

Diablo View Orchid Society

The meeting is July 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.

July Speaker:

“Breeding Cymbidiums”

This month our speaker is George Hatfield. George will share his wisdom and experience in growing and breeding Cymbidiums. 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. George will be supplying the raffle table.



George's Orchid Biography

George graduated with honors from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona with a Bachelor of Science in Plant and Soil Science. George is the founder of Hatfield Orchids which was established in 1999. George served as President of the American Orchid Society 2016 – 2018. George received the Hudlow Trophy from the Cymbidium Society of America recognizing his achievements in Cymbidium hybridizing.

Dinner with the Speaker

Members of DVOS are invited to a no-host, pre-meeting dinner with our guest speaker, George Hatfield. We will meet for dinner at 5 PM on Thursday July 13th 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 5 PM Wednesday, July 12 so that I can make reservations.



Cymbidium Conni Ferrusi
(2021 Hatfield introduction)

The President's Letter

Wow! Summer arrived with a vengeance as we began July! After a long, cool, wet spring and early summer, we've suddenly hit triple-digit temperatures here in the inland East Bay. I hope you and your outdoor plants are managing to cope and adjust to the rapid change in conditions. I know I've had to move some outdoor plants (I do not have a greenhouse) to more sheltered locations and drastically increase my watering schedule.

In Society news, Board member George Su has put together some wonderful, new, Facebook and Instagram pages for DVOS. I encourage all our members who use social media to follow and contribute to those pages. Our Society's previous Facebook page was a "private", members-only page, and we had **no** presence on Instagram. Our Society's membership numbers declined during COVID, and these new social media "presences" are an attempt to reach out to a broader audience of potential new members.

New public Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093956792853>

New public Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/diablovieworchidsociety/>

I assume that for most of us, we are entering the season of growth and blooms. In my case, my Vanda (Neofinitia) falcata plants are putting on a very lovely and fragrant show this year. I love the form of both the foliage and the inflorescences, and, as a largely "windowsill grower", I love the fact that they are compact! My tiny Cattleya Zip is currently in bloom for the first time, and although I love the colors, I'm not that happy with the bloom form. I'm hoping that as the plant matures, the blooms will become more shapely. My Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Bird' is in spike for the first time in 2 years, having "sulked" after repotting, and the no-ID Epidendron I picked up at the Top Hat closeout sale is going crazy, with five long flower spikes. I can't wait to see what it produces.

What are your plants doing? Please show us by exhibiting your favorites in the Show and Tell session of our monthly meetings and by posting on our social media pages!

Henry

DVOS Potluck/Picnic/Social

at California Orchids on July 22, 2023

Mary Nisbet, 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 still has some orchids, bromeliads, and tillandsias for sale (just not as many as before). In addition, Sally Robertson, a noted watercolor artist and neighbor of Mary, has invited us to tour her studio and gardens. This event will be held on July 22 from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Join us for a greenhouse tour, plant purchasing, and a picnic with your DVOS friends. Bring your own beverages and some food to share.

Mary has asked that we give her an estimate of the number of people coming, so if you plan to participate, please RSVP to dvosshowandtell@gmail.com by Wednesday July 19th.

California Orchids is located at 515 Aspen Rd., Bolinas, CA 94924

Directions (don't rely on your GPS!):

From the Richmond Bridge or San Rafael

- Take Sir Francis Drake Blvd. all the way to its intersection with Hwy. 1 which is in the town of Olema.
- Turn left and continue south on Hwy. 1 for 10-15 minutes.
- Take a right onto Horseshoe Hill Road. If you find a stunningly beautiful body of water on your right (the Bolinas Lagoon) you have gone too far.
- Go straight thru the first stop sign and continue to the second stop, Mesa Rd.
- Turn right on Mesa Rd.
- Drive up the hill and pass the Fire Station.
- Take the first left (Overlook Rd.)
- Then take the first right (Poplar) and the first right again (Aspen).
- We are on the corner of Poplar and Aspen.
- Come in the metal gate/concrete drive and find us.

Save the Date!

DVOS Fall Auction August 12, 2023

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, planning is underway for our annual auction, which will return to our pre-COVID format and include a picnic/barbeque as part of the event. This year, the event will be held under the trees at the Pleasant Hill Park, 147 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Our Fall auction is our main fundraising event of the year. The funds the Society receives as a result of this event provide the resources we need to bring in the wonderful speakers and plant tables that we have at our monthly meetings, as well as pay for social events like the annual Holiday Dinner. Ideally all our members will participate this year. There are many ways to participate:

- **Donate plants.** It's summer and therefore repotting time for many of us. Designate some nice juicy divisions to donate to the DVOS auction. Pot those plants now so that they will be well-adjusted and growing by the time of the auction. We will be putting together an auction catalog again this year. Instructions for submitting information on donated plants for the catalog will be sent in an e-mail to all members.
- **Come to the auction and bid.** This is your opportunity to obtain some excellent and potentially unusual/rare plants. It could also be your opportunity to get a division of one of those plants you saw at a Show and Tell or on Facebook that you coveted. Everyone can find a little space for a new orchid!
- **Publicize the event and invite your friends to attend.** The Auction and picnic are open to the public. Tell the members of any other orchid, garden, or plant clubs you belong to about the event. If you know someone who buys Trader Joe's Phals. and might want to explore other species, invite them! We are actively trying to rebuild our membership post-COVID.
- **Volunteer** to help set up before and clean up after the event.
- **Bring some food and drink** and spend time socializing with other DVOS members after the auction. **Remember to bring your own chair!**

The auction will start around 10 AM, with setup and logging-in of donations about an hour earlier. The auction should be over by noon, which will leave us ample time to make use of the picnic and barbeque facilities of the venue. Additional details will be forthcoming in the August Newsletter.

June Show and Tell Winners

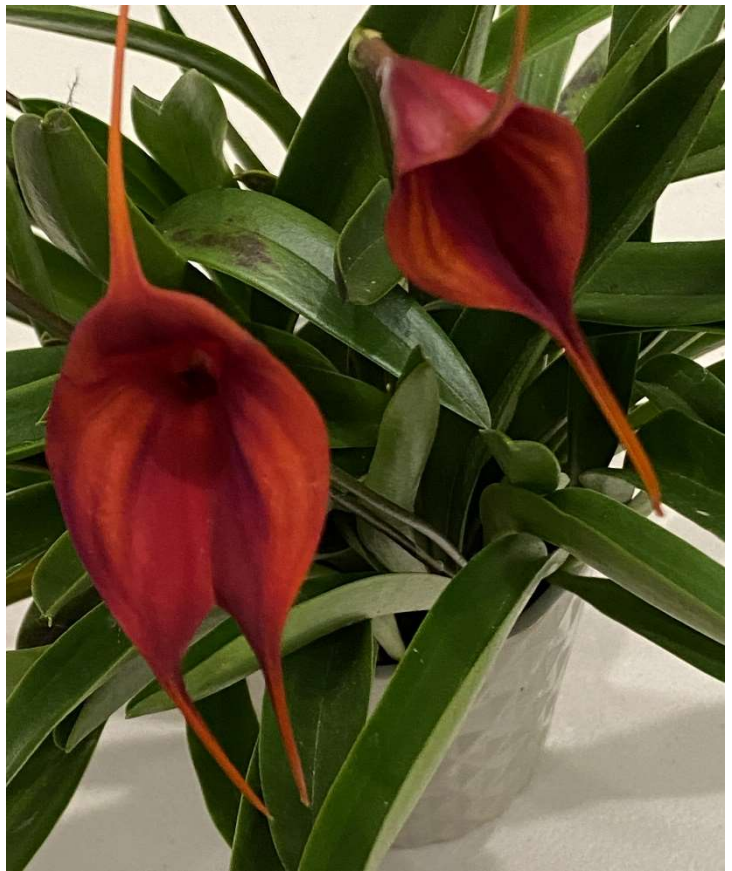
Schoeonopsis Scalopendia
Lancer Smith Award
Grown by Diane Bond



Pendulous Cymbidium
Intermediate: 1st Place
Grown by Jeannette Bean



Mast. (Veltchian 'Goliath x discoideus')
Intermediate: 2nd Place
Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff



Slc Hsin Buu Lady
Intermediate: 3rd
Grown by Rachel Brinkerhoff



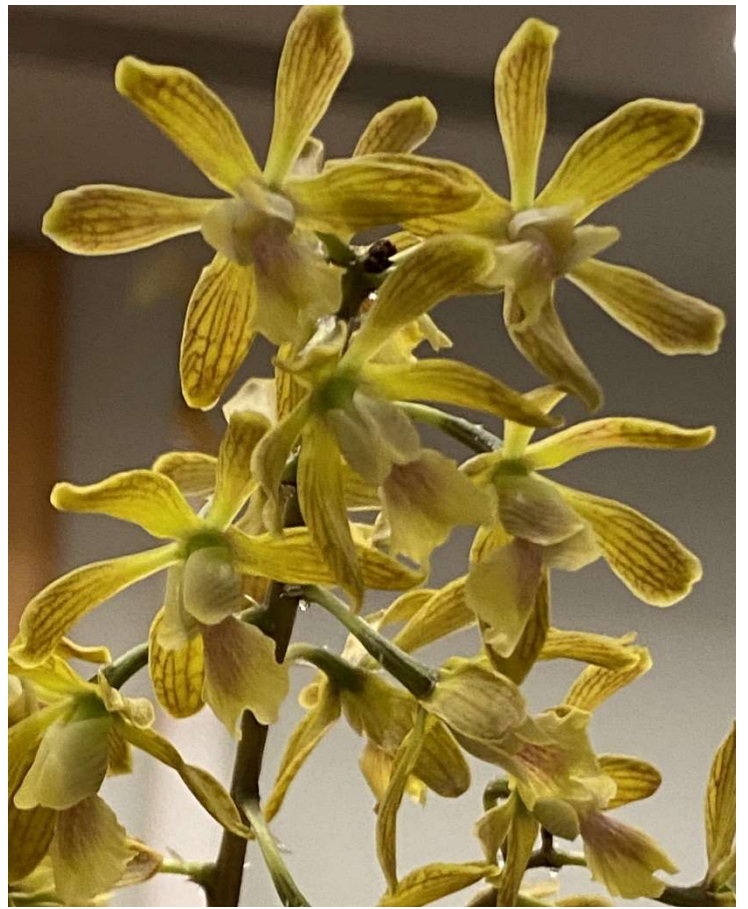
Paph. Esquiorlzi 'A'
Advanced: 1st Place
Grown by Marcia Hart



Coel. Mooreana
Advanced: 2nd Place
Grown by Carol K



Encyclia Sunccoast's Unexpected Journey
Advanced: 3rd Place
Grown by George Su



Cattleya purpurata x werkhauseri
Expert (not judged)
Grown by Diane Bond



Your 2023 DVOS Leaders

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