

Diablo View Orchid Society

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ORCHIATA BUYERS!
**If you haven't already sent
in your check, bring it to
the meeting!**

July Meeting:

**Thursday, July 13 at 7:15 pm
at the Contra Costa Water District**

Refreshments will be supplied by:

Snacks: Joanne Evans, Jackie Krstulovich
Judith Johnston, Irene Desmond
Arlene Cosand

Drinks: Daniel Neighbors

Ice: *We need a volunteer to bring some*

Visit our website for the latest news about the club!

DVOS.ORG

The July Meeting Speaker

Terry Kowalczyk will be Speaking on the Japanese Appreciation of Fuukiran

**Dinner Location Changed to: Veggie Today, 1909 Salvio St., Concord at 5:30
Contact Lisa Chow if you are interested in attending: 925-370-7912**



President's Message

How to be a better Orchid Grower!

I got some valuable tips out of the June issue of the American Orchid Society (AOS) Bulletin. Page 426, lists Part 1 - Cultural Missteps, written by Sue Bottom, Member of Editorial Board /AOS.

"Growing Cattleyas - **What can go Wrong?**"

You may be asking yourself that question about cattleyas or another genus.

"All About Orchids" will have answers for you: <http://www.aos.org/orchids.aspx>

We will have an opportunity to share our orchid growing success by donating plants at our August general meeting. This fundraiser is an event where healthy plants (no live protein) will be auctioned off for your benefit and the benefit of our society.

In the past, this type of event has been fun and this year will be the same.

This what we are about:

"The purposes of the society are to promote and stimulate interest in orchids; to encourage the culture and conservation of all orchids; to provide for the exchange and dissemination of information relating to the culture of orchids among members of the society."

Orchid conservation is a worthy cause.

Plant Judging at our general meeting is an opportunity for you to volunteer and select the plant you like best. No experience is required, more information to follow at the meeting.

Recognition of plants brought for Show and Tell includes recognizing a plant grown by a novice grower and bloomed for the first time.

This plant should have been in the grower's collection for at least 6 months.

If anyone has any questions about this "First Bloom" definition, I am available to clarify in the parking lot after our meeting. Any Board Member will be able to assist in the interim!!!

Other awards are for First, Second and Third Prizes for 3 different skill levels as well as one award for a "miniature" plant.

At our general meeting, One Raffle Ticket is available to you if you:

- 1) Contribute to the refreshments** We have had some outstanding contributions, thank you so much.
- 2) Bring a plant to Show and Tell** It is an inspiration to see the amount and variety of beautiful orchids you share.
- 3) Please, wear your name tag.** If you don't have one, please advise. We would like to get to know you better!

CA Sierra Nevada Judging Center Speakers' Day is at the Sacramento Odd Fellows Hall on July 29, 2017. Eileen and I have \$10 tickets. Tickets at the door will be \$30. See page 7 for their flyer!

Enjoy your orchids, see you Thursday.

Renate

July's Meeting Speaker

Terry Kowalczyk will be Speaking on the Japanese Appreciation of Fuukiran PLUS Providing a Short Demo on Neofinetia Potting

Once upon a time someone gave Terry Kowalczyk a tiny orchid, about one- and-a-half inches long. That was more than 20 years ago. Since then, that little plant has since grown into a collection of more than 1,000 orchids.

A landscaper by trade, Terry has a greenhouse in back of his Toronto home and is looking to build something bigger to house his orchid collection. Japanese orchids are his specialty. Most are miniatures with many growing in pots hanging in the air.



“Welcome to the wonderful world of *Neofinetia falcata*!

What is remarkable about the miniature species, native to Japan, is that it has transformed itself into thousands of variations and is virtually one species with more than 2,300 distinct varieties. “These varieties have evolved from the regular or ‘wild’ form that we have for years seen for sale in North America. In the wild, the roots grow firmly attached to trees and rocks and the flowers appear to fly in the wind. The plants are small and produce extremely graceful white flowers that have a fantastic scent, which incidentally is one of the most complex in the orchid world.”

For Terry, collecting and selling orchids is both a hobby and a business. “I collect miniatures and everything else that I find odd including a lot from South America, especially Ecuador.” He travels to Japan frequently to purchase orchids and meet with other collectors and vendors. He often gives orchid talks and says that the biggest question is always “How not to kill them.”

The secret, he says, is to make sure the center is dry before watering. “I market windowsill orchids. The best place to keep them is in a southwest window. In summer the ideal place is outside under a tree but they don’t overwinter here and will go dormant at under 50 F.

Japanese orchids are generally four to five inches wide, with leaves as hard as a succulent. The flowers are mostly white and come in different shapes. “They can cost anywhere from \$15 to \$300,000. Until just a few years ago it was not unheard of to pay as much as \$20,000 for a pink or green one that now costs about \$25.” The most Terry has paid for a single plant is \$1,500. He prefers them under five or six inches, “the smaller the better,” he says. “They are so cute.”

There are said to be more than 25,000 species of orchids growing in the wild plus more than 100,000 cultivated hybrids. Some, known as epiphytes, grow on trees, shrubs or rocks while terrestrials grow in soil or humus. Many can be grown in houses and apartments. “Some of the best collections I’ve seen are in condos,” says Terry.

Some of the June, 2017 Judging Results

June	Advanced	Phrag grande "May Brook" AM/AOS	Sung Lee	1
June	Advanced	Renathera	Sung Lee	2
June	Advanced	Phragmipedium lindenii	Eileen Jackson	3
June	Intermediate	Trichoptlia Linda quast ?	Irene Desmond	1
June	Intermediate	Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden treasurer'	Linda Castleton	2
June	Intermediate	Dtpt Wedding Art Bibbs	Linda Castleton	3
June	Novice	Phal noname	Jeanette Beane	1
June	Novice	Oncidium "Wildcat"	Marcia Hart	2
June	Novice			3
June	Lancer	Mystacidium braybonae	Sung Lee	

GREEN HOUSE TOUR

Presented by the Diablo View Orchid Society

Saturday August 5, 2017.

We will visit Dan Newman at the Hanging Gardens Orchid Nursery and
Shell Dance Gardens
in Pacifica.

From there we will drive up to Daly City and visit with Dennis Olivas at D
& D Orchids
and Chris Mende at Tiny Jungle.

The adventure begins at the Sun Valley Parking lot on the corner of Contra Costa
Blvd and Willow Pass Road. We will meet our bus for the day
there at 8.45am and will be returned there by 5pm. Bring your own lunch and
snacks.

Cost is only \$42 per person.

To reserve your seat send a check for \$42 made out to DVOS, to Judith Johnston,
843 N. Camino Alto, Vallejo, Ca 94589.

The first 24 checks received get the seats on the bus.

Questions? Call Judith 707 642 2325

Need the money by July 22, 2017

San Francisco Orchid Society's July Summer Show Information

Orchids in the Park, the San Francisco Orchid Society's summer show and sale, will be on July 22-23. There will be orchid displays and about 20 local, national, and international orchid vendors. We hope you will attend!

Our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/San-Francisco-Orchid-Society-150623501678349/>
Orchids in the Park page
<https://www.facebook.com/events/310886606008874/>

The San Francisco Orchid Society is also looking for volunteers for this event, with a wide range of positions available. You can sign up at SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/3SzoBA> or you can email Dave Hermeyer (dave@hermeyer.us) if you would like more information. In addition to free admission, each volunteer will receive a \$5 "Show Bucks" coupon, which can be used towards buying plants at the show.

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Orchids in the Park

San Francisco Orchid Society's Summer Show & Sale July 22 & 23, 2017 10 am - 5 pm

San Francisco County Fair Building
(Hall of Flowers)
9th Ave. & Lincoln Way
Golden Gate Park - San Francisco

Demonstrations/Raffle

Admission:
\$5, Seniors \$4, under 16 free

www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

Another upcoming July event

On the next page is the flyer for the upcoming Speakers Day to be held in Sacramento at the Odd Fellows Hall (behind Garibaldi's Mexican restaurant) (Which is good BTW) 1831 Howe Ave, (at Alta Arden) Sacramento CA.

Roy Tokunaga will be discussing *Latouria Dendrobiums*, and expanding on his upcoming article in the July 'Orchids' magazine. Plus he knows more about water quality, computing fertilizer rates and micronutrients than anyone else on the planet.

James Rose will talk about *Angraecoids* - and I'm sure you've been seeing the pics Peter T Lin has posted on Facebook.

George Hatfield will talk about new breeding directions in *Cymbidium* breeding, as well as field your questions about the AOS.

They will all have orchids to sell as will Dennis Olivas of D&D Flowers, Alan Koch of Gold Country and Dave Sorokowski of Paph Paradise.

Cindy Hill has put some of her plants up for silent auction to benefit the Orchid Conservation Alliance and proceeds from the (always entertaining) vocal auction, hammered by Alan Koch, will be divided between the OCA and the AOS.

Won't you please come join us for an interesting day of orchids? \$10 in advance, \$30 at the door. Contact Susan Wedegaertner at sgwede@gmail.com

Official Speaker Day flyer is on the next page!

CALIFORNIA
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California Sierra Nevada
Speaker's Day

Saturday, July 29, 2017
9am to 5pm
Odd Fellows Building
1831 Howe Avenue at Alta Arden
Sacramento, CA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - Saturday, July 29, 2017

- 9:00 **AOS Judging, see how we judge**
- 10:30 **Modern Cymbidiums**
George Hatfield, Hatfield Orchids and American Orchid Society President
- 11:45 **Lunch Break**
- 12:30 **Auction**
- 1:45 **Orchids of Madagascar**
James Rose, Cal Orchids
- 2:45 **Latouria Dendrobiums, Lessons from Phil Spence: the Master**
Roy Tokunaga, H & R Nurseries
- 3:45 **Questions and Answers with the AOS President**
George Hatfield
Alan Koch, moderator

\$10 advance for Sponsoring Societies or AOS members
\$30 at the door for Sponsoring Societies or AOS members
\$30 general admission

Advance Tickets from Susan Wedegaertner: sgwede@gmail.com

CSNJC is a 501 c 3 organization. Visit our website at csnjc.org
All talks subject to change

Beautiful Orchids from our June Meeting:



