

Diablo View Orchid Society

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August 2009

THE DVOS ANNUAL PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 22 2009.

**No August Meeting
Come to the Picnic!**

NEXT MEETING
Thur. Sept. 10th
5:30 Speaker's Dinner
7:30 Meeting Begins
8:00 Presentation

Contra Costa Water
District Board Room
1331 Concord Ave.
Concord
www.diabloviewos.org

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Eileen Jackson

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President:
Brian Wraxall

Vice-President:
Liz Charlton

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Rodney Kline

Treasurer:
Brian Wraxall



**It will be held at the home of
Bob and Mary Lou Van Galder.**

This event is open to all DVOS members and guests

**Everyone needs to bring an orchid or orchid
item to donate to the auction fundraiser.**

Food will be the usual. The Club will supply
chicken and ribs, members bring side dishes
according to the following schedule:

**A-E Side Dish, F-I Salad,
J-Q Hor D'oeuvres, R-Z Dessert.
Bring enough for 10 servings.**

Set-up 10:30-12:00, Lunch 12:30-1:30
Auction 2:00-3:30, Clean-up 4:00-5:00
Every member should be available to help set-up
or clean-up.

**Come dressed as your favorite
character.
\$50 prize to the best costume.**

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DVOS Board Members:

Ken Cook

Parky Parkison

Brad Piini

Dave Tomassini

Alice Tomassini

Jamie Wasson



*Our speaker in July was
Peter Lin*

Mini-Catt Culture and Breeding

Miniature cattleyas was the topic of discussion from our July speaker, Peter Lin.

Peter gave a very informative and slick PowerPoint presentation that showed what genetic cross-breeding can produce in the world of miniature orchids.

Miniature orchids are a favorite of many hobbyists because they, obviously, are small and compact. They are also able to flower more than once a year compared to a standard cattleya that only blooms one time per year. Miniature Cattleyas are available in most Cattleya colors and will grow faster than standard Cattleyas. The only drawback to mini Cattleyas is that most are not fragrant. Only the ones with *C. Walkeriana* in their background smell good.

At this point in the presentation, Peter showed DVOS various mini cattleya parent plants which when crossed resulted in some spectacular hybrids.

Peter concluded with some cultural information on miniature cattleyas. The best place to grow miniature cattleyas is, of course, in a greenhouse, but they also do well on an easterly facing window sill. They can also be grown outdoors, except in the cold of winter. If you

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Parky Parkison

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Linda Castleton

Bernice Lindner

Madge Fordyce

Melissa Sadler

Greeters:

Sharon Duffy

Jill Chambers

Bernice Lindner

Raffles and Sales:

Rita Tischler

Equipment and Lights:

Dave Tomassini

Librarian:

Phyllis Arthur

AOS Representative:

Dennis Olivas

Orchid Digest

Representative:

Brian Wraxall

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Brad Piini

DVOS Show Chairman:

Dennis Olivas

elect to grow them indoors under lights, you will need to provide the Cattleyas with four fluorescent tubes placed four inches above the orchids. Temperature requirements for miniature Cattleyas are similar to standard Cattleyas. They prefer intermediate conditions, which are 40-50 degrees F at night and a high of 90 degrees F in the summer. Light requirements for miniature Cattleyas are slightly less than standard Cattleyas. They only require 1500-2500 foot candles. The watering needs of miniature Cattleyas are different, mainly, because they are smaller plants in smaller pots that tend to dry out quicker. Therefore, you need to water more frequently than regular Cattleyas. Even in winter you need to water every 10 days. Remember to fertilize every time you water with a weak solution of one teaspoon of any fertilizer per gallon of water.

For a visual catalog and prices of Peter's orchids his web site is lin.petert@yahoo.com

Thank you Peter for the enlightening talk.



Phal. Saga Yukidian x Yu Pin Beauty

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Gregory Mayfield
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www.diabloorchids.com



Board meetings are more fun at DVOS. Happy birthday to David and Eileen (who went to a different party. But, we're not bitter)



Membership News Let's give a warm

welcome to Ray Newbury from Livermore who re-joined DVOS again This increased the membership to 80.

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Jamie Wasson
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by appointment

Upcoming Speakers and Events

- Aug 8: The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center is holding a Speaker's Day <http://www.csnjc.org> (P. 9)
- Aug 22: Annual DVOS BBQ. We will not hold a regular meeting in August. (P. 1)
- Sept 10: *Growing Orchids and Conserving Energy Year 'Round* by Dennis Olivas
- Oct 8: *Plant Nutrition* by David Neal of Dyna-Gro
- Oct 16-18: DVOS annual Show & Sale



Crpha. Emily Siegerist "D&B 52 x *Cirr.* Elizabeth Ann "Buckleberry" x *Bulb lasiochilum*

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

The next Board Meeting

will be on Aug. 10th at 7:30 p.m.
at the home of Bryan & Joan
Wraxall

Refreshments for the Sept Meeting

Ice Cream Social

Cookies: Madge Fordyce, Noble Emery, Melissa Sadler, Parkey Parkison, Sharon Duffy, Ashley Bean, Ken Cook

Please bring baked goods CUT into serving size pieces.

Beverages: Makayla Shields, Dave Altman, Elizabeth Marquez



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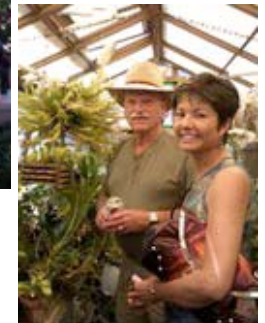
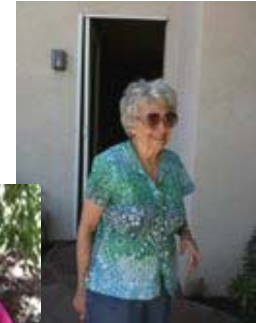
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It is with deep sadness we report the passing of Jennifer English, at her home, on July 16th. Jennifer was a long time member of DVOS. She was always available to help out at Club events. Jennifer's humor and energy will be missed. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, John, her daughters Allison and Lauren, her sister Anne Teller, and her dogs Sammy and Marina. DVOS has made a donation to the American Orchid Society in her memory.

Greenhouse Tours

Our greenhouse tour on July 12 was lots of fun, and very filling. Thanks to Brad, Karen, & Herbert the Duck Piini, Sue, Frank, & Madge Fordyce, Parky & Nancy Parkison and all the members who attended.



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Awarded Plants in July

Newsletter:

Liz Charlton
Jamie Wasson

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Webmaster:

Nick Doe
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1st *Thunia. Gattონense*
“Adagent” AM/AOS
Bernice Linder

2nd *Phal. Saga Yukidian*
x *Yu Pin Beauty*
Ken Cook



3rd *Crpha. Emily Siegerist*
“D&B 52” x *Cirr. Elizabeth*
Ann “Buckleberry” FCC x
Bulb. lasiochilum
Sharon Duffy

Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature)
Epigenium lyonii
Ken Cook

Thunia. Gattონense “Adagent” AM/AOS

A Reminder: Plants need to be on the show table by 7:15 pm so they can be grouped by genus.

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Presents a
Speaker's Day

Saturday August 8, 2009
Oddfellow's Building
1831 Howe Ave at Alta Arden
Sacramento, Ca 95838

Featuring

Roy Tokunaga H&R Nurseries *Understanding Dendrobiums, their variety & culture*

Ron Mc Hatton Director of Education for the American Orchid Society
Simplified Orchid Genetics for the General Grower

Carlos Fighetti President of the American Orchid Society *Taiwan, Fantastic Modern Phalaenopsis*
American Orchid Society Judging *See how we do it!*

Break out sessions with culture talks on Phalaenopsis, Dendrobiums,
miniature orchids, Paphiopediums and Cattleyas

Silent Auction divisions of awarded plants even FCC's

Plants for sale with 10% of all plant sales donated to the American Orchid Society

Vendors are D&D Orchids, H&R Nurseries, Gold Country Orchids & H.P. Norton There's 150 tickets
available for the event (the Oddfellow's Hall only holds that many people), of which 25 have been sold
already. You may want to tell your club members that

General admission - **\$15.00** Sponsoring Societies (to CSNJC) or AOS members - **\$5.00**

Advance tickets can be had by contacting Sue Wedegaertner suewede@clearwire.net .

CSNJC is a 501 3 organization

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HOME AND ORCHID FARM FOR SALE ON BIG ISLAND HAWAII

Price Reduced!

This turnkey farm was \$349,000, Now \$275,000.

Big Island Hawaii gentleman's farm with 2 certified greenhouses total 5,000 sq ft on one acre. Expansive 3/3 house with office, laundry, bonus room 20x20, oversized 2 car garage with automatic door, and 3 lanais. Awesome outbuildings: 2 story storage/irrigation building with upstairs rented for \$550. Planting work-house 20x21. All have new roofs, house is power/bleach washed roof to slab foundation and painted. Water system: 2 clean tanks catch off house and greenhouse, never need to buy water here. Stunning landscaping stops traffic. Adjacent acre listed separately for \$55K has parklike garden, fruit orchard. All fenced together.

See listings at www.alohacoastrealty.com and www.hawaiiinformation.com

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AOS Awards July 2009

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

7/07/09 - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco Center

<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

Dendrobium unnamed hybrid 'Golden Gate', HCC 77 (prov)

(Den. glomeratum x Den. pseudoglomeratum), Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids Laelia purpurata var. triloba 'Winston', JC species, Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobson

Odontoglossum nobile 'Gina', HCC 79 species, Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

7/02/09 - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center - Sacramento

<http://www.csnjc.org>

Lc. Big Dipper 'Dubna', AM 80 (Lc. Little Dipper X L. sincorana), Exhibited by James Morris

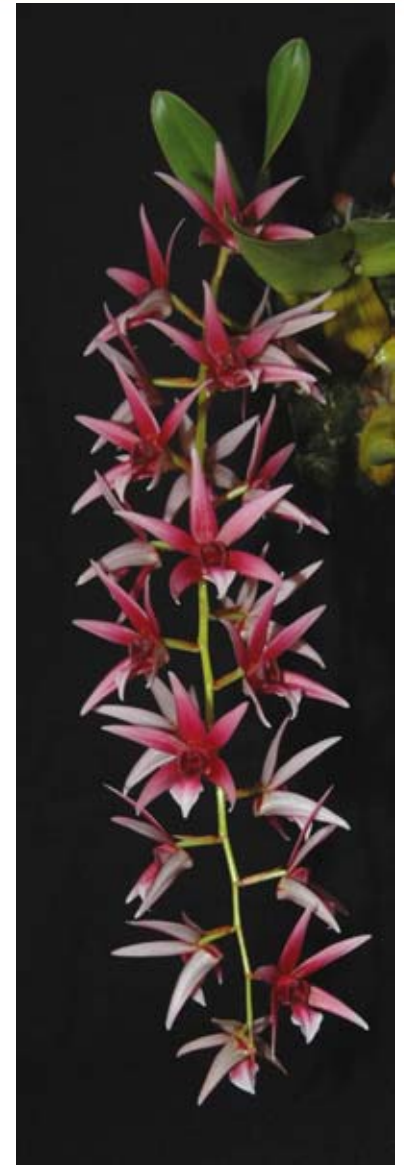
7/20/09 - Pacific Central - Oakland

Laelia purpurata var. sanguinea 'Hot Nights', AM 82 species, Exhibited by Amy and Ken Jacobsen

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

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

We look forward to seeing everyone at the California Sierra Nevada's Speaker's Day, Saturday August 8th 2009 at the Oddfellow's Hall 1831 (Howe Ave at Alta Arden) Sacramento, Ca. 95838



Epigenium lyonii