

Diablo View Orchid Society

**The meeting is November 9 at 7:15 PM PST at the Concord
Water District, 1331 Concord Ave, Concord 94521**

**Doors open at 6:30pm for Show & Tell
set-up and conversations.**



**Kelly McCracken will speak about
“Growing Under Artificial Lights”**

The meeting will be a hybrid IN PERSON/ZOOM meeting .
Kelley will be joining via ZOOM. Please contact Diane Bond
(bonddiane9@gmail.com) if you want the link for the meeting.

Growing under artificial lights

Kelly is an expert at growing under lights. She will share some of her knowledge with us. For further reading see her series of articles in Orchids Magazine from July to November of 2021.

Kelly’s Orchid Biography

Kelly is an avid orchid hobbyist and breeder. She enjoys growing miniature specimen plants with a particular affection for Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Sophronitis. She is currently working as a US representative of Tropical Exotique, a Thailand orchid company.

Dinner with the Speaker

**Since Kelly is joining us virtually, there will not be a dinner with
the speaker this month**

Raffle Table will be supplied by Kelly



CATTLIANTHE BLAZING SUN 'BINGO'.
AM |AOS |October 22, 2021

One of Kelly’s Recently awarded plants

The President's Letter

Greetings Orchid Friends,

There's lots to take note of in this month's Newsletter: The upcoming annual Holiday Party; The list of the proposed slate for the DVOS Board of Directors for 2024; and A proposed change to our Constitution. Be sure to take a look at those articles!

As discussed in the announcement of the proposed 2024 slate for the Board, we are still looking for volunteers to serve as Directors at Large. It's not a huge time commitment, you get to hang out (virtually, because our Board meeting are held using Zoom) with cool, knowledgeable people, and these leadership positions are what make the Society function. Please consider volunteering for one of the open positions, either at the November meeting or by sending me an e-mail at dvosshowandtell@gmail.com.

Because we've recently had a chronic difficulty filling the Society's leadership positions, the Board is proposing to modify our Constitution that restricts the current 2-year limit on Board positions to just the President, Vice President, and Secretary. Please read the relevant article in this Newsletter edition and if you have feedback, please send it along to me at the e-mail address given above.

My plants are doing well, and my big surprise this month was the bloom of my *Coelogyne* Jannine Banks 'Snow White'. What I initially thought was just a new bulb was a flower spike! The background photo for the Holiday Party is that plant. I think it's beautiful. My *Leomesezia* Lava Burst 'Puanani' is still going strong, I have a *Vanda (Neofinetia) falcata* blooming for the third time this year, and a NOID *Dendrobium* is in bloom. I hope some of these will still be in bloom and displayable for the Show and Tell at the November meeting.

Henry

PS:, If anyone wants a seed pod for a purple NOID reed-stem *Epidendrum*, let me know. That plant has just finished blooming (it began in August) and for the first time on any of my orchids, I have a seed pod!

Election of DVOS Officers, Board of Directors, and filling other essential positions for 2024

We are still looking for members to step up and volunteer to serve as Directors at Large for 2024. Our Constitution requires us to have at least 5 Directors at Large, and it also forbids any “Officer” of the Society (as currently defined) other than the Treasurer to remain in the same office for more than two years. The Board has proposed an amendment to the Constitution that would restrict the 2-year term limit to just the President, Vice President, and Treasurer (*i.e.*, the “named” Board positions”), which will make it easier to fill our leadership positions in the future. The proposed changes to the Constitution are explained in another article in this newsletter.

Nominations (including self-nominations) for **any** of the Board positions can be made at the November meeting. I hope some of you will raise your hands and volunteer to be on the Board!

Our Constitution currently allows Board members to continue to serve beyond the 2-year limit until replacements are elected, so in the interim, George Su and Ulrike Ahlborn will continue to serve as at-Large Board members. Note that initially Liz Charleton will continue to serve as Treasurer, but that role will transition to Maggie Woo early in 2024. Maggie will be a Director at Large until that time, at which point, she and Liz will swap positions on the Board.

Board Positions	2024 proposed
President	Henry Shaw
Vice President	Diane Bond
Secretary	Patricia Bachetti
Treasurer	Liz Charleton/Maggie Woo*
Board Member	Miki Ichiyanagi
Board Member	Tom Merics
Board Member	Mara Kauffman
Board Member	Maggie Woo/Liz Charleton*
Board Member	Mary Christopherson
Past President	Diane Bond
Non-Board (not elected) Positions	
Newsletter Editor	Barry Hart
Web Master	Ulrike Ahlborn
Membership Chairperson	Ulrike Ahlborn
New Member Mentor	Eileen Jackson
Show and Sale Chairperson	Diane Bond
Hospitality	Open
Raffle	George Su
Show and Tell Supervisor	Jan Dancinger
Communications and Media	George Su

Proposed amendment to the DVOS Constitution

We are a small Society, and recruiting volunteers for leadership positions remains difficult. Our Constitution currently defines the “Officers” of the Society as the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate past President and at least five Directors at Large. No officer, except the Treasurer, can serve for more than two consecutive terms in the same office (or until his or her successors are elected). The Board is proposing to modify (amend) Article 4 of our Constitution to restrict the 2-year term limit to just the President, Vice President, and Secretary, as well as modify the terminology of the Board positions, making the elected “Officers” just four “named” positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary).

The proposed amendments will be presented at the November meeting and voted on at the December Holiday Party. A two-thirds majority of the members in attendance must vote in approval of the amendment for it to be approved.

Proposed changes:

(Strike-outs in red, new words in green)

Article 4. Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1. The elected officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, ~~Immediate past President and at least five Directors at Large~~.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers, ~~and~~ the Immediate past President, ~~and at least five elected Directors at Large~~.

Section 3. No officer, with the exception of ~~the~~ Treasurer, shall be eligible for more than two consecutive terms in the same office or until his or her successors are elected.

Section 4. The ~~officers~~ Board of Directors shall assume the duties of their respective offices at the January meeting following their installation at the December meeting.



DVOS

Holiday Celebration

Thursday December 07, 2023

Pleasant Hill Community Center

320 Civic Dr, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

NOTE: EARLY START TIME
DUE TO VENUE AVAILABILITY

Set up begins at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00

- Members and spouses are invited
- Potluck meal

Please bring a dish for 8 people
according to your last name

A-G Dessert

H-O Salad

P-Z Hot Dish

Water and soft drinks provided by the Board

We have a liquor license, so you can bring
wine if you want!

- Gift exchange (see rules on the next page)
- Raffle of prizes for members who have paid their 2024 dues BEFORE THE PARTY.
- Help with set up and clean up will be appreciated!

Holiday Gift Exchange Rules

1. Bring a wrapped gift--a plant or an orchid related item that you yourself would like to receive (suggested limit \$25)
 2. Pick up a ticket (hold onto it!) and place your gift on the table in the middle of the room. Take a look at what people brought without undoing the wrapping.
 3. Each person whose ticket number is called will select a gift, also without undoing the wrapping (guessing is part of the game!), then show the gift to the audience - reading the label, describe the item, etc. The next number will be called after we've all had a chance to admire your gift.
 4. Put the gift you chose on your table and keep it there where everyone can see. No putting it down on the floor or otherwise hiding it.
 5. The next person whose turn it is can either "steal" yours or any other available gift. If yours is stolen, it'll be your turn next to pick.
 6. Each gift may be stolen up to twice. After the second time, the gift is considered "dead" and cannot be taken away from that person.
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Anybody Interested in Virus Test Kits?

- **Prices:**

10 kits for \$40

25 kits for \$100

50 kits for \$185



- **Please let us know if you are interested . I am going to order by November 10. (BONDDIANE9@GMAIL.COM)**

2024 Membership Dues are Due

It's that time again. Please send in your dues for next year so that we can continue to keep DVOS going.

Everyone who gets their dues in by December 1, 2023 will be entered in a raffle (prize drawing will be at the holiday party).

There are two easy ways to pay- electronic or good old snail mail. See instructions below.

Get those dues in so that DVOS can continue to be the society we all depend on.

Electronic submission of DVOS dues

Fill in the membership form at this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSJo4es2EKGJj01_SG9XLt6CBTtxtXKGy6BXiYzlq3IzINdbQ/viewform?usp=sharing

Pay:

Zelle

Pay \$30.00 to dvostreasury@gmail.com or

Stripe:

Use either this

link <https://buy.stripe.com/dR6aGf3lX0sd1C8288> or the QR code on this page to pay by credit card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay. You will be charged \$31.50 to pay for processing. You will be notified by email of receipt of funds and membership form.



Mail in submission of DVOS dues

1. We ask for the following LEGIBLE information:

First Name

Last Name

Email address

Phone number

Address

Can this contact information be published in the society roster?

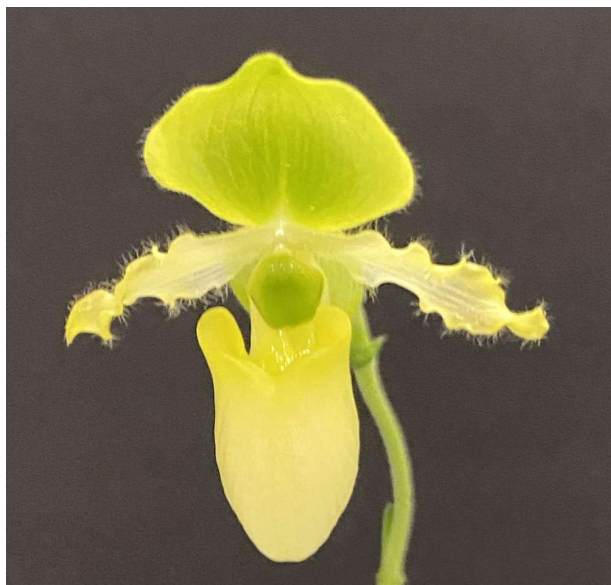
2. Write a check for \$30 payable to Diablo View Orchid Society.

3. Mail the check along with the information indicated above to:

Liz Charlton, 104 Brandon Rd, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

**You will be notified by email of receipt of
funds and membership form**

October Winners



NOVICE FIRST PLACE

Paphiopedilum primulinum
var. flavum

Grower: Maggie Woo

Native to Northern Sumatra.

Warm temperatures. Dappled light.



NOVICE SECOND PLACE

Coelogyne viscosa
(syn Coelogyne graminifolia)

Grower: Claire Conger

Native to Northeast India, Myanmar
and Yunnan Province in China.

Cool to warm temperatures.
Dappled light.



NOVICE THIRD PLACE

Myoxanthus sp.

Grower: Mara Kauffman-Puchall

Native to Central and Southern
America.

Intermediate temperatures.
Dappled light.



**INTERMEDIATE FIRST
PLACE**

Rhyncholaeliocattleya

Heaven's Gate

Grower: Linda Castleton

Krull-Smith hybrid originated
in 2015



**INTERMEDIATE SECOND
PLACE**

Maxillaria tonsbergii

Grower: Pat Bachetti

Native to Venezuela



Lancer Smith Award

Trichoglottis pusilla

Grower: Diane Bond

Native to Sumatra and Java at
relatively high elevations.

Cool to warm temperatures.
Dappled light.



ADVANCED FIRST PLACE

Cahuzacara (syn. Potinara)
Hsinying Pink Doll

Grower: Marcia Hart

Ching Hua hybrid originated in
 2005



ADVANCED SECOND PLACE

Barkeria naevosa

Grower: Miki Ichiyanagi

Native to Mexico

Warm to hot temperatures.
 Dappled light.



ADVANCED THIRD PLACE

Cattleya C.G Roebling
'Blue Magic'

Grower: George Su

Roebling hybrid originated in 1916