

# Diablo View Orchid Society

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December 2007



**NEXT MEETING**  
Thur Dec 13

6:00 Christmas Party

**Shadelands  
Arts Center,  
Walnut Creek**

President:

**Brian Wraxall**

Vice-President:

**Eileen Jackson**

Secretary:

**Renate Johnson**

Treasurer:

**Barbara Tague**

Board Members:

**Jamie Wasson**

**Nancy Pak**

**Brad Piini**

**Dave Tomassini**

**Diana Vavrek**

**Alice Tomassini**



*At Our Next Meeting, December 13*

**It's time for our annual Christmas Potluck 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 alphabetized schedule below. Second, 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 and cutlery.

The Christmas Potluck is at 6:00 PM at the Shadelands Arts Center, 111 N. Wiget at Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek.

For Directions:

<http://www.diabloviewos.org/NewsLetter/2006/Dec2006.pdf>



Food assignments:  
A-H hot side dish,  
I-O dessert and  
P-Z salad.



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

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Membership:

**Ulrike Ahlborn**

[membership@dvos.org](mailto:membership@dvos.org)

Greenhouse Tours:

**Joe Grillo**

Refreshments:

**Brenda Aday**

Greeters:

**Sharon Duffy**

**Jill Chambers**

**Bernice Lindner**

Raffles and Sales:

**Rita Tischler**

Equipment and Lights:

**Dave Tomassini**

Librarian:

**Phyllis Arthur**

AOS Representative:

**Jill Chambers**

SFOS Show Chairman:

**Brad Piini**

Newsletter:

**Liz Charlton**

**Jamie Wasson**

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Webmaster:

**Nick Doe**

**Ulrike Ahlborn**

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*Our November DVOS speaker was Bob Hamilton*



Bob showed us photos of his glasshouse in Berkeley and the commercial size greenhouse in Pacifica that he shares with other growers. Odontoglossums are his passion. Bob went on to outline the history of Odont hybrids and then gave an fascinating overview of orchid culture and propagation during the Victorian 'Orchid Craze' (1870 - 1910). From there we moved to 1922 and the invention of "flasking" There are two types of flasking, the "dry seed" method and the "green pod" method. Bob commented that flasking is "incredibly boring work."

*(There was one slide showing rows and rows of huge round flasking glass domes that brought to mind the movie "The Body Snatchers.")*



In 1960 meristem culture began. Bob showed us slides of Matsui Nursery in Salinas, the world leader in potted orchids with production under 2.5 million sq. ft. of greenhouses. After his presentation, Bob demonstrated how to transfer seedlings from a flask to a community pot. He propagates his seedlings in Mason jars, for which he has had 12,000 lids specially made. He removed the seedlings, then shook them gently to get the agar off. He separated each seedling and placed it in a V furrow, adding bark down the middle. He continued laying plants into each side. He recommended watering them lightly, then leaving them indoors for 24 hours. Following that they can go in the greenhouse. Thereafter, they can be fed and watered as other plants.

-Alice Tomassini

**Now all you have to do is wait 3-5 years for your seedlings to bloom!**

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## DVOS Commercial Members

**Danville**  
**Commercial Plant Services**  
David and Alice Tomassini  
3 Woodside Ct.  
(925) 736-7630  
[atomassini@aol.com](mailto:atomassini@aol.com)

**Half Moon Bay**  
**D & D Flowers**  
Dennis Olivas  
62 Oceanside Dr.  
(925) 696 -1246  
[dolivas@comcast.com](mailto:dolivas@comcast.com)  
(By appointment only)

**Livermore**  
**Fordyce Orchids**  
Frank and Sue Fordyce  
(925) 600 - 8406

**Pacifica**  
**White Oak Orchids, Inc.**  
Sales and Boarding  
1204 Linda Mar Blvd.  
(650) 355 - 8767  
[www.whiteoakorchids.com](http://www.whiteoakorchids.com)

**Oakland**  
**Orchids Fiori D'Amore**  
Paolo & Nina Di Candia  
4526 Fair Ave.  
(510) 530-4884  
(By appointment only)

## *DVOS Club Business*

Noble Emery has generously offered to provide the Club with a new perpetual trophy, to be known as the *Founders' Trophy*. It will have engraved on it the names of all the founding members. This annual award will be for the *Best in Show* at our annual show and sale. The Board of Directors as accepted his offer. *Thanks Noble!*

Another award, to be named for *Dick Emory* will be given to the member who accumulates the most points in the category of *Look what I Bloomed for the First Time*.

The Board made a change in the monthly awards rules. Beginning in January, plants entered in the categories of *Look what I Bloomed for the First Time*, and *Lancer Smith*, will be eligible for general awards (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.) If a plant is awarded a general ribbon, it will not be considered for *Lancer Smith* or *Look ...*

If you do not want your awarded ribbons, and they are still in good shape, the Club will gratefully accept them back, to be recycled as future awards.

## *Cathy's Culture Corner*

See the amazing video of an orchid self-pollinating  
[http://www.natureasia.com/ch/Shenzhen\\_spotlight/video.php](http://www.natureasia.com/ch/Shenzhen_spotlight/video.php)

*Cym. kanran*



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## *Awarded Plants in November*

1<sup>st</sup> ***Blc. Williette Wong*** 'The Best' AM/AOS

Linda Castleton

2<sup>nd</sup> ***Cym. kanran*** Barbara Tague

3<sup>rd</sup> ***Cycnoches barthiorum***

Jennifer English



*Blc. Williette Wong* 'The Best' AM/AOS



*Cyc. barthiorum*

Look What I Bloomed for the First Time:

***Blc. King of Taiwan***

Phyllis Arthur

Phyllis

Lancer Smith:

***Haraella Odorata***

Brian Wraxall

Financial statement  
available upon written  
request to the Board:  
DVOS c/o Barbara Tague  
716 Skyline Dr.  
Martinez, Ca. 94553

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## DVOS 2008 Nomination Committee Report

The nomination committee would like to submit the following 2008 slate of Officers and Board Members to the membership of the Diablo View Orchid Society. The Committee Chairs are volunteers and will assume their duties automatically for the fiscal year 2008.

### **Officers:**

President: Eileen Jackson

Immediate Past President: Brian Wraxal

Vice-President: Liz Charlton

Secretary: Diana Vavrek

Treasurer: Barbara Tague

### **Board Members:**

Ken Cook

Brad Piini

Dave Tomassini

Jamie Wasson

Alice Tomassini

### **Committees:**

ODC Representative:

AOS Representative:

Equipment: Dave Tomassini

Greenhouse Tours Chair: Joe Grillo

Library Chair: Phyllis Arthur

Membership Chair: Ulrike Ahlborn

Newsletter Editors: Liz Charlton & Jamie Wasson

Web Master: Nick Doe & Ulrike Ahlborn

Raffle & Sales Chair: Rita Tischler

Refreshment Chair:

DVOS Show Chair: Kathy Barrett

SFOS Show Display Chair: Brad Piini

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Alden Lane Nursery &  
Diablo View Orchid Society Present

## Gems of the Jungle

JAN. 12-13

10AM-4PM



2008

## Orchids Under the Oaks

Win this  
Plant-in

Greenhouse/Shed  
a \$700.00 Value



- Gems of the Jungle Exhibit
- Orchid Marketplace
- Free Orchid Seminars
- Repotting Demos
- Expert Orchid Advice
- Free Admission & Parking



Alden Lane Nursery  
981 Alden Lane  
Livermore, CA 94550

(925) 447-0280

[www.aldenlane.com](http://www.aldenlane.com)

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## *Upcoming Speakers and Events*

- Dec 13: Christmas Party !  
Jan 10: "Bad Plants" Kathy Barrett and Dennis Olivas  
Jan 12-13: "Orchids Under the Oaks" Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore  
10 am - 4 pm, directions at <http://www.aldenlane.com/orchids.html>  
*You may drop off your blooming plants at the Jan meeting.  
These will go in the orchid display.*  
Feb 2-3: Sonoma Orchid Society Show & Sale 10 am -5pm, Santa Rosa  
[www.sonomaorchid.com](http://www.sonomaorchid.com)  
Feb 8: "Orchid Culture" by Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids  
Feb 28 - Mar 2: POE "Orchids Gone Wild" Fort Mason Pavillion, San Francisco  
[www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/poe.html](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/poe.html)  
Feb 29 - Mar 2: Santa Barbara Orchid Show Fri 2/29 - 3/2  
Earl Warren Showgrounds Exhibit Bld., Santa Barbara  
[www.sborchidshow.com](http://www.sborchidshow.com)

## *The next Board Meeting*

December 20th:  
The next Board Meeting will be at Liz & Jamie's home at 7:30 pm. All old and new board members should plan to attend.

*B/c. King of Taiwan*



*Haraella odorata*

See what is available in our library:  
[www.diabloviewos.org/Library/library.htm](http://www.diabloviewos.org/Library/library.htm)  
To check-out an item, contact  
Phyllis Arthur

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## *AOS Awards November 2007*

### **11/6/07 - Pac Central - San Francisco** no awards

Paphiopedilum charlesworthii 'Big Time', AM 82 species, Exhibited by The Orchid Zone

Paphiopedilum sukhakulii var. alba 'Holy Moley', HCC 77 species, Exhibited by The Orchid Zone

Paphiopedilum Unnamed Hybrid 'Gorgeous', HCC 75 (prov) (Paph. Autumn Sun x Paph. Elfstone), Exhibited by Kenneth Usuki

Wilsonara Sheila Anne 'Jake', AM 80 (Odcdm. Tiger Crow x Oda. Wearside Pattern), Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

### **11/7/07 - California Sierra Nevada - Sacramento**

Laelia lucasiana 'Soft Touch', HCC 79 species, Exhibited by Japheth Ko

Paphiopedilum Hsinying Leopard 'Monster', HCC 76 (Paph. Macabre x Paph. Ruby Peacock), Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

Paphiopedilum vietnamense 'Candace's Mojo', AM 81 species, Exhibited by Candace Landerman

### **11/10/2007 - Orchid Society of California Show - Oakland**

Masdevallia unnamed hybrid 'Winston', AM 80 (prov) (Masd. Genie x Masd. Urubamba), Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

### **11/19/07 - Pacific Central - Oakland**

no awards

Pictures can be seen at the Pacific Central web page <http://www.aospacificcentral.org> California Sierra Nevada Judging Center <http://www.csnjc.org>

-Kathy Barrett

## **2007 DVOS Sum of Points 2007**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Barbara Tague	15	Brian Wraxall	3	Jennifer English	1	Parky Parkison	1
Bernice Lindner	13	Joe Grillo	3	Steven Horspool	1	Sharon Duffy	1
Linda Castleton	9	Renate Johnson	3	Jinnie Tom	1	Kristina Zweig	1
Phyllis Arthur	5	Diane Ecoffey	2	Jim Chan	1	Liz Charlton	1
Ken Cook	5	Dick Emory	2	Akiko Ogawa	1	Nobel Emery	1
Kathi Ames	5	Eileen Jackson	2	Charis Anderson	1	unknown	1
Nick Doe & Ulrike		Mei Chen	2	Gregory Mayfield	1		
Ahlborn	4	Maryann Gschwend	2			TOTAL	88



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## *Membership News*

DVOS has 111 members as of 11/14/2007.

Let's give a warm welcome to George Cooper from Lafayette who joined DVOS in November  
Guests at the November meeting were: Robin Carreira, Barbara North and Sylvia Rose.

In the past I have automatically prepared nametags for new members and took them to the monthly meeting. Many of them have never been picked up. From now on I will make nametags only upon request. So if you have not yet received a nametag, please see me at the meeting or better yet, give me a call or send me an email message at least a couple of days before the meeting so I can prepare a nametag for you.

Membership dues for 2008 are due in January 2008!

**Get a head start by filling out the renewal form and bringing it to the December meeting – Christmas party**

**The Board decided to increase the yearly dues to \$20 to cover the cost of club events, activities and meetings. We must also begin charging an additional \$ 10 to mail the newsletter. (Printing and postage actually cost us \$20 a year per person.)**

General Membership is \$ 20, Business \$ 25, out of State members (email recipients ) \$10.

If you wish to receive the newsletter by mail add \$10.

Attached to the newsletter is the membership form. Please be so kind and fill out the form for me. This is my best and only chance to keep our database up to date and find errors and changes. Also please indicate if you belong to AOS or Orchid Digest as we report this information to them with our club membership.

Some people have already paid dues for 2008. This includes

all members who joined since October 2007

all Lifetime members (you know who you are)

and all of the following members:

Brenda Aday, Jerry & Marilyn Burke, Sue Fordyce, Eileen Jackson, Ted & Nancy Mc Clellan, George & Fumiye Ninomiya, Barbara & Dean Tague, Rita Tischler, Jinnie & Denyu Tom, Alice & Dave Tomassini, Diana Vavrek, Liz Charlton & Jamie Wassom

You can bring your check made out to DVOS with the renewal form to the next meeting on December 13th, 2007 or mail it to:

Diablo View Orchid Society \* Attn. Ulrike Ahlborn, membership Chair \* 117 Laredo Ct \* San Ramon \* CA 94583-2116

Sorry, we are not yet set up for PayPal and credit card.

[www.membership@DVOS.org](http://www.membership@DVOS.org)

# Diablo View Orchid Society Membership

General Membership \$20 (\_\_\_) Member/newsletter \$30 ( ) Business \$25 (\_\_\_) Life \$300 (\_\_\_)

(All memberships are valid January 1 to December 31 of the current year. If you do not renew your membership dues by March 31 the following year, your privileges will cease. Monthly newsletter will be by e-mail unless you do not have an e-mail address)

New (\_\_\_) Renewal (\_\_\_)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## For General Membership:

Principal Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Significant Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## For Business Membership:

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mailing Address (Must fill in)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work or Cell Phone (Opt.): (\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the American Orchid Society (AOS): Y/N (\_\_\_\_); Orchid Digest Corporation (ODC): Y/N **Cultivation (Check all that applicable):**

Indoor (\_\_\_) Outdoor (\_\_\_) Greenhouse (\_\_\_) Hobbyist (\_\_\_) Commercial (\_\_\_)

What is your favorite genus to grow? Phalaenopsis ( ) Cattleya ( ) Cymbidium ( ) Dendrobium ( )  
Vanda ( ) Masdevallia ( ) Paphiopedilum ( ) Phragmipedium ( ) Pleurothallids ( )  
Zygopetalum ( ) List others: \_\_\_\_\_

**DVOS perpetuates with the fun and diligent work performed by our membership. We would like to know if you would be interested in participating in the various functions in order to keep this fun, educational, and friendly environment.**

## **I would like to participate in present or future: (Check all that is applicable)**

Elected Officer/Board of Directors ( ) Committees: Equipment ( ) Library ( ) BBQ/Auction ( )

Advertising ( ) Refreshments ( ) Newsletter ( ) Xmas Party ( ) San Francisco Show – POE ( )  
Raffle/Sales ( ) Book Meeting Room ( ) Greenhouse Tours ( ) DVOS Show & Sale ( ) Welcome  
Hostess ( ) Assist when needed ( )

Endorse check payable to: **Diablo View Orchid Society, Inc.** Please send application and check to: **Diablo View Orchid Society c/o Ulrike Ahlborn 117 Laredo Court, San Ramon, CA 94583-2116**  
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