

Diablo View Orchid Society

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February 2008



At Our next meeting

February 14

Orchid Culture by Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids

*Specializing in Award Quality
Miniatures, compact Cattleyas and
Phalaenopsis*

NEXT MEETING

Thur Feb 14

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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Alan Koch will share his culture secrets and answer the questions that keep you awake at night:

Should I pot in bark, charcoal, perlite, moss, broken glass, or old tires?

Is there any dark magic that can save a plant with no roots?

Why would anyone pour hydrogen peroxide, seaweed extract, or woolite on their plants?

get answers to these questions and Alan's successful recipes for everything from fertilizer to fungus (remover). And, with any luck, you will go home with some new plants to practice on.

Plant table will be provided by Gold Country Orchids.

Speaker's Dinner will be at Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Ln. (off Contra Costa Blvd.) in Pleasant Hill at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker. If you plan to attend, please notify Liz Charlton at 925-280-1671 or email dvosnews@gmail.com

Alan will deliver PRE-PAID pre-orders to our meeting (916) 645-8600. BE SURE to tell him you are with DVOS so he knows where to bring your plants.

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Our speakers in January were Dennis Olivas and Kathy Barrett



January's guest speakers were none other than our own Dennis Olivas and Kathy Barrett. The subject for the evening was good plants, bad plants. The duo reviewed several plants and came up with the following pointers. Does your orchid have a virus? Good question, but not easily answered. There are close to 100 viruses that can affect your orchids, but only three are detectable with testing. The three most common viruses that affect orchids are ORSV (odontoglossum ringspot virus), TMV (tobacco mosaic virus), and CYMMV (cymbidium mosaic virus). All virused plants are incurable and should be destroyed. These viruses can be spread from plant to plant by improper sterilization of tools or even your hands. Probably the best way to tell if you have a virus is to

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look for a color-break in the flower. Color breaks are streaks and patches of darker and lighter color that "break" the flower's normal color. Dennis and Kathy also discussed fungal and bacterially affected orchids. These are characterized by black or brown new growths that are soft and even mushy. The best treatment in this case is to remove the damaged tissue with a sterile razor blade or knife, then dust the cut with cinnamon powder. Cinnamon is an effective natural fungicide and is believed to work well on preventing bacterial infections.

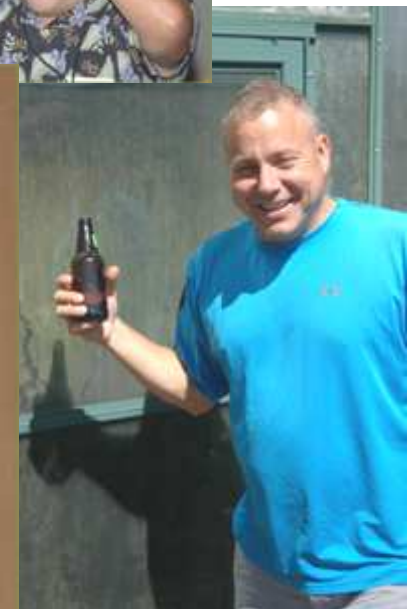
Other plants were examined that night and most just needed to be repotted so that the roots are down in the media not crawling out the top of the pot.

Thanks again Dennis and Kathy for an entertaining evening.

To test for viruses contact Critter Creek Laboratory
400 Critter Creek Road
Lincoln, CA 95648
916-645-7111



A fabulous *Bulb. carunculatum* was donated by Joe Grillo, auctioned by Dennis Olivas, and won by Gregory Mayfield and Huei - Mei Chen.



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DVOS Commercial Members

Danville

Commercial Plant Services

David and Alice Tomassini
3 Woodside Ct.
(925) 736-7630
atomassini@aol.com

Half Moon Bay

D & D Flowers

Dennis Olivas
62 Oceanside Dr.
(925) 696 -1246
dolivas@comcast.com
(By appointment only)

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Fordyce Orchids

Frank and Sue Fordyce
(925) 600 - 8406

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White Oak Orchids, Inc.

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1204 Linda Mar Blvd.
(650) 355 - 8767
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Paolo & Nina Di Candia
4526 Fair Ave.
(510) 530-4884
(By appointment only)

DVOS Club Business

BARK

If you ordered Rexius bark the final cost per bag is \$12.75. The price of \$10.00 a bag will not cover the cost of shipping, thus the increase. This is still less than buying it in individual bags from local vendors (when you can find it). You can pay the additional \$2.75 per bag when you pick-up your order at the Tomassini's warehouse. **Please pay by check to DVOS.** If you do not want to pay the additional cost, call Eileen Jackson at (707) 642-5915 to cancel your order.

Alice and Dave have generously agreed to receive the shipment and dispense the bags. **Please plan to pick your order up next Saturday, Feb. 2.** Pick up times are 10:30 am - 5:00 pm. Our S.F. Show Committee will be at the Tomassini's working on the DVOS display starting at 10:30 am. Extra help is always welcome. If you cannot come next Saturday, you will need to call ahead and make arrangements to come on another day. Any unclaimed bark will be sold to D & D Orchids. If you have not been there before, here are directions to the Tomassini's warehouse:

From I680, take Sycamore Valley Rd. East. Go all the way till it ends.

Then veer to the right and you will be on Camino Tassajara.

After you pass Creekside Dr., the next street will be Woodside Dr. - turn right.

Then turn an immediate left on Mattos Ct.

Go all the way to the end of the block, through the gate onto the gravel area.

We will be in the warehouse straight ahead.

If there is no room to park, just park on the street and walk in.

Beginner's Corner

At the last Board Meeting it was decided that the award known as *Look What I Bloomed For The First Time* has lost its original purpose. In order to make this award one for new growers, we will be changing the table to the *Beginner's Corner*. This table and award will be limited to new, young, or inexperienced growers who are in their first year or two of growing and blooming orchids. The purpose of this is to encourage new growers who might be intimidated by competition with more advanced growers.

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Awarded Plants in January

1st **Coel. mooreana 'Brockhurst'**
FCC/RHS Gregory Mayfield

2nd **Cym. Paulista**
Diane Ecoffey

3rd **Slc. Tutakamen 'Pop'**
Liz Charlton



Coel. mooreana 'Brockhurst'
FCC/ RHS

Masd. Monarch 'Highland Gold' AM/AOS x *Masd.*
Highland Fling 'Pure Color'

Look What I Bloomed for the First Time:

***Masd. Monarch* 'Highland Gold' x Highland Fling
'Pure Color'**
Diana Vavrek



Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature orchids)

Neolauchea palchella
Phillis Arthur

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

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Alden Lane show and sale



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It's Time For the **P**acific **O**rchid **E**xposition

ORCHIDS GONE WILD!

San Francisco Orchid Society Hosts 56th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition

WHO: The San Francisco Orchid Society (SFOS)

WHAT: The 56th Pacific Orchid Exposition

WHERE: Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion

WHEN: February 28 – March 2, 2008

- Preview, Thursday, Feb 28, 6:30-10 p.m.
- Friday, February 29, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 1, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 2, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Preview Night: \$30.00 in advance, \$35.00 at the door
- General Admission: \$14.00 or \$12.00 online
- Seniors (65+), disabled: \$8.00
- Children 12 and under free w/adult, except at Preview

INFO: Call 415.665.2468 <http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org>

Showing your plants at POE

This year POE is two weeks after our February meeting. To contribute plants to the DVOS display you will need to drop them off on Saturday Feb. 23rd by 5:00 pm at one of the greenhouse sites below. Be sure your plants are clean, groomed and staked for display. Have them clearly labeled with the names of the owner, the plant's name, and the plant's parents. If you want your plants back after the show you must put your name on a piece of masking tape on the bottom of the pot. Plants can be picked-up at the show on Sunday evening or back at the drop off site. Sorry, we will not be able to accept plants at the show.

Drop Off Greenhouses:

Dave & Alice Tomassini * 3 Woodside Ct, Danville * (925) 648-7667

Barbara & Dean Tague * 716 Skyline Dr, Martinez * (925) 229-0512

Brian & Joan Wraxall * 3765 Hidden Springs Ct., Richmond * (510) 222-1277

Liz Charlton & Jamie Wasson * 104 Brandon Rd., Pleasant Hill * (925) 280-1671

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

- Feb 2-3: Sonoma Orchid Society Show & Sale 10 am -5pm, Santa Rosa
www.sonomaorchid society.com
- Feb 14: "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
- Feb 29 - Mar 2: Santa Barbara Orchid Show
Earl Warren Showgrounds Exhibit Bld., Santa Barbara
www.sborchidshow.com
- March 8-9: 5 Cities Orchid Show & Sale, 800 W. Branch, Arroyo Grande, www.fcso.org
- March 13: DVOS meeting, speaker to be determined



Cymb. paulista

The next Board Meeting

February 21 at 7:30 p.m. will be
at Barbara Tague's home.



Neolauchia pulchella

Refreshments

for the February Meeting

Food: Melissa Sadler, Vercella Aguilar, Barbara North, Charis Anderson, George Pangilla, Noble Emery, Evelyn Powell

Beverages: Raul Gide Leors, Dave Altman

Please bring baked goods CUT into serving size pieces.

See what is available in our library:
www.diabloviewos.org/Library/library.htm

To check-out an item, contact
Phyllis Arthur

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AOS Awards January 2008

1/2/08 - Pac Central - San Francisco

Masdevallia Tiger Kiss 'Winston', HCC 77 (Masd. Golden Tiger x Masd. Monarch) Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

1/2/08 - California Sierra Nevada - Sacramento

Laelia Dendrobium Banana Royal 'Diane Davis', CCM 81 (Den. Liholiho x Den. canaliculatum) Exhibited by Mike Davis
Slc. Sierra Gem 'Empire Mine', AM 84 (Sc. Pole Star x Slc. Hazel Boyd) Exhibited by Gold Country Orchids

1/4/08 Pacific Central - Peninsula OS Show

Cymbidium Moira 'Del Norte', CCM 80 (Cym. tracyanum x Cym. Pauwelsii) Exhibited by Christine S. Kradjian
Dendrochilum javieriense 'Honey Bear', CCM 84 species Exhibited by White Oak Orchids
Lycaste skinneri alba 'Golden Gate', HCC 77 species Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids
Oda. Nicherei Sunrise, AM 83 (Oda. Rememberance x Oda. Wearside Pattern) Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids
Pot. Sweet Amy 'Margaret', HCC 75 (Sl Psyche x Blc George King) Exhibited by Kreg Martin
Wilsonara unnamed hybrid 'Jake' HCC 76 Odcdm. Tiger Crow x (Oda. Queen of Hearts x Oda. Nicherei Sunrise)
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

1/21/08 - Pacific Central - Oakland

Paphiopedilum unnamed hybrid 'x' (Paph. Gege Hughes x Paph. Alex Szabo) HCC 78 Exhibited by Tim Culbertson

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



Slc. Tutakamen 'Pop'

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Membership News

Let's give a warm welcome to our newest members:

Michelle & Ronald Cesar from San Leandro,
Barbara North from Concord

Raul Garcia de Leon from Lafayette,
Darlene & George Pangilla from Walnut Creek

The guests at the January meeting were: Ozzie Akbarine, Leonida Asuncion, Michael Donovan and Debbie McKillop.

Membership dues for 2008 are due!

General Membership is \$ 20; If you want to receive the newsletter by mail \$ 30. Please be so kind and fill out the renewal form for me. This is my best and only chance to keep our database up to date and find errors and changes. It is also the only evidence that you paid your dues since the check or cash will be handed to the treasurer immediately after I update the database.

I hope all of the 115 members will join DVOS again in 2008. So far we have 55 regular and 10 Lifetime members.

If you receive the newsletter by mail and you see 2008 on the address label you have paid dues for 2008 already.

You can bring your check made out to DVOS with the renewal form to the next meeting on February 14th, 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

To see pictures of the 19th World Orchid Conference go to
<http://flickr.com/photos/minicatt/sets/72157603794773297/detail/>



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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