

Diablo View Orchid Society



DVOS

Holiday Celebration

It's in a few days!

Thursday December 7, 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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The President's Letter

Holiday greeting to my orchid friends!

I hope you were able to join us for last month's meeting, either in person or virtually. KellyMcCracken's presentation on growing orchids under artificial light was chock full of great information. There was a **lot** of material presented, so if you want to review the content of the talk (and more), Kelly had a 5-part series of articles in *Orchids*, the magazine of the American Orchid Society (AOS). The series started in the July 2021 issue and concluded in the November issue. If you are an AOS member, you have access to those articles either in the print editions or via the online archive.

This month, in lieu of our normal meeting, ***we're holding our annual Holiday Potluck Dinner***. Note that the party will be held on the ***first*** Thursday of the month, December 7, instead of our normal second Thursday due to venue availability issues. Unfortunately, I'll miss this year's gathering, but I'll be with you in spirit. Have fun! Remember that you must have paid your 2024 dues before the event in order to be eligible for a special plant drawing for early-paying members.

Remember that your dues are due! Memberships run from January to December and are due by Dec. 31, 2023. See elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter to see your options for payment.

We have filled all the necessary positions for the DVOS Board and associated leadership positions! See the 2024 roster of positions elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to serve. The Society can't function without help from the membership, and I encourage **everyone** to consider volunteering for a leadership position at some point. You don't need to be an orchid expert (I'm a prime case in point), and you'll get to have a say in the direction and activities of the Society. Note that for 2024 we have just five Board Members at Large, which is the minimum required by the Society's Constitution. There is no upper limit on Board Members at Large, though, so if you are interested in being on the Board, please contact one of the other Board Members to let us know of your interest.

December is a somewhat slow time of year for my orchids. My *Leomesezia* Lava Burst 'Puanani' is **still** in bloom. (I think this is the 4th month I've written this!) My *Cymbidium* Amaretto, a reliable annual bloomer, has one spike that has opened and three more almost ready to bloom. My *Neostylis* Lou Sneary 'Bluebird' is in spike and almost ready to open. I was also excited to discover that my No-ID reed-stem *Epidendrum* set a seed pod this year. That's the first time one of my orchids has done this. I'm not sure if this was self-pollinated or was cross-pollinated by my one other *Epidendrum* that was in bloom at the same time. I'm going to send the pod off for propagation. Wish me luck!

Henry

Interesting in getting more orchids?

Rachel can help you!

Member Rachel Brinkerhoff, located in Vallejo, is going to be offering a significant portion of her large orchid collection for sale over the next couple of months. She needs to downsize due to other life commitments and would rather have others get to enjoy them than let them languish. None of the plants will be over \$30.

Due to the number of plants, they will be released in groups of several dozen at a time. The first 50 plants will be available this coming week. Most are cattleyas.

There will be a Google sheet with plant names, pricing and photos of each of the plants with additional notes. The Google sheet will be updated regularly as plants sell.

If interested, please email Rachel to be added to the email list so you know when plants are released. Pick up can be in Vallejo or Martinez.

Email: rbrink21@gmail.com

Election of DVOS Officers, Board of Directors, and filling other essential positions for 2024 will happen **at the Holiday Dinner**

Here are the officers, etc. that are up for election for 2024:

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.

November 2023 Show and Tell Winners



Novice Grower First Prize

Masdevallia Angel Frost

'Orange Parfait'

Originated in 1982 by J&L
Orchids

Masdevallia veitchiana x
Masdevallia strobilii

Grower Mara Kauffman



Intermediate Grower

First Prize

Cleisocentron gokusingii

Native to Borneo in mountane
forests at elevations of 6000 ft
above sea level

This plant is grown in an
intermediate greenhouse

Grower Pat Bacchetti

November 2023 Show and Tell Winners



Intermediate Grower

Second Prize

Leomesezia Lava Burst

Originated in 1993 by Puanani

Temperature tolerant hybrid

Leomesezia Mini-Primi x

Rodriquezia lanceolata

Grower Henry Shaw



Intermediate Grower

Third Prize

Vanda falcata

Native to Northeast Asia

Temperature tolerant species. Grow
in dappled to bright indirect light

Grower Henry Shaw



Advanced Grower First Prize

***Rhyncatlaelia* Empress Pride**

‘Tice Creek’ *HCC/AOS*

Originated in 2015 by T. McClellan

Laelia anceps x

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Pink Empress

Grower Ted McClellan



Advanced Grower Second Prize

***Laelianthe* Wrigley ‘Blue Hawaii’**

Originated in 1899 by Wrigley

Hybrid of two Central American species

Laelia anceps x

Guarianthe bowringiana

Grower George Su



Lancer Smith Winner

***Restrepia guttulata* 'Yellow Tip'**

Species native to Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela. Found at 5600- 9200 feet above sea level. Grows in dappled to shaded light. Cool growing.

Grower Pat Bacchetti



Expert Grower Plant

***Cattleya* Sierra Azul**

Originated in 2021 by Gold Country Orchids

Cattleya Floralia's Azul x

Cattleya pumila

This plant is grown in an intermediate greenhouse

Grower Diane Bond

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 pays their dues before December 7, 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/bIYaGf2hTej30y48wy> 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**