

Diablo View Orchid Society

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June 2009

At Our next meeting June 11

*Sexual Deception Among the Orchids
by Steve Beckendorf*

Sexual deception in orchids - by mimicking female insects, several groups of orchids lure male insects to mate with their flowers, accomplishing the orchid's reproductive goals while frustrating the insect's.

Steve began growing orchids 27 years ago. He quickly became fascinated by *Odontoglossums* and their close relatives because of their beauty and variety. They had a glamorous past as the most sought after plants in the orchid frenzy that gripped Europe in the 19th century. In addition, excellent plants were available from growers and hybridizers on the West Coast.

He soon realized that few of the species in this group were readily available and began collecting them for propagation and use in hybridizing. His attempt to find unusual or lost species has led to several trips to the cloud forests of Mexico & South America.

He currently grows about 50 *Odontoglossum* species and another 30-40 relatives, with lots of *odont* hybrids and a smattering of other cool growing genera.

Because of his background as a geneticist, he has long been interested in the wonderful and elaborate mechanisms that orchids have developed to induce their pollinators to visit. Although some orchids reward their pollinators, many deceive them by appearing to offer food, exotic fragrances or even sex that is not really there. In this month's talk he will focus on two groups of orchids that sexually deceive their pollinators, manipulating them for the procreation of the orchids rather than the insects.

Speaker's Dinner will be at Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Ln (off Gregory at Contra Costa Blvd.) at 5:30. 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 Steve Beckendorf.

NEXT MEETING

Thur. June 11th
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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In May we had an Invisible Guest speaker.



The water district notified D.V.O.S., at the last moment, that they had experienced a water leak in the lecture hall. The maintenance to repair the leak was going to start immediately but they could not guarantee that the work would be done by our 7:30 meeting time. This failure to meet has only happened maybe three times since the clubs inception according to Dave Tomasini.

We all need to thank Diana Vavrek, Alice Tomassini, Liz Charlton, and Jamie Wasson for establishing an emergency phone tree. Thanks to them we were able to alert all of our active members from the DVOS roster that the meeting had been cancelled. DVOS apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused you. We hope to see you all in June at the regular time and place.

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Membership:

Ulrike Ahlborn

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Greenhouse Tours:

Parky Parkison

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Linda Castleton

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DVOS Show

Chairman:

Dennis Olivas

THE DVOS ANNUAL PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 22 2009.

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:

**R-Z Dessert, A-E Side Dish,
F-I Salad, J-Q Hor D'oeuvres.
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
Theatrical character.**

\$50 prize to the best costume.

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

DVOS Commercial Members

Danville

Commercial Plant Services

David and Alice Tomassini
3 Woodside Ct.
(925) 736-7630
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

- Jun 11:** *Sexual Deception among the Orchids* by Steve Beckendorf
June 14: Greenhouse bus tour with Peninsula Orchid Society - Send \$35 check to Sue Rose 1007 Forest Ct., Palo Alto, 94301 by June 5th. Includes lunch. Meet at San Mateo Garden Center at 8:00am, planning to pull out at 8:30. Please park on the street. Will visit Gold Country and Howard Gunn's greenhouses. For details call Paul Reeve at (650) 366-3251
- July 9:** *Mini Catts* by Peter Lin
July 12: DVOS Greenhouse Tours - see the July newsletter for info
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.**
- 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

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 June 18th at 7:30 p.m.
at the home of Dave and Alice Tomassini

Refreshments for the June Meeting

Please **DO NOT** bring food to the June meeting. The Anteroom will not be available to us.

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

Pleasant Hill
Orchid Gulch
Liz Charlton &
Jamie Wasson
104 Brandon Rd.
(925) 818-3600
by appointment

Newsletter:
Liz Charlton
Jamie Wasson
dvosnews@gmail.com

Webmaster:
Nick Doe
Ulrike Ahlborn
webmaster@dvos.org



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

General admission - **\$15.00**

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

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AOS Awards April 2009

5/05/09 - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco Center

<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

Cymbidium Memoria Amelia Earhart 'Geyserland', HCC 79 (Cym. Hazel Tyers x Cym. devonianum), exhibited by Eanghak Quach

Masdevallia Memoria Sang-Sub Lee' Winston', HCC 79 (Masd. Joy Edstrom x Masd. veitchiana), exhibited by Ken and Amy Jacobsen

Slc. Wasp Nest 'Red Red', HCC 79 (Slc. Tangerine Jewel x Lc Trick or Treat), exhibited by Japheth Ko

5/06/09 - California Sierra Nevada Judging Center - Sacramento

<http://www.csnjc.org>

Blc. George King 'Simple Justice', HCC 76 (Blc Buttercup x C Bob Betts), exhibited by Karl and Marilyn Walter

Cattleya milleri 'Big Island', HCC 79 species, exhibited by Gold Country Orchids

Lc. Lake Tahoe var. coerulea 'x', HCC 78 (Lc. Floralia's Azul x L. sincorana), exhibited by Karl and Marilyn Walter

Laelia unnamed hybrid 'Julie Anne'*', HCC 76 (prov)* (L. sincorana x L. esalqueana), exhibited by James Morris

Paphiopedilum Bella Lucia 'Shiraz', HCC 78 (Paph. bellatulum x Paph. Wellesleyanum), exhibited by Dave Sorokowsy

Rhynchocattleya Sierra Garnet 'Jocelyn', AM 85 (Slc. Sierra Doll x Blc. Oconee), exhibited by James Morris

Rodricidium unnamed hybrid 'Pink Moonlight'*', HCC 78 (prov)* (Onc. Bear Hollow x Rdcdm. Fox Hollow), exhibited by Susan Wedegaertner

Slc. Napa Gold 'Jocelyn', AM 80 (Slc. California Apricot x Slc. Pole Star), exhibited by James Morris

Slc. Sierra Doll 'Mayfair', AM 81 (Slc. Pink Doll x C. walkeriana), exhibited by James Morris

Slc. Sierra Doll 'Bonanza', AM 81 (Slc. Pink Doll x C. walkeriana), exhibited by James Morris

Pictures of awards can be seen at

Pacific Central Judging Center: <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

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

To ease the repotting tedium, the CSNJC has posted its favorite music to repot by. Their iMix (CSNJC's Orchid iMix) can be seen at the iTunes Store and downloaded at: <http://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewIMix?id=317817905>

Happy Trails!

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett