

# Diablo View Orchid Society

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August 2012

**ATTENTION** We will **not** have our regular August meeting

**O**ur annual **BBQ and Auction** will be at the home of Bob and Mary Lou Van Galder (look in your Membership Roster for the address in Lafayette) Sat, Aug 18th.

This year's theme is  
**Caribbean Holiday**

The Society will provide the Barbeque and drinks. Members should bring a side dish and an orchid, or orchid-related donation for the auction. And don't forget your checkbook!

If your Last Name

begins with:

You bring:

A - E

Salad

F - I

Hors d'oeuvre

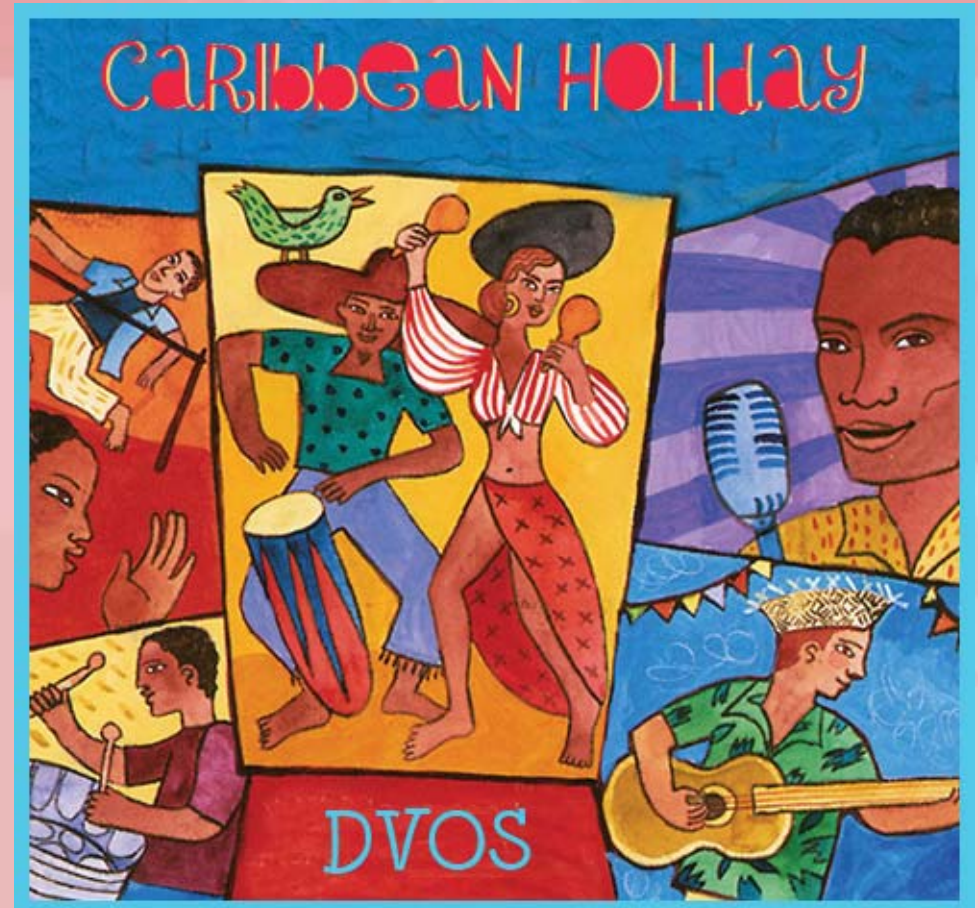
J - Q

Dessert

R - Z

Side Dish

Bring enough to serve 10



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## Summer Lecture Series

*took a different direction in the month of July.*

Courtesy Brad Piini

Our topic was the American Orchid Society (AOS) and was represented by a panel of four representatives of the AOS. Kathy Barrett and Cynthia Hill represented the AOS Publication Committee. Steve Beckendorf represented the Conservation Committee and Species Identification Committee for the AOS. Carol Klonowski represented the AOS Education and Research Committees.



These representatives of the AOS are all volunteers. For most of us the only tangible sign of the American Orchid Society is the monthly publication, Orchids magazine. Orchids magazine is the official publication of the AOS, but as our panel pointed out, the magazine represents just one of aspect of the AOS. Other volunteers at the AOS are responsible for a variety of purposes as we soon found out.

**Kathy Barrett** introduced the panel of AOS representatives and noted that this outreach by the AOS to individual orchid societies has never been done before. They hope to show

*AOS Panel cont.*

DVOS members the value of becoming members of the American Orchid Society. Kathy mentioned that she also serves as a member of the publishing committee for Orchids magazine, but in the interest of conserving time, she allowed the other representative to describe their roles with the AOS.



The main focus of Orchids magazine is how to culture different orchids. It was pointed out that this cultural information is a valuable resource to both new and experienced members of the DVOS to improve their growing abilities with orchids. Cynthia's passion and love of orchids was very apparent in her discussion of her role at the AOS and her dedication toward publishing Orchids magazine.



**Cynthia Hill** started the discussion by describing her function at the AOS as a member of the Publishing Committee for Orchids magazine. These duties include finding articles and photographs for publication in Orchids magazine and getting feedback from AOS members as to what they would like to see in the magazine. Cynthia has to find authors of articles and also write her own articles for the magazine. She selects themes for the calendar section of Orchids. This section describes monthly chores that need to be addressed by the orchid hobbyist to fulfill the cultural demands your orchids require each month.

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## *AOS Panel cont.*

**Carol Klonowski** talked next about her role on the research committee for the AOS. This committee meets two times per year and works on the science of orchidology. They also fund scientific projects, request proposals, and issue student grants that pertain to orchids. They also work on applied scientific research such as pest management, fertilizer types and their effectiveness, orchid media (i.e. bark, perlite, clay, cork etc.) and viral testing. Currently the AOS sponsors three students for doctoral studies in orchids.

As a member of the AOS education committee, Carol promotes the sharing of orchid knowledge through outreach programs to students and youth groups. They distribute orchid information through workbooks, coloring books and web site access. They also advise on orchid merit badges for Boy and Girl Scouts. The AOS is also creating an electronic presence with the development of a website called Orchids Plus which contains scanned orchid articles, the orchid of the day and more. They are also developing an iPad application.

**Steve Beckendorf** talked about his role on the AOS conservation committee and species identification task force. The conservation committee is responsible for trying to preserve orchid species and their natural habitat from being destroyed by development. With limited funds, this is a difficult task for the committee. The species identification task force committee receives photos and descriptions of orchids over the Internet and they process this information in order to identify the orchid species. The committee currently identifies 400 species per year. The process typically takes two months to process an orchid.

DVOS would like to thank the AOS representatives for all their hard work and effort in promoting their passion of orchids. It is through their efforts that orchid hobbyists will always have access to current knowledge about orchids and a voice in preserving these wonderful plants in an ever developing world. Thanks to all.



*Encyclia bractescens*

## Message from our President:

August is not a toss away month at all orchid-wise. It's a time for tasks like getting your dormant pterostylus bulbs squared away and perhaps getting some moisture to them. Cymbis are going to need to be placed so that sleeping flower eyes can get the warm autumnal sun they need to trigger spring flowering. Neglect is not an option, unless you are me where I continue to under-feed my plants. C'est la vie. So, ok, my plants may be neglected, but I'm not. I'm looking forward to BBQ at the Auction on August 18th! As noted below, it's our big fundraiser!

News from your Board: The manager of the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) building where we have our monthly meeting has asked us to be out of the building by 10 pm *sharp*. Our meetings usually start on time at 7:30 pm, but the meetings themselves are jam-packed with action, and some of that is going to have to be trimmed. We have a 15 minute period at the beginning for announcements and "table talk" cultural stuff. Then our speaker(s) from 7:45-?. And that's a kicker. We ask our speakers to give a 45 minute presentation including questions, but we have had longer presentations which cut into the rest of the meeting. We pay our speakers a healthy fee, and in the case where we bring someone in from out of town, a healthier fee, with plane fare and possibly accommodations. For maybe a 30-45 minute presentation. That takes us to 8:30.

Our refreshment period is where we judge the "show and tell" plants and photograph the winners. Is 15 minutes enough for this? The folks cleaning up the refreshment room don't want to miss "show and tell" especially if they have brought plants. We have a substantial group of orchids most months. We don't have a cultural session like many clubs, so we combine culture with "show and tell". We could limit the number of plants a person brings in, or just talk about the winners. Of course, when you bring in a plant, it's nice to not be overlooked. Which gives around an hour for show and tell and the raffle. And take down and clean-up which should start at 9:45 at the latest to be completely out by 10pm.



*Vanda Pachara Delight*

*President's Message cont.*

As you can see it's a toughie. We could start the meeting earlier, but many of us have already rushed through a speakers dinner and left early to get projectors and items for the meeting. We could eliminate the speaker dinner..... I'll get scalped just for mentioning that.

Abiding by the CCWD rules is paramount. We are rent free, currently..... but as of 2014 we will be in another location (to be determined), because the building needs a seismic upgrade. This means RENT! OSC in Oakland pays \$275 a meeting. Many Bay Area cities are jacking up fees to cover operational costs and this may in fact, be a reasonable number. So,  $\$275 + \$150 + \$250 = \$700$  per month for our meeting (rent+speaker fee+plant table). This is only partially offset by raffle tickets. Meetings cost us. And we only have the BBQ auction to really raise money to cover us for the following twelve months.

So, good members, you can see some of the issues we on the Board are facing. We're always here to listen to you and hear your ideas. Bring 'em to us, please. What I'm seeing starting at our September meeting is:

**7:30 pm START;**

**7:30-7:45 pm Announcements;**

**7:45-8:30 pm Speaker;**

**8:30-8:45 pm Refreshments and Judging/Photography;**

**8:45-9:30 pm Show and Tell;**

**9:30-9:45 Raffle**

**9:45-10pm Clean Up**

**10 pm *sharp* Members are exiting the building.**

*Encyclia aromatica*



We will adjust as needed, but please understand that CCWD has reminded us that the agreement with them can be revoked at any time. I will unfortunately be a hard guy about this and those who know me KNOW I'm not a hard guy by definition, but what must be must be! - George McRae



*Eucile citrina*

## Awards DVOS June

### Advanced

- 1st *Euc. citrina*. Akiko Ogawa
- 2nd *Rlc.* Laura Bush 'Carmela'  
Bernice Lindner
- 3rd *Lc.* Canhamiana fma coerulea.  
Lorraine Behravish

### Intermediate

- 1st *L. purpurata* v. flamea 'Neal'  
Tom Pickford
- 2nd *Onc. papilio* 'Kahili' Parky Parkison
- 3rd *Den.* Noname Linda Castleton

### Novice

- 1st *Psh.* Green Hornet Cindy Datangel
- 2nd *V.* Pachara Delight Cindy Datangel
- 3rd *E. aromatica* Jeannette Bean

### Lancer Smith (species/under 6")

- E. bractescens* Akiko Ogawa



*Den.* Noname

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## Upcoming Speakers and Events



*Rlc. Laura Bush 'Carmela'*

- Aug 4:** CSNJC Speaker's Day (p.9)  
**Aug 18:** DVOS Annual BBQ at the home of Bob & MaryLou Van Galder (p.1)  
**Sept 13:** Sergio Garcia will speak on new hybrids.  
**October 11:** Ramon de los Santos will speak on Philippine orchids



*Lc. Canhamiana f. coerulea*



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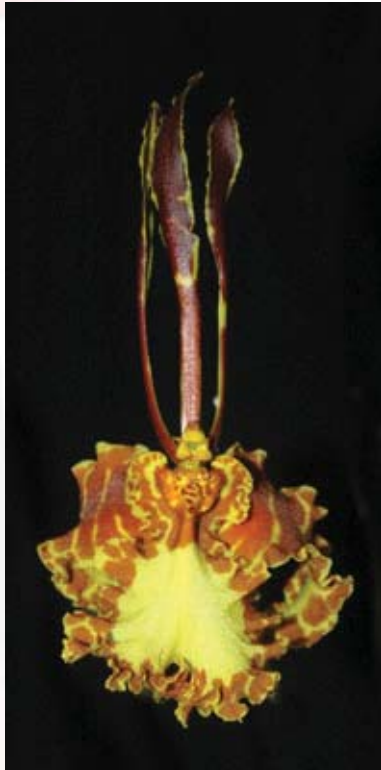
*presents Speaker's Day*

*Saturday, August 4, 2012*

*9 am - 5 pm*

Odd Fellows Building  
1937 Howe Ave. at Alta Arden Sacramento

*Featuring*



*Onc. papilio 'Kahili'*

**Roy Tokunaga**, H & R Nursery *Simplified Orchid Genetics and Breeding* (How to improve your collection)

**Ron McHatton** Operating Officer, Director of Education for AOS

*Growing Miniature Orchids in Your Home*

**Roy Tokunaga**, H & R Nursery, **Dennis Olivas**, D & D Flowers and

**Alan Koch**, Gold Country Orchids

*All You Wanted to Know About Cattleyas* (panel discussion)

\$10 Advance / \$20 Door for AOS members & Sponsoring Societies / \$25 General Admission

*Speaker's Day cont.* CSNJC.org

## *Vendors*

### **Golden Gate Orchids**

*Odontoglossums and their intergenerics, plus other fantastic plants.*

### **H & R Nursery**

*A great selections of various type of orchids.*

### **Gold Country Orchids**

*Mini-cattleyas that bloom 2-3 times a year.*

### **D & D Flowers**

*Dennis will have whatever the others don't.*

## **SPEAKERS DAY SCHEDULE**

9:00 AOS Judging - see how we judge

11:00 Simplified Orchid Genetics and Breeding  
(How to improve your collection)

Roy Tokunaga, H&R Nursery

12:00 Lunch Break

12:45 Auction

1:45 Growing Miniature Orchids in Your Home  
Ron McHatton, Operating Officer and  
Director of Education for AOS



***Prosthechea Green Hornet***

## AOS Awards Kathy Barrett

July 2012 - CSNJC - Sacramento

*C. Amethyst Star* 'Purple Flare'  
(*Lc. Mini Purple* x *L. longipes*)  
AM 81  
Exhibited by James G Morris

*L. purpurata* v. *flamea* 'Neal'  
species  
HCC 77 & CCM 81  
Exhibited by (DVOS member) Tom Pickford



*L. purpurata* v. *flamea* 'Neal'

We invite the members of all orchid societies to Sacramento on Saturday, August 4th for the CSNJC Annual Speaker's Day (see p. 9-10). AOS judging will be Saturday Aug 4th at 9AM. Plants should be entered by 8:30 am.

Pictures of all awarded orchids can be seen at <http://www.csnjc.org>

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## DVOS Officers 2012

**President:** George McRae  
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**DVOS Show Chairs** Liz Charlton and Kathy Barrett

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