

Diablo View Orchid Society

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September 2008

At Our next meeting

September 11

Marni Turkel *Give it a Rest*



NEXT MEETING

Thur Sept 11

5:30 Speaker's Dinner

7:30 Meeting Begins

8:00 Presentation

Contra Costa Water
District Board Room
1331 Concord Ave.
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Many plants receive a dry rest period in their native habitat. This talk explores some of the factors involved. Learn a bit about weather patterns and the “make it or break it” effect a dry rest period can have on growth and flowering of particular species. You’ll see some plants that many people find hard to bloom and find out how to get a great blooming by giving them what they need.

Marni Turkel is a native of the S. F. Bay Area and has been growing orchids since 1980. She grows an uncountable number of plants in a wide range of genera in her three Santa Rosa greenhouses. She has a special interest in cool-growing miniature species.

Speaker's Dinner will be at Pasta Pomodoro located in Pleasant Hill at 45 Crescent Dr. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker. If you plan to attend, please notify Liz Charlton at (925) 280-1671 or email dvosnews@gmail.com

Plant table will be provided by Marni Turkel.

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Marni is also a working potter with 40 years of experience. She handcrafts vases, orchid planters, and a variety of other containers at her studio, *Stony Point Ceramic Design*. She will be having her



Annual Open House and Pottery Sale.

Saturday, September 27 th, 10 am - 3 pm
2080 Llano Road #1B, Santa Rosa.

Great deals on all ceramics by Marni Turkel. That includes vases, planters, flower arranging containers, dinnerware, barrel rims and urns. This one day annual clearance sale is a chance to save at least 50% on seconds, discontinued shapes and colors, trials and overstocked items. Also 20% off on all first quality stock on hand. One hour north of the Golden Gate.



For directions: <http://mail.google.com/mail/?source=navclient-ff#label/Marni+Turkel/11bc9b9058565543>
For questions call 707-328-5973 or e-mail marni@marniturkel.com.



Kathy Barrett sends these links to a great article on Caffeine as a repellent for slugs and snails: http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1465&context=icwdm_usdanwrc and also an article with wonderful yucky pictures of bush snails. The last paragraph is the telling one: slugs & snails aren't attracted to metaldehyde-type baits unless they actually bump into them. www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/oc/freepubs/pdf/MP-1.pdf Liz Charlton suggests the following article as a primer on slugs: (The quote above "Slug Facts" is priceless.) <http://www.ghorganics.com/page13.html>



The Board is happy to announce that Parky Parkinson has agreed to serve as a board member.

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Our speakers in August were a panel from the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

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-Brad Piini

We all would love to have our prized orchids judged and awarded at some point in our hobby, but most of us are unsure of just how this process takes place. The presentation at August's meeting illustrated just what the judging process involves. Thanks to the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center, a mock judging was set up. Susan Wedegaertner, Kathy Barrett, Dennis Olivas, Dick Buchter, and Dennis Wade took one of our plants through the process and judged it as if it were a real judging session.

The first step is to take the plant to a judging center, which in our area means Sacramento or Oakland depending on where and when the judges are to convene. Next is to fill out an entry form with your name, address, and phone number. Once this paperwork is

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completed, a number is assigned to the plant and all forms of identification are removed including labels and name tags. The number tag will be the only form of identification to follow the plant through the judging process. This way the plant's origins and ownership remain unknown and the judging of the plant can proceed unbiased.

The judging team eventually gets the plant from the check-in clerk along with a review of statistics from other comparable plants of the same cross that have been awarded in the past. Note that only the best flower on the spike is judged and the plant itself is ignored but should be in good shape. Each judge individually evaluates the flower and information. The leader of the judging team then gives a presentation to the group citing color, form, his overall impression of the flower, and measurements from past award winners. This orchid is then compared to the past winners. If one judge thinks that the orchid should be judged then the judging team will judge and score the plant.

If the orchid is deemed eligible to be judged, the plant starts with 100 points and deductions are taken based on size, color, symmetry, form, etcetera. Each judge scores the orchid. The scores are collected and recorded. If the scores are not within 6 points of each other, the judges must re-score the orchid. If after a re-evaluation the scores are still not within a 6 point range, the orchid is deemed "unawardable."

A minimum average score of 75 points is required to receive a HCC (Highest Class Certificate). If the plant is awardable, then a judge is assigned to write a description of the plant and take the final measurements of the flower. The recipient of the award is responsible for the \$28 fee to have the plant awarded.

If your plant is not awarded you will receive a screen out sheet that tells the exhibitor what's right and wrong with the plant and what prevented it from being awarded. Target has award ribbons two for a dollar. For \$28 dollars you can shower your orchid with 56 ribbons and make it look like the best orchid ever grown.

Thanks again to the crew from California Sierra Nevada Judging Center for volunteering your evening to speak to our group.

Sheila Scott, DVOS member, has tons of baskets she is selling at bargain prices from \$1.00 to \$5.00 max. There are many different styles and sizes to compliment your orchids or houseplants.

You can call her to go by her home in Alamo on weekdays only. 837- 4727- Hm. 487- 4712 - Cell



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Membership:

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Orchid Digest

Representative:

SFOS Show Chairman:

Brad Piini

DVOS Show

Chairwoman:

Kathy Barrett



Pictures from the
orchid roundup
picnic and sale



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Charis Anderson
Best Costume



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Fan mail from a Flounder? Yes! All about the

DVOS SHOW!!

October 17, 18 and 19, 2008

Who: All club members

What: Sign up to help out at our show!

When: Friday October 17 3PM to 8PM – set up our show.

Saturday October 18 9AM – ribbon judge or help work the show. 9AM to 5PM.

Sunday October 18 10AM to 4 PM – help work the show.

Where: Pleasant Hill Community Center 320 Civic Drive
(near the YMCA and PH police station)

How: Sign ups available at the September & October meetings.

What's needed:

Friday 10/17 3PM - We meet at the Community Center and help Dave Tomassini unload his truck. Then we help Parky Parkinson set up the display (it'll be the same as last year). Then we need members to help write the entry/name cards (penmanship/spelling not an issue) and help Alice Tomassini arrange the plants in the display. Club will provide pizza and sodas for dinner, YUM!

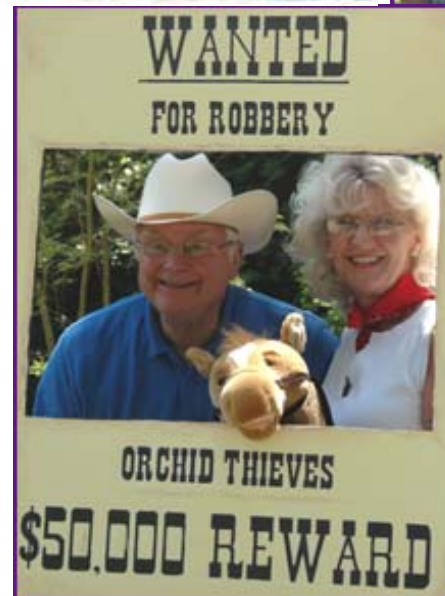
Saturday 10/18 8:30AM – Donuts and coffee – meet and greet the AOS judges and other club members who'll ribbon judge the show. We'll need clerks (someone to read off the entries for the teams) and members to man the teams. Remember there's no wrong answer in ribbon judging. It's just a bunch of people agreeing which flower is nice. If you can pick fresh produce at the grocery store you can ribbon judge.

The show will be open to the public during ribbon judging. We'll need people to help take their money, store their plants at the hotel, set up seats for the culture sessions and guide the public so they don't accidentally bring their purchases in to the show area or remove show plants. We close at 5. Work all or part of the show. Lunch is provided, too.

Sunday 10/19 10AM – Donuts and Coffee - Take admissions, sell plants, keep the public from mixing their plants with our plants and chat with the public. We close at 4PM so we'll need members to help tear down and load Dave Tomassini's truck. Lunch is provided.



Sue Fordyce
2nd place costume



With your help this'll be more fun than ever!

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DVOS members! **Come and sell your orchids or art on the society's sale table!!**
You can find red fish and blue fish! Er...I mean cerise flowers or coerulean ones....
Treasurer Brian Wraxall has the tags for your items. Members are limited to 25 plants per day (or about an area about 2 ft square for their other items). The DVOS takes 25% of your sales total, so price accordingly.

As long as we're talking about art, don't forget that art, photographs etc depicting orchids are also welcome for entry in the show.

Please Please Please!! Don't forget to **enter your plants in the show!!!**
Every year people think their orchids aren't good enough to put in the display and every year people come away loaded with ribbons, happy that they were proven wrong!
Your orchids ARE good enough! So don't be shy! ***Bring 'em in!***

Preparing orchids for the show:

- 1) wipe any dust or water spots from the leaves with milk.
- 2) stake the flower to its best advantage and for transport.
- 3) put your name on the pot
- 4) keep a list of the plants you bring in so you know what to pick up.
- 5) bring it to the community center. we'll be there 3 to 8PM.

We'll take it from there.



Vasco. Pine Rivers
"Redland Sky" AM/AOS

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Awarded Plants in August

DVOS Commercial Members

Danville
Commercial Plant Services
David and Alice Tomassini
3 Woodside Ct.
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atomassini@aol.com

Half Moon Bay
D & D Flowers
Dennis Olivas
62 Oceanside Dr.
(925) 696 -1246
dolivas@comcast.com
(By appointment only)

Livermore
Fordyce Orchids
Frank and Sue Fordyce
(925) 600 - 8406

Pacifica
White Oak Orchids, Inc.
Sales and Boarding
1204 Linda Mar Blvd.
(650) 355 - 8767
www.whiteoakorchids.com

Pleasant Hill
Diablo Orchids
Huei-Mei Chen &
Gregory Mayfield
(925) 946-9740
www.diabloorchids.com

1st **Aergs. citrata** "Waterfield" HCC
AOS

Jennifer English

2nd **Vasco. Pine Rivers** "Redland
Sky" AM/AOS

Noble Emery

3rd **V. Maui Spots** Ken Cook



Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature orchids)
Onc. edwallii
Ken Cook

Beginner's Corner:
Den. Ekapol x Pale Face
Charis Anderson

V. Maui Spots

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

- Sept 11: Marni Turkel **Give It a Rest** on dry resting orchids
Sept 13: California Orchids greenhouse sale www.californiaorchids.com/events.html
Sept 20 - 21: S.F Orchid Fest www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/orchidfest.html
Sept 27: Marni Turkel Annual Pottery Sale 10 -3 Santa Rosa
<http://mail.google.com/mail/?source=navclient-ff#label/Marni+Turkel/11bc9b9058565543>
Oct 4 - 5: D&D Flowers Inventory Reduction Sale
Oct 9: Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids on **Catasetinae Species and their Cultivation**
Oct 17: **Set-up for DVOS Show & Sale**
3pm - 8pm
Oct 18 - 19: **DVOS Show & Sale**
AOS judging 9am
Show 10 - 5 (- 4 Sun)
Mar 5 - 8: POE Gala, Show & Sale
Mar 20 - 22: Santa Barbara Show & Sale

The next Board Meeting

September 18th at 7:30 p.m. will be hosted by Eileen Jackson at the home of Liz and Jamie



Den. Ekapol x Pale Face

Refreshments

for the September Meeting

Cookies: Kathi Ames, Bayan Culhane, Renate Johnson, Brad Piini, Ken Cook

Beverages: Barbara Lindner, Rita Tischler

Ice: Beginning next month we will ask one member to sign-up to bring a bag of ice for refreshment drinks. Please provide a container to serve from (bowl, small ice chest, ice bucket, etc.)

Please bring baked goods CUT into serving size pieces.

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

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Inventory reduction sale at D & D Flowers

Fall Open House on October 4th and 5th, 2008, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be specials on hundreds of good plants at \$7.50 each.

We are located in Half Moon Bay 1/3 mile east of Main Street off Hwy 92. Just east of Spanish Town on Hwy. 92 there is a house and firewood business. Turn onto the street between the house and firewood business and go over the bridge into the greenhouse complex. D & D Flowers is the first greenhouse on the right. If you go beyond the large dinosaur statues in front of the house and Spanish Town and you are at Main Street, you've gone too far.

Help your local orchid society. For every \$25 you spend, you may enter your local orchid society in a raffle for their monthly opportunity table. 40 healthy plants (some in bloom) will be awarded to the winning society. Winning society will be picked at the end of Sunday October 5th. The society must redeem their prize to D & D Flowers by the next open house which will take place in May of 2009.

Mahalo! - Dennis



Onc. edwallii

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AOS Awards August 2008

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

8/05/08 - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco Supplemental Center

Dendrobium ccuthbertsonii 'Red Gem', AM 88 species

Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

Dendrobium ccuthbertsonii 'Ruby', AM 82 species

Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

8/06/08 - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center - Sacramento

no awards

8/18/08 - Pacific Central Judging Center - Oakland

no awards

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

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

Membership News

We have 96 members as of August.

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Aerangis citrata "Waterfield" HCC/AOS