

# Diablo View Orchid Society

**The meeting is Feb. 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**

## **Dinner with no speaker...**

Members of DVOS are invited to a no-host, pre-meeting dinner. We will meet for dinner at 5 PM on Thursday January 11th at: **LIMA (a Peruvian restaurant)**

2151 Salvio St suite i, Concord ...a few doors down from our usual place.

This restaurant is a 5-minute drive from the meeting venue. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to [bondddiane9@gmail.com](mailto:bondddiane9@gmail.com) by 5PM Wednesday, January 10th so that I can make reservations.

## **The President's Letter**

Greetings Orchid Friends,

They say that as one gets older, time seems to pass more quickly. That's certainly true in my case. It's now February, and our annual Show and Sale is less than 2 weeks away (on Saturday Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, with set up the late afternoon the day before). See Diane's write-up in this edition for further details. As I said last year, putting on this event "takes a village" and I encourage all our members to step up and volunteer to help, as well as bring their blooming plants for display and judging. Diane Bond deserves our thanks for having spent many hours organizing the event and rounding up vendors and AOS judges. The actual execution is up to all of us!

As you should all know by now, our 2024 Show is being held at a new venue for us: The Cal State East Bay Campus in Concord at 4700 Ygnacio Valley Rd. Thanks go to Marcia Hart for finding this location, which is more affordable than our former location.

**Note that our February monthly meeting (on the 8<sup>th</sup>) is the day before we do our show setup.** That meeting will be held in person at our usual location at the Contra Costa Water District auditorium and will be devoted to preparations for the Show. Blooming plants that you want to have displayed at the Show must either be brought to that meeting (they will be stored at Marcia and Barry Hart's overnight -- thank you Harts!) or brought to the venue on Friday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> during setup hours (4-7 pm). We will not have time to accept plants on the day of the Show.

As usual we will have a members' sales table at the Show. This is very popular with our attendees, and we typically have some interesting and hard-to-get plants available for purchase. If you have plants you wish to sell and have not already been in contact with Liz Charlton (ko6xp51@gmail.com) e-mail her **immediately** for instructions. DVOS will take a 20% cut of all members' sales. We will also have a variety of plastic orchid pots for sale that were generously donated to DVOS by Board Member Tom Merics.

Historically, our annual Show has been our primary means of attracting new members. Please get the word out to your friends and acquaintances. Post on social media using a link to our website's homepage: **dvos.org**. (Ulrike Ahlborn does a great job keeping the website fresh and up to date.) Distribute flyers to libraries, senior centers, garden stores, Trader Joe's orchid displays, etc. If you are a member of NextDoor or similar community-based social networks, post the event in your "neighborhood".

I'm still not sure which of my plants will cooperate and be in bloom for the Show. All my Aussie Dendrobiums are spiking as is a NOID Cymbidium. With luck, some of these will decide to cooperate and put on a display by Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>!

*Henry*

## Spring Orchiata Sale!

We are again partnering with Mitch Schneider from New Earth Orchids for his triannual Orchiata bark order. Orchiata is a premium bark that is ideal for growing all orchids from seedlings to specimen sized plants and come from premium New Zealand *Pinus radiata*. New Earth Orchids will be providing bark in sizes from small (Classic), medium (Power), large (Power Plus), and extra-large (Super).

We will be taking orders until March 10 for delivery the first week of April. **All sizes are \$43.75 per bag. Please contact Diane Bond if you are interested in ordering bark (bonddiane9@gmail.com)**

## Our Show and Sale is February 10!

It's that time of year! I invite EVERYONE to participate. You don't have to be an expert grower to exhibit.

Our regular meeting time on Thursday February 8 at the Contra Costa Water District will be dedicated to preparing for the show.

If you have a blooming orchid- BRING IT! You will have something to talk and learn about and you will contribute to making our show beautiful!

If you DON'T have any blooming orchids- COME VOLUNTEER! There are many things that need to be done to pull off a successful show. Do your part and enjoy the company of your DVOS friends.

MANY Volunteers needed to help with set up and tear down on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

There are things to do during set up time...

1. You can bring your blooming plants for display before the actual show set-up time, they will be kept at the Harts and then taken to CSEB-Concord on Friday.
2. You can fill out entry cards at this time.

3. You can bring plants for sale at the members sales table and fill out the paperwork at this time.

**SET-UP TIME is Friday February 09 at Cal State East Bay 4-7PM. 4700 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Concord 94521**

1. Bring your blooming plants for display. Please get your plants there as early as possible so that we have time to set up the displays.

2. You can fill out entry cards at this time. You can enter in either Novice/Intermediate or Advanced/Expert divisions

3. You can bring plants for sale at the members sales table and fill out the paperwork at this time.

**PLEASE MAKE A LIST OF ALL PLANTS THAT YOU BRING FOR DISPLAY. THIS WILL HELP ENSURE THAT YOU TAKE HOME THE PLANTS THAT YOU BROUGHT.**

**DVOS Show and Sale**, Cal State East Bay Campus, 4700 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Concord, CA 94521

### **Pizza Party!**

Venders and DVOS members are invited to the Hart's (about ½ mile away) **following the show set up on Friday night** since we have a limited time to set up at the East Bay Campus. We have only from 4 to 7 PM so our customary pizza party will be **after** the set up.

Leaving the campus, go down the hill, back to Ygnacio Road. Turn right at the light and then turn left at the light at the bottom of the hill (Alberta Way). Go past the high school and then turn right at the **STOP** sign, then Immediately turn left into Park Glen Court. The house is on the end on the left (the one with all the greenery).



Pizza, salads and soft drinks will be provided. BYOB and/or desserts.

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## **Saturday February 10**

**8:30 AM** Set up continues. Volunteers needed. **9 AM** Judging

- Ribbon judging will be done by AOS judges and members of DVOS, please volunteer.

It's fun and you will probably learn a lot from the AOS judges.

- Any plants deemed worthy by the AOS judges will be judged independently after the ribbon judging. All DVOS members are welcome to listen in.

**10 AM** The Show will open to the public

We need volunteers during the show for many different functions including:

- Welcome table
- Members sales table
- Refreshments
- Plant hotel



Please sign up on sheets that will be at the February meeting. If you are able to volunteer but will not be at the February meeting, please contact Diane Bond (bonddiane9@gmail.com or (510-568-7516) and we will get you signed up.

Morning coffee and lunch will be provided for the volunteers.

**Member's sales table:** members are welcome to sell their plants with 15% going toward the society (members pay tax). Members wishing to sell plants will need to get the required paperwork from Liz Charlton. This will be available at the January meeting.

Take-down is from 4 pm to 5 pm. **Volunteers needed!** We need everyone to help to get everything put away.

### Information for Exhibitors

- 1) The show is open to all DVOS members wishing to exhibit for ribbon judging and AOS judging. If you do not want your plant entered for AOS judging please clearly mark NO AOS JUDGING on the entry tag.
- 2) All plants to be displayed in competition shall have been grown by the exhibitor or in their possession for at least 90 days prior to the show.
- 3) All plants must be checked in by the entry clerk. There will colored cards for Novice/Intermediate, Advanced/Expert. The card will show the name of the plant parentage, if known, and name of the grower.
- 4) Judges may transfer plants to other classes at their discretion. The decision of the judges is final. For any questions pertaining to judging, the decision of the show chairperson will govern.
- 5) For your protection and the protection of other growers, no plant with visible insects, pests or disease will be accepted for entry.
- 6) No exhibitor's plants may be removed before the end of the show except when the life of the plant is in danger, and only with the consent of the show chairperson. **All entries must be claimed promptly by 4.30 pm** on the day of the show.
- 7) All entries and entry forms must be received by Friday February 9
- 8) DVOS will endeavor to care for all exhibits; however, the society assumes no responsibility for loss or injury. Containers should be inconspicuously labelled with the owner's name.



# DIABLO VIEW ORCHID SOCIETY

## PLANT CLASSES 2024

### CLASS A: CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

(Species, hybrids & intergenerics of Cattleya (C.), Laelia (L.), Brassavola (B.), Sophronitis (Soph.) Broughtonia (Bro.), Barkeria (Bark.), Caularthron (Cau.), Guarianthe (Gur.), Myrmecophila Mcp.), Schomburgkia (Schom.) as well as those listed in A1 and others)

1. Epidendrum , Encyclia. Prostechea &Leptotes (species and hybrids)
2. Cattleya alliance species (other than A1 above/also applies to A3-A10)
3. Cattleya alliance hybrids – white, semi-alba
4. Cattleya alliance hybrids- yellow, green or bronze
5. Cattleya alliance hybrids- orange, red
6. Cattleya alliance hybrids- pink
7. Cattleya alliance hybrids lavender
8. Cattleya alliance hybrids art shades and splash petals
9. Cattleya alliance hybrids – all other colors
10. Miniature Cattleya alliance species and hybrids  
(plant under 6” at maturity not including flower spike)

### CLASS B: PHALAEOPSIS ALLIANCE

1. Phalaenopsis species
2. Phalaenopsis hybrids – white, semi-alba
3. Phalaenopsis hybrids – pink, lavender
4. Phalaenopsis hybrids – yellow
5. Phalaenopsis hybrids – all other colors

### CLASS C: CYPRIPEDIUM ALLIANCE

1. Paphiopedilum species
2. Paphiopedilum - white, blush, cream or pink
3. Paphiopedilum - green, yellow, tan.
4. Paphiopedilum - Vini color (dark color)
5. Phragmipedium species
6. Phragmipedium hybrids
8. Other Cypripedium alliance species and hybrids (Cypripedium, Mexipedium etc.)



### CLASS D: VANDACEOUS ALLIANCE

1. Vanda species (flowers over 2")
2. Vanda hybrid (flowers over 2")
3. Vanda species (flowers under 2")
4. Vanda hybrid (flowers under 2")
5. Aeranges
6. Aerides
7. Angraecum
8. Neofinetia (Vanda) falcata
9. Neostylis
10. Renanthera
11. Rhyncostylis
12. Sarcochilus
13. Any other Vandaceous alliance species, hybrids or intergeneric hybrids

#### **CLASS E: DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE**

1. Spatulata (antelope) species and hybrids  
(Includes antennatum, bicaudatum, canaliculatum, gouldii, johannis, lineal, stratiotes, strebloceras, taurinum, undulatum, etc.)
2. Dendrobium (Nobile) species and hybrids  
(Includes albosanguineum, amoenum, anosmum (syn superbum), aphyllum (syn pierardii) chrysanthum, crystallinum, falconeri, fimbriatum, findlayanum, friedicksianum, gibsonii, heterocarpum, linawianum, loddigesii, moniliforme, moschatum, nobile, parishii, primulinum, pulchellum, schulleri, signatum, stricklandianum, unicum, wardianum, etc.)
3. Phalaenanth (Phalaenopsis) species and hybrids  
(Includes, affine, bigibbum, compactum, dicuphum, schroederianum, striaenopsis, superbiens, williamsianum, etc.)
4. Latouria species and hybrids  
(Includes aberrans, alexandrae, atrovioleaceum, convolutum, forbesii, johnsoniae, macrophyllum, rhodostictum, spectabile, etc.)
5. Formosae (Nirgohirsutae) species and hybrids  
(Includes bellatulum, cruentum, dearei, draconis, formosum, infundibulum, lowii, margaritaceum, sanderae, schuetzei, spectatissimum, etc.)
6. Callista species and hybrids  
(Includes aggregatum (syn lindleyi), chrysotoxum, densiflorum, farmeri, jenkinsii, sulcatum, thysiflorum etc.)
7. Dendrocoryne (Australian) species and hybrids

(Includes, kingianum, speciosum, falcorostrum, aemulum, gracilicaule, linguiforme, pugioniforme, tetragonum, schoeninum, striolatum, etc.)

8. Pedilonum species and hybrids

(Includes bracteosum, bullenianum, capituliflorum, crenatifolium, goldschmidtianum, purpureum, secundum, smillieae, etc.)

9. **Oxyglossum species and hybrids (Includes brevicaule , *dekockii*, cyanocentrum, masarangense etc)**

10. All other species and hybrids

**CLASS F: ONCIDIUM/ODONTOGLOSSUM ALLIANCE**

1 Brassia species and hybrids

2. Miltonia and Miltoniopsis species and hybrids

3. Oncidium species

4. Oncidium hybrids

5. Complex intergeneric hybrids, any color (such as Colmanara)

6. Psychopsis

7. Tolumnia species and hybrids

8. Odontoglossum (such as Cyrtorchilum, Rhynchostele, Rossioglossum and other former Odontoglossums)

**CLASS G: CYMBIDIUM ALLIANCE**

1. Cymbidium species – any size

2. Standard Cymbidium hybrid- Pink tones.

3. Standard Cymbidium hybrid - Reds to browns

4. Standard Cymbidium hybrid – Yellow, gold, bronze

5. Standard Cymbidium hybrid - Green

6. Standard Cymbidium hybrid - White blush or cream

7. Standard Cymbidium hybrid - Any other color.

8. Small Cymbidium – Flowers under 3”

9. Pendant Cymbidium hybrid - any color



## **CLASS H : MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Bulbophyllum species and hybrids – umbel flowers
2. Bulbophyllum species and hybrids – non –umbel
3. Masdevallia & Dracula species and hybrids
4. Pleurothallis and Restrepia species and hybrids
5. Zygopetalum , Bollea, Promenaea, Pescatorea species and hybrids
6. Huntlea, Lycaste, Anguloa and Bifrenaria species and hybrids
7. Catasetum, Cynoches & Mormodes species and hybrids
8. Stanhopea species and hybrids
9. Maxillaria species and hybrids
10. Coelogyne species and hybrids
11. Dendrochilum species and hybrids
12. Schoenorchis species and hybrids
13. All species and hybrids not in groups above.
14. Foliage orchid plants, (do not have to be in flower)
15. Seedling flowering for the FIRST TIME (double entry OK)
16. Specimen plant of any genus (double entry OK)



**Diablo View Orchid Society**  
**Orchid Show and Sale**  
Saturday February 10, 2024  
10AM-4PM

- Displays of beautiful orchids
- Orchids and native plants for sale
- Educational talks on orchid care and culture

**Cal State East Bay, Concord Campus**  
**4700 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Concord**  
Admission \$6  
Children 12 and under free

Photo Diane Bond



# Show and Tell Winners January 2024



Photo Barry Hart

## Novice- First Place

*Dendrobium canaliculatum*

**Grower: Sonya Provaznik**

Native to Australia and New Guinea. They grow almost exclusively on the trunks of paper-barked Melaleuca trees. The orchids are found in a variety of habitats from swampy areas to semiarid regions to open forest grasslands between sea level and 2500 ft. (0-760 m).



Photo Barry Hart

## Novice- Second Place

*Cymbidium No ID*

**Grower: Mary Ann Gschwend**

Mary Ann brought in a beautiful Cymbidium hybrid. We don't know its name or parents, but it has beautiful orange sepals and petals and that yellow lip with bright red stripes and spots are a showstopper.

This plant should be able to grow outside in our area if you protect from frost.



### **Novice- Third Place**

#### ***Masdevallia towarensis***

#### **Grower: Mara Kauffman**

Native to Venezuela. These plants grow in cloud forests at elevations of 4900-7550 feet above sea level. Grow this plant in shade, cool, humid conditions.

Mara grows this plant protected, outside in Oakland.



### **Intermediate- First Place**

#### ***Laelia anceps Gypsy Sky'***

#### **Grower: Linda Castleton**

Native to Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. These plants are found at quite variable elevations and conditions. They are quite adaptable to a variety of cultural conditions. They can grow in our area outdoors if protected from frost.

Linda grows this plant in her greenhouse in Walnut Creek.





### **Intermediate- Second Place**

#### ***Arpophyllum giganteum***

#### **Grower: Henry Shaw**

Native to Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Colombia, and Venezuela. These plants are found in mountain cloud forests. They can be grown in cool to warm temperature in dappled light.

Henry grows the outside, protected in San Ramon.



### **Intermediate- Third Place**

#### ***Oncidium No ID***

#### **Grower: Jeanette Bean**

We can't say anything about this plant or its parents but Jeanette has a beautiful spike of burgundy spotted sepals and petals with a frilly white lip with burgundy blotch. This plant is most likely quite temperature tolerant. It can be grown as a windowsill plant if protected from direct sunlight.

**Advanced- First Place**

***Cattleya Cornelia 'Kalapana'***

**Grower: Marcia Hart**

This is a hybrid that was originated in 1893 by Veitch. It is a primary hybrid *Cattleya labiata* and *Cattleya pumila*.

Marcia grows this outdoors in Concord.



**Lancer Smith Award**

***Dendrobium taylorii***

**Grower: Ulrike Ahlborn**

Native to Australia. Plants are found from sea level to 3950 ft elevation. This plant will grow in dappled sunlight in intermediate to warm temperatures.

Ulrike grows this on her windowsill.





**Expert- No award, just a pretty picture.**

***Ryncholaeliocattleya Chia Lin 'New City' AM/AOS***

**Grower: Diane Bond**

Complex *Cattleya* hybrid. Originated in 1989 by Su Ping-Ho. 49% *Cattleya dowiana*.

Diane grows this in an intermediate greenhouse.

### **DVOS 2024 Officers and Board Members**

<b>Board Positions</b>	<b>2024</b>
President	Henry Shaw
Vice President	Diane Bond
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