



Diablo View Orchid Society Newsletter

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July 2002

Program: **“Miniatures - Good Things Come in Small Packages”** **Cordelia Head**

Meeting Date, Time and Location

When: Thursday, July 11, 2002

Culture Session @ 7 PM: Michael Gallagher: “Growing disas in the East Bay”

Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM

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

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

RSVP (925) 833-0840 or e-mail DVOSNEWS@ATTBI.COM by 7/8/02

Upcoming Events:

(topics in parenthesis)

July

11 General meeting
Speaker: Cordelia Head (miniatures)

August

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

September

12 General meeting
Speaker: Leonard Gines (TBA)

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

Our Board and Staff have agreed that there are some special people that should be honored as the Charter Members of Diablo View Orchid Society. They include Dick Emory, Noble & Bea Emery, Bernice Lindner, Bob Van Galder, Nathalie Smith and Floyd & Marlene Lundquist.

Beginning with this issue we are starting a monthly article titled "DVOS Members Profile" so that we may learn about the background and other interests of these people who share a mutual appreciation for orchids. Our first featured member is Dick Emory. Other member profiles will follow in future issues.

There will be a presentation to the members being honored at the annual BBQ~ Picnic/Auction on Saturday, August 24th. The Lundquists, who live in Hawaii, will be sent the same acknowledgment that the others will receive that day.

We encourage everyone to plan on attending this years event and participate in honoring the Charter Members of Diablo View Orchid Society

Dave Tomassini

Special discount!!

15% DISCOUNT ON PREORDERS

Cordelia Head of J & L Orchids is offering members a 15% discount on preorders to be delivered at our July meeting. Interested persons can contact the nursery via the website at <http://JLORCHIDS.com> Be sure to let her know which society meeting you will pick up your orchids as she is talking to several societies during her trip to California. Contact them soon.

**ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
AUGUST NEWSLETTER
IS FRIDAY, JULY 26**

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This Month's Speaker

Cordelia Head

This month Cordelia will be speaking on the following topic: 'MINIATURES: Good Things Come In Small Packages'.

Cordelia Head is one of two female owners of J&L Orchids. J&L Orchids has a large selection of unusual species and miniature orchids. She has traveled extensively throughout Central and South America in search of orchids. As well as lecturing all over the world including the most recent World Orchid Conference in Malaysia. An active member of the AOS Conservation Committee, the IUCN Orchid Specialist Group and the International Orchid Committee of the WOC, she is also an AOS judge. She will be talking about miniature orchids, showing a wide range of interesting and unusual plants.

Next month we will have a round robin with fellow members Bernice Lindner, Barbara Tague, and Sue Fordyce. Come learn how to mount an orchid, grow *Den. cuthbertsonii* in the East Bay, and arrange orchids in baskets. Participants will be able to take home their own mounted orchid. See you there.

Charlotte

Refreshment Room

I'm beginning to skip dinner, just so I can sample all the goodies. A big thanks to all those that brought refreshments in June. The following people have graciously agreed to bring wonderful concoctions in July: **Alice Tomassini, Karen Moonitz, Jill Chambers, Barbara Tague, Kathi Ames, Akiko Ogawa, Dennis Olivas, and Naomi Chamberlain.** I can hardly wait!!!

If for whatever reason any of you can't attend the meeting, please call **Linda Castleton** (925-256-4628) in advance of the meeting.

Mark Rotter

(for Linda Castleton and Antonieta Bofill)

Last Month's Presentation

Last month Matt Swift of Swift's orchids shared gave us a review of equitants. First discovered in 1837, 22 out of 25 species have been reclassified as 'Tolumnias'. These plants enjoy high humidity but need to be kept on the dry side as their roots easily rot. Native to the Carribean, these plants need quality water with low salt content.

Charlotte

DVOS Member Profile

Dick Emory

Name: Richard D. Emory (Dick)

Birthplace: Buffalo, N.Y.

Childhood (where I grew up): Honolulu

Family Members and/or Pets: Jean - wife, no pets

Occupation: Retired

How I became interested in Orchids: Grew orchids as a boy in Honolulu.

Favorite Orchid(s): Dendrobiums, South American species.

Other Hobbies and Special Interests: Raising orchids collected.

Favorite way to Mellow Out: Visiting other orchid growers.

Favorite or Unusual Memories: Remembering trips to Central and South America.

Special Accomplishments: Still growing Dendrobium I grew as a boy in Honolulu, Age 22.

Your Plan in Five Years: Surviving

Membership News

As of June 2002 DVOS has 97 members, plus an unidentified person who gave me her dues, but did not return the completed application form to me. She did not come to the meeting in June. I still hope she will identify herself, so we can welcome her and send her the newsletter. We welcomed Charlene and Loretta Harvey from Concord our new guests at the June meeting.

If you have not received a roster yet and would like to have one, please send me a message or see me at the next meeting. I also will have the Addendum to the roster available at the next meeting again.

For new members who have not received a nametag yet, please let me know and I will make one for you and bring it to the next meeting. These nametags are especially useful for the August BBQ and Auction, when there will be more time to socialize.

A note to our guests who attended our general meeting prior to May 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

Culture Corner

Last month Matt Swift of Swift's orchids shared his tips for successfully growing equitants. Matt uses clay pots or plastic net pots as his experience has been that the solid plastic pots stay too wet for his growing conditions. He sterilizes clay pots by baking them at 350°F for 1 hour. He pots the equitants in a mix of equal parts fine fir bark, #3 perlite and pea sized gravel. To prepare your media, wash the dust out of the gravel and perlite before adding to your mix. Soak the bark and discard

any material that sinks to the bottom.

He recommends repotting in the spring or summer when there is active growth. The pot you use should be able to accommodate 1 or 2 fans of growth, but don't use anything larger than a 4" pot. In Matt's experience, anything larger than a 4" pot stays too wet and tends to rot the roots. Be sure that the hole at the bottom of the pot is kept clear to allow the pot to 'breathe'.

With this technique he finds he only needs to water twice a week in summers and once a week in the winter. He advises that if you do mount these plants, don't use moss as they don't like persistent wet feet. Keep the humidity high and provide good quality water as they don't tolerate high salt content. You should provide lots of indirect sunlight (cattleya conditions) and fertilize at ¼ strength recommended on the label. If you find you only get a few flowers per stem, you should increase the amount of light your plant receives.

As always, whenever trying new techniques, try it first on only a few sample plants and view the results before applying changes on a larger scale. What works well in a given set of conditions may not work well in different conditions.

In July, fellow DVOS member Michael Gallagher has kindly rescheduled his culture session "Growing Disas in the East Bay" If you want to grow these continuous bloomers you won't want to miss this culture topic.

- Charlotte Leong

Lost and Found

FOUND: Women's green denim jacket at the last meeting. Contact Nancy Pak, 925 934-6394 or see her at the next meeting at the raffle ticket area.

Results from the DVOS Competition

1st Place

Barbara Tague

*L. Purpurata var Roxo Violeta x L. Purpurata
var Werkhausell*

2nd Place

Dick Emory

Thunia Gattonensis

3rd Place

Barbara Tague

Ctsm Black Knight

Look What I Bloomed For the First Time

Gene & Akiko Ogawa

Encyclia Dickinsoniana

Lancer Smith Award

Barbara Tague

Den. Tobanese

Many thanks to our judges **Loretta & Charlene
Harvey, and Linda Daraskavich**

Bob Hilson - In Memoriam

Bob Hilson and his family have a long-standing relationship to the City of Martinez in addition to the Local History Research Library at the Martinez Museum. So, when the DVOS board read in the obituaries of Bob's request to make a donation to the Martinez Historical Society in his name, a quick "Cyber Board Meeting" closed the deal. The memorial is a truly befitting tribute to Bob. We all will miss him..

Barbara Tague

Have Dinner with the Speaker!

Come join us for dinner prior to the July meeting. Hear inside tips and stories from our speaker Cordelia Head. 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 with tax and tip, drinks are an additional cost. Please RSVP with Charlotte at dvosnews@attbi.com or leave a message at 925-833-0840 by 7/9/02. 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



*L. Purpurata var Roxo Violeta x L. Purpurata
var Werkhausell* owned by Barbara Tague. First
place in DVOS competition

AOS Judging Results

AOS Awards
Pacific Central Supplemental Center
San Francisco, CA
6/4/02

Entry No.

SF-060402-04

Plant: "Pleurothallis tricontra "Belmont Highlands"
species

Award: CBR (provisional)

Exhibitor: Walter M. Shinn

SF-060402-08

Plant: "Masdevallia welischii "Rip-Hoff"

Award: CCM Points: 81

Exhibitor: Anna S. Chai

SF-060402-11

Plant: "Coryanthes macrantha "Kang Hee"
species

Award: HCC Points: 79

Exhibitor: Anna S. Chai

SF-060402-12

Plant: "Coryanthes speciosa "Won Hee" species

Award: HCC Points: 77

Exhibitor: Anna S. Chai

SF-060402-13

Plant: "Disa aurata "Lafayette" species

Award: CBR (provisional)

Exhibitor: Michael P. Gallagher

SF-060402-15

Plant: "Laelia purpurata var. werckhauseri "J.G. #3"
species

Award: AM Points: 81

Exhibitor: Jerry & Jill Rodder

SF-060402-21

Plant: "Disa Veitchii "Wally's Baby" Disa
racemosax Disa uniflora

Award: HCC Points: 76

Exhibitor: Michael P. Gallagher

SF-060402-22

Plant: "Disa Elwesii "Lafayette" Disa Kewensis
x Disa Veitchii

Award: HCC Points: 77

Exhibitor: Michael P. Gallagher

SF-060402-25

Plant: "Laelia "J.G. #2" species

Award: CCM Points: 75

HCC 81

Exhibitor: Jerry and Jill Rodder

SF-060402-28

Plant: "Miltonia Arthur Cobbletick "Springtime"

Miltonia vexillaria x Miltonia Meadowdale

Award: HCC Points: 75

Exhibitor: Valerie Henderson

SF-060402-29

Plant: "Disa Yvening Shadows" Junebug"
Disa tripetaloides x longicornu

Award: JC Points:

Exhibitor: Valerie Henderson

SF-060402-30

Plant: Disa One Fine Day "Yeah" Disa Midday
Dream x Disa uniflora

Award: AM Points: 82

Exhibitor: Valerie Henderson

SF-060402-33

Plant: Disa venosa "Sweet Pea" species

Award: CBR (provisional) Points:

Exhibitor: Valerie Henderson

SF-060402-35

Plant: "Masdevallia unnamed "Sunet Velour"
Masdevallia veitchiana x Masdevallia Monarch

Award: HCC Points: 77

Exhibitor: Sunset Orchids

SF-060402-37 Plant: "Masdevallia Gairiana

"Orange Sunset" Masdevallia davisii x Masdevallia
veitchiana

Award: AM Points: 85

Exhibitor: Sunset Orchids



Thunia Gattonensis owned by Dick Emory.
Second place in DVOS competition



Den. Tobanese owned by Barbara Tague.
Lancer Smith award in DVOS competition



Ctasm Black Knight owned by Barbara Tague.
Third place in DVOS competition



Encyclia Dickinsoniana owned by Gene & Akiko Ogawa. Look What I Bloomed for the First Time Award in DVOS competition.

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)

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.

Vallejo

MGM Orchids
Mariano G Morales
(707) 557-2716 (by appt. only)

San Leandro

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

Lafayette

Diablo Disas
Michael Gallagher
3 Maloyan Lane
925-283-8450 (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

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D & D Flowers
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