



# Diablo View Orchid Society Newsletter

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April 2002

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## Program:

### “Show Me The Plant”

### Marni Turkel

#### Meeting Date, Time and Location

**When: Thursday, April 11, 2002**

**Culture Session @ 7 PM: Juan Bofill will give a slide show on the new AOS facility in Florida**

**Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM**

**Where:** Contra Costa Water Dept. Auditorium  
1331 Concord Ave., Concord

**Dinner with Marni Turkel: 5:30 PM @ Spring Garden Restaurant**  
785 Oakgrove Rd., Concord

**RSVP (925) 833-0840 or e-mail [DVOSNEWS@ATTBI.COM](mailto:DVOSNEWS@ATTBI.COM) by 4/8/02**

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## Upcoming Events:

(topics in parenthesis)

### April

- 11 General meeting  
Speaker: Marni Turkel
- 18 Board Meeting @ Barbara Tague's

### May

- 9 General meeting  
Speaker: Mike Gallagher  
(Disas in the wild)

### June

- 13 General meeting  
Speaker: Matt Swift (Tolumnias)

### August

- 11 General Meeting  
Orchid round-robin with Sue Fordyce,  
Bernice Lindner, and Barbara Tague
- 24 DVOS BBQ

### October

- 10 General meeting  
Speaker: Dr. Joanne Whitney  
(How did it get that name?)

### December

- 12 General meeting  
DVOS Holiday Party

## Message from the President

The March General Meeting was terrific due to the success of the Fort Mason Orchid Show, our speaker Nick Burnett and a tremendous attendance turnout - almost 70 people.

The Orchid Show speaks for itself. I hope more people will want to become involved next year and be part of a fun committee.

Our speaker was one of the best we have had so far. His entertaining presentation kept everyone amused and no one dozed off. I think most of us could relate to the orchids in his slides. He definitely made me feel like I'm not alone. Thanks to Charlotte Leong for scheduling him as a speaker.

I also want to thank all of the members who have been helping to setup and clean up at each month's meeting. The extra help is appreciated by those members who are always volunteering to help out.

My opinion of a successful society is when everyone participates in some way. On April 28<sup>th</sup> we will be having a sale at Fordyce Orchids. If you have an orchid (or orchids) to donate, it will be helpful and greatly appreciated.

David Tomassini

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## Be a Trendsetter!!

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Simply e-mail me at DVOSNEWS@ATTBI.COM and say "I want to receive the newsletter via e-mail!" That's all there is to it. Thanks much,

Mark, your humble editor

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## DVOS STAFF

*President* - David Tomassini

*Vice-President* - Charlotte Leong

*Secretary* - Alice Tomassini

*Treasurer* - Barbara Tague

*AOS Rep.* - Barbara Tague

*BBQ* - Kathy Barret, Sue Fordyce

*Culture Sessions* - Charlotte Leong

*Greenhouse Tours* - Linda Daraskavich

*Historian* - Nathalie Smith

*Indoor/Outdoor Group* - Open

*Librarian* - Phyllis Arthur

*Lights&Equipment* - Juan Bofill, Parky Parkison

*Membership* - Ulrike Ahlborn

*Newspaper Ads* - Karen Moonitz

*Raffle/Other sales* - Nancy Pak

*Refreshments* - Linda Castleton, Tonky Bofill

*S.F. Show* - Ron Bettencourt

*Sound System* - Dave Tomassini

*Webmaster* - Nick Doe

*Welcome Hostess* - Madge Fordyce

*Board Members* - Kathy Barrett, Juan Bofill, Linda Daraskavich, Parky Parkison, Mark Rotter

*Newsletter Editor*

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# AOS Judging Results

AOS Awards  
Pacific Central Supplemental Center  
San Francisco, CA  
3/5/02

Name of plant: Paph hirsutissimum 'Pleasant Valley'  
Parentage: species  
Award: AM 87  
Exhibitor: Pleasant Valley Orchids

Name of plant: Masd. regina 'Lillian Sparks'  
Parentage: species  
Award: HCC 78  
Exhibitor: Walter M. Shinn

Name of plant: Masd. newmaniana 'Hanging Garden'  
Parentage: species  
Award: HCC 77  
Exhibitor: Hanging Gardens/ Dan Newman

- Kathy Barrett

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## Refreshment Room

We want to thank all the members that brought food and beverages for the March meeting. This is also a reminder to those who signed up for April: **Linda Paige, Esther Yee, Sue Fordyce, Kathi Ames, Nathalie Smith, Fred LaFontaine, Karen Moonitz, and Linda Daraskavich**; beverages will be provided by: **Nancy Pak and Alice Tomassini**.

If, for whatever reason, any of you can not attend the meeting, please call Linda Castleton (925-256-4628) or Antonieta Bofill (925-609-8443) in advance of the meeting. Thanks much.

Linda Castleton  
Antonieta Bofill

## This Month's Speaker Marni Turkel

This month, Marni Turkel of Stony Point Ceramic Design will present "Show Me The Plant". Marni is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area and has been growing orchids since 1980. A hobbyist grower, she grows her orchids in two greenhouses at her home in Santa Rosa, California. She is especially interested in cool-growing miniature species but plenty of larger plants have crept into the collection as well. Though the collection has never been counted, most guesses put it at several thousand plants representing a wide range of genera. Marni is the co-author with Eric Christenson of several recent articles in Orchids Magazine. Photographs of her plants have been featured in articles for the past several years in both Orchids Magazine and Orchid Digest. A working potter for over 30 years, she owns and manages Stony Point Ceramic Design which is a small pottery firm that produces vases, orchid planters, flower arranging containers and dinnerware.

"Show Me the Plant" is the name of her presentation and uses slides of blooming specimen plants as well as close-ups to consider the whole plant for a sense of proportion and not just the flower by itself. She will be talking about many of her favorite plants and will cover some basic information as well as specific needs for individual plants. Many of you have seen her plants at orchid shows and meetings, this is a chance to see the best of her collection and learn how she grows it. Marni will provide our raffle table, so you will want to buy plenty of tickets.

In May our very own Mike Gallagher will give a presentation on the natural habitats of Disas. Come see where Disas grow wild and learn more about their cultural needs.

Hope you can join us!  
Charlotte

## Last Month's Presentation

Last month Nick Burnett gave a memorable presentation. The audience was left in hysterics with his masterful and humorous style. Learning has rarely been as enjoyable as it was that night.

Do to space constraints of this newsletter I will just provide the list of easy to grow plants suggested by Nick. If you missed his presentation, you will just have to wait for the next time he has time to visit our society. I, for one, hope that will be soon.

### Nick's List of Survivors:

Angraecum leonis—sickle shaped leaves, fragrant white flowers.

Phal. cornu-cervi—great species phal with orange and red barred flowers.

Ascofinetia Petite Bouquet—small vandaceous plant with a profusion of pink flowers.

Bulb. micranthum—interesting flowers, easy to grow

Paph. spiceranum—green and white, red stripe on dorsal, easy to grow.

Paph. Maudiae—lots of color forms, easy for windowsills.

Phrag hybrids—Andean Fire or Sedenii

Paph. moquettianum or glaucophyllum—successive bloomers last for nearly a year!

Charlotte

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## Have Dinner with the Speaker!

Come join us for dinner prior to the April meeting. Hear inside tips and stories from our speaker Marni Turkel. Dinner reservations are for 5:30 PM at Gary's Spring Garden Restaurant, 785 Oak Grove Rd. at the corner of Oak Grove and Treat Blvd. in Concord. Gary puts on a nice family style dinner for all who attend. If you get lost, the phone number for the restaurant is 925-827-1900. Cost is \$15/person and includes tax and tip, drinks are an additional cost. Please RSVP to [dvosnews@attbi.com](mailto:dvosnews@attbi.com) or leave a message at 925-833-0840 by 4/8/02. If you don't RSVP, but find you can come to dinner at the last minute, please join us. We can always accommodate a few extra people. Hope to see you there.

Charlotte - 4 -

## Membership News

Let's give a warm welcome to our new members: **Joe Grillo** from Orinda and **Linda Paige** and **Maxine Potts** both from Lafayette.

Guests at the March General Meeting were **Sharon Nestore** from Walnut Creek and **Tim Clemen** from San Francisco.

I brought the new 2002 roster to the March general meeting. If you want and have not received one yet, please see me at the next meeting. If you found any mistakes or omissions, please let me know so I can correct them. I will provide an Addendum, which will include all new members and any corrections.

A note to our guests who attended our general meeting prior to February 2002: Please be aware that this will be your last newsletter. If you would like to continue receiving it and enjoy the meetings and participate in the club's benefits, send in your application and dues or just bring them to the next meeting.

You can contact me by e-mail [ulrikea@usa.net](mailto:ulrikea@usa.net), or by phone during the day at (510) 741-6762 or in the evening at (925) 830-8830.

Ulrike Ahlborn  
Membership Chair



*Lc Fire Dance 'Blanche' owned by Fred LaFontaine. First place in DVOS competition*

# Results from the DVOS Competition

1st Place

**Fred LaFontaine**

*Lc. Fire Dance 'Blanche'*

2nd Place

**Karen Moonitz**

*Lc. Clar Hancock 'Snow Plume'*

3rd Place

**Barbara Tague**

*Colm. Wildcat 'Bobcat'*

Look What I Bloomed For the First Time

**Renate Johnson**

*Cym. Arco Verde 'April Yellow'*

Lancer Smith Award

**Kathy Barrett**

*Bulb. ovatifolium*

Many thanks to our judges **Betty Michaelsen,**  
**Mike Gallagher,** and **Susan Fetter**

Kathy Barrett



*Cym. Arco Verde 'April Yellow'* owned by Renate Johnson. Look What I Bloomed for the First Time Award in DVOS competition.



*Lc. Clar Hancock 'Snow Plume'* owned by Karen Moonitz. Second place in DVOS competition



*Bulb. ovatifolium* owned by Kathy Barrett. Lancer Smith award in DVOS competition

## Culture Corner

In April, fellow DVOS member Juan Bofill will show slides of the new American Orchid Society Headquarters in Florida. Come on a virtual tour with Juan and his wife Tonky as they explore the new facility.

In May another DVOS member, Mike Gallagher, will present a cultural session on 'How to grow Disas in the East Bay'.

Then in June, Matt Swift of 'Swifts Orchids' will do a potting demonstration on Tolumnias.

- Charlotte Leong

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## Greenhouse Tours

There is a tour planned for Saturday, June 29th. The tour will begin at Mercedes Bell's greenhouse in Clyde between 9:00-10:00. The next stop will be at Karen Moonitz' greenhouse in Concord between 10:30-11:30. You can spend as little or as much time at these stops as you wish, then the tour will finish up with lunch at Dave & Alice Tomassini's in Danville. There will also be plants for sale, provided by Dave Tomassini and Nathalie Smith.

A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the at the next General Meeting. The lunch will be \$6.75 and will include a sandwich, macaroni salad or fruit salad, chips, cookies, and drinks. Lunch money is due when signing up for the tour. I will pass out directions as we approach the tour date..

Linda Daraskavich

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## DVOS Plant Sale

Come join us for the Annual DVOS Plant Sale on Sunday April 28, 2002 at Fordyce's Orchid Ranch from 10 AM to 5 PM. You're likely to find that special plant that will enhance your orchid collection. The sale is open to members and the public, so be sure to come early to get the best selection.

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Proceeds from the sale help the club pay expenses for speakers, supplies, and other club activities.

This year the board decided to provide most of the plants for the annual plant sale by purchasing them through vendors. We also welcome plant donations from members, but this will be on a voluntary basis. If you have a good quality plant(s), divisions, etc. that you can donate to the club sale, please bring your plants to David Tomassini at the April meeting or deliver them to Fordyce Orchids by 4/20. We need the plants early so that we can check the labels and add price tags.

All plants should be clean and free of pests. Please have your plants marked 'for DVOS Sale' and include your name with your donation in case we have any questions about the plant(s). Pictures of the flowers help sell the out of bloom plants, so if you have a picture you can give up please bring it with the plant. Be sure to include the name of the plant on the back of picture. Do not give us any pictures you want to keep. With so many plants we can't be responsible for returning pictures.

### DVOS SALE VOLUNTEERS

We're having a good turnout for our Spring Sale volunteer sign-ups. If you haven't signed up but would like to help, contact Charlotte at [clleong@attbi.com](mailto:clleong@attbi.com) or 925-833-0840 and leave a message. No experience necessary, we will train you. Come work with fellow growers and you may learn some growing ideas too :o)

Charlotte



*Colm. Wildcat 'Bobcat' owned by Barbara Tague. Third place in DVOS competition*

## Upcoming Events

### Visions 2000 ~ Art

presented by the Garden Club of America

**When: April 12-13** 10am - 5pm Fri. & Sat.

**April 14** Noon - 5pm Sun.

**Where: Oakland Museum of California**

Tenth and Oak Streets

**Admission:** \$6.00 Seniors \$4.00

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### Orchid Show and Sale

presented by the Sacramento Orchid Society

**When: April 20** 9:30am - 6pm

**April 21** 9:30am - 5pm

**Where: Scottish Rite Center**

6151 H St., Sacramento

**Admission:** \$5 (under 12 free w/adult)

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### Orchids of America the Beautiful

presented by the Golden Gate Cymbidium Society

**When: April 6 & 7** 9am - 5pm

**Where: Lakeside Garden Center (by Lake Merritt)**

666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland

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### Mayfaire Orchid Show and Sale

presented by the Carmel Orchid Society

**When: May 4** 9am - 6pm

**May 5** 9am - 4pm

**Where: Hwy 1 and Rio Rd.**

Carmel, CA

**Admission:** Free

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## In Memoriam - John Chamberlain

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of John Chamberlain last February. John had been with the Society since its inception - a little over fifteen years. During that time, John held many positions within the society, and for the past nine of those years, he has been the Club's Treasurer; his term ending last year. He will be greatly missed.

## DVOS Awards - S.F. Show



*The AOS Bronze Trophy*



*The Orchid Digest Award*



*Best Exhibit Illustrating Show Theme*

**Livermore**

\*The Orchid Ranch\*;  
Fordyce Orchids - Cattleyas 925-447-1659  
Orchids Orinda - Phalaenopsis  
Tonkins Orchids - Paphiodeilums

**Oakland**

\*Orchids Fiori D'Amore\*  
Paolo & Nina DiCandia  
510-530-4884 (by appt. only)

**Hawaii**

\*Yamada's Orchid Nursery\*  
Allen Yamada  
5087-A Kawaihau Rd.  
Kapaa, HI 96746

**Yuba City**

\*Orchid Obsession\*  
Brent & Toni Cushenbery  
1477 Oswald Rd., Yuba City, CA 95993  
916-673-6763

**Walnut Creek**

\*Orchid Gallery\*  
Jing Ho  
1501 N. California Blvd.

**Martinez**

\*MGM Orchids\*  
Mariano G Morales  
718 Main Street  
Martinez, CA. 94553

**San Leandro**

\*The Paph House\*  
Francisco Baptista & Fred Jernigan  
375 Warwick Avenue, San Leandro, CA  
510/ 635-2845, (by appt. only)

**Concord**

\*San Miguel Greenhouses\*  
Pamela Leaver  
936 San Miguel Rd.  
925-798-0476 (by appt. only)

**Concord**

Nathalie Smith  
1507 Lavetta Way; 925-685-8904  
(by appt. only); orchid supplies

**Danville**

\*Commercial Plant Services\*  
David & Alice Tomassini  
3 Woodside Ct.; 925-736-7630

**Half Moon Bay**

\*D & D Flowers\*  
Dennis Olivas; 62 Oceanside Dr.  
650-994-7465 (call in advance)

**Australia**

\*Adelaide Orchids\*  
Stephen and Robin Monkhouse  
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