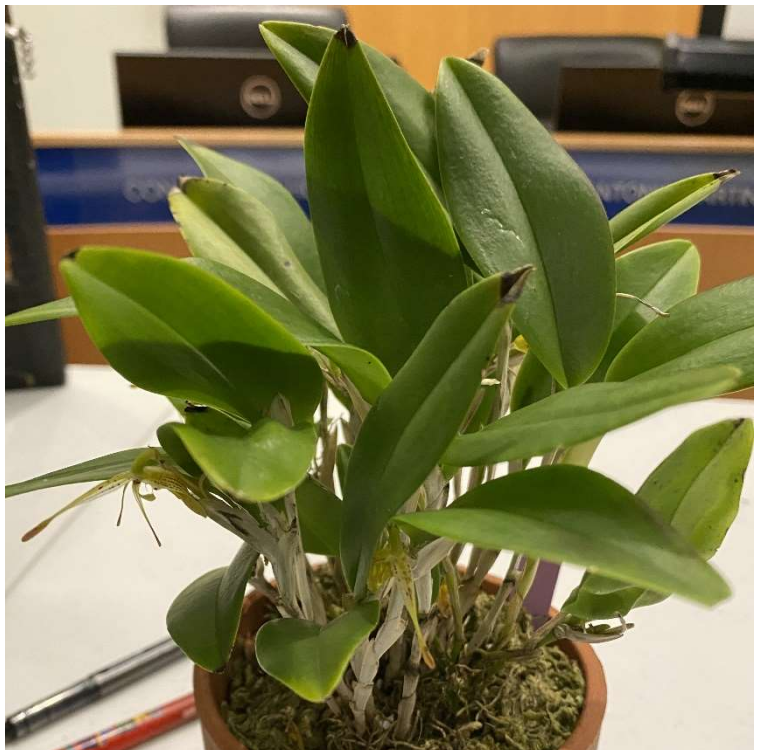
Grower: Kaitlyn Strom



Restrepia mendozea

Novice: 3rd Place

Grower: Pat Bacchetti



Rhyncattleanthe
Grezaffi's Blue

Intermediate: 1st Place



Cattleya Charming Jewel 'Sharil'

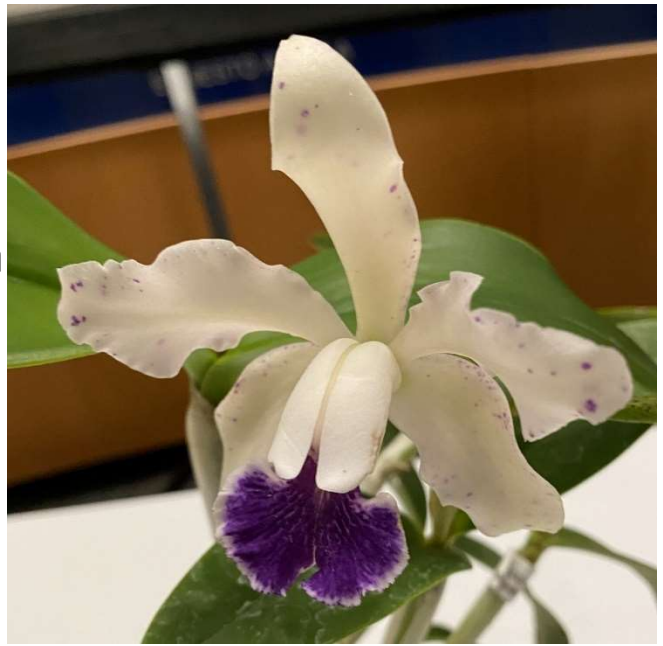
Intermediate: 2nd Place (tie)

Grower: Rachel Brinkerhoff



Cattleya DiPozzi Tiziano *coerulea*
x *Cattleya amethystoglossa*
coerulea

Intermediate: 2nd Place (tie)



Cattlianthe Portiata 'Blue Heaven'

Intermediate: 3rd Place

Grown by: George Su



Laelia anceps willamsiana

Advanced: 1st Place

Grower: Marcia Hart



Maxillaria lineolate

Advanced: 2nd Place

Grower: Marcia Hart

(Top to bottom is only ½ inch!)



Brassocatanthe Dorothy Friedel

Advanced: 3rd Place

Grower: Marcia Hart



Your 2023 DVOS Leaders

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