

Diablo View Orchid Society

We will NOT be meeting at Contra Costa Water District August 10!! We will have an Auction and Picnic August 12 instead.

Our Auction is on Saturday August 12

Donation plant submission starts 9:00-9:30

Auction starts at 10:00

Pleasant Hill Park

147 Gregory Ln

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

It is in Area #3 (just north of the parking lot in the southeast corner of the park)

We need help the day of the auction. If you have any of these items, PLEASE BRING THEM...

Chairs, Tables, Shade-tents, umbrellas, refreshments

The Picnic

Immediately following the auction we will have a picnic at the same location.

Provided: Plates, cups, utensils.

Please bring pot luck picnic fare to share.

Salads Mains Desserts Beverages

President's Letter

There are only a few days remaining before our annual plant auction, and I hope you will all participate and spread the word. The auction is the main fundraising event for the Society and its revenues are how we can afford to have such excellent speakers at our monthly meetings, as well as “pay the rent” at the Contra Costa Water District auditorium. Please consider donating plants and, of course, bidding with abandon at the auction!

As always, executing Society events depends on having our members step up and volunteer. See the article on the auction elsewhere in this issue to see how you can help. If you come to the auction and haven't volunteered for something in advance, please be open to being corralled into helping in some fashion.

Don't forget that we'll be picnicking in Pleasant Hill Park immediately after the auction. Bring food and beverages to share.

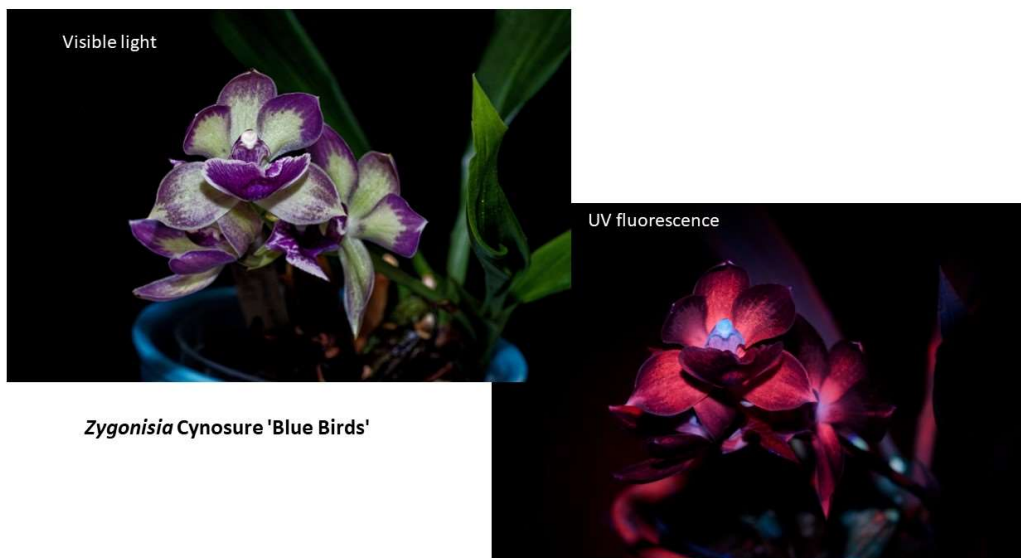
So far in 2023, our monthly Show and Tell sessions at the monthly meetings have been ably coordinated by Board Member Rachel Brinkerhoff. Beginning with the September meeting (there's no meeting in August), Rachel will no longer be able to fill this role so we are looking for someone to step up and take over this responsibility. Rachel says it's easy and fun. Contact me if you are interested or have any questions.

I'm sorry I was not able to attend the recent monthly meetings or the picnic at California Orchids in Bolinas, but I hear all were successful and rewarding events. Two trips to visit family and friends back east, including a 50th high-school reunion kept me from attending. (The heat, humidity, torrential rains, and mosquitos reminded me of how lucky we are to live in California!

My *Vanda* (*Neofinitia*) *falcata* plants are still blooming and releasing their fragrance into the evening air. As reported last month, my *Zygonisia* Cynosure 'Blue Bird' was in spike and is now blooming for the first time in 2 years, having “sulked” after repotting. See below for pictures in both visible light and in fluorescence under ultraviolet light. The differences are quite remarkable. The no-ID *Epidendron* I picked up at the Top Hat closeout sale is still in spike (5 of 'em). I am still waiting to see what it produces.

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

Henry



September Repotting Workshop

Saturday Sept. 16, 2023, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Henry Shaw and Marina Hsieh's yard:

4073 Terra Alta Dr.

San Ramon, CA 94582

As previously announced in the June newsletter, DVOS will be holding a repotting workshop in September. Although this is a little late in the season to repot, as it's best to do so when roots are actively growing, we've had a busy summer with the California Orchids picnic and the annual DVOS auction. September ended up being the earliest we could schedule.

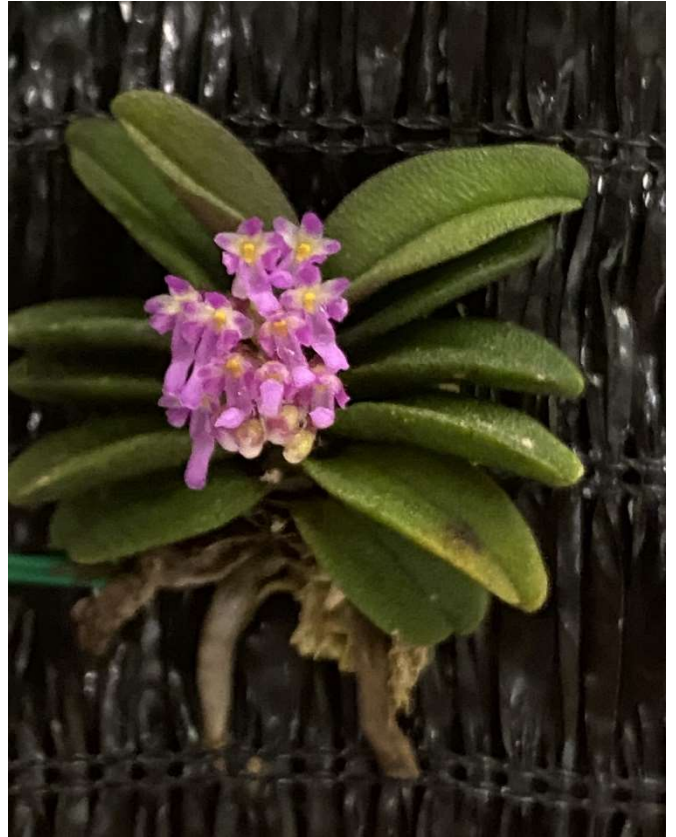
Note that this is a **workshop**, not a repotting service. The intent is to provide an opportunity to hear from experienced growers; learn about their preferred media; and get tips on how to divide and repot your orchids. You are welcome to bring one or two plants in need of repotting, but not your entire collection. In addition, please do not bring large, overgrown Cymbidiums! (Maybe we'll schedule a separate event on how to deal with that "problem"! Let a Board member know if that's something of interest to you.)

This will be a "hands-on" activity in which you can divide (if necessary/desired) and repot your own orchid under the watchful eye of experienced growers. DVOS will be providing a limited amount of medium-size Orchidata and other media for the demos and for one or two of your orchids. Bring your own appropriately sized pots, tools if you have them, and any special media you prefer.

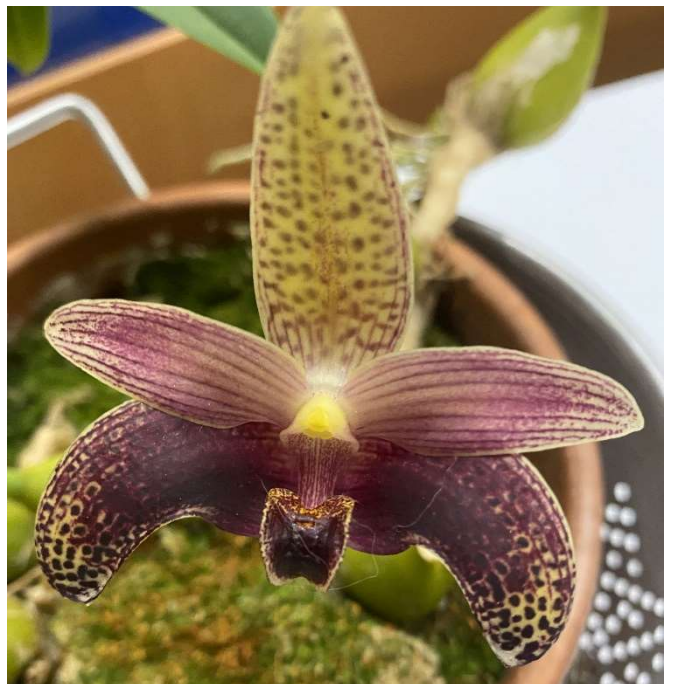
We will provide light snacks and refreshments. Potluck "donations" are welcome.

July Show and Tell Winners

Schoenorchis Fragrans
Lancer Smith Award Winner
Grown by Kaitlyn Strom



Noname Bulbophyllum
Novice: 1st Place
Grown by Lisa Perla





Masdevallia Oxypamensis
Intermediate: 1st Place
Grown by Pat Bacchetti



Disa Veitchii – Species
Intermediate: 2nd Place
Grown by Pat Bacchetti

**Vanda Weirat x Gordon
Dillon
Intermediate: 3rd Place
Grown by Pat Bacchetti**



**Cattleya Pacavia
Advanced: 1st Place
Grown by George Su**



Laelia Purpurata
Advanced: 2nd Place
Grown by Phyllis Arthur



Laelia Purpurata
Advanced: 3rd Place
Grown by Marcia Hart





Guarechia Black Comet
Expert Entrée
Grown by Diane Bon

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