

Diablo View Orchid Society

The meeting is March 9 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.

March Speaker: Ron Parsons

Miniature Orchid Species

Ron Parsons has been growing orchids for more than 40 years and has been interested in and has grown species for most of that time. Ron loves to photograph orchids and other flowers whenever he can, whether it be in trips to see them in nature or in collections. Ron has nearly 60,000 digital images, most of which are orchids, and still retains a slide library that exceeds 100,000 botanical images. He has over 3000 published photos that have appeared in magazines, periodicals, journals and books. Ron has co-authored three botanical books, all with Mary Gerritsen. The first two, published by Timber Press,



are [*Masdevallias*](#), *Gems of the Orchid World*; [*Calochortus*](#), *Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives*. Most recently the third book, a large, luxurious 2-volume set [*Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*](#) was published by RedFern Natural History Productions. The latter has nearly 1200 pages, 1800 photographs and features more than 500 species.

Members of DVOS are invited to a no-host, pre-meeting dinner with our guest speaker, Ron Parsons. We will meet for dinner at 5 PM on Thursday March 09 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 dvosshowandtell@gmail.com by 5PM Wednesday, March 08 so that I can make reservations.

The President's Letter

Orchid Friends:

Wow! Just Wow! After a hiatus of three years, we managed to put on what was perhaps the most successful DVOS Show & Sale in recent memory, and it's all due to the efforts of you, our members. We had over 250 attendees at our one-day show, which far exceeded the attendance of any of our shows in recent memory. (Thank you to everyone who helped publicize the event. Whatever you did worked! Special thanks go to Greg Scown for being the charming personality greeting our arriving guests.) Our members' plants on display were beautiful, abundant, and jealousy-inducing. (Thank you to everyone who brought in their plants to display!) Our plants were judged by AOS judges early on Saturday, and two of our members' plants received AOS awards. See elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter for details. (Thank you to the judges from the California- Sierra Nevada Judging Center, who drove over 2 hours each way to participate in our Show!) Our talks were well attended and received. (Thank you, Tom Pickford and Sung Lee!) The vendors in attendance were pleased with their sales and the interactions with the attendees, and, not to brag, they rated our Show as being far more successful than other recent Bay Area orchid shows. (Thank you, Eileen Jackson, for recruiting the vendors, and for organizing the entire show!) Overall, kudos go to the many members who pitched in for setup, execution, food and drink provisions, and post-Show cleanup. There were too many of you to acknowledge by name but know that your efforts are recognized. Everything went amazingly smoothly, and we should be proud!

Unfortunately, there was one unpleasant incident that I feel obliged to report on, as it serves as a reminder to our members that we should **always** behave kindly to our visitors (and to each other). After the Show, I was contacted by one of the AOS judges, who, after arriving, started to feel seriously ill. As a result, that person was unable to participate in the judging and sat down to rest and try to recover. One of our members approached that judge and reproached them for not participating in the judging, even after the judge explained that they were not feeling well. That judge felt sufficiently harassed and upset that they left for home shortly thereafter and felt strongly enough about the incident that they reached out to contact me. I have apologized to that judge on behalf of the Society and thanked them for making the effort to participate. I should not have to remind people to always treat each other with respect, and when someone says they do not feel well, we should offer help, not criticism. If someone seems seriously ill at one of our events, please inform one of our Board Members. Obviously, in an emergency, one should call 911. Enough said.

On a more pleasant note, our Vice President Diane Bond has a stellar lineup of monthly meeting speakers for the remainder of 2023, with Ron Parsons, a noted photographer, as our March speaker. See Diane's report elsewhere in the Newsletter for more details.

My orchids, especially my Australian Dendrobiums, are waking up and I hope to have a couple of examples to bring in for Show & Tell in March. I encourage everyone, especially our Novice growers, to bring their blooms to our next meeting and participate in this activity!

Henry

Garden Tour This Year???

Last year, our greenhouse and garden tour was quite successful and several members have requested that we do it again this year.

The first thing that we need are greenhouses and gardens to visit. If you would like your greenhouse/garden on the tour, please click the internet address below and fill out the form.

<https://forms.gle/Hvnksd5aGfrT7wSA7>

Your 2023 DVOC Leaders

• President	Henry Shaw
• Vice President / Programs	Diane Bond
• Secretary	Pat Bacchetti
• Treasurer	Liz Charlton
• Board Member	Ulrike Ahlborn
• Board Member	Rachel Brinkerhoff
• Board Member	Barry Hart
• Board Member	George Su
• Board Member	Kaitlyn Strom
• Board Member	Tom Merics
• Newsletter Editor	Barry Hart
• Web Master	Ulrike Ahlborn
• Membership Chairperson	Ulrike Ahlborn
• Past President	Diane Bond
• New Member Mentor	Eileen Jackson
• Show and Sale Chairperson	Eileen Jackson
• Hospitality	open
• Raffle	Marcia Hart
• Show and Tell Supervisor	open

At our show, two of the flowers earned awards of merit:



Photo by Jamie Wasson

Earning an AM:
Paph. Tranlienum 'Max'
Grown by Tom Merics



Photo by Jamie Wasson

Earning an HCC:
Phrag. Hanna Popow 'Phoebe's Treat'
Grown by Diane Bond

2023 DVOS Orchid Show Best of Class Winners

Compiled by Eileen Jackson

Cattleya Alliance : Advanced - Laelia Anceps 'The Clown'. Yunor Peralta

Intermediate – Pot. Lila Ashitomi 'Hawaiian Flare' Cypridium Alliance

Advanced - Paph. Tranlienianum. Tom Merics. Also Best of Show Vandaceous Alliance

Advanced – Sarc. Kulnura Opus. Ted and Nancy McClellan Dendrobium Alliance

Advanced – Den. King Zip. Diane Bond

Intermediate – Den. Ise 'Pearl'. Kaitlyn Strom Oncidium/Odontoglossum Alliance

Advanced – Rhynchostele rosii Miki Ichiyanagi Intermediate – Bnfd. Gilded Tower. Rachel Brinkerhoff Cymbidium Alliance

Advanced - Cym. Speckles ' Bold Vision' - Diane Bond

Miscellaneous Advanced – Ludisia discolor - Tom Merics

Judges Choice. Intermediate – Coel. Ecarinata. Pat Bacchetti.

Novice – Masd. Bay Breeze. Jackie Krstlov