

Diablo View Orchid Society

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January 2008



*At Our
Next Meeting
January 10*

Bad Plants by Kathy Barrett and Denis Olivas



Pfwappppp!

In a shower of bark the orchid plant explodes against the greenhouse wall.

"Why won't you grow??" howls its owner. Eyes ablaze, hair standing on end he turns to the rest of his collection, grabbing the first orchid he sees. Furiously he squeezes the pot until it bursts in his hand. Flinging his arms heavenward he cries "What oh WHAT do I have to do to GET YOU TO GROW!!!!?????" he breaks down sobbing on the greenhouse floor.

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NEXT MEETING

Thur Jan 10

5:30 Speaker's Dinner

7:00 Meeting Begins

8:00 Presentation

Contra Costa Water
District Board Room
1331 Concord Ave.
Concord map:
www.diabloviewos.org

President:

Eileen Jackson

Immediate Past
President:

Brian Wraxall

Vice-President:

Liz Charlton

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Treasurer:

Barbara Tague

There will be no speaker's dinner this month.

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DVOS Board Members:

Ken Cook

Brad Piini

Dave Tomassini

Alice Tomassini

Jamie Wasson

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Bad Plants, Bad Plants. Whatcha Gonna Do?

Whatcha gonna do when they happen to you?

Gentle Reader. There's no need to howl to the gods! You won't find the answers in a pigeon's entrails or by sacrificing a goat. Dennis Olivas and Kathy Barrett answer any questions you have about growing orchids. Feeding, potting, proper light & temperatures, difficult or exotic species... you name it. And the best thing is that they'll answer them about YOUR OWN PLANTS! This is your chance! Each year we encourage members to bring in any orchids they are having trouble with. Bring us your tired, your weak, your smothered roots yearning to breathe free! You'll be surprised how we can help you become better growers if you just show us your plants. Don't be shy! Did I mention there'll be prizes, too? We may even tell you where to cut the Phal spike. So put down the knife and leave the goat alone.

**Any plants with bugs or diseases
PLEASE bring them in a plastic
bag so as not to contaminate
other plants.**

Raffle Table provided by D & D Flowers (Dennis Olivas)

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Our annual Christmas Party 2007



Linda Castleton and her winning creation "Santa's Orchid Tree"



Thanks to Brian Wraxall for his service as President



Barbara Tague winner of the **Fordyce Perpetual Trophy** for accumulating the most points during 2007. Behind her is her *Rodriguezia decora*.



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Refreshments:

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Madge Fordyce

Greeters:

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Rita Tischler

Equipment and Lights:

Dave Tomassini

Librarian:

Phyllis Arthur

AOS Representative:

Jill Chambers

Orchid Digest

Representative:

Barbara Tague

SFOS Show Chairman:

Brad Piini

DVOS Show

Chairwoman:

Kathy Barrett



2nd Place Jude Parsells



3rd Place Ken Cook

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Membership News

We are now accepting 2008 dues! Send in your checks. Support your Society.

For information about membership in the Diablo View Orchid Society contact Ulrike Ahlborn, Membership Chair, 117 Laredo Ct. San Ramon, CA 94583-2116
www.membership@DVOS.org

AOS Awards December 2007

12/4/07 - Pacific Central - San Francisco

Laelia anceps var. *lineata* 'Clown', AM 86
species Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Lycaste macrophylla ssp. *xanthocheila** '??', HCC 75 (I don't know the clonal name yet, sorry!)
species, Exhibited by Anna S. Chai

* Henry Oakley raised this to species level, *Lyc. xanthocheila*, in *Orchid Digest* vol 71, no 4, pg 208.

12/5/07 - California Sierra Nevada - Sacramento

Platystele repens 'Joan', CCE 91
species, Exhibited by Howard Gunn

12/17/07 - Pacific Central - Oakland

Pterostylis nutans 'Baukham Hills' HCC 77 and CCM 81
species, Exhibited by Anna Chai

Pictures can be seen at

<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

<http://www.csnjc.org>

-Kathy Barrett

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

- Jan. 5th-6th Peninsula Orchid Society Show, Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave. Redwood City www.penorchidsoc.org
- Jan 10: “**Bad Plants**” Kathy Barrett and Denis 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.
- Jan. 23rd-27th 19th World Orchid Conference, Miami FL. www.19woc.com
- Jan 26-27: Santa Cruz Orchid Show & Sale Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4
2008 at Soquel High School, 401 Old San Jose Rd. Soquel CA 95076
general info call Soquel High FFA at 831 429-3612 or to exhibit call SCOS at 831 818-9933
- Feb 2-3: Sonoma Orchid Society Show & Sale 10 am -5pm, Santa Rosa
www.sonomaorchid.society.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
- Feb 29 - Mar 2 Santa Barbara Orchid Show Fri 2/29 - 3/2
Earl Warren Showgrounds Exhibit Bld., Santa Barbara
www.sborchidshow.com

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

Refreshments for the January Meeting

As is traditional, the Board will provide food and beverages for the January meeting.

The next Board Meeting

January 17th:
The next Board Meeting will be at
Brad's home at 7:30 pm.

Our condolences

to Dick Emory, whose wife Jean passed away Dec. 24th of cancer of the pancreas. No service is scheduled. There will be a celebration of her life next month at their house.