

# Diablo View Orchid Society

**It's our Annual Auction!**

**with Tom Pickford & Greg Scown**

**as the auctioneers**

**The auction takes place on  
Thursday, Aug 9 at 7:15 pm  
at the Contra Costa Water District  
1331 Concord Ave, Concord**

*Refreshments will be supplied by Your Board*

*The room will be available starting at  
6:30 for arranging your orchids for the auction!*



## **About the Auction**

**We will have a chance to share our orchid growing success by donating plants at our August Auction. This fundraiser is an event where healthy plants will be auctioned off for the benefit of our society. See page 2 for helpful hints on what to do.**

**In the past, this type of event has been a lot of fun and this year will be fun, too! Invite your friends... there will be great bargains!**

## **Helpful Hints On How To Prepare Your Plants**

**We really want the members to bring in anything that they can – but NO diseased or dying plants, please.**

**Some examples of good donations would be:**

**Divisions of plants (where they have split a plant into two or more pieces). This needs to be done a few months before the auction so that the plants can become well established.**

**Plants that one might have that they no longer want due to a change of interests or an effort to downsize their collection.**

**Plants where the donor has not had particular success – maybe due to the lack of a greenhouse or the wrong light in windows or temperature problems. Someone else might have more success.**

**Some donors buy flasks or multiple seedlings. They might pot up some of their extras and donate them.**

**It would be nice if donors could clean up their plants. They can clean the top side of the leaves with milk or diluted lemon juice (but do not wipe the bottom of the leaves, too). Even plain water would get rid of some of the dust (wiping the bottom of the leaves with plain water is OK!). It would also be nice if blooming plants could be staked to show the blooms to the greatest advantage. Blooming plants usually bring in higher bids.**

**If you have a plant that is not in bloom and have a picture of the bloom, that would be helpful, too. You can tape it to the container.**

## President's Message

Dear Orchid Enthusiasts:

Recently I did a few things related to orchids that I had never done before. My next door neighbor cut down a huge maple tree that shaded my 6 by 8 greenhouse from the midday sun.

Last year I bought an aluminette shade cloth which lets only 50% of the light (and heat) get through. This year, that was not enough so I used some of my old shade cloth on the front and back of the greenhouse.

Still not enough protection from the sun! So I made a cosy on top (like for a tea kettle). I also added cardboard across the top beam. It covers about 2 feet on each side.

Still not enough because I was getting 100° F inside the greenhouse. So I bought a fogger since the misting system we had just couldn't keep up with the heat. The fogger does a great job by increasing the humidity. My old misters spray down from the top and the fogger comes from floor.

Now that my greenhouse seemed adequately protected, I did something else. I had always gotten all of my orchid plants from our meetings, shows, auctions and occasionally from stores. I learned about an orchid vender on the east coast that was going out of business and who had great prices. No one around here knew about him. So I called him and we talked a while and I decided to take a chance. I bought about a dozen of his plants. They arrived in 2 days, bare root and wrapped in newspaper. They looked very healthy and several had new growths. I called him again and bought some more.

As time goes by I'll update you on the progress of my new plants.

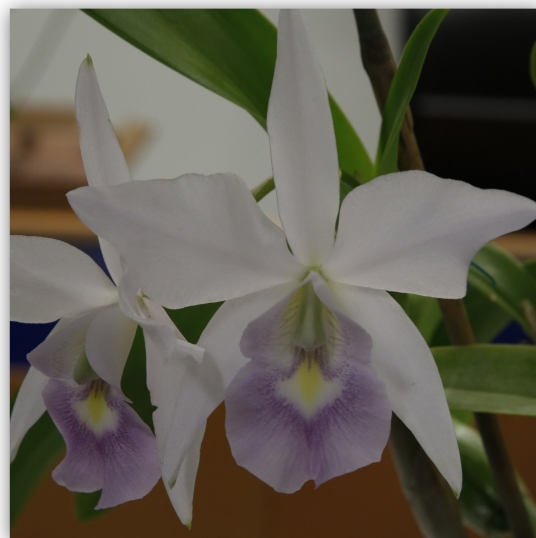
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*Amboinensis x violacea x belliana*  
Novice: 1st Place  
Grown by Peter Ansdell



*C. Twilight Song coerulea*  
Novice: 2nd Place  
Grown by Arlene Cosand



*Rhyncostele bictoniensis x zelenkoa onustum*  
Novice: 3rd Place  
Grown by Don Taylor



*Bulb. falcatum*  
Intermediate: 1st Place  
Grown by Judith Johnston



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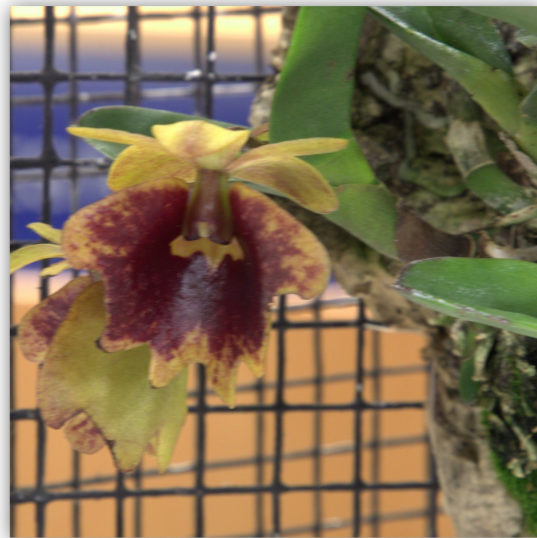
**LC Canhamiana**  
Advanced: 1st Place  
Grown by Yunor Peralta



**Brassia Rev**  
Advanced: 2nd Place  
Grown by Eillen Jackson



**Renaihorn Cirrina**  
Advanced: 3rd Place  
Grown by Yunor Peralta



**Epidendrum Cockii**  
Lancer Smith Award  
Grown by Yunor Peralta