

Diablo View Orchid Society

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February 2010



*At Our next meeting
February 12*

**From good to GREAT
Prepare your orchids for POE
by Kathy Barrett**

NEXT MEETING

Thur. Feb. 12

NO Speaker's Dinner
7:30 - 10:00 pm Meeting

Contra Costa Water
District Board Room
1331 Concord Ave.
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Do you ever look at photos of plants in Orchid Digest or Orchids magazine and wonder what you could do to make your plants look like that? The first part of the equation is great culture. The second part is well presented flowers and super clean plants. Throughout the year our speakers talk about best cultural practices. This evening will focus on how to clean up and present your plant.

If you've heard all these techniques before, but were intimidated by the thought of trying them on your own, then you're going to love this meeting. It won't be a matter of just sitting and absorbing a bunch of information. It's going to be hands on. Everyone will leave with increased confidence that they can take their blooming orchids from good to great. This is a definitely a meeting to invite guests.

Kathy Barrett is an AOS judge who has spent many years looking at plants that are brought in for judging at shows throughout California and monthly at the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center in Sacramento. She brings a wealth of knowledge about how to give a plant the proper preparation prior to entering it for ribbon judging at a show or for the real deal, AOS judging.

Kathy will show everyone proper technique and then members will work on their own plants with help from Kathy and other advanced growers in the society. Please bring one or two bug-free and scale-free plants that should be at their peak in a couple weeks for the POE. If you've already staked the inflorescence, wonderful. If not, no worries, there will be staking material on hand. DVOS will also provide everything needed for trimming and cleaning up leaves.

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Pacific Orchid Exhibition

The Pacific Orchid Exposition show is coming up at the end of February. This year DVOS will enter our vision of the Carnival theme. We welcome your participation in this year's show. It is your quality orchids that make our entries a success. We will set up the show on Wednesday, February 24th. We would appreciate showing all your QUALITY blooming orchids. **To have your orchids entered into the show we will need them by Tuesday, February 23 at one of the following drop off locations:**

Dave and Alice Tomassini, Danville

Liz Charlton and Jamie Wasson, Pleasant Hill

Eileen Jackson, Vallejo

Please call ahead to arrange a time to drop off plants.

Be sure your plants are clean, staked, bug free and labeled. **You can also bring your plants to the show on Wed. Feb. 24. Entries will be accepted up to the**

3:00 pm DEADLINE. Please pick-up your plants at the show Sunday at 6:00 p.m. or make arrangements for someone else to get them for you.

POE Schedule:

Set-up Wed. 24,

Judging Thur. 25

Gala Party Fri. 26 6:30-10:00 \$35-\$40

Show and Sale: Early Bird Friday 26, 9:00 a.m. \$20

Sat 27, 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. \$12/ \$14, Sr \$8, kids Free

Sun 28 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. \$12/ \$14, Sr \$8, kids Free

Take down, pick-up your plants 6:00 p.m.

Fort Mason Center, S.F. www.orchidsanfrancisco.org



We need help setting-up the display on Wednesday 24th at noon and help taking down the display on Sunday 28th at 6:00 p.m.

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Greenhouse Tours:
Parky Parkison

Refreshments:
Linda Castleton
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Brad Piini

DVOS Show Chairman:
Dennis Olivas

The first DVOS meeting of the new year featured guest speaker, **Weyman Bussey**. Weyman started the meeting with everyone blowing up balloons. He sweetened the deal by tossing candy into the crowd to keep everyone's attention.

The presentation was 297 slides that showed the Encyclia orchids of Mexico. During Weyman's many years in Mexico he traveled extensively throughout the tropical countryside. The Encyclias shown in the slide show were of all colors and could be found at almost all elevations throughout the Mexican landscape.



Weyman supplemented his slide show with a written handout that went into great detail on the cultural requirements of raising Mexican orchids.



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The acronym that was used in the handout was WANTS. This stands for Water, Air, Nutrition, Temperature, Sunlight. This four page single spaced handout was packed with information. If you are interested in what was in the handout, contact one of your fellow DVOS members that was present. In reviewing the handout, there were two new and interesting suggestions that I will convey. By adding ethyl alcohol to your fertilizing regimen you will double the growth, pop all dormant eyes, extend the life of your organic media and quadruple your root system, plus kill many bothersome pests. This is accomplished by adding 1 teaspoon in 5 gallons. This is a take off on the fertilizer that use to be known as Jerry's Grow. The alcohol suggested was 96% Everclear. This is not available in California and will have to be adjusted with a lower % alcohol. (Editor's Note: 151 proof (75.5%) Everclear is available at BevMo. Editor Liz tried a sip. It nearly took her head off.)

The second interesting fact pertained to growing Mexican orchids. Most orchids in Mexico grow in the deciduous oak forests. These forests lose their leaves for 3-5 months out of the year. During this time the orchids are exposed to full sunlight. If the hobbyist is to duplicate the conditions, you will want to remove your shade cloth in the cold of winter, so the Mexican orchids will receive more sunlight.

Thanks again, Weyman, for the interesting travelogue. - Brad Piini

Grab Bag Raffle Table for February

Everyone who buys a \$10 raffle ticket will go home with a quality plant in bud or spike from Exotic Orchids of Maui. Each member may buy one ticket before the break. If there are tickets left over, members may buy additional tickets after the break. Plants will be inside paper sacks. Raffle table plants are a mix of Cattleya, Dendrobium, Phaelenopsis, and Zelglossoda (O.K. maybe not that one.)



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atomassini@aol.com

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White Oak Orchids, Inc.

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Pleasant Hill

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

Awarded Plants in January

1st *Cymbidium* Mazatlan

Ken Cook

2nd *Lycaste* Wyld Unicorn x (Malibu Canyon x Kovlina)

Ken Cook

3rd *Cattleya* Noname

Susan Fetter



Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature orchids)
Oerstedella centradenia

Ken Cook

Noble Emory was awarded
the *Orchid Digest*
Diamond Award for
outstanding service to DVOS

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

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- Feb 11 From Good to *GREAT!* with Kathy Barrett
Feb 14 Valentine's Day - buy your sweetie an orchid
Feb 26-28: POE Gala, Show & Sale twculber@hotmail.com
<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/poe.html>
Feb 6-7: Sonoma County Orchid Society Show & Sale
<http://www.sonomaorchids.com/springSale.html>
Feb 27: Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society Show & Sale
<http://www.sacramentocymbidiums.org>
Mar 11: Mary Gerritsen - Orchids of Borneo
Mar 12-14: Santa Barbara Orchid Show
<http://www.sborchidshow.com>
Mar 13: Cymbidium Congress 310-826-0994
Mar 26-28: Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show
& Sale
May 1: Carmel Valley Garden Show

The next Board Meeting

Will be at the home of Eileen Jackson
on February 19th at 7:30 pm



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

Refreshments for the February Meeting Cupcakes



Cupcakes: George Cooper, Nancy & Ted McClellan, Noble Emery, George McRae Makayla Shields & Debbie McKillop, Bob Akbarian

Beverages/Ice: Renate Johnson, Bernice Lindner

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Lyc. Wyld Unicorn x (Malibu Canyon x Kowlina)

Tom Purviance visits Martha Stewart to discuss orchids

Once used primarily as fashion adornments for special occasions, orchids have become prized by gardeners for their elegance as potted plants.

And they're not all that tough to grow, says Tom Purviance, co-owner of [Parkside Orchid Nursery](#) in Ottsville, Pennsylvania.

"They are the largest plant family on the planet — they would not be if they were difficult to grow," Tom says. "They are really quite tough and resilient."

Tom shares six of his favorite varieties:

<http://www.marthastewart.com/article/six-stunning-orchids>

Tired of the same old pollinators?

Weird link of the month courtesy Kathy Barrett:

BTW here's a link that's been making the rounds online of RBG Kew's discovery that a cricket acts as a pollinator for *Angraecum cadetii* on Reunion Island off the African coast:

http://www.sciencenews.org/view/generic/id/54970/title/Jiminy_cricket_pollinator_caught_in_the_act

According to an *Angraecum* page the Reunion island cadeti's are more abundant than the ones on Mauritius. Mauritius has only 13 individuals only 4 of which flower...bet they ain't got no crickets, *G*!

http://www.angraecum.org/Species/Angraecum/Angraecum_cadetii.htm



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DVOS members at the work party to build our POE display. Thanks to Commander Brad for his leadership, Alice and Dave for endless junk food and the use of their yard and greenhouse (sorry about the black paint, it will wear off in time.)

This year's theme is
Carnaval



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AOS Awards February 2010

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

1/05/10 - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco Center Slc. Sweet Treat 'First Date',
HCC 75 (Slc. Crystelle Smith x L. Finkeniana),
Exhibited by Japheth Ko

1/6/10 - Sacramento - CSNJC
Paphiopedilum Portofino 'Nova', HCC 79 (prov) (Paph. Valwin x Paph. Great Pacific),
Exhibited by Dick Buchter

Paphiopedilum Wood Wonder 'Pinot Grigio', HCC 76 (Paph. Zellwood Station x Paph. Hsinying Maru),
Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

Phragmipedium Belle Hogue Point 'Fran', HCC 78 (Phrag. Eric Young x Phrag. caudatum),
Exhibited by Bob Conaty

1/18/2010 - Oakland - Pac Central
Dendrochilum glumaceum 'Vistamont', CCE 94 species,
Exhibited by Cynthia Hill (upgraded from a CCE 93 - you gotta see it to believe it!)

1/22/2010 - Peninsula Orchid Society Show - Pac Central
Masdevallia Memoria Augusto Silva 'Mahogany', AM 83 (Masd. Urubamba x Masd. Marguerite),
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

Miltoniopsis Up Country Puna 'Keaau Star', AM 83 (Milt. Lynne Waihee x Milt. Stacy),
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

Vuykstekeara Jerry Lawless 'x', AM 86(Vuyl. Mem. Mary Kavanaugh x Oda. Jubilee Volunteer),
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids

Wilsonara Diane Feinstein 'San Francisco', HCC 77 (Oda. Remembrance x Odcdm. Crowborough),
Exhibited by Japheth Ko



Oerstedella centradenia

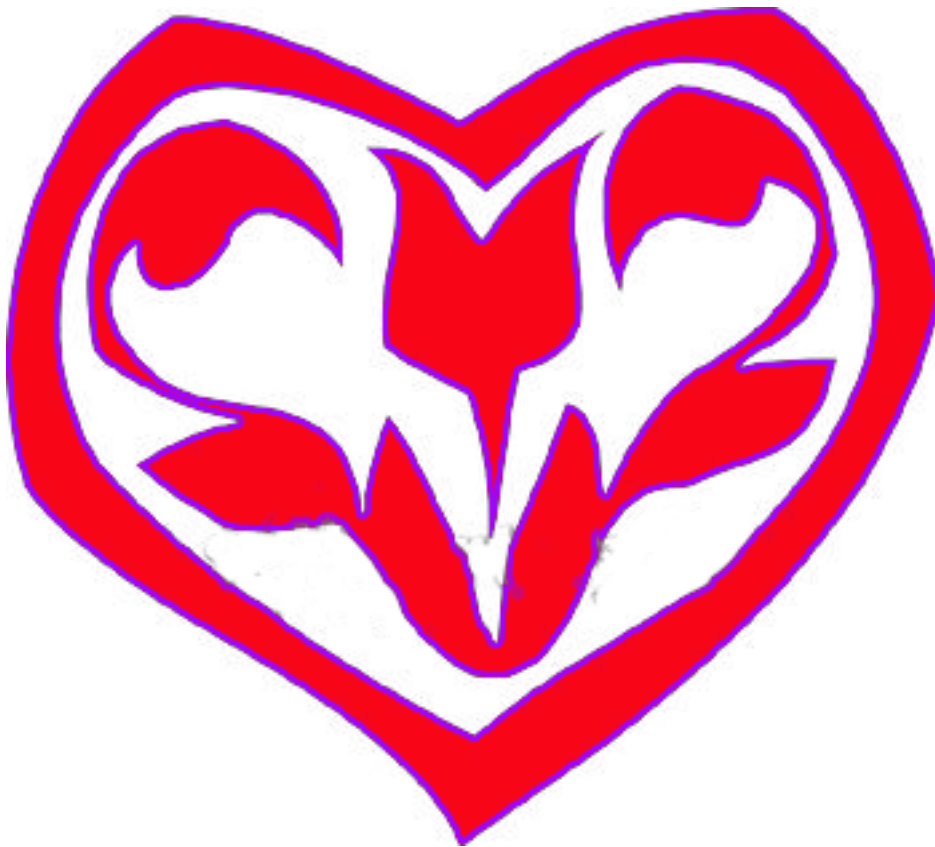
Pictures can be seen at:
Pacific Central web page <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>
California Sierra Nevada Judging Center
<http://www.csnjc.org>
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Membership News

courtesy of Ulrike Ahlborn



Membership dues for 2010 are due in January!

Be sure you are included in the annual roster. Fill out the renewal form on the following page and mail it in, or bring it to the February meeting.

General membership dues are \$20, for business \$25. Out of State member (email recipients) \$10. If you want to receive the newsletter by mail add \$ 10.

Attached to the newsletter is the membership form. Please be so kind and fill out the form for me. This is my best and only chance to keep our database up to date and find errors and changes. Also please indicate if you belong to AOS or Orchid Digest as we report this information to them with our club membership.

Some people have **already paid dues for 2010**. This includes

- all members who joined since October 2009
- all Lifetime members (you know who you are)
- and all of the following members:

Elizabeth Michaelson, Jinnie & Denyu Tom

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Diablo View Orchid Society Membership

Membership \$20 (), Business \$25 (), Life \$300 () Add \$10 () if you wish to receive the monthly newsletter by mail.

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

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

New () Renewal () Date: _____

For General Membership: Principal Member: _____

Spouse or Significant Other: _____

For Business Membership: Name of Business _____

Name of Business Contact:/Owner: _____

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 you 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 Director () Committees: Equipment () Library () BBQ/Auction () Advertising () Refreshments () Newsletter () Xmas Party () San Francisco Show ()
Raffle/Sales () Book Meeting Room () Greenhouse Tours () DVOS Show & Sale () Welcome Hostess () Assist when needed ()

Endorse check payable to: **Diablo View Orchid Society, Inc.**

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