

Diablo View Orchid Society

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April 2008

*At Our next meeting
April 10*

Miniature Orchids: Nature's Small Wonders

by Dan Newman

Everyone who gets hooked on orchids eventually runs out of space! There are more fascinating orchids in the world than any of us can hope to accommodate, but by adding some smaller-growing plants to our collections, we can fit more variety into the space available. The aim of this talk will be to show the charm and the range of variation that miniature orchids can provide, and to discuss their needs in cultivation, with a focus on species that tolerate warm summer temperatures."

Dan Newman started growing orchids in 1982. His first successful plant was a Dendrobium hybrid bought as a tiny seedling at a lei stand in the Honolulu Airport. By 1996 he had 350 orchids in a one-bedroom apartment. After moving the collection into commercial greenhouse space, his hobby began evolving into his nursery Hanging Gardens. Dan started growing orchids full-time in 2000 and moved to a larger greenhouse in Pacifica a few years later. He currently has 10,000 to 12,000 plants, mostly cool to intermediate growers. Although orchid hybrids far outnumber the known species, Dan prefers growing species. To him, they are the real orchids, whose grace and purity of function transcend the floral display of their hybrid offspring.

Speaker's Dinner will be at Pasta Pomodoro located in Pleasant Hill at 45 Crescent Dr. in Pleasant Hill at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend however our speaker will not be joining us. If you plan to attend, please call Liz Charlton at 925-280-1671 or email dvosnews@gmail.com

Plant table will be provided by Dan Newman

NEXT MEETING

Thur April 10

5:30 Speaker's Dinner

7:30 Meeting Begins

8:00 Presentation

Contra Costa Water
District Board Room
1331 Concord Ave.
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Our speaker in March was Paul Chim



Paul Chim was DVOS' featured speaker for our March meeting. Paul's expertise lies in the area of Chinese Cymbidiums. He travels to China biannually and showed the DVOS audience slides of his 2007 trip to China. Slides of the bustling Chinese market place showed vendors selling beautiful cymbidiums, you could just imagine the fragrance. The slides also showed that the most prized cymbidiums are the ones with variegated leaves and color breaks in the flowers.



For those of you who want to try your hand at raising these special cymbidiums, Paul has a few tips for you:

- 1) To grow cymbidiums well, you need an extended period of cold in the winter time. Many expert growers will put the cymbidium in a refrigerator for one month to accomplish this and get a good blooming cycle.

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2) Good light and moving air are always required with any orchid culture. A fertilizer program involving a weak fertilizer every week is in order, and an addition of Nutricote 14-14-14 should be placed every 180 days as a top dressing to your media. Lastly, from April 15 through October your cymbidiums need and love magnesium (Epsom Salts). Put 2 Tablespoons in one gallon of water.

3) The potting medium that Paul recommends is 50% coconut fiber, 50% perlite #3 (medium size).



Blc. Mission Valley

4) The secret to maturing a seedling into a blooming plant as quickly as possible is to channel all the strength of the plant into the bulb. To do this, the new growths that appear off of the main bulb need to be pinched off except for one new growth. This will keep the energy concentrated in the "parent bulb" and only allow one new bulb to develop. This should result in blooms from seedlings in as little as 2-1/2 years.



Cym. Enzan Venus 'Secret Love'

Thanks again Paul, and thanks to Diana Vavrek for the notes.
- Brad Piini

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Sadly, we report that longtime member, friend and Club Treasurer Barbara Tague passed away in her sleep March 22nd. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Dean and her three children. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 3rd at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 399 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill.



Following the service there will be a reception at the family home (716 Skyline Dr, Martinez.)

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Awarded Plants in March

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'Orange Beauty' AM/AOS
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Onc. chrysomorphum



Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature orchids)
Onc. chrysomorphum
Akiko Ogawa

Beginner's Corner:
Cymb. Enzan Venus 'Secret Love'
Melissa Sadler

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2008 *Potting Party*

The annual DVOS Potting Party will be on April 19, from 10 am - 2 pm
at the home of Jennifer English (3963 Los Arabis Dr, Lafayette.)

Come and learn the right way to repot your orchids.

The society will provide the bark to pot 2 orchids, 1 gallon or smaller pots.
More than 2 pots will cost \$10/ pot (if enough bark is available).
Friends are welcome at the \$10/ pot rate.

DVOS Club Business



Selling your plants at Club meetings:

Members are welcome to sell their extra plants and divisions at Club meetings. Sales will be conducted at a table outside the entrance to the meeting room.

Sellers are responsible for set-up and clean-up.

Please bring no more than 10 plants per meeting.



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Upcoming Speakers and Events

- April 10: Dan Newman speaking on Growing Intermediate to Warm Miniatures
April 19: Potting Party at the home of Jennifer English
April 19: Gold Coast Cymbidium Society Show & Sale
www.geocities.com/GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers
May 8: Nick Burnett speaking about the World Orchid Conference
May 10: Diablo Orchids/ Orchid Gulch Spring Sale
www.diabloorchids.com/3.html

The next Board Meeting

April 17th at 7:30 p.m. will be
at Brad Piini's home.

See what is available in our library:
www.diabloveos.org/Library/library.htm
To check-out an item, contact
Phyllis Arthur



Cym. Nut 'H&R' AM/AOS

Refreshments for the April Meeting

Food: Sheridan Mathias, Raul Garcia de Leon, Lilian Riley, Dave Shaw, Giovanna Deem, Madge Fordyce, Evelyne Powell, George McRae, Linda Castleton

Beverages: Leonides Asweor, Melissa Sadler, Grace Chan

Please bring baked goods CUT into serving size pieces.

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AOS Awards March 2008

3/03/08 - California Sierra Nevada - Sacramento

Lc. Gold Digger 'Redland's Gold', CCM 82, (Lc. Red Gold x C. Warpaint) Exhibited by Karl and Marilyn Walter

Paphiopedilum unnamed hybrid 'Janet's Delight', HCC 77, (Paph. Genevieve Booth x Paph. James Bacon) Exhibited by Dennis Wade

3/04/08 - Pacific Central - San Francisco

Masd. Tom Nasser 'Young Ik', AM 85, (Masd. Marguerite x Masd. veitchiana) Exhibited by Anna S. Chai

3/08/08 - Central California Orchid Society Show

Gongora tricolor 'Sandwolf', HCC 78 species, Exhibited by Bill Sanders

Paphiopedilum Julius 'Sandwolf', HCC 76, (Paph. lowii x Paph. rothschildianum) Exhibited by Bill Sanders

Sc. Fairyland 'Marchen', AM 82, (C. Candy Tuft x Sc. Beaufort) Exhibited by Chuck and Pat Gunn

3/17/08 - Pacific Central - Oakland

Lycaste Chita Parade 'Winston', HCC 76 (Lyc. Wyld Sunset x Lyc. Chita Melody) Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

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

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Membership News

Let's give a warm welcome to the new members who joined in March 2008:

Dusty Elaine Burns & Max Peter Weiner from Livermore

This brings DVOS up to 91 members.

Lilia Riley was a guest at the March meeting.

The 2008 roster is out. If you have not received one yet please contact me or see me at the next meeting.

Ulrike Ahlborn

Lc. Trick or Treat
'Orange Beauty'
HCC/AOS



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