

Diablo View Orchid Society

**The meeting is April 13 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.
April Speaker: Peter T. Lin**

"Mini Catts"

This month our speaker is Peter T Lin.
The title of his talk will be "Mini- Catts
Delightful Cattleyas in Miniature".

*The meeting will be a hybrid in
person/ZOOM meeting.*

Please contact Henry Shaw
(dvosshowandtell@gmail.com) if you
want the link for the ZOOM meeting. But
I would certainly try to be at the meeting
in person. Peter will be supplying the
raffle table.



Peter started growing orchids over 40 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 15 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back, and he is now heavily involved once again! He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He is also known as "Mr Sophronitis" as he has a passion for growing and collecting them. He maintains a collection of a several thousand orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as an offsite greenhouse.

The President's Letter

Although the rain persists, there are clear signs that spring is upon us. Fruit and almond trees are flowering, the acacia tree behind our house is a vibrant yellow mass against the bright green grass of the hillside, and seedlings of summer vegetables are starting to appear in stores. I just wish it would stop raining long enough for the soil to dry out enough for me to work my garden!

In the meantime, my spring-blooming orchids have been keeping us in color and fragrance while huddled indoors sheltering from the storms. It was a banner year for my Australian Dendrobiums, especially one large *D. speciosum* that perfumed the entire downstairs with its strong honey-like perfume for over 2 weeks. Prior to that, a couple of *D. moniliforme* filled our dining room with their sweet fragrance. Currently, our kitchen smells like a piña colada as my *Maxillaria tenuifolia* comes into full bloom. Over in the breakfast area, a *Prosthechea cochleata* (formerly *Encyclia lancifolia*) is putting out its sweet and spicy odor. Can you tell I like fragrant orchids??

What's blooming in your collection? Please consider bringing in your blooming plants for the Show & Tell segment of our monthly meeting. You'll receive an extra ticket for our plant raffle, as well as the oohs and aahs of your appreciative fellow DVOS members!

Henry



Last year we had a successful Greenhouse and Garden Tour!

There have been requests to do it again. Those who have responded have chosen May 27th, the Saturday during the Memorial Day weekend. ***We need 2 more people willing to share how they grow their orchids.*** Do you grow in a greenhouse, in your garden or inside your house? We want to see. People are interested in how YOU are successful at growing orchids. Last year the tour was FUN for everyone involved and we got new members. This is also an opportunity to expand your collection because several members intend to have plants for sale this year.

You can call or email George Su or me, Marcia Hart

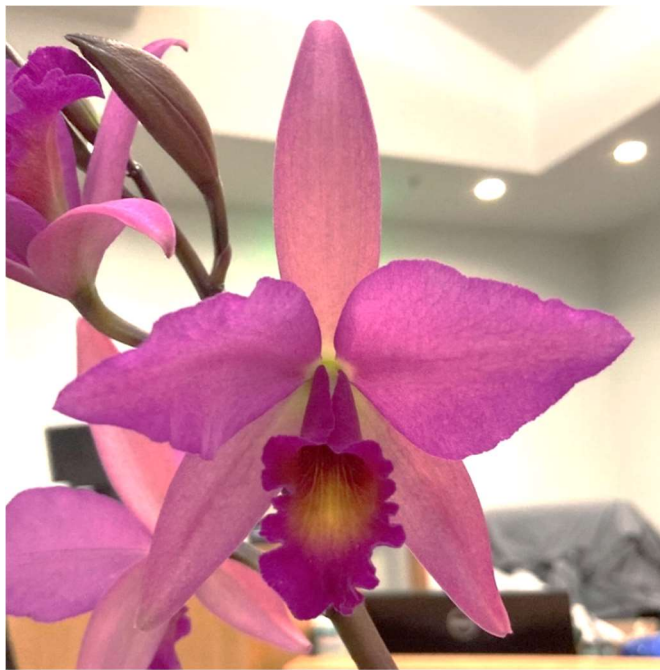
April Show and Tell Winners



Sophoritis Martiqueiras
Lancer Smith Award
Grown by Pat Bacchetti



Dendrobium Victoria Blush
Novice: 1st Place
Grown by Sonya Provaznik



SLC Coastal Sunrise
Intermediate: 1st Place
Grown by Pat Bacchetti



Paph Hung Shen Bay '#1' x Ung Shen Bay 'Chx'
Intermediate: 2nd Place
Grown by Kaitlyn Strom



Alicera Winter Wonderland White Fairy
Intermediate: 3rd Place
Grown by Jan Danciger



Rhyncholatvo Cattleya Gold Green 'Pig Hair'
Advanced: 1st Place
Grown by George Su



Laeliocatathron 'Silver Snowflake'

Advanced: 2nd Place

Grown by George Su

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