

Diablo View Orchid Society

The meeting is June 8 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.

May Speaker:

“Don’t Fear the Slippers ”

This month our speaker is Dave Sorokowsky of Paph Paradise. This will be a talk about culture of these beautiful plants. 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. Dave will be supplying the raffle table.



Dave's Orchid Biography

After receiving his degree in biochemistry from the University of Toronto, Dave opted to step outside his chosen field and operated a tropical fish import business for eight years. Upon returning to school, Dave received a degree in enology and viticulture from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. While attending Brock, Dave began acquiring orchids one 2" pot at a time and before he graduated, Dave had over 100 orchids. Winemaking and a passion for orchids prompted Dave to seek a warmer climate in California about one year later. Dave has been growing paphiopedilums for about 15 years and seriously hybridizing for the past 10 years. He is an accredited AOS judge and his paphiopedilums have received over 100 awards to date from the AOS and CSA. Many of those awarded plants playing important roles in his breeding program. In 2018 Dave left winemaking in order to focus all of his time running Paph Paradise Orchids.

Please visit Dave's site: <https://paphparadise.com/> to see the plants he has available for sale.

Paphiopedilum Macabre Midnight 'Dornfelder' HCC/AOS, one of Dave's recent AOS awarded plants.

Members of DVOS are invited to a no-host, pre-meeting dinner with our guest speaker. We will meet for dinner at 5 PM on Thursday June 08 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 bondddiane9@gmail.com by 5PM Wednesday, June 07 so that I can make reservations.



Anybody Interested in Virus Test Kits? • Keep your collection healthy!

Test for ORSV and CyMV. • Price (additional will be charged to ship from southern CA up here) 10 kits for \$38, 25 kits for \$85, 50 kits for \$170. Let me know if you are interested! (BONDDIANE9@GMAIL.COM)

The President's Letter

I hope everyone enjoyed Marni Turkel's talk, *Show Me the Plant*, last month. She is a marvelous speaker with marvelous plant photographs and she provided some interesting and unusual plants for our raffle table. This month's speaker will be Dave Sorokowsky of Paph Paradise. His talk is entitled *Don't Fear the Slippers* and he will tell us how to care for this group of beautiful plants (see announcement elsewhere in this newsletter).

DVOS has several special events planned for the summer months that are aimed at providing more opportunities to socialize and get to know one another (and our orchids): a picnic/potluck; our annual auction; and a backyard repotting workshop. I hope you will try to participate in any or all of these!

July Picnic: Mary Nisbit, the owner of California Orchids, has once again graciously invited us to have a get together at her greenhouse in Bolinas. Although California Orchids has closed, Mary will still have some orchids, bromeliads, and tillandsias for sale (just not as many as before). We have tentatively scheduled this event for July 22. More details to follow!

August Auction: We are starting to plan for our annual auction and hope to return to our pre-COVID format, which included a picnic/barbeque as part of the event. The details are still being hammered out, but we hope to hold the event at a local park (that has shade) and picnic facilities in the Walnut Creek/Pleasant Hill/Concord area. This event will replace our normal Thursday evening monthly meeting (i.e., there will be no general meeting with a speaker in August.) **You** should start thinking about plants you can donate; it's time to start transplanting and dividing so that the plants you donate will be well-established by August. We had a great auction last year with good participation. I hope we can do even better this year. As Diane said last year, we all covet some of our fellow members' plants. The auction is one way to get a piece of the action! I encourage you all to participate as both donor and bidder this year.

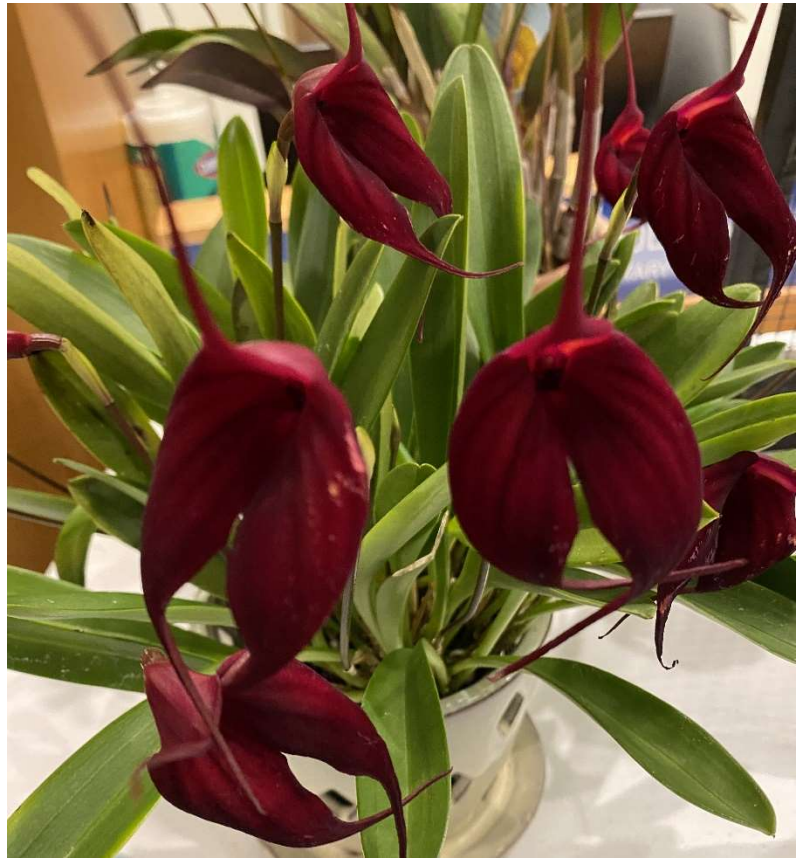
September Repotting Workshop: It has been several years since we offered a repotting workshop. The last time was at a general meeting (pre-COVID) and it was very popular. Given that we have several new members who may be inexperienced at dividing and repotting, we thought the time was ripe for another such event. The event will be held in my back yard in San Ramon some weekend in September (date TBD). This will be a hands-on workshop, with guidance from experienced growers. We hope to do both potting (with tips on what people use for growing media) and mounting tutorials. This will also be another opportunity for a potluck/socialization event. More details will be forthcoming later this summer.

I hope your orchids are flourishing with the longer and warmer days and remember to participate in this month's Show & Tell at the meeting!

Henry

April Show and Tell Winners

Masd. Bay Breeze "Empress"
Novice: 1st Place
Grown by Jackie Krstulovich



Dencrobium Seuile
Novice: 2nd Place
Grown by Claire Congel



Laelia Flava
Novice: 3rd Place
Grown by Jackie Krstulovich



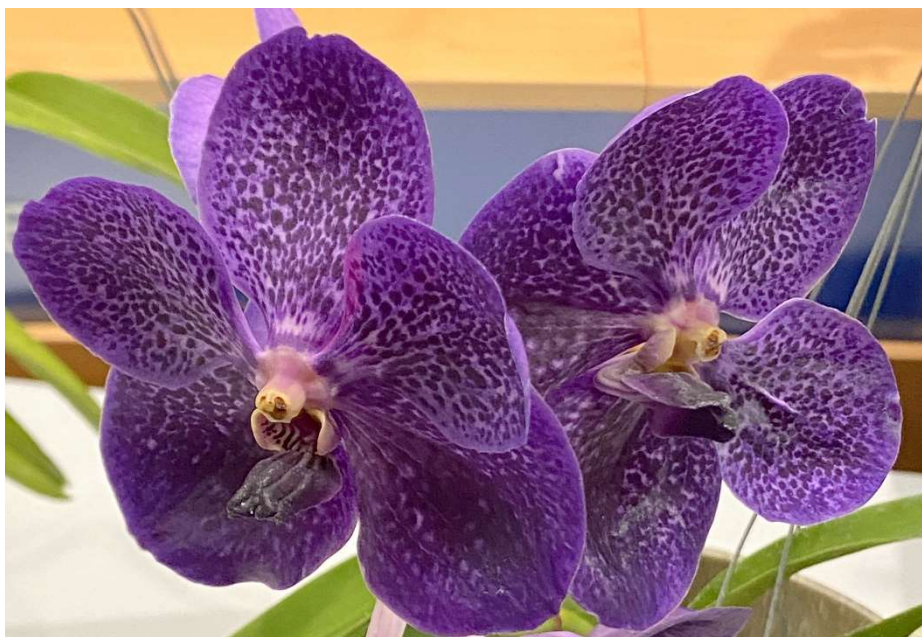
Dencrobium subuliferum (?)
Lancer Smith Award
Grown by Diane Bond



Dencrobium x delicatum
"Margie"
Intermediate: 1st Place
Grown by Henry Shaw



Vanda NOID
Intermediate: 2nd Place
Grown by Rachel
Brinkerhoff



Masd. Cassiope "Alexa" HCC/AOS
Intermediate: 3rd Place
Grown by Pat Bacchetti



Rhyncattleanthe "Grezaffi's Blue"
Advanced: 1st Place
Grown by George Su



Guartonia Henry Wan
Advanced: 2nd Place
Grown by George Su



Enanthleya Jackie Bright
Advanced: 3rd Place
Grown by George Su



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