

Diablo View Orchid Society

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At Our Next Meeting November 8

Propagation by Bob Hamilton

Born in Berkeley, California in 1946, Bob attended Berkeley Public Schools and the University of California with a major in Physics. He is a career employee at UC Berkeley and works as Principal Engineer in the Department of Electrical Engineering/Computer Sciences' Microfabrication Lab, a 10,000 sq. ft. cutting-edge semiconductor research facility used by more than 360 researchers.

Bob's interest in orchids began in 1975. He specializes in cool growing oncidinae hybrids, specifically odontoglossums. He grows in two greenhouses, a home-hobby glasshouse in Berkeley shared with his partner of 32 years, John Leathers, and a cooperative greenhouse in Pacifica, California. He hybridizes and does his own plant propagation.

In addition to orchids, he enjoys classical piano, swimming and trekking.



Speaker's dinner will be at the Elephant Bar, 1225 Willow Pass Rd., Concord at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to attend please notify Eileen Jackson at 707-642-5915 or email [jackson.eileen @att.net](mailto:jackson.eileen@att.net)

NEXT MEETING

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

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Our October DVOS speaker was Joe Parker

Draculeas was the subject of DVOS October speaker Joe Parker. Joe is a member of the local Pleurothalid Society and a contributor to the dreaded "phone booth" as Dave Tomassini has called their display case. The phone booth is a giant Wardian case that the Pleurothalid Society uses at the San Francisco Orchid Show to showcase their beautiful orchids. This display has taken first place in the San Francisco Show by a visiting society for two years in a row. DVOS has placed second.

Joe was a great speaker, giving us great insight about how to grow specimen-size Draculeas.

Draculeas were first discovered in 1872 and classified as Masdevallias. There are 150 species of Draculea, which means "little dragon." These orchids are found in Peru, in Columbia, and in coffins. Their habitat ranges in altitude from 1500-2500 meters.

Culturally, Draculeas like it cool, dark, and damp. Their ideal temperature is a day time temperature of 70 degrees and a night time temperature of 55 degrees. The most important factor in growing these orchids is a night time temperature drop. When watering always use good quality water with low dissolved salts or use reverse osmosis water. Thanks again Joe.



There are two flowering habits with Draculeas. The first type are sequential bloomers, which will produce up to six flowers per spike one after another. The second type puts out a lot of flowers all at one time. One-third of these flowers will have spikes that shoot up out of the pot, the other 2/3 have spikes that come out the bottom of the pot.

- Brad Piini

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DVOS World of Orchids Annual Show and Sale



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2007 DVOS Show Trophy Winners

The Stan and Dale Dinsmore Trophy – Best Orchid Flower in the Beginner Category
* Lc. Blue Grotto, exhibited by Sharon Duffy

The Frank and Madge Fordyce Trophy – Best Orchid Flower in the Open Category
* Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare' – exhibited by Kathy Barrett

The Dick and Jean Emory Trophy – Best Species Orchid Flower (large and showy)
* *Spiranthes cernua*, exhibited by George McRae

The Bernice Lindner Trophy – Best Botanical Species Orchid Flower (Plant no taller than 6" with flowers no larger than 1 ½ inches)
* *Trisetella hoeijeri*, exhibited by Sharon Duffy

The Lancer and Nathalie Smith Trophy – Best Orchid Flower in the show selected, selected from all of the perpetual trophies listed above.
* Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare' – exhibited by Kathy Barrett

The Noble and Bea Emery Trophy – Best Orchid Art in the show, awarded to the DVOS member artist (photography, painting, needlework)
* "Cypripedium", Graphic Art, Exhibited by Heidi Rand

The Don and Shirley Baker Trophy – Judges Choice of any Blue Ribbon flower or plant that did not win a perpetual trophy
* *Odcdm. Wildcat*, exhibited by Eileen Jackson

Beginner:

- * Best Cattleya Alliance: Lc. Blue Grotto, owned by Sharon Duffy
- * Best Cypripedium Alliance: *Paph. chamberlainianum* x *Paph. lowii*, by Kathie Ames
- * Best Phalalenopsis: *Phal. Sogo Vemin*, owned by Sheridan Mathias
- * Best Vanda/Ascoscenda: *Ascda Princess Mikasa*, owned by Frank Drake
- * Best Dendrobium: *Den. Choo Praya Gem*, owned by Brian Wraxall
- * Best Odontoglossum Alliance: *Odcdm Wildcat*, owned by Eileen Jackson
- * Best Artistic Exhibit, Graphic Art, "Cypripedium", owned by Heidi Rand

Open:

- * Best Cattleya Alliance: Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn, owned by Kathy Barrett
- * Best Cypripedium Alliance: *Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara*, owned by Kathy Barrett
- * Best Odontoglossum Alliance: *Odcdm. Wildcat 'Lorene'*, owned by Bernice Lindner
- * Best Vanda/Ascoscenda: *V. Hidalgo*, owned by Bernice Lindner
- * Best of Other Genera: *Ctsm. Jumbo Eagle*, owned by Barbara Tague

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In a poem called “If” Rudyard Kipling wrote about keeping your head when others around you are losing theirs. Truth be told, that sentiment bears no resemblance to me as I chaired the DVOS show ‘World of Orchids’. I was a wreck, so there are many thanks I need to hand out to the people who kept me from losing it completely.

Many thanks many times over to Rodney Kline, Liz Charlton and Jamie Wasson for their ideas, their muscles, the use of Jamie & Liz’s home and (most importantly) their time in mock-up, design and installing the show. Heck, Rodney even had pens for the entry tags!

Many thanks to Tom Bean, Jeanette Bean’s son who, with Parky Parkison, devised the proper support for the trellises that displayed our orchids. At a glance they knew the way I intended to support the trellises wasn’t right, and had the know-how (and the tools) to correct it. If the trellises had fallen over many people’s collections would have been ruined but their building experience anchored the set perfectly. Thanks to Brian Wraxall for his handholding. Multitudinous thanks to Joan Wraxall for making coffee, donuts and lunch for our volunteers and doing so with ease, grace and good humor. Thanks twice over to George McRae for teaching members how to write entry tags and for being a great Show docent, always informative and entertaining, making it look easy.

I can’t thank Eileen Jackson enough for being one of those self-directed people who can take an idea and run with it. Eileen came up with the show theme ‘World of Orchids’, member Jude Parsells provided a world map, and Eileen researched orchids, found pictures of them and devised the way to locate them on the map. The stand we were promised to display her map never arrived, so at the last second she quickly switched gears. Her map anchored one whole wall in the display. So many kudos to Eileen for thinking on her feet.

Many, many thanks to members Charis Anderson, Ashley Bean, and Sheridan Mathias for their poise and personalities that carried the article we had in the Contra Costa Times. I was a wreck (yet again) during the interview with Joan Morris, but the minute the girls opened their mouths it was obvious who the stars of the piece would be. I thank their parents, Tom Bean, Calvin Anderson and Sharon Duffy for rearranging their busy schedules so the girls could participate. It was a great article!

If Diana Vavrek or Dennis Olivas weren’t there to give repotting talks I’d have slit my wrists. Thank you for being so wonderful and informative. Thank you, thank you.

Where would Budweiser beer be without the Clydesdales? Or Alaska’s Iditarod Race without the dog-sled teams? Many thanks go to our members who gladly take up harness to make any DVOS event a success. You are always there for me: Alice Tomassini, Dave Tomassini, Brad Piini, Barbara Tague, Noble Emery, Phyllis Arthur, Akiko Ogawa, Jeanette Bean, Diana Vavrek, Dennis Olivas, Renate Johnson, Bernice Lindner, Nancy and Ted McLellan, Jennifer English, Kathie Ames, Jinnie Tom, Melinda & Joe Moreno, Grace & Jimmy Chan, Tom & Elia Skinner, Lori Maher, Renee & Ken Dowdell, Ken Cook, Sharon Duffy and Frank Drake. If I forgot anyone its because I’m a stupid idiot whose memory is shot.

Thanks for making the show a success!

– Kathy Barrett

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Awarded Plants in October

1st **Lc. Grand Gate x Slc. Madge
Fordyce**
Bernice Lindner

2nd **Lc. Red Chocolate**
Dick Emory

3rd **C. intermedia v. amethystina x Bl
Morning Glory**
Eileen Jackson



Lc. Grand Gate x Slc. Madge Fordyce



Look What I Bloomed for the First Time:

Dendrobium Noname
Charis Anderson

Lancer Smith:

Rhyconanthes plumatus
Barbara Tague

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

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DVOS 2008 Nomination Committee Report

The nomination committee would like to submit the following 2008 slate of Officers and Board Members to the membership of the Diablo View Orchid Society. Further nominations must be emailed (or phoned) to Brian Wraxall before the November Meeting.

The Committee Chairs are volunteers and will assume their duties automatically for the fiscal year 2008.

Officers:

President: Eileen Jackson

Immediate Past President: Brian Wraxal

Vice-President: Liz Charlton

Secretary: Diana Vavrek

Treasurer: Barbara Tague

Board Members:

Ken Cook

Brad Piini

Dave Tomassini

Jamie Wasson

Alice Tomassini

Committees:

ODC Representative:

AOS Representative:

Equipment: Dave Tomassini

Greenhouse Tours Chair: Joe Grillo

Library Chair: Phyllis Arthur

Membership Chair: Ulrike Ahlborn

Newsletter Editors: Liz Charlton & Jamie Wasson

Web Master: Nick Doe & Ulrike Ahlborn

Raffle & Sales Chair: Rita Tischler

Refreshment Chair:

DVOS Show Chair: Kathy Barrett

SFOS Show Display Chair: Brad Piini

We need some members to step-up and volunteer to help with DVOS Club Positions -contact Brian or Eileen

AOS and ODC representative: must be an AOS member. Receive mailings, and send-in membership info. for DVOS once per year.

Co-Chair for 2008 show: Work with Brad Piini and volunteers to orchestrate our show booth.

Refreshments: Bring expendables to meetings, oversee donation food at meetings, and clean-up. Organize food and volunteers at the Picnic and Christmas.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Next month is our annual Christmas Potluck dinner party. Your "ticket" for entrance is a two-part affair! First you need to bring a side dish, salad or dessert, enough for 8, according to the alphabet schedule below. Second you need to bring a gift orchid or orchid related item (something that you'd like to receive yourself) for the Annual Gift Exchange. Make sure any plants are bug free. Bring your own plates, cutlery etc.

To keep things lively Santa and his helper Tinkle may show up and determine which little Diablo View Member has been naughty or nice!



The Dinner is at 6:00 PM at the Shadelands Arts Center, Walnut Creek
A-H hot side dish or casserole, I-O dessert and P-Z salad.

DON'T FORGET THE \$50 PRIZE FOR THE BEST XMAS DECORATED ORCHID!!!

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Upcoming DVOS Speakers and Events

- Nov 10-11: Orchid Society of CA "Babes in Orchidland" Lakeside Garden Ctr. Oakland www.orchidsocietyofcalifornia.com
- Nov 29: Planning Meeting for POE show 7:00 pm at Brad Pini's home
- Dec 13: Christmas Party!
- Jan 12-13: "Orchids Under the Oaks" Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore
10 am - 4 pm, directions at www.aldenlane.com
- Feb 2-3: Sonoma Orchid Society Show & Sale 10 am -5pm, Santa Rosa
www.sonomaorchidsociety.com
- Feb 28 - Mar 2 POE "Orchids Gone Wild" Fort Mason Pavillion, San Francisco
www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/poe.html
- Feb 29 - Mar 2 Santa Barbara Orchid Show Fri 2/29 - 3/2
Earl Warren Showgrounds Exhibit Bld., Santa Barbara
www.sborchidshow.com

The next Board Meeting

November 15th:
The next Board Meeting will be at
Barbara Tague's home at 7:30 pm.

See what is available in our library:
www.diablovios.org/Library/library.htm
To check-out an item, contact
Phyllis Arthur

Lc. Red Chocolate



C. intermedia v. amethystina x Bl. Morning Glory

Refreshments for the November Meeting

Refreshments : Kathie Ames / Marcia Hart /
Noble Emery / Bernice Lindner / Richard Emory /
Melinda Moreno / Madge Fordyce / Judith Parsell.

Beverages: Eileen Jackson / Ken Dowdell / Rita
Tischler

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AOS Awards September 2007

10/2/07 - Pac Central - San Francisco

no awards

10/3/07 - CSNJC - Sacramento

(Paph. Voodoo Magic x Paph. Raisin Glory) 'Barolo' HCC 79, exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky
Paph. Vanguard 'Sauternes' HCC 79

(Paph. glaucophyllum x Paph. rothschildianum), exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky
Slc. Gregory Tyrome Darden 'Winston', AM 81 (Slc. Sue Fordyce x Slc. Circle of Life),
exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

10/13/07 - CSNJC - Diablo View Orchid Society

C. Mark Jones 'Monster', AM 81 (C. (Fascelis x C. Caudebec), exhibited by Ramon de los Santos
Paph. spicerianum 'Monster' species, exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

10/15/07 - Pacific Central - Oakland

Paphiopedilum Friedrich Mellin 'Lime Dream', HCC 76

(Paph. Alma Gevaert x Paph. fairrieanum), exhibited by Bev Sowa

Trisetella hoeijeri 'Vistamont', CCM 88 species, exhibited by Cynthia Hill

Also, congratulations to Linsie Hu for receiving the Ernest Hetherington award for Cymbidium in 2006.

The award was given at the POE in 2/2006

Pictures can be seen at the Pacific Central web
page <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

Kathy Barrett



Rhyconauthes plumatus

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Membership News

Let's give a warm welcome to the new members who joined DVOS in October:

Vercella & Ed Aguilar from Martinez, Cindy Giltner & Myron Jones from Orinda, Elizabeth Peterson ODonell & Edward ODonell from Lafayette, Melissa Sadler from Concord, Ellie & Tom Skinner from Benicia, Marilyn & Richard Sperling from Pleasant Hill and Regina VanBuren from Martinez.

This increased the DVOS membership to 110.

Ulrike Ahlborn
Membership Chair

www.membership@DVOS.org

Dues are due by Jan. 1, 2008. The Board decided it is necessary to increase dues to \$20 per year to cover the cost of club events, activities, and meetings. We must also begin charging an additional \$10 to mail the newsletter. (Printing and postage actually cost us \$20 a year per person.)

Attached to the newsletter is the membership form. Be sure to indicate if you belong to AOS or Orchid Digest as we report this information to them with our Club membership.



Diablo View Orchid Society Membership

General Membership \$20 (___) Member/newsletter \$30 () Business \$25 (___) Life \$300 (___)

(All memberships are valid January 1 to December 31 of the current year. If you do not renew your membership dues by March 31 the following year, your privileges will cease. Monthly newsletter will be by e-mail unless you do not have an e-mail address)

New (___) Renewal (___)

Date: _____

For General Membership:

Principal Member: _____

Spouse or Significant Other: _____

For Business Membership:

Name of Business: _____

Mailing Address (Must fill in)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: (___) ___-____ Work or Cell Phone (Opt.): (___) ___-____

E-Mail address: _____

Website: _____

Are you a member of the American Orchid Society (AOS): Y/N (____); Orchid Digest Corporation (ODC): Y/N **Cultivation (Check all that applicable):**

Indoor (___) Outdoor (___) Greenhouse (___) Hobbyist (___) Commercial (___)

What is your favorite genus to grow? Phalaenopsis () Cattleya () Cymbidium () Dendrobium ()
Vanda () Masdevallia () Paphiopedilum () Phragmipedium () Pleurothallids ()
Zygopetalum () List others: _____

DVOS perpetuates with the fun and diligent work performed by our membership. We would like to know if you would be interested in participating in the various functions in order to keep this fun, educational, and friendly environment.

I would like to participate in present or future: (Check all that is applicable)

Elected Officer/Board of Directors () Committees: Equipment () Library () BBQ/Auction ()

Advertising () Refreshments () Newsletter () Xmas Party () San Francisco Show – POE ()
Raffle/Sales () Book Meeting Room () Greenhouse Tours () DVOS Show & Sale () Welcome
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Endorse check payable to: **Diablo View Orchid Society, Inc.** Please send application and check to: **Diablo View Orchid Society c/o Ulrike Ahlborn 117 Laredo Court, San Ramon, CA 94583-2116**
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