

Diablo View Orchid Society

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At Our Next Meeting May 10th

Bugs: Up Close with Emma Connery

Emma worked for the Telephone Company for 27 years, then retired. 14 years ago, at the age of 46, She started her second and current career. She joined the Master Gardener and became intrigued with insect and disease problems in the home garden. She decided to go to school and get more education. She earned a bachelor's degree in Entomology from UC Berkeley and after a short break, a master's degree in Integrated Pest Management from UC Davis. She is still a Master Gardener in Contra Costa County. She currently teaches insects (basic entomology) to new Master Gardeners in a number of locations throughout the state and speaks to garden groups on insect pest management. She enjoys sharing with others the hidden world of insects. She does not consider herself to be an authority on insects – just an avid enthusiast who loves to continue learning and sharing.

For her presentation, she hooks a microscope up to a projector and shows the bugs on the screen. A fascinating world lives under our leaves and in our dirt. She requests that the members bring any bugs they find in their yard, in a container please or on a leaf in a zip locked bag.

Speaker's dinner will be at Fresh Choice (Contra Costa Blvd., in the Sunvalley Mall.) Please notify Eileen Jackson at 707-642-5915 email jackson.eileen@att.net to join us.

The plant table will be provided by Dennis Olivis.



NEXT MEETING

Thur May 10
5:30 Speaker's Dinner
7:30 Meeting Starts
8:00 Presentation

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Our April DVOS speaker was Dan Newman

April's guest speaker was Dan Newman, who spoke on the subject of Dendrobium orchids. Dan owns Hanging Garden Orchids and enjoys raising an estimated 12,000 orchids.

For the presentation that evening, Dan elected to show slides of his ten favorite sections of the Dendrobium orchid family. Dendrobiums are composed of 1,200-1,500 species. They are native to India, South China, Japan, Korea, Samoa, New Zealand, Eastern Australia and India. There are no Dendrobiums found in Africa or the New World.

The trick to growing any orchid is to know the conditions that they thrive in and being able to duplicate them. With Dendrobiums this hinges heavily on when to water and when to let them dry out and rest. In general, these orchids require a cool dry winter without water because they go dormant for 3-4 months.

To summarize; in the section Callistar, which are characterized as having cigar shaped pseudobulbs, you need to withhold water until the new vegetative growth appears and not just when the flower spikes are showing. In the section Formosae, which are characterized by having the bulbs and or canes with black hairs, they need dry winters with cool conditions. In the section Latouria, you need to water throughout the year. In the section Spatulata, which are characterized as very large plants, they need to have high temperature and water year round. In the section Pedilonum there is no dormant period. Water year round and short spikes will bloom on leafless canes. - *Brad Piini*

Refreshments for the May Meeting

FOOD: Akiko Ogawa, Renee Dowdell, Ken Dowdell, George McRae, Madge Fordyce, Steve Horspool, Noble Emery

BEVERAGES: Grace Chan, Beacon Lum, Judita Parsells.

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4526 Fair Ave.
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Awarded Plants in April

1st **Masd. coccinea 'Red Moon'**

Ken Cook

2nd **Cym. 'Kathie Ann'**

Kathi Ames

3rd **Lc. Tokyo Magic**

Brian Wraxall

Look What I Bloomed for the First Time:

Masd. Copper Sunset

(Copper Angel x Veitchiana Defoul')

Lancer Smith:

Leptotes bicolor x sib

Barbara Tague



Masd. coccinea 'Red Moon' (above)
Leptotes bicolor x sib (below)



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Cym. 'Kathie Ann'

Financial statement
available upon written
request to the Board:
DVOS c/o Barbara Tague
716 Skyline Dr.
Martinez, Ca. 94553

Membership News:

Let's give a warm welcome to the new members who joined in April 2007:
Esperanza Hoffmann from Pleasant Hill
Rodney Kline and Judith Parsells both from Concord
This brings DVOS up to 98 members.



Masd. Copper Sunset (Masd. Copper Angel x Masd. veitchiana 'Prince Defoul')

The 2007 DVOS membership roster is available. Please see me at the next meeting if you would like to have one and have not received one yet.
Your membership has expired if you have not renewed your dues for 2007 (General Membership \$ 15, business \$ 25)
You can bring your check made out to DVOS with the renewal form to the next meeting on May 10 or mail it to Diablo View Orchid Society

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Potting Party

The society held the first annual pot(ting) party at the home of Jennifer English. Thanks to Dan Chiappone, Nancy Pak, Eileen Jackson, Diana Vavrek and Jennifer English for the use of her yard.



APRIL 28, 2007

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

- May 10:** Emma Connery - *Bugs Up Close* - (integrated pest management)
June 14: Debra Atwood of Napa Valley Orchids - *Summer your Orchids Outside*
August 18: Our annual picnic at the home of Bob Van Gilder
This year's theme "*The 60s*"
May 12-13: Orchid Mania Mother's Day Sale 10 am - 5 pm (4 pm Sun) Ft Mason
\$20 donation. Proceeds benefit Aids and HIV prevention.
Info and events: <http://www.orchids.org/events/MaySale.html>
October: Joe Parker - *Draculas*
November: Bob Hamelton - *Propagation*

The next Board Meeting

May 17th: The next Board Meeting will be at the home of Barbara Tague at 7:30 pm.



Lc. Tokyo Magic

Upcoming Shows

- May 5 - 6:** Carmel Orchid Society MayFaire Orchid show and sale 9am - 6pm (4pm Sun)
125 Ocean View Blvd., Pacific Grove (Monterey) www.calorchid.com
May 5 - 12: Fiori D'Amore Annual Orchid Sale 9am - 4pm (closed Mother's day) 4526 Fair
Ave (Oakland) 510-530-4884 FREE admission Specializing in cymbidiums but grow other genera
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May 21 - 22: Sacramento Orchid Society 60th Orchid Jewels show and sale 10am -
5pm (4pm Sun) 6151 H St, Sacramento (Scottish Rite Masonic Ctr.)
www.sacramentoorchids.org FREE admission

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Corallorhiza maculata

Mt Tamelpias Native Orchid Walk

On the morning of April 7th, a group of a dozen wet adventurers joined Ron Parsons and Eric Hunt (of Orchid Mania) for a hike on the west side of Mt. Tam. in search of wild native orchids.

Goodyera oblongifolia



Calypto bulbosa var. occidentalis



To view all of Eric Hunt's fabulous photos of the wild flowers and native orchids of Mt Tam. click on this link: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ericinsf/sets/72157600055249294>

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AOS Awards April 2007

Santa Clara Orchid Society Show 3/31/07

Cymbidium canaliculatum 'Alice', HCC 75

species, Exhibited by Thanh Le

Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco 4/3/07

Masdevallia unnamed hybrid 'Kwan Hee', AM 87 (prov)

(Masd. Joy Edstrom x Masd. veitchiana), Exhibited by Anna S. Chai

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California Sierra Nevada Judging Center - Sacramento - 4/4/07

Paphiopedilum liemianum 'Chunky', HCC 77

species, Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

Pacific Central Judging Center - Oakland - 4/16/07

Lc. Higher Ground 'Masterpiece', HCC 75

(Lc. Clar Hancock x L. anceps var. roebelingiana 'Feathered Flame')

Exhibited by Darrel Wong

Tropical Plant Society of Modesto - 4/14/07 - no awards

Sacramento Orchid Society Show - 4/21/07

Cirrhopetalum yasnae 'Sonoma', CBR (prov)

species, Exhibited by Petite Plaisance

Dendrobium amabilie 'Dita-Ann', CHM (prov)

species, Exhibited by White Oak Orchids

Paph. hirsutissimum var. esquirelei 'Big Ben', CCM 81

species, Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

Paphiopedilum Julius 'Nova', AM 89

(Paph. lowii x Paph. rothschildianum)

Exhibited by Richard Buchter

Pictures and descriptions can be seen on the web pages

Pacific Central - <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

California Sierra Nevada - <http://www.csnjc.org>