

Diablo View Orchid Society

The meeting is April 11 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

Our Speakers: Karen Olson and Paul Juberg

Karen's Bio: I have grown orchids for 37+ years and have been a member of the Napa Valley Orchid Society longer than anyone and I used to be the youngest member! I grow a variety of genera in my 16 ft. x 6 ft. greenhouse. My current favorites are *Masdevallias*, *Draculas* & the *Cattleya* Alliance. My evaporative cooler keeps them pretty happy in the warm months. I love to travel and include orchid society meetings, botanical gardens or seeing orchids in nature as much as possible. I have even enjoyed orchids in the sands of Ireland.



Paul's Bio: I started growing orchids 20 years ago after my wife gave me a blooming cymbidium. Knowing nothing about it she saw an ad in the Napa paper for an orchid society meeting so I went to one and haven't missed many since. I have about 200 cymbidiums in front of my east facing house front and a small greenhouse with about 200 mostly cattleya family orchids in the backyard. Growing orchids is a great hobby and has led to some very nice friendships, among them members of your club, DVOS.

Karen and Paul will be talking about their recent trip to Africa:

Paul and I decided to join an Orchid Conservation Alliance 2 week tour in South Africa. But you can't go to Africa and not see the large animals so we added a 5 day safari to the beginning of our stay. It was thrilling to see the animals sometimes only 10 feet away from our open roofed truck. We will show you photos of animals and birds, the rocky landscape that is South Africa and of course lots of orchids and other interesting plants. South Africa is one of the top areas in the world for plant diversity.

Dinner with the Speakers

Members of DVOS are invited to a no-host, pre-meeting dinner with our guest speakers. We will meet for dinner at 5 PM on Thursday January 11th 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 bonddiane9@gmail.com by 5PM Wednesday, January 10th so that I can make reservations.

The President's Letter

Orchid Friends:

April showers bring May flowers! Welcome to spring! This winter 's rains, which are thankfully continuing, have made the open space behind our house a lush, verdant green space where tom turkeys proudly display their tail-feather fan to coy hens, and a family of rabbits hop around. (Their den is under a large, spreading sage plant just outside our back fence.)

My Aussie *Dendrobium* hybrids, which normally live outside, and get brought inside when in bloom, have been putting on a show, with a *Dendrobium* Bright Angel 'Clear Night' and a *Dendrobium* Gillieston Gold 'Natalie' AM/AOS doing particularly well this year. My large *D. speciosum* and *D. x delicatum* are still just in bud, so I'm waiting to see how they fare this year. Other blooms include my coconut-scented *Maxillaria tenuifolia*, which blooms reliably this time of year; my *Leptotes bicolor*, which has a record 3 blooms this year; a *Cattlianthe* Rojo that began blooming at the end of Feb. and is currently sending up a second spike; a Sunset Valley Orchids unnamed hybrid (*Lc.* Newberry Fireworks 'Mendenhall' x *Pot.* Burana Love 'SVO') that I acquired from fellow DVOS member Rachel Brinkerhoff at the February Show & Sale; and a very odd-looking acquisition from the Pacific Orchid Exposition – a *Dendrobium findlayanum* that was dormant in February, but now has two flowers (see picture). I hope it starts putting on some foliage too!



What's happening in your greenhouse or on your windowsills? Bring your blooms to the March meeting's Show & Tell so we can all see!

Henry

Show and Tell's March Winners



Lancer Smith Award

Aerangis luteoalba

Henry Shaw

Aerangis leucialba can be found across equatorial Africa. It grows in warm moist conditions almost always in forests along rivers. In cultivation, it will grow in cool to warm temperatures in the shade.



Novice 1st Place

Schoenorchis gemmata

Mara Kauffman

Schoenorchis gemmata can be found in can be found in Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan, northeast India, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and southwest China. They are found in mountain forests at elevations between 2300-6500 feet above sea level. In cultivation, it will grow in cool to warm temperatures in dappled light. Supply ample water in the spring and summer and less in fall and winter.



Novice 2nd Place

Dendrobium Jonathan's Glory

'Dark Joy' HCC/AOS

Sonya Provaznik

This hybrid is a cross between *Den. Colonial Surprise* and *Den. Kingrose*. It is 47% *Den. kingianum*. In cultivation, it will grow very much like a *Den. Kingianum*. Cool to warm temperatures. Keep moist in the spring/summer but reduce water in the fall/winter.



Intermediate 1st Place

Dendrobium falcorostrum

Pat Bacchetti

Dendrobium falcorostrum is a beautiful species from eastern Australia. It can be found growing at elevation 2950-4600 ft above sea level. In cultivation, it will grow in cool temperatures. Dappled light. Keep moist in the spring/summer but reduce water in the fall/winter. Never allow to completely dry out



Intermediate 2nd Place

Rhyncattleanthe Olympus

Sunset FCA

Jan Danciger

This hybrid is a cross between *Rtth.* Hawaiian Discovery and *Rlc.* William Farrell. It is a complex hybrid of *C. dowiana*, *Gur. aurantiaca*, *C. schroederae* and many others. In cultivation, grow it warm. It will probably tolerate cool temperatures. Dappled to bright light. Allow to dry out between waterings.



Intermediate 3rd Place

Cattlianthe Koolau Treat

Jan Danciger

This hybrid is a cross between *C. Koolau Seagulls* and *Ctt. Trick or Treat*. It is a complex hybrid of *C. cinnabarina*, *C. tigrina*, *Gur. Aurantiaca* and others. In cultivation it will grow in cool to warm temperatures. Give it bright indirect light. Allow to dry out between waterings.



Advanced 1st Place

Rhyncholaelia Aristocrat

David Trebotich

This is a primary hybrid of *Rl. glauca* and *Rl. digbyana*. In cultivation it will grow in cool to warm temperatures. Give it bright indirect light. Allow to dry out between waterings.



Advanced 2nd Place

Dendrobium Bardo Rose

Miki Ichiyanagi

This is a primary hybrid of the Australian species *Den. falcorostrum* and *Den. kingianum*. In cultivation it will grow in cool to warm temperatures. Give it bright indirect to dappled light. Keep moist in the spring/summer and reduce watering and fertilizer in the fall/winter.



Advanced 3rd Place

Dendrobium kingianum

Marcia Hard

This is a very popular species that can be found in eastern Australia. Spring blooming, VERY fragrant. In cultivation it will grow in cool to warm temperatures. Keep moist in the spring/summer but reduce water in the fall/winter.

California Orchids Sale
Saturday April 13th, 9am-4pm

*This is a sale for orchid
growers!*

We will have lots of out of
flower Orchids. Seedlings,
Plants from Mary's personal
collection, large Bromeliads,
Tillandsias, and Bird's Nest
ferns. Supplies and books!



Everything will be 20% off!

515 Aspen Rd. Bolinas, CA 94924

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