

A decorative image of several pink orchids in clear glass vases, positioned on the left side of the page. The orchids are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The background is a soft, light pink color.

Diablo View Orchid Society

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at Our next meeting **Thursday, June 14th**

Dave Sorokowsky

My favorite tidbit about Dave Sorokowsky is that he used to love playing baseball. I'm not sure at what level he stopped playing, whether it was high school or college but we'd talk about recognizing the different pitches as the ball came at him going umpteen miles an hour. Look into his eyes sometime and you'll see there's something vaguely hawklike in their intensity. Baseball's loss is our gain. Dave brings that same devotion to growing orchids or more specifically Paphiopedilums, the slipper orchids.

This month Dave will be speaking on albino (taxonomically "album") Paphiopedilums. He has received many AOS awards for his album paphs and I believe he is using them in a breeding program. I hold great hopes for them if he is for he has some choice stock. Dave is a vintner for Gallo wines, producing some tasty zinfandels if I recall correctly. Unfortunately he cannot sell us any wine but he will be providing the raffle table plants and have a few tasty plants for sale, too.

Newcomers should realize that slipper orchids aficionados are very passionate about their hobby, seeking the best in color, shapes, and balance in these very unusual plants. This is an opportunity to see and learn about a completely different sort of orchid. They're not often seen at a box-store because they can't be cloned by the millions yet. So each plant is an individual or a piece of the original plant. Paphs are usually smaller plants that can be grown indoors and under lights and kept evenly moist in plastic pots. They like household temperatures but maybe want a bit more humidity than is found in the usual Contra Costa home. Come see if they become your passion too.

Next Meeting:

Thur. June 14th

7:30- 10:00 p.m.

**Contra Costa Waster District
Board Room
1331 Concord Ave.
Concord Ca.**

Map: www.diabloviewos.org/About/map.htm

Diablo View Orchid Society Patricia Harding was our speaker in May

Patricia Harding spoke to DVOS in May on the subject of Brazilian Oncidiums. Patricia is an resident of Oregon, but has toured Brazil extensively and is the author of a book entitled "Brazilian Orchids."

The country of Brazil is broken up into three geographic regions. The area that Pat dwelt on the most was the Cerrado region. This is an area with few trees and sparse vegetation. The elevation for this region is between 300-600 meters. During World War II this area was completely deforested. The war effort required large amounts of wood for fuel and building materials which was harvested from this region. This relatively barren area is the home to the Brazilian Oncidiums. Oncidium Copensia, Romosa, Hydrophila and Doriana are all endemic to this region. These oncidiums are typical, looking, they are yellow in color with multiple flowers per inflorescence.

Patricia then got off on an orchid tangent. The rest of her lecture was on the reclassification of orchids based on Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) tests. This reclassification has been going on for years in the orchid world but as hobbyist, most of us have had a hard enough time learning what orchid genus the the orchids belong to in the old system. This reclassification would mean renaming the genus of many of the orchids that we already believe we know. Patricia's point was that the Brazilian Oncidiums are uniquely different from the rest of the Oncidiums out there.. To place Brazilian Oncidiums into the same genus as other Oncidiums which look completely different makes no sense to Patricia. The Brazilian Oncidium Copensia looks nothing like the Oncidium Gomesa which the orchid aficionados believed are the same based on DNA evidence. Based on the photos that she showed I believe she is absolutely correct.



Patricia was a very knowledgeable and energetic speaker. DVOS thanks you.

- Brad Piini

SHOW TROPHY WINNERS
PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION 2012

BEST IN SHOW

- BEST PLANT IN SHOW* *Ansellia gigantea* (syn. *Ansellia africana*) Exhibitor: California Orchids
BEST SPECIES IN SHOW *Dendrobium helix* Exhibitor: California Orchids
BEST SPECIMEN PLANT IN SHOW *Dendrobium sanderae* var. *major* Exhibitor: Cynthia Hill
BEST MINIATURE PLANT (under 8") IN SHOW *Masdevallia decumana* Exhibitor: Linda Tripp
BEST CATTLEYA ALLIANCE IN SHOW *Laelia canariensis* Exhibitor: Greg Corrales
BEST PAPHIOPEDILUM / PHRAGMIPEDIUM IN SHOW *Paph. Smooth Sailing* Exhibitor: G G Orchids
BEST PHALAENOPSIS IN SHOW *Phalaenopsis Sogo Yukidian 'V3'* Exhibitor: South Pacific Orchids
BEST ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE IN SHOW *Miltoniopsis phalaenopsis* Exhibitor: Golden Gate Orchids
BEST CYMBIDIUM IN SHOW *Cymbidium Kirby Lesh* Exhibitor: Paul and Phyllis Chim
BEST PLEUROTHALLID ALLIANCE IN SHOW *Dracula chiroptera 'Grendel'* Exhibitor: John Leathers
BEST DENDROBIUM IN SHOW *Dendrobium helix* Exhibitor: California Orchids
BEST PLANT OF OTHER GENUS IN SHOW *Ansellia gigantea* (syn. *Ansellia africana*) Exhibitor: Calf Orchids
BEST ORCHID SHOWN FOR FOLIAGE IN SHOW *Macodes lowii* Exhibitor: California Orchids
BEST NON-GREENHOUSE-GROWN PLANT IN SHOW *Den Little Green Applies* Exhibitor: Carolyn Fisher
BEST PLANT EXHIBITED BY GROWER 17 YEARS AND YOUNGER *Masdevallia hybrid* Exhibitor: Jasen Liu

BEST of SECTION by SKILL LEVELS

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

- BEST CATTLEYA - NOVICE* *Coelia bella* Exhibitor: Bob Christensen
BEST CATTLEYA - ADVANCED *Laelia canariensis* Exhibitor: Greg Corrales
BEST CATTLEYA - COMMERCIAL *Laelia kautskyi* Exhibitor: Gold Country Orchids

PAPHIOPEDILUM / PHRAGMIPEDIUM

- BEST PAPH/PHRAG - NOVICE* *Cypripedium formosanum* Exhibitor: Michael Fong
BEST PAPH/PHRAG - ADVANCED *Paphiopedilum malipoense* Exhibitor: Cynthia Hill

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BEST PAPH/PHRAG - COMMERCIAL Paphiopedilum Smooth Sailing Exhibitor: G G Orchids

PHALAENOPSIS / DORITIS Phal. (Taisuco Moonriver x Phal. amabilis)

BEST PHAL/DORITIS - ADVANCED None Entered

BEST PHAL/DORITIS - COMMERCIAL Phal Sogo Yukidian 'V3' Exhibitor: South Pacific Orchids

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE

BEST ONCIDIUM - NOVICE Odont FANGtastic Bob Henley Exhibitor: Ricki Kohn & Stanford Stapleton

BEST ONCIDIUM - ADVANCED Oncidium macranthum Exhibitor: Solveig Erlingsson

BEST ONCIDIUM - COMMERCIAL Miltoniopsis phalaenopsis Exhibitor: Golden Gate Orchids

CYMBIDIUM

BEST CYMBIDIUM - NOVICE Cymbidium Procol Harum 'Afterglow' Exhibitor: Nancy Starr

BEST CYMBIDIUM - ADVANCED Cymbidium Pywacket 'Stirling' Exhibitor: Barry Zimmerman

BEST CYMBIDIUM - COMMERCIAL Cymbidium Kirby Lesh Exhibitor: Paul and Phyllis Chim

PLEUROTHALLID ALLIANCE

BEST PLEUROTHALLID - NOVICE Dracula verticulosa var. xanthina 'Buffy' Exhibitor: Gary Meyer

BEST PLEUROTHALLID - ADVANCED Restrepia antennifera Exhibitor: Anna S. Chai

BEST PLEUROTHALLID - COMMERCIAL Dracula chiroptera 'Grendel' Exhibitor: John Leathers

DENDROBIUM

BEST DENDROBIUM - NOVICE Dendrobium sanderae var. major Exhibitor: Jason Douglass

BEST DENDROBIUM - ADVANCED Dendrobium sanderae var. major Exhibitor: Cynthia Hill

BEST DENDROBIUM - COMMERCIAL Dendrobium helix Exhibitor: California Orchids

OTHER GENERA

BEST PLANT OF OTHER GENERA - NOVICE Maxillaria ecuadorensis Exhibitor: Kay Klumb

BEST PLANT OF OTHER GENERA - ADVANCED Dendrochilum cobbianum Exhibitor: Cynthia Hill

*BEST PLANT OF OTHER GENERA - COMMERCIAL Ans gigantea (syn. Ansellia africana Exhibitor: Cal Orchids
CULTURAL AWARDS (5)*

1. *Dendrobium teretifolium* - Exhibited by Judy Carney
2. *Coelogyne intermedia* - Exhibited by Asuka Orchids
3. *Dendrobium helix*- Exhibited by California Orchids
4. *Ansellia gigantea* - Exhibited by California Orchids
5. *Dendrochilum cobbianum* - Exhibited by Cynthia Hill

EXHIBIT WINNERS

American Orchid Society (AOS) Show Trophy

ANDY'S ORCHIDS

Orchid Digest Trophy *FOUR ORCHID FRIENDS*

Best Exhibit Illustrating The Show Theme

CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS

Best Exhibit By A Visiting Orchid Society

1st Place: SANTA CLARA VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY

2ndPlace: PLEUROTHALLID ALLIANCE

Best Tabletop Exhibit By One Or More Non-Commercial Exhibitors: FOUR ORCHID FRIENDS



Coming Shows and Sales

Peninsula Orchid Society Greenhouse Bus Tour

We are heading North this year, to Napa Valley Orchids, California Orchids, and Hanging Gardens. Anyone is welcome to join us. We have a bus with bathroom, lunch is included and will be eaten at California Orchids. Please contact Dan Williamson at ENKI_29205@YAHOO.COM or call him at 650-963-9403 to arrange to go on the tour. The cost is \$55. We would love to see you!

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Just outside of Bend, Oregon there is a garden called Peterson Rock Garden. For most of us this garden would not be considered exceptional in any way; it is a garden constructed out of rocks and some crystals. There is however, a sign in the middle of the garden near a fountain made from crystals that says "It's Later Than You Think". This simple message is an idea that I have always tried to keep close to my daily consciousness. In light of the recent losses of some loved ones in the orchid club, I think this message is something that we all need

to remember as we move forward and try to make sense of these losses and bring meaning to our own lives. We will miss you Brian.

- Brad Piini



President's Message



Our orchid world has lost two wonderful and tireless friends recently, Brian Wraxall and Walter James. Brian of course was our most recent treasurer, and was also our past president. Walter served the Orchid Society of California in Oakland as president, vice president and board member. Both men were around the same age, and both passed away only a few hours apart from the same illness. They both had kind and selfless spirits. And incredibly interesting vibrant lives. For me personally, this has been a tragedy of enormous proportions. I worked with both in supporting these societies. And I called both close friends.

For the local orchid world the consequences are equally severe. Our society has had to reshuffle board positions to keep this club current and hopefully thriving. In the case of the Oakland club, the future is not so bright. There is a movement to dissolve the society. Important board positions as well as positions that make a society a society remain unfilled. Legally, as is my understanding, they must disincorporate if board positions remain unfilled. They could get around this, if they cease collecting membership dues and distribute the society money, but then they can't function at all as a society. Rent must be paid. speakers must be paid. Plants must be purchased for raffle tables, web servers must be paid, etc. In the case of our society we have had to double up on positions to continue to function. But this can't continue if our society expects to remain the fun, rewarding group it has been. We have had to cancel our annual show because of the recent heartbreaks we have gone through. And we nearly missed the Pacific Orchid Expo (POE) this year. If not for Brian, Eileen, Nancy, Ken and myself, largely and a few contributed plants from a very few members we couldn't have pulled off this last minute project. I have wanted to see committees formed to continue the activities of our club. Our constitution specifically provides for this. The boards of societies, and not only our own, have a tendency to become the only functionaries. Not only, for example, is there a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, etc, these people are also the chairs of hospitality, annual auction, show chair, Pacific Orchid Expo, Christmas party, etc....These positions need to be filled by regular members. It spreads the responsibilities and it also gives members something fun to do. We don't have to do these activities, of course, but it is activities like these that gives a society life beyond the monthly power point-raffle table repetition.

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President's Message cont.

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We have a core of dedicated members who continue to make this society function, like the Tomassinis who schlep the lights and screen month after month. The Piinis who write the reviews of our speakers, Liz Charlton who at the crack of dawn the first business day of the month makes sure we even have a place to meet. Jamie who puts together the finest society newsletter in the orchid world. Ulrike, our membership chair and web mistress, Parky our greenhouse tour coordinator and board member, and Phyllis who tirelessly continues to be our librarian. There are a few others I didn't mention, and my hat is off to them all.

Our constitution guided us in the transitions we have had to make recently. We referred to it at our last board meeting, and as a result I can tell you that Kathy Barrett, who lost her dear husband Joseph this year, has graciously volunteered for the responsibility of treasurer as well as vice president. She worked out in advance our speaker program for the year and way into 2013. I continue to serve as president, and will be hospitality host for our speaker dinners. Rodney will remain as secretary. Our constitution provides for this, however these positions must be voted on at our December meeting/Christmas party. Many of the board positions will be needing new members, and except for treasurer the other positions can only be held by members for two terms (yearly) in a row and then must be repopulated. The constitution can be downloaded from our web site. If you want to get more involved, let myself or a board member know what you would like to do. We need you all to be as involved as you can. Even in the little ways, such as helping set up and take down the tables for our meetings and set up and cleanup at our world-rekknowned refreshment break.

In closing, I want to say, Brian and Walter, thank you for all you did not only for us as a society(ies) but for your friendship and brotherhood to me personally and to so many others. Loving husbands and fathers and brothers. I miss you both so, so much.

- George McRae

AOS Corner

Lynn Fuller, Chair, AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

New AOS officers: Sandra Svoboda, President, Tim Brooks, Vice President, Fred Missbach, Vice-President, Karen McBride, Treasurer, Max Thompson, Ass't. Treasurer, Jean Hollebhone, Secretary

Update on the progress of the move to Fairchild Botanic Gardens: The staff is still getting acclimated and are currently in a very small temporary space. As some construction is completed at Fairchild, AOS will be able to acquire more office space. In the meantime, most functions are up and running on schedule and most of the needs of the membership are being met.

AOS would like to thank all of you for your patience and understanding during their move to the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. The new phone and fax numbers have been installed and are: Phone: 305-740-2010; Fax: 305-740-2011.



Lc. Angel Heart 'Hihimanu'



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Refreshments for the June Meeting will be provided by:

FOOD:

(Food must be cut into servings)

Noble Emery	Renate Johnson
Judith Johnson	Sue Davis
Akiko Ogawa	Inge Brooks
Bob Akbarian	

DRINKS:

Emmave Luevano
Yenifer Yang
Carol Campbell

ICE:

WE NEED SOMEONE TO BRING ICE

SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:

Barbara Ungersma
Brenda Aday



Dryadella edwallii



Epcl. Haiku Twinkle 'Red Elf'

Reminder: Your raffle ticket for bringing food is like two tickets. If you are not picked in the food drawing, your ticket goes into the bucket with the purchased tickets, giving you a second chance to win.

Upcoming Speakers and Events



Bletilla striata

Speaker's Dinner with Dave Sorokowsky is on Thur. June 21st at 5:30 p.m. at the Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Lane, Pleasant Hill.

Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker before the meeting. If you can join us, please call George McRae at (510) 233-7374 to be included in the reservation.

- June 14:** DVOS meeting Dave Sorokowsky on Album Paphs (P.1)
- June 21:** DVOS board meeting at the home Brad and Karen
- June 23:** Peninsula Orchid Society Green house Bus Tour (p. 4)
- July 12:** DVOS meeting annual Ice Cream Social
- August 18:** DVOS Annual Picnic & Auction 'Caribbean Holiday'



Coel. nitida

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Awards DVOS May

Novice

- 1st *Eplc.* Haiku Twinkle 'Red Elf' Meg Crosby
2nd *Cym.* Mighty Sunset 'Roxborough' Jeanette Bean
3rd *Phal* Noname Pascual Machin

Intermediate

- 1st *Renanthera imschootiana* 'Pololei Lava Flow' Yunor Peralta
2nd *Bletilla striata* George Cooper
3rd *Lc.* Angel Heart 'Hihimanu' Akiko Ogawa

Advanced

- 1st *L. grandis* Dave Tomassini
2nd *Rhynchoatele majalis* Ken Cook
3rd *Coelogyne nitida* Ken Cook

Lancer Smith (species/under 6")

- Dryadella edwallii* Ken Cook



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Cym. Mighty Sunset 'Roxborough'

Membership News
courtesy of Ulrike Ahlborn,
Membership Chair

membership@dvos.org

As of April we have 119 members

General Members \$20

Commercial Members \$25

Lifetime Members \$300

If you are unable to receive the newsletter
by email and need a B&W copy mailed to
you, there is an additional \$10 charge for
copying and postage.

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Renanthera imschootiana 'Pololei Lava Flow'



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AOS Awards Kathy Barrett

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Sacramento CSNJC

Epipactis gigantea 'Linda' species HCC 78 & CCM 83 Exhibited by Bruce Ritter

Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana 'Summer Solstice' species HCC 79

Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

Wilsonara Sheila Anne 'Royal Tapestry' (Odcdm. Tiger Crow x Odc. Wearside Pattern)

AM 81

Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids



L. grandis

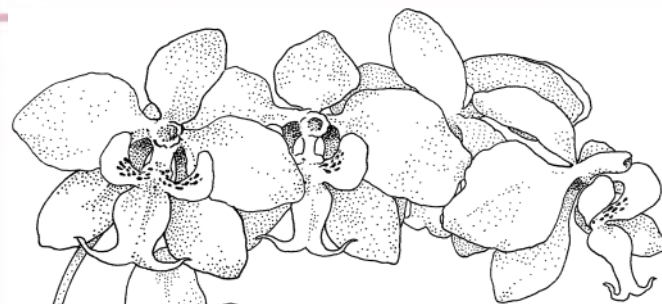


Rhynchostele majalis

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