

Diablo View Orchid Society

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November 2006



NEXT MEETING 11/9
5:30 Speaker's Dinner
7:30 Meeting Starts
8:00 Presentation

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1331 Concord Ave.
Concord**

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Brian Wraxall

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Dennis Olivas

At Our Next Meeting November 9th

MOUNTED ORCHIDS FACT AND FANTASY

Harry Phillips was born in San Diego, California on July 9, 1953 followed 10 years later by his brother Andy (of Andy's Orchids fame). Their father introduced them to exotic plants and flowers at an early age. 6-year-old Andy became interested and later obsessed with orchids, but Harry resisted becoming involved. He did help his younger brother by building his first two greenhouses. Andy would reward him with a hybrid that was in bloom, tell him to bring it back when it went out of bloom, and exchange it for one in bloom. This lasted about a year until Harry decided that he wanted to keep one and get it to re-bloom. It was the beginning of the end for Harry.

In 1986 Harry and his soon-to-be wife Leslie moved with Andy and the orchid collection to Encinitas, California. Shortly thereafter, Andy left for four months in Costa Rica and placed Harry in charge of the collection. When Andy returned he found that Harry had not killed too many plants and had become addicted. Andy, now feeling more confident about leaving his orchid collection with Harry, began to plan a cycling trip through South America which ended up lasting two years. After that it was all over for Harry; he was the Complete Orchid Addict.

Harry worked part-time for Andy's Orchids for 10 years and finally went full time with Andy 8 years ago. His passions are the Genera Sobralia and Elleanthus, but ask him which is his favorite orchid and it will likely be the one in bloom. Harry has traveled in Mexico and Ecuador viewing orchids in the wild. He believes that growing epiphytic orchids the way they grow in nature is best and the orchids seem to agree. He will share with you his experiences with growing mounted orchids and hopes to dispel the fantasy that growing mounted orchids is difficult.

Plant table will be provided by Andy's Orchids

Dinner with the speaker will be at Pasta Pomodoro in the Pleasant Hill Downtown at 5:30 pm. Please notify Eileen Jackson at 707-642-5915 or [jackson.eileen @att.net](mailto:jackson.eileen@att.net) to join us for dinner.

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Membership:

Ulrike Ahlborn

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Refreshments:

Esther Yee

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Hostesses:

Sharon Duffy

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Equipment and Lights:

Dave Tomassini

Librarian:

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AOS Representative:

Jill Chambers

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Awarded Plants in October



1st Place (3 pts)

Name of Plant: Oncidium Twinkle

Name of Grower: Jamie Wasson

2nd Place (2 pts)

Name of Plant: Slc. Rajah's Angel

Name of Grower: Barbara Tague

3rd Place (1 pt)

Name of Plant: Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare'

Name of Grower: Jim Chan

Lancer P Smith Medallion (1 pt)

Name of Plant: Restrepia guttulata

Name of Grower: Eileen Jackson

Look What I Bloomed for the Very First Time (1 pt)

Name of Plant: Paph. Canticle x Hsinying Maru

Name of Grower: Eileen Jackson



Refreshments for the November Meeting

Thanks to all those who volunteered to bring refreshments. If you are unable to attend, please contact Esther Yee.

FOOD: Renee Dowdell, Claire Conger, Parky Parkinson, Maria Collazes, Madge Fordyce, Noble Emery, Rita Tischler and Kevin Carroll.

BEVERAGES: Ken Dowdell, Eileen Jackson, and Bob Akbarian.

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Commercial Plant Services

David and Alice Tomassini
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request to the Board:
DVOS POB 273021
Concord, Ca 94520

October Speaker Review

Our guest speaker for October was Gerardus Staal,
who discussed the subject of pests and diseases of orchids.

The topic summary is outlined below.

1. Most pests will leave on their own when they turn 18 years old.
2. Packing up and moving does not work; the pests will follow you to your new location.
3. Snail bait and rat poison work great, but you will have to answer a lot of awkward questions afterward.

Mr. Staal had some additional suggestions:

4. Black spots on your orchid leaves are most likely a fungal disease called Botrytis. The solution is to increase the temperature to 70 degrees to stop the disease.
5. For snail damage, the solution is copper tape wrapped around the spike or else use snail bait.
6. Aphids can be treated with a solution of Neem Oil or Safers Soap.
7. Mealybugs will respond to a solution of Orthene granules at a concentration of 1 TBS per gallon mixed with a wetting agent or Physan so it will stick to the bugs. Caution! **Do Not** use liquid Orthene available in the stores because the petroleum solvent contained in it will damage your orchids.
8. Scale that causes white patches on the leaves can be treated with Orthene granules in a solution of 1 TBS per gallon of water with a wetting agent added.
9. Spider mites that cause a variegated pattern on the leaves are easily treated with a solution of Talstar. If you just have a few plants that are affected, then use Rose and Flower Spray.



- Brad Piini

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2006 DVOS Show Trophy Winners

The Lancer & Natalie Smith Trophy: Best Orchid Flower in the show selected from all of the Perpetual Trophy winners

Oncidium Mendenhall Dave Tomassini

The Stan & Dale Dinsmore Trophy: Best Orchid Flower in the Novice Category

Slc. Ruby Love Sharon Duffy

The Bob & Mary Lou Van Galder Trophy: Best Orchid Flower in the Intermediate Category

Oncidium Mendenhall Dave Tomassini

The Frank & Madge Fordyce Trophy: Best Orchid Flower in the Open Class Category

Bulbophyllum carunculatum Joe Grillo

The Dick & Jean Emory Trophy: Best Species Orchid Flower (large and showy)

Angreacum species Joe Grillo

The Don & Shirley Baker Trophy: Judges Choice of any Blue Ribbon winner flower that did not win a perpetual trophy

Blc. Fordyce Fantasy Dave Tomassini



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AOS Awards - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco 10/3/2006

Aerangis splendida 'Lillian Sparks' CBR (prov) species, Exhibited by Walter M. Shinn

Eriopsis sceptrum 'Peruvian Moon' HCC 79 (prov) species, Exhibited by Walter M. Shinn

AOS Awards - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center 10/4/2006

Lycaste Alan Salzman 'Joan' HCC 78 (Lyc. Island of Vulcorn x Lyc. Shoalhaven) Exhibited by: Howard and Joan Gunn

AOS Awards - Pacific Central Judging Center - Oakland 10/16/2006

Ascda. Muang Thong 'White Diamond' HCC 78 (Ascda. Tubtim Velvet x V. Nakornsawan Belle) Exhibited by James F. Hile

Pictures can be seen at:

Pacific Central Judging Center: <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center: <http://www.csnjc.org>

Annual Open House

The Paph House Saturday Dec 2 8AM - 5PM For Sale

Paphiopedilums, Miltoniopsis, Cattleyas, Cymbidiums and lots of other varieties.

For directions or questions contact Fred Jernigan or Francisco Baptista

(510) 635-2845

email paph@flash.net

375 Warwick Ave.

San Leandro, Ca 94577



Raffel Ticket sales are changing. Beginning this month, we will be selling tickets for the raffel in a single color, at the price of 1 ticket for \$1, or 6 tickets for \$5. Your odds of winning will not change; and the raffel event will be easier and faster to run.

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Orchids Under The Oaks

Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore has invited DVOS to participate exclusively in a new Bay Area Show entitled “Orchids Under the Oaks” on Jan. 20-21, 2007 (10 to 4). DVOS would partner with Alden Lane to produce their first annual Orchid Show. This presents DVOS with a unique opportunity that would promote orchid education, membership in DVOS, and would provide us with revenues from a sales booth. We are very excited about this invitation and aligning ourselves with this prestigious Garden Center. Alden Lane hosts some amazing, well attended community events at their sprawling 4 acre compound (check out www.aldenlane.com).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

19th World Orchid Conference®
January 23 to 27, 2008
Miami, Florida USA

NEW VENUE:
Sheraton Miami Mart Hotel & Convention Center
(Immediately south of Miami International Airport)

For Registration, Sponsorship or Event Information:
www.19woc.com

This venue will provide participants of this event with outstanding advertising, 12 vendor booths, a greenhouse where our plants will be displayed, and an event room where to hold workshops and lectures. Members are encouraged to bring their orchids in for display and ribbon judging.

(More on the specifics later). You will definitely want to be a part of this, and we will need help in lots of these areas: Orchid workshops, membership table, registering plants that go into the display and food prep. We will provide more details later, but set aside the date now, and signups for helping with this event will be distributed at the Nov. and Dec. meetings. You can contact Sue Fordyce for more information (925)449-8903 home, and (925)447-0280 work (Alden Lane)

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

December 14: Holiday Pot Luck at Shadelands Arts Center, Walnut Creek

January 11: Nick Burnett, *10 Ways to Kill an Orchid*

January 21-22: *Orchids Under the Oaks* at Alden Lane Nursery

February 8: Pending

March 8: Ron Parsons

April 15: Orchid Walk on Mt Tamalpais with Ron Parsons

The next Board Meeting

November 16th: Brian Wraxall's home



CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Next month is our annual Christmas Potluck dinner party. Your "ticket" for entrance is a two-part affair! First you need to bring a side dish, salad or dessert, enough for 8, according to the alphabet schedule below. Second you need to bring a gift orchid or orchid related item (something that you'd like to receive yourself) for the Annual Gift Exchange. Make sure any plants are bug free. Bring your own plates, cutlery etc.

To keep things lively Santa and his helper Tinkle may show up and determine which little Diablo View Member has been naughty or nice!

The Dinner is at 6:00 PM at the Shadelands Arts Center, Walnut Creek

A-H dessert, I-O salad and P-Z hot side dish or casserole.

DON'T FORGET THE \$50 PRIZE FOR THE BEST XMAS DECORATED ORCHID!!!

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DVOS 2007 Nomination Committee Report

The nomination committee whose members consist of Dennis Olivas, Nancy Pak and Dave Tomassini would like to submit the following 2007 slate of Officers and Board Members to the membership of the Diablo View Orchid Society. Further nominations will be taken from the floor of the November General Meeting.

The Committee Chairs are volunteers and will assume their duties automatically for the fiscal year 2007.

Officers:

President: Brian Wraxal

Vice-President: Eileen Jackson

Secretary: Renate Johnson

Treasurer: Barbara Tague

Ex-President: (to be replaced by additional board member)

Board Members:

Nancy Pak

Brad Piini

Dave Tomassini

Diana Vavrek

Jamie Wasson (replacing Sharon Duffy)

Alice Tomassini (additional board member)

Committees:

AOS Representative: Jill Chambers

Equipment: Dave Tomassini

Greenhouse Tours Chair: Joe Grillo

Library Chair: Phyllis Arthur

Membership Chair: Ulrike Ahlborn

Newsletter Editors: Liz Charlton & Jamie Wasson

ODC Representative: Barbara Tague

Raffle & Sales Chair: Rita Tischler

Refreshment Chair: Brenda Aday

SFOS Show Display Chair: Brad Piini

Show Chair: (Open)

Web Master: Nick Doe & Ulrike Ahlborn