

Diablo View Orchid Society

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At Our next meeting March 11

Mary Gerritsen Orchids of Borneo

Mary recently returned from a nearly month-long visit to Borneo, with the primary objective of seeing the orchids and carnivorous plants in their native habitat. Her presentation will cover a little about the geography and geology of Borneo, more about orchid habitats, and lots of photos from her treks to Mt. Kinabalu, Long Pasia, Mulu National Park, the caves of Sarawak, and Bako National Park.

Mary Gerritsen, Ph.D. is a scientist by day (working on new drugs to cure cancer) and an Orchid nut the rest of the time. She has been growing orchids on and off for more than 30 years, and since relocating to the Bay area in 1997 has really taken a liking to small cool growing miniature species such as Masdevallias, Porroglossums, Lepanthes and other assorted tiny gems. But she also has a second intermediate greenhouse, filled with larger species such as Angraecoids, Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, Oncidiums, Laelias, Cattleyas and Bulbophyllums. She loves to see orchids growing in situ, and has made it her mission over the last few years to see as many as possible, with trips to see and photograph orchids (and other flora as well) in Canada, various states in the USA, Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, Costa Rica, Panama, China, Germany, Australia and most recently, Borneo. She is the co-author of two botanical books: *Masdevallias*, *Gems of the Orchid World*, and *Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives*, with fellow San Francisco Orchid Society Member and well known photographer, Ron Parsons. In addition to being a member of the SFOS, Mary has served as the vice president and president of the Peninsula Orchid Society (San Mateo).

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

NEXT MEETING

Thur. March 11

5:30 - Speaker's Dinner

7:30 - 10:00 pm Meeting

Contra Costa Water
District Board Room

1331 Concord Ave.

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Our program in February was *Prepare your Plants for Show* by expert grower and AOS judge, **Kathy Barrett**



February's speaker was our own Kathy Barrett. The topic was an educational and inspiring talk about preparing your orchids for competition. This was a talk that had even the long time members of the society learning something new.

The timing of this publication may seem a little late, since the Pacific Orchid

Exposition show will be over by the time you read this. Quite the contrary, Kathy's main point in her lecture was to prepare your orchid well in advance of show time. Yes, even a year before



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you plan to show the plant you need to start training the new leads and staking the plant into the shape you want.

Masking tape is the material of choice to lasso the new shoots and get them into an upright shape and not laying down sideways. The masking tape makes it easy to wrap the entire plant or attach a stalk to a stake. When staking a flower stalk to a stake, Kathy prefers to use paper wrapped ties like the ones the grocery stores have in their produce sections. The tie wrap should be configured into the shape of a figure 8. Do not use dragonfly clips, they are frowned upon in shows. When a flower stalk just starts to form, is the time when you need to start the staking process. As the flower stalk starts to grow, you can continue to attach tie wraps and train the flower stalk into the position you want to the flowers to show.

The next thing you will need to do is remove the old sheaths from the pseudo bulbs. This gives the plant a nice clean appearance and will reveal any pest infestation. These papery sheaths are best removed when wet.

You will need to shine your leaves before you enter your plant into a competition. The best way to do this is with milk or lemon juice. Use this on the top side of the leaf only since the underside of the leaf contains the stoma and you don't want to clog or disturb this leaf pore.

Almost all orchids have some brown leaf tips. These need to be removed before the orchid is entered for competition. Using a sterile razor or scissors cut the brown tip off at an angle. The newly cut end can be dusted with cinnamon to protect the new cut. The cinnamon acts as an antibiotic and an anti-fungal agent.

Thanks for the great information. - Brad Piini

February meeting and plant photos courtesy of Rodney Kline.



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Brad Piini

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Dennis Olivas

Membership News

courtesy of Ulrike Ahlborn

Membership dues for 2010 are past due!

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.

Raffle Table for March

Plant table will be another amazing
assortment from Exotic Orchids of Maui.

<http://www.mauiorchids.com>

Regular raffle: six tickets for \$5



Special Raffle drawing for a unique plant will be drawn
from paid-up members at the March meeting

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Awarded Plants in February

1st ***Blc. Mission Valley***

Susan Fetter

2nd ***Angraecum sequipedale***

Linda Castleton

3rd ***C. Fordyce Fantasy***

Bernice Linder



Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature orchids)

L. rubescens

Ken Cook

C. Fordyce Fantasy

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DVOS
at Pacific Orchid Exposition
2010
2nd place visiting society



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Awarded Plants at POE

DVOS took 2nd Place for a Visiting Orchid Society

Best Novice Paphiopedilum / Phragmipedium and Best Paphiopedilum in Show

Paph. Saint Swithin, exhibited by Eileen Jackson

Best Advanced Phalaenopsis

Phal. Sweet Memory #4 x Taida Lawrence 'Orinda', exhibited by Ken Cook

Best Novice Dendrobium *Den.* Andree Millar, exhibited by Linda Castleton



Congratulations,
Linda, Ken and
Eileen

POE Display
Building Committee



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Upcoming Speakers and Events

- 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
April 24: DVOS Greenhouse Bus Tour
May 1: Carmel Valley Garden Show
May 13: Fred Clarke - Venezuelan Cattleyas

Refreshments for the March Meeting



Pie: Evelyne Powell, Charlene Avarbock, Gus Kritikos, Diana Vaverek, Melissa Sadler

Beverages/Ice: Liz Charlton

The next Board Meeting

Will be at the home of Liz Charlton and
Jamie Wasson on March 18th 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

Bldg. Mission Valley



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Spring Greenhouse Tour April 24

We are planning a greenhouse tour with stops at three orchid growers and one regular nursery. All greenhouses are located in Pacifica. Mark your calendar for April 24th. The tour will be by bus so no need to look for a ride. More information will follow. Reserve your seat.

The tour includes the following greenhouses:

- ☞ White Oak Orchids with as many as 300 thousand plants to choose from
- ☞ Hanging Gardens Orchids
- ☞ Hawk Hill Orchids
- ☞ Sheldance Nursery with a lot of different plants to choose from

There will be a fee of \$30 per person to help pay for the bus. Your deposit will hold your seat as this first come first serve as we are limited to 30 people. The bus fee can be paid to Clarence 'Parky' Parkison, 1023 Camelia Drive, Livermore, CA 94550. Please email Parky if you are interested in going and include how many people will be going with you to parky4@comcast.net



L. rubesens

Greg Allikas's photos from the Miami show held last weekend: <http://www.orchidworks2.com>

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Ang. sequepedale

Weird links of the month courtesy Kathy Barrett:

Wondering how to use that old photo light meter to measure the light in your growing areas?

<http://www.firstrays.com/measurelight.htm>

As promised here is a link to Peter Lin's photos sets at Flickr from the Japan Grand Prix show in Tokyo.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt>

They are broken into sets by flower type, but one's of teh displays are equally impressive! But the one that caught my eye is *Coelogyne cristata* in the species set.

The latest issue of *Lankesteriana* which is available free on the web as a remembrance of Miguel Soto. Most critical is finding that *Oncidium ornithorhynchum* is NOT what everyone cultivates and hybridizes under that name but is in actuality a yellow and brown flowered species. I agree fully with the authors (Jimenez & Hagsater). What everyone grows as "ornithorhynchum" - the fragrant purple-flowered species that is in bloom right now - is correctly *Oncidium sotoanum*. Note should be taken that there are some REALLY big flowered plants of this in cultivation which I believe are a hybrid that can be traced back to an award plant/strain from Carter & Holmes.

Eric Christenson

<http://www.jardinbotanicolankester.org/ing/lankesteriana.html>

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AOS Awards February 2010

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

2/2/10 - Pacific Central - San Francisco

Paphiopedilum Fanaticum 'Jade Dragon', HCC 76 (*Paph. malipoense* x *Paph. micranthum*), Exhibited by Japheth Ko

2/3/10 - Sacramento - CSNJC

Paphiopedilum fairrieanum 'Colette', HCC 79 species, Exhibited by Dennis Wade

Restrepia antennifera 'Cow Hollow', AM 82 species, Exhibited by Jon Weiss

2/15/2010 - Oakland - Pac Central

Comparettia macroplectron 'Seo Ha', HCC 75 species, Exhibited by Anna S. Chai

Cymbidium sinense var. *album* 'Roshan', HCC 75 species, Exhibited by Anna S. Chai

Acianthera braggae 'Gilbert'*, CHM 82 (prov) species, Exhibited by Carol Zoltowski (syn. *Pths. sarracenia* and *Saracenella pubescens*)

Pictures can be seen at:

Pacific Central web page

<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

<http://www.csnjc.org>

Pictures of the Pac Central awards can be seen at

<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

I'd like to thank POE show chair Cynthia Hill for inviting members of other societies to ribbon judging. It made a pleasant day of judging. I hope they continue this policy and I encourage y'all to participate next year. -K

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AOS Awards Pacific Orchid Exposition

2/25/10 - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco Center

Cymbidium Gladys Whitesell 'Epigarden' (*Cym. Fifi* x *Cym. parishii*) Exhibited by Eanghak Quach HCC 78

Cymbidium John Wooden 'Geyserland' (*Cym. Red Beauty* x *Cym. Solana Beach*) Exhibited by Japheth Ko AM 80

Cymbidium Pele 'Fireworks' (*Cym. Quasar* x *Cym. Brandy Wine*) Exhibited by Heather Drobus HCC 75

Dendrochilum cobbianum 'Vistamont' species Exhibited by Cynthia Hill CCE 93

Dracula robledorum 'Jim Nybakken' species Exhibited by John Leathers AM 89

Dracula vampira 'Jim Nybakken' species Exhibited by John Leathers AM 85

Doritaenopsis Ruey Lih Beauty 'Ontario' (*Dtps. Hsinying Lady* x *Dtps. Formosa Rosa*) Exhibited by Ontario Orchids HCC 77

Laelia anceps var. *veitchiana* 'Ft. Caroline'* species Exhibited by Cynthia Hill AM 83

Masdevallia Heathii 'Flame' (*Masd. ignea* x *Masd. veitchiana*) Exhibited by John Leathers AM 83

Masdevallia rufescens 'X'* species Exhibited by Mary E. Gerritsen AM 80 (prov)

Odontocidium Saint Anthony of Egypt 'X' (*Odcdm. Tiger Night* x *Odcdm. Tiger Barb*) Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids HCC 78

Ornithocephalus ecuadorensis 'x'* species Exhibited by Mary Nesbitt CBR (prov)

Paphiopedilum Norito Hasegawa 'Montana de Oro' (*Paph. malipoense* x *Paph. armeniacum*) Exhibited by Orchids of Los Osos HCC 77

Pleurothallis punctulata 'x' species Exhibited by John Leathers AM 80

Schoenorchis gemmata 'Stony Point' species Exhibited by Marni Turkel CCM 82

Wilsonara Debra Atwood 'Gina' (*Odcdm. Tiger Crow* x *Oda. California Sunset*) Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids HCC 79

Pictures of winning plants: <http://www.aospacificcentral.org/POE2010/poe2010.html>

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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

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For General Membership: Principal Member: _____

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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 ()
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