

Diablo View Orchid Society

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November 2008

At Our next meeting

November 13

Ron Parsons will speak on Bulbophyllums



NEXT MEETING

Thur Nov. 13

5:30 Speaker's Dinner

7:30 Meeting Begins

8:00 Presentation

Contra Costa Water
District Board Room
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Bulbos are a huge genus of over a thousand species. Most growers can at least identify them in bloom as a Bulbophyllum due to the hinged lip (and often malodorous flowers). These plants are popular with many hobbyists due to their fantastic blooms of many shapes, sizes, colors, and textures. Bulbophyllums are found on every continent where orchids grow, but the majority are found in tropical Asia. Usually considered to be warm or hot growing, there are many that will grow intermediate and even some that are cool tolerant.

This presentation features a nice cross-section of this amazing group of orchids. Ron Parsons is considered by many to be one of the finest flower photographers in the United States. His photography and encyclopedic knowledge of orchids is known both nationally and internationally. He has been photographing orchids, wildflowers, and almost every other kind of plant for over 25 years, and has a slide collection that numbers well over 80,000 slides! Ron is a popular speaker, and gives talks frequently on variety of orchid-related topics.

Speaker's Dinner will be at Pasta Pomodoro located in Pleasant Hill at 45 Crescent Dr. 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

Plant table will be provided by Liz Charlton.

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Our speaker in September was Fred Clark

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Fred Clark was our October D.V.O.S. speaker. Fred gave an enlightening talk on the subject of *Cycnoches*, *Mormodes*, and *Catasetums*.

Cycnoches are notable because they have dramatic swan shaped flowers. They are also unusual in that they have both male and female flowers. Each sex produces a unique looking flower. There are usually 2-3 female flowers per stalk and multiple male flowers. The colors are mostly brown and green in color.

Mormodes are known as the goblin orchids. The flowers are twisted and contorted. These flowers are intense in color and come in yellows and reds.



These orchids do make fantastic hybrids when combined with *Cycnoches*. The cross imparts the best features of each species. The hybrid gets the size and shape from the *Cycnoches* and the more intense flower color and high flower count from the *Mormodes*. This hybrid also grows vigorously and can be a very awardable plant.



Chysis Langleyensis
'Golden Goliath'

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Catasetums are characterized by having pollen ejecting triggers located along the underside of the flower column. This plant also has male and female plants. The gender of these plants can be influenced by light and fertilizer. High light and fertilizer will produce more female flowers.

The cultural requirements are similar for Catasetums, Mormodes and Cycnoches. They don't need and will not live if watered for the four winter months. When new growth and roots are forming you still don't need to water until the roots are 3-5 inches long. At this time you can start to water and fertilize copiously. These plants grow roots in anticipation of rain or water. In the fall, the plants will start to yellow and you can start to reduce the water in anticipation of winter dormancy.

Thanks again, Fred, for the enlightening speech.

- Brad Piini

Newsflash: One of Fred's orchids was used as the scent for a perfume. Initially it sold for several hundred dollars at Neiman Marcus. According to our perfume spy it is now available in a gift set of perfume and lotion at Nordstrom's for \$90. Look for *Black Orchid by Tom Ford*.



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Awarded Plants in October

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"Golden Goliath"
Phyllis Arthur

2nd C. Genevieve 'Toy' x C. Portia
Phyllis Arthur

3rd Phal. Irene Dobson
Jennifer English



C. Genevieve 'Toy' x C. Portia



Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature orchids)
Dinema Polybulbon
Dick Emory

Beginner's Corner:
Dendrobium
Charis Anderson

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

- Nov 13: Ron Parsons on Bulbophyllums
- Dec 11: **Christmas Party**  Shadelands, Walnut Creek
- Jan 8: Good Plant - Bad Plant by Kathy Barrett and Dennis Olivas
- Jan 10-11: Orchids Under the Oaks <http://www.aldenlane.com/orchids.html>
- Mar 5 - 8: POE Gala, Show & Sale <http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/orchidfest.htm>
- Mar 20 - 22: Santa Barbara Show & Sale

Refreshments

for the November Meeting

Cookies: Akiko Ogawa, George McRae, Diana Vavrek, Ken Cook

Please bring baked goods CUT into serving size pieces.

Beverages: Rita Tischler

Ice:

The next Board Meeting

will be at the home of Brian and Joan Wraxall on November 20th at 7:30 p.m.

See what is available in our library:

www.diabloviewos.org/Library/library.htm

To check-out an item, contact

Phyllis Arthur



Dendrobium

Membership News

Let's give a warm welcome to Sue Davis from Vallejo, Celest Graham from Concord, Debbie McKillop from Martinez and Ferne Spector from Concord. The DVOS membership is now at 105.

If you still don't have a copy of the 2008 roster and would like one, see me at the next meeting or send me a message

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World of Orchids 2008 Show & Sale

By any accounts the Diablo View Show and Sale was a success. We had a successful weekend of nothing but good fellowship and excellent orchid talk. I hope members found the time sharing their experiences as enlightening as I did. True, we made a little money along the way but I'll remember hanging with the DVOS homeys as The Best Part of the Show. Every year we always wonder if we'll have enough orchids for the show. This year was especially worrisome because the show was a week after our meeting. I wondered if anyone would bring their plants to the Community Center. Boy was I wrong! The DVOS membership turned up in spades! I can't thank you all enough. Without your plants the show would have been me standing alone in an echoing, empty concrete room. Ack!

Many thanks to Thomas Bean, Parky Parkison and Rodney Kline for installing the display. Those wooden lattices always look so nice and really dress up the Pleasant Hill Community Center. The workhorses of the evening George McRae, Diana Vavrek, Jeanette Bean, Linda Castleton, (gosh I know I'm missing at least 2 other people), wrote plant name tags and entered plants for ribbon judging but my brain turned to mush that night and stayed mush until about the following Wednesday... so it can truthfully be said the display wouldn't have made any sense whatsoever without your good works! And a round of applause should go to our entertainment for the weekend, Liz Charlton who discussed aerial art by showing people how to mount orchids, Gregory Mayfield for general orchid culture, Diana Vavrek for general orchid culture and Dan Chiappone for care and feeding of Cymbidiums. These members were scheduled to speak for about an hour but discussions often lasted longer. Kudos for their efforts in fulfilling our club's mission to provide orchid education on the public's behalf. They helped us get 4 new members, too. Good going all around!

I really have to thank Brad and Karen Piini for all the signs they make annually and put out along the roadways. Those really are what pulls the public in. We'd be nowhere without you! Of course whatever goes up must come down so many thanks to Rodney Kline for helping Brad collect the signs at the end of the weekend, too.

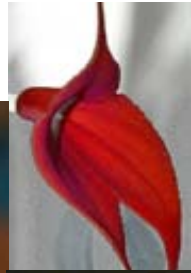
Let's not forget the DVOS Iron Chefs: Joan Wraxall and Brenda Aday. Wonderful food, Yum-o! (Those scalloped potatoes were great and I for one appreciated the never ending coffee!)

And how can I thank the DVOS Clydesdales for their steadfast support of the DVOS's efforts? In no order of importance thanks go to: Alice Tomassini for her never ending smiles and patience. Jeanette & Ashley Bean, Phyllis Arthur, Akiko & Gene Ogawa, Nancy and Ted McLellan (always in good humor!) Bernice Lindner, Jennifer English, Nancy Pak, Ken Cook, Jamie Wasson (my savior on more than one occasion), Eileen Jackson, Brian Wraxall, George McRae (champion schmoozer!), Renata Johnson, Raul deLeon, Madleen Montgomery, Calvin and Charis Anderson, Jinnie Tom, Rita Tischler, Melissa Sadler, George Cooper (stalwart!), and Jimmie & Grace Chan. And oh yeah, that weird guy in the hat, David Tomassini.

Y'all make me look good. It could never have happened without you.

- Kathy Barrett

World of Orchids



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Awarded Plants at World of Orchids

Best of Show - Founder's Trophy: *L. tenebrosa*, exhibited by Frank Drake

Best Novice/Beginner Orchid - Stan and Dale Dinsmore Trophy: *Cym. Little Black Sambo*, exhibited by Gene and Akiko Ogawa

Best Advanced/Commercial Orchid - Madge and Frank Fordyce Trophy: *Blc. George King x L. anceps*, exhibited by Dennis Olivas

Best Species (large and showy) - Dick and Jean Emery Trophy: *L. tenebrosa*, exhibited by Frank Drake

Best Botanical Species (plant no taller than 6" and flower no larger than 1.5") Lindner Trophy: *Restrepia dodsonii*, exhibited by Raul G. deLeon

Best Art - Noble and Bea Emery Trophy: of *Laelia tenebrosa*, exhibited by Frank Drake

Judge's Choice - Don & Shirley Baker Trophy (for any Blue Ribbon received a perpetual trophy): *Masd. Owen Neils*, by Dennis Olivas



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Other Awards:

HCC 79 - Lc. Angel Heart 'Nora', (Lc. Puppy Love x C. Penny Kuroda), Exhibited by Ken Cook

Novice/Beginner category:

Best Cattleya Alliance - C intermedia x BI Morning Glory exhibited by Eileen Jackson

Best Cypripedium Alliance - Paph Shirai exhibited by Brian Wraxall

Best Cymbidium Alliance - Cym Little Black Sambo exhibited by Akiko Ogawa

Best Phalaenopsis - Phal Rum Runner exhibited by Ted McLellan

Best Vandaceous Alliance - Aranda Nora 'Blue Giant' exhibited by Frank Drake

Best Dendrobium Alliance - Den. Aussie Treat x Den speciosum exhibited by Vicki Smith

Best Miscellaneous Class - Ascps Irene Dobkins 'Elmhurst' exhibited by Ted McLellan

Best Odontoglossum Alliance - Onc incurvum exhibited by Raul G. deLeon.

Advanced/Open/Commercial category:

Best Cattleya Alliance - Blc George King x L anceps exhibited by Dennis Olivas

Best Cypripedium Alliance - Phrag besseae hybrid exhibited by Ken Cook

Best Cymbidium Alliance - Cym. kanran exhibited by Kathy Barrett

Best Phalaenopsis - Phal unnamed Harlequin hybrid exhibited by David Tomassini

Best Vandaceous Alliance - Ascda Princess Mikasa 'Blue' exhibited by Liz Charlton and Jamie Wasson

Best Dendrobium Alliance - Den. tetragonum x Den Bardo Rose exhibited by Dennis Olivas

Best Miscellaneous Class - Cyc chlorochilon exhibited by Liz Charlton and Jamie Wasson

Best Odontoglossum Alliance - no award



Photos courtesy Alice Tomassini

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AOS Awards October 2008

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

10/07/08 - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco Center

Cattleya Heathii 'Winston', AM 81 (C. loddigesii x C. walkeriana), exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

Masdevallia O'Brien's Passion 'McCracken', HCC 78 (Masd. Annette Hall x Masd. coccinea v alba), exhibited by Trudy Hadler

10/18/08 - CSNJC - Diablo View Orchid Society Show

Lc. Angel Heart 'Nora', HCC 79 (Lc. Puppy Love x C. Penny Kuroda), exhibited by Ken Cook

10/01/08 - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center - Sacramento

Paphiopedilum charlesworthii 'Beaujolais', HCC 75 species, exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

Paphiopedilum charlesworthii var. album 'Condor Wintergreen', HCC 78 species, exhibited by Bob and Lynn Wellenstein

Paphiopedilum charlesworthii var album 'Montrachet', AM 82 species, exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

Plectrelminthus caudatus 'Shukria', AM 82 species, exhibited by Jeff Tyler

10/05/08 -- CSNJC - Big Fair - Fresno - no awards

10/20/08 - Pacific Central Judging Center - Oakland

Blc. Hawaiian Blush 'Winston', AM 80 (Blc Bryce Canyon x Bc. Donna Kimura), 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>



Dinema polybulbon



Phal. *Irene Dobson*