

Diablo View Orchid Society

<http://www.dvos.org>

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Thursday September 11, 2003

5:30PM Dinner with the Speaker, Culture Session starts 7:00PM, Meeting starts 7:30!, ~ 8:30 Speaker's Presentation

Gene Crocker of Carter and Holmes Orchids

Most orchid hobbyists get familiar with Carter & Holmes via the clonal names 'Mendenhall' and 'Newberry' long before they realize there's a company behind the name. These clones are appended to the names of many fine examples of orchid breeding. Even a brief review of orchid literature always includes mention of a 'Mendenhall' or other C&H plant. The company, located in South Carolina, has a long history equal to any in orchid history.

Bill Carter and Owen Holmes began selling orchids as cut flowers in the years following World War II when corsage flowers were in great demand for Valentine's Day, Easter, and Mother's Day. As lifestyles became less formal in the 1960's and the demand for cut flowers decreased, Carter & Holmes began producing orchids for home growing. They started hybridizing orchids in the 1950's and developed their own modern laboratory for seed and tissue culture in the 1970's. This hybridizing program has resulted in worldwide recognition for Carter & Holmes as a source for outstanding orchids - in particular, art-shade cattleyas. Today, Carter & Holmes ships orchid plants of many genera to hobbyists and commercial growers throughout the United States and to many countries around the world.

Gene Crocker is currently Vice President of Carter & Holmes Orchids, a position he has held for the past 17 years. He is responsible for the general orchid production, including the hybridizing program. He also writes the catalogues, advertisements and does the photography. Gene was a hobby grower for thirty years before coming to Carter and Holmes. He still has his first two orchids (cattleyas), which have flowered faithfully every year for the past 43 years. Gene's professional training was as a textile chemist (BS) and Meteorologist (BS), but orchids have been his main obsession through these many years. He and his wife, Kitty, have one daughter and two sons - and two grandsons. Gene travels extensively on behalf of Carter & Holmes. He is interested in all genera of orchids, although cattleyas are his favorites. He made his first cattleya hybrid in 1961, and has already gone through three generations of orchid hybrids at Carter & Holmes. His "orchid claim to fame" may be the fact that he coined the term "mericlone" in 1964.

If you always wondered, 'Newberry' is the town in which C&H is located, and 'Mendenhall' is their street address

Culture Session: A Quick Course in Ribbon Judging by Kathy Barrett

Just in time for the upcoming DVOS Fall Orchid Festival, Kathy Barrett will demystify the procedures for entering orchids in a show and ribbon judging orchids. She'll go over the show schedule, show rules and introduce you to judging. Please come and see how easy this is. If it required brains and/or work Kathy wouldn't do it. Trust me.

Juan Bofill will have the sign up sheet for the Show. We have several volunteers for other categories, and we hope after this introduction there will be many hands wanting to enter and judge flowers.

Speaker's Dinner at DJ's Bistro 1825 Sutter Street, Concord - 825-3277 \$15 per person, incl. tip, wine extra. Call Sybil at: (925) 975-5202 Let her know you're coming.	Next Board Meeting August 21st 7:30 PM Barbara Tague's House 716 Skyline Drive, Mtz. (925) 229-0512 (You can come too!)
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DVOS Show Table Awards

1. Phal. Pixie Buddah by Charlotte Leong
2. Dendrochilum filiforme by Dick Emory
3. C. Lulu by Fordyce Orchids

Lancer Smith Medallion – Galeandra batemanii by Bernice Lindner

Look What I Bloomed for the Very First Time – Phal Sun Princess x Shining Beauty by Linda Castleton

Judges were Paulette Lang, Linda Gaines, and Eileen Jackson. They swear they were just ‘visiting’ in Napa...

For DVOS rules and regs: see <http://www.dvos.org>

AOS Awards, Pacific Central Judging

Oakland (August 21, 2003)

- Stenoglottis woodii CCM 83, by Anna S. Chai

San Francisco (August 5, 2003)

- Paph. prinulinum ‘Field Brook’, species HCC 79, by Tom Merics
- Paph. Magic Lantern ‘Lillian Sparks’ (Paph micranthum x delenatii), HCC 76 by Walter M. Shinn
- Rodriguezia venusta var alba ‘Sierra Snow’ CCM 84, by Gold Country Orchids

For more award information please visit the following website: <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

The DVOS web site was down for 3 days during the web Blaster worm attack. Well, I don’t know for sure if the page’s host was attacked or not, but I’m assuming it went off line to avoid the worm that recently plagued the internet.

If that caused any concern that the DVOS was out of business, or had absconded with our dues, please rest assured that we are all present and accounted for, and that webmaster Nick Doe’s tan is only a coincidence. He really wasn’t in the Cayman’s setting up an off shore account.

-posted via email from expat@belizedreaming.com

Refreshment Corner

We enjoyed an excellent refreshment table in July. Our appreciation goes to all the members who provided food and beverages. The following members have signed up for July: **Kathie Ames, Diana Vavrek, Chari M. Manansala, Parky Parkison, Jeff Walpole, Naomi Chamberlain and Dennis Olivas. Juan and Tonky Bofill** will provide beverages.

If, for whatever reason, any of you can not attend the May meeting, please call **Antonieta Bofill** (925-609-8443) or **Esther Yee** (925-825-8194) in advance of the meeting.

Antonieta Bofill
Esther Yee



DVOS DOERS

President: **Linda Daraskavich**

Vice- President: **Sybil Renee McGowan**

Secretary: **Alice Tomassini**

Treasurer: **Barbara Tague**

Board Members: **Juan Bofill**

Naomi Chamberlain

Parky Parkison

Brad Piini

Phyllis Arthur

Membership: **Ulrike Ahlborn**

Greenhouse Tours: **Dan Chiappone**

Refreshments: **Esther Yee & Tonky Bofill**

Hostesses: **Madge Fordyce & Naomi Chamberlain**

Raffles and Sales: **Nancy Pak**

Librarian: **Phyllis Arthur**

Historian: **Nathalie Smith**

Newspaper Announcements/ Ads: **Your Name Goes Here!!**

Newsletter: **Kathy Barrett** (mormodes@hotmail.com)

Webmaster: **Nick Doe** (<http://www.dvos.org>)

Nice Guys: **Nancy Pak, Dave Tomassini and Parky Parkison** for hauling around the projector, sound system, lights, raffle tickets, business cards and whatever else this club uses or needs. They could use some help!

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Annual Lancer P. Smith BBQ and Auction at the Van Galder estate, Lafayette

Saturday, September 6th 2003, Set up at 10:30. We Eat at Noon.

Auctioneers are scheduled. Plants have been brought in. We feature Kinder's Rib-Eye Steaks or quartered hunks o'Chicken, paid for by the SOCIETY. Current payment of your dues gives you entrance for the BBQ. If you wish to bring a guest who is not a member, we'll make him/ her a member for the usual \$15 Application Fee, or charge them \$20 for the meal. The other requirement is donation of one orchid plant per person. If you don't have an orchid to donate, use your imagination for a donation of some item akin to orchids: baskets, aprons, crochet, something with an orchid theme, pots, trimmers, jewelry etc.

Bring something nice to bid on!!

A FUN SOCIETY!!

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DIABLO VIEW ORCHID SOCIETY

Annual BBQ and AUCTION

I/ We Am/ Are planning on attending the Bar-B-Q and Auction at the Van Galder Estate in Lafayette. Saturday September 6th Help set up tables/ chairs, register plants etc.10:30 AM. Lunchtime is Noon. Auction at about 1:00. Good Fun!

Name _____ [] Steak [] Chicken

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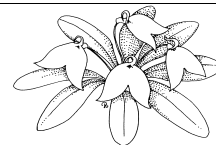
A-H brings Dessert, I-O brings Salad, P-Z brings a Casserole or Hot Side Dish. If you want to change so you can bring your favorite Potluck Dish call Alice Tomassini, just so we don't get swamped with too many of one item. (925) 648-7667

Bring Your Own Service for Eating! (Plates, knives, forks, spoons) The SOCIETY provides non-alcoholic beverages, but you can BYOB. Bob requests that the pool remains off limits, since there is no one to act as lifeguard.

Parking is limited to adjacent streets, which are plentiful. He only has 6 spaces inside, which are reserved for necessity, or handicapped.

Mail to:

Diablo View Orchid Society
c/ o Alice Tomassini
3 Woodside Court
Danville, Ca. 94506



(Directions to the Van Galder estate next page)

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July Speaker Recap

August's meeting was packed as Trudy Hadler gave a class on Cymbidiums 101. She started class with numerous slides showing numerous crosses, too numerous to be humorous. Sorry, it just rhymed. Cymbidium flowers come in all shapes and sizes, bell shaped, stripes, solids, upright and slouching.

She then went into a talk about sex and genetics. That's right ... with slides. Trudy stated that genetically speaking, fragrance usually carries over in the first generation crosses but not always in the second or third.

Cymbidiums come with 2N or 4N chromosomes. She described how 4N plants grow slower and have flowers of heavier substance due to an extra set of chromosomes. She says that a 2N plant can't be crossed with a 4N plant. Let me explain this in plain English that we all can understand. You're dating a girl and starting to get serious about her. You decide to ask her where she was born. She replies Arkansas. What a coincidence, you reply, that's where I was born. Then you ask what is her dad's name. Cledus, she replies. Huh, that's my dad's name... Then it dawns on you that maybe you're a little closer genetically than you would like to be. Just like those orchids, you either won't or shouldn't try crossing your gene pool, unless you plan on moving back to Arkansas. For those of you that are offended by the above reference to Arkansas, please accept my apology and reread the above paragraph inserting the state of Kentucky or West Virginia instead of Arkansas. *G*

Carrying on. Grow your cymbidiums outdoors with morning sun. This is the same exposure that you would grow your camellias, rhododendrons, and azaleas. Cymbidiums typically will bloom from October to May. Trudy prefers the ones that bloom toward May. This is to avoid frosts that will turn the forming spikes to mush.

The time to consider repotting your orchid is after your cymbidium blooms. It is best to repot into a pot that will allow for two years growth for your plant. The pots can be plastic or clay. Just remember that roots stick to clay pots, making it harder to remove the plant in the future. Trudy's favorite medium is coconut husk but she also uses bark. In the summer she waters every 3 days with her plants in bark and every 10 days with those plants potted in coconut husk. Try to fertilize your cymbidiums with diluted 1/4 strength 30-10-10 at every watering during March through September. Switch to 10-20-10 of the same dilution in October to promote flower production.

One last fact. Cymbidiums need a temperature drop of 20 degrees from day to night to promote the formation of spikes. Thanks Trudy for all the great 411(information).

- Brad Piini

DVOS Selection Committee

This committee is charged with finding candidates for next year's Elected Officer's and Board and is headed by last year's President Dave Tomassini. Every office and board position is up for re-election annually.

This means we need members to tell Dave if they are interested in being on the Board or becoming an elected officer. Duties include attending monthly board meetings and doing the work of the club. (See: DVOS Doers)

Additionally, members should tell Dave if they are interested in any of the other committees the DVOS has. Such as refreshments, newsletter editor, greeter, raffle ticket sales, librarian, greenhouse tours, newspaper announcements, plant procurement, and BBQ.

Every position needs to be filled. Please contact Dave if you are interested in joining up or staying on.

(925) 648-7667

(Bylaws: <http://66.78.3.9/~diablovi/About/Bylaws.htm>)

Upcoming Events

D&D ORCHIDS OPEN HOUSE (925)969-1246
Sept. 20 & 21, 9-3. Hwy 92, left at Spanish Village, 1st
GH on right. 1/3 mile before Main St. Half Moon Bay

CALIFORNIA ORCHIDS FALL SALE

Saturday September 20th 9am-4pm

*Species and hybrids of many genera, seedling to specimen sizes, many bargains

*In Bolinas (West Marin County)

Take Mesa Road to Aspen Rd.

515 Aspen Rd.

Call (415) 868-0203 for more directions or other info.

<http://www.californiaorchids.com>

AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERS MEETING California Dreamin'

Oct 22-26 @ the Doubletree Hotel 2001 Point West Way,
Sacramento. Across from the Arden Fair Mall. Orchid Show,
Speakers, Tours, Orchid Sales, AOS Committee Meetings.

<http://www.sacramentoorchids.org>

Local Vendors

Livermore

The Orchid Ranch

Fordyce Orchids - Cattleyas 925-447-1659

<http://www.fordyceorchids.com>

Orchids Orinda - Phalaenopsis

Tonkins Orchids – Paphiodeilums

Concord

Nathalie Smith

1507 Lavetta Way; 925-685-8904

(by appt. only); orchid supplies

Oakland

Orchids Fiori D.Amore

Paolo & Nina DiCandia

510-530-4884 (by appt. only)

Walnut Creek

Orchid Gallery

Jing Ho

1501 N. California Blvd.

Vallejo

MGM Orchids Mariano G Morales

(707) 557-2716 (by appt. only)

Peninsula

White Oak Orchids

1456 Oxford St.

Redwood City, Ca. 94061

San Leandro

The Paph House

Francisco Baptista & Fred Jernigan

375 Warwick Avenue, San Leandro, CA

510/ 635-2845, (by appt. only)

Lafayette

Diablo Disas <http://www.disas.com>

Michael Gallagher

3 Maloyan Lane

925-283-8450 (by appt. only)

Danville

Commercial Plant Services

David & Alice Tomassini

3 Woodside Ct.; 925-736-7630

Half Moon Bay

D & D Flowers

Greenhouse located in Half Moon Bay

(925) 969-1246 (by appt. only)

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