

Diablo View Orchid Society

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July 2008

*At Our next meeting
July 10*



NEXT MEETING

Thur July 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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www.diabloviewos.org

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Semi-Hydroponic Growing Techniques

Growing Quality Orchids Indoors

by Dave Sorokowsky

Dave will discuss the requirements of orchids grown in your home. He will explain how to choose the right plants for your environment and how to provide these plants with what they need.

He will also discuss the benefits, and do a demonstration of semi-hydroponics for orchids.

Dave has been growing orchids, specializing in Paphs. for 10 years. Two years ago he moved to California from Toronto so his orchids could get more sun. For the past two plus years he has been breeding multifloral Paphs.

Speaker's Dinner will be at the Sichuan Fortune House at 41 Woodsworth Ln. in Pleasant Hill at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to attend, please call Liz Charlton at 925-280-1671 or email dvosnews@gmail.com

Plant table will be provided by Dave Sorokowsky and will include a selection of blooming Paphs, mini-Cats, and Masdevallias

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Our speaker in June was Dennis Olivas



Dennis Olivas was our June speaker. The topic was *Laelia purpurata* orchids. These colorful and fragrant orchids hail from the southern part of Brazil. This area of Brazil has some extreme climate conditions. In the winter the nights get very cold, and in the summer the day time temperatures get well over 90 degrees. What this means is that they will tolerate the California outdoor environment nicely. Dennis says that *L. purpurata* can tolerate temperatures as low as 18 degrees Fahrenheit. With this type of extreme cold snap the plant will drop all of its leaves.

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Culturally, when growing *L. purpurata* they will tolerate the cold as long as they are dry. They don't like to be cold and wet. In the winter, you only need to water minimally, maybe every three weeks or so and only water when the temperature is going to rise above 60 degrees during the day. One other tip from Dennis, when *L. purpurata* is in bud give them more water than usual to help push the buds through the bud sheath.

Dennis then showed a collection of his *L. purpuratas* that were in bloom from his greenhouse, each one showing a different color scheme and fragrance.

Thanks Dennis!

- Brad Piini



Thanks! to Frank Fordyce for sharing with us his latest creation. *Blc.* Picotee Passion ‘Splashy’ (*Blc.* Horizon Flight ‘Happy Landing’ x *L. anceps* ‘Splish Splash’). Frank points out that this direct *Laelia anceps* hybrid looks like a standard *Cattleya*.

DVOS 2008 orchid roundup

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Membership:

Ulrike Ahlborn

membership@dvos.org

Greenhouse Tours:

Joe Grillo

Refreshments:

Linda Castleton

Bernice Lindner

Madge Fordyce

Jennifer English

Greeters:

Sharon Duffy

Jill Chambers

Bernice Lindner

Raffles and Sales:

Rita Tischler

Equipment and Lights:

Dave Tomassini

Librarian:

Phyllis Arthur

AOS Representative:

Dennis Olivas

Orchid Digest

Representative:

SFOS Show Chairman:

Brad Piini

DVOS Show

Chairwoman:

Kathy Barrett

DVOS BOARD

The DVOS annual picnic is scheduled for August 16 2008.

As has been the custom, it will be held at the home of Bob and Mary Lou Van Gelder.

This event is open to all DVOS members and guests including cowboys, rodeo clowns, and dance hall girls

Everyone needs to **bring an orchid or other orchid item to donate to the auction fundraiser.**

Food will be whatever the cooks rustle-up. To be on the safe side members should plan to **bring food according to the following schedule: A-E Dessert, F-I Side Dish, J-Q Salad, R-Z Hor D'oeuvres. Bring enough for 10 servings.** Set-up 10:30-12:00, Lunch 12:30-1:30, Auction 2:00-3:30, Clean-up 4:00-5:00.



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Awarded Plants in June

1st *L. purpurata* '#170' x *L. purpurata* v. *flammea* '#106'
Sharon Duffy

2nd *Ascps. Irene Dobkin* 'Elmhurst'
Renate Johnson

3rd *V. Sansai Blue* 'Dr. Anek' FCC/AOS
Joe Grillo



L. purpurata '#170' x *L. purpurata* v. *flammea* '#106'



Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature orchids)
Bark. melanocaulon
Phyllis Arthur

Beginner's Corner:
Den. nobile* v. *cooksonianum
Raul Garcia de Leon

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

- July 10: Dave Sorokowsky **Growing Orchids Indoors**
Ice cream social!
- July 11-13: 28th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair
<http://orchidfair.com>
- Aug 14: Sue Wedegaertner and friends **The AOS Judging System**
- Aug 16: **DVOS Picnic at Bob and Mary Lou Van Gelder's**
- Sept 11: Marni Turkel **Give It a Rest** on dry resting orchids
- Oct 9: Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids on **Catasetinae Species and their Cultivation**

Refreshments for the July Meeting

Cookies: Barbara North, Raul Garcia de Leon, Vercella Aguilar, Diana Vavrek, Melinda Moreano, Phyllis Arthur

Please bring baked goods CUT into serving size pieces.

The next Board Meeting

July 17th at 7:30 p.m. will be
at the home of Liz Charlton
and Jamie Wasson

*Barkeria
melanocaulon*



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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Membership News

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

Tra Holloway Boxer from Martinez

This brings DVOS up to 97 members.

Ulrike Ahlborn Diablo View Orchid Society * Attn. Ulrike Ahlborn, membership
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Den. nobile v. cooksonianum



Bring a **Quality Blooming Orchid**

to the DVOS Orchid Roundup picnic

This event is the Club's primary fundraiser. We do not have donations from a member's collection as we have had the past few years. Therefore each member needs to donate a very high quality plant from their collection or purchase a blooming orchid, and bring it to the event (or the meeting two days before). This is an opportunity for everyone to give back to the society. The quality of plants is far more important than quantity. Each member needs to provide a tag with a written description of the plant, why it is special, and include the name of the donor. Maybe even a picture if the plant is not in bloom. 7



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AOS Awards June 2008

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

6/04/08 - California Sierra Nevada - Sacramento

Paphiopedilum Salvadore Dali 'Monster', HCC 79
(Paph. liemianum x Paph. victoria-regina)
Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

6/03/08 - Pacific Central - San Francisco

Paphiopedilum liemianum 'Kate's Choice', AM 80 species
Exhibited by Mr. & Mrs. T. W. Culbertson

6/16/08 - Pacific Central - Oakland

Barbosella dunsenii 'Joan', CCM 85 species
Exhibited by Howard Gunn

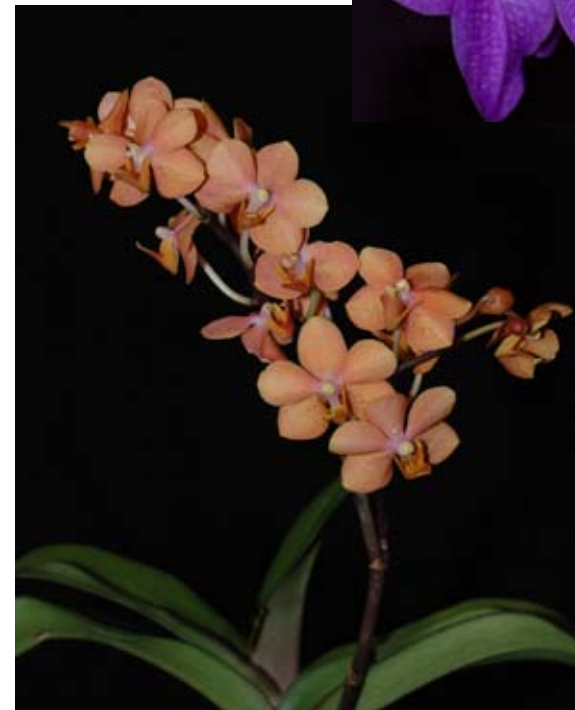
Masdevallia unnamed hybrid 'Winston', HCC 77
(Masd. coccinea x Masd. Swallow)
Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Pictures can be seen at the Pacific Central web page
<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

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



V. Sansai Blue
'Dr. Anek'



Ascps. Irene
Dobkin 'Elmhurst'