

# Diablo View Orchid Society

**We are meeting a week late this month!**

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## October 19 Meeting:

**Thursday, Oct. 19 at 7:15 PM  
at the Contra Costa Water District**

*Refreshments will be supplied by:*

**Snacks:** Judith Johnson

**Drinks:** Daniel Neighbors

*Volunteers with extra snacks would  
be appreciated, too!*

**Ice: We need a volunteer to bring some**

Visit our website for the latest news about the club!

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## The October Meeting Speakers: Diana Vavrek and Linda Castleton

# Orchids 101

Diana Vavrek has been growing orchids for over 20 years. She had the extraordinary privilege to work part-time for a number of years for Maynard and Helen Michel, AOS judges and phalaenopsis hybridizers, at the Orchid Ranch in Livermore. At that same location she also had the opportunity to know and learn from grower/hybridizers Frank Fordyce (cattleyas) and Madge Tonkin (paphiopedilums). She has repotted thousands of orchids and still learns from other orchid growers and each plant!

Prior to cultivating a passion for orchids, Linda Castleton grew gardenias and violets. She killed her first phalenopsis orchid by overwatering. She has been a DVOS member for over ten years and grows a variety of orchids on windowsills in her house and in her greenhouse. She worked in the field of education for 25 years as a Reading Specialist training teachers how to teach Dyslexic children

**Speaker's Dinner Location is the Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Lane,  
Pleasant Hill. Everyone is invited to attend. Contact Eileen Jackson  
at 707-853-3963 if you want to attend**

## President's Message

Hello Everyone,

As the summer heat left the San Francisco East Bay, things heated up for the **DVOS Orchid Extravaganza Orchid Show and Sale last weekend.**

**The event was coordinated entirely by volunteers of DVOS.**

We were pleased to provide an opportunity to:

- \* Exhibit our plants
- \* Provide information about plant care
- \* Purchase Orchid Plants from Vendors and DVOS Members
- \* Win a Raffle of Professional Orchid Designs
- \* Extend an Invitation to join our Society
- \* Support Boy Scout Troup 277: "Bottled Water" fund raiser

The event was fun and well attended thanks to all of our publicity.

### **Good News:**

We are excited to share our passion for orchid growing and are pleased to convey our commitment to Orchid Conservation:

**Diablo View Orchid Society is now a member of the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA).**

Our donation of \$500 will help OCA, a non-profit organization, to permanently protect orchids in their natural habitat, the Dracula Reserve in northern Ecuador.

It will help towards their goal of expanding the reserve and protecting several rare Draculas and a critically endangered Phragmipedium.

Also, our donation will be matched in kind by their partner, the Rainforest Trust.

For additional information about OCA, please visit their website:

<http://orchidconservationalliance.com>

**Thank you for your support of DVOS. Without your efforts, the donation to OCA would not have been possible.**

**NOTE: Our next DVOS meeting will be on Oct. 19th, same location and time.**

DVOS Board meetings are open to the public.

Here is your chance to attend a meeting, in the Board Room, immediately following the general meeting.

Please review **your talents and ideas**, including those which need to be developed further, and **bring them to this meeting.**

**We need volunteers and want to hear from you.**

Cheers,  
Renate

# Winners from the Monthly Plant Judging... September meeting

## Novice Level:

First Place	Cym Golden Elf	Jeanatta Beam
Second Place	BL. Lilliputian Princess	Marcia Hart
Third Place	Chinese Ground Orchid	Daniel Neighbors

## Intermediate Level:

First Place	Bobluca Mayfitch	Judith Johnston
Second Place	Paph Super Suk	Irene Desmond
Third Place	Brassavola Hybrid	Miki Ichiyanagi

## Advanced:

First Place	Vanda Hybrid	Sung Lee
Second Place	Dendro. Chulilem Micranthum	Eileen Jackson
Third Place	C Bicolor Mendenhall Beta	Phyllis Arthur

## Lancer Smith:

Tetramicar Canakuilata	Sung Lee
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# Flowers from the September Meeting:



# Flowers in the Show:



# The Show



We filled the room with beautiful blooms



The repotting service was active



Our raffle prizes



Vendors circled the room