

Diablo View Orchid Society

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November 2010



*At Our next meeting, November 10th
Kathy Barrett presents
Hard(er) to Kill Orchids -
The non-Rhyncholaelia Brassavolas*

NEXT MEETING

Wed. Nov. 10th

No Speaker's Dinner
7:00 - 9:00 pm Meeting
Contra Costa Water
District Board Room
1331 Concord Ave.
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Diablo View members! Welcome to a hobby we hope will ensnare you. There truly is a World of Orchids for you to investigate. Yes, the title of this month's talk sounds daunting but really its not. We'll present a brief introduction to orchids, recommend a few good books, and then discuss orchids that can grow both indoors and outdoors with a minimum amount of care: the Brassavolas!

This month's talk centers around Brassavola nodosa and its hybrids. These are rewarding orchids that don't require a greenhouse much less a green thumb. While they do like bright light they aren't picky like other 'hothouse' flowers. And they have the cutest spots! What's not to like? One of these will capture your heart the same way they have ours. This talk should introduce everyone to a type of orchid that is readily available at most orchid nurseries and shows. With show season just beginning you'll have several opportunities to search for them. (The hunt is half the fun!)

The raffle table is provided by Gold Country Orchids of Lincoln Ca. We will be touring their greenhouses on 11/20, so club members will have ample opportunity to see the widest variety in orchids. It'll boggle your mind.

Kathy Barrett has been growing orchids for 15 years. Her first orchid, a Phalaenopsis, was purchased from 'Orchard' in Lafayette. Like potato chips, one orchid led to another, and another until her collection now exceeds 700 plants in 24 genera in 6 alliances - Actually, she stopped counting at 700.... if there are more than that in the greenhouse she doesn't want to know about it, LOL! Ignorance is bliss.

There will be no Speaker's Dinner this month.

Plant table will be provided by Gold Country Orchids

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Our program in October:

Sergio Garcia *talked to us about Brazilian Orchids*

"The Brazilian World of Award Quality Orchids" was the topic of discussion for our October meeting.

Sergio Garcia was a very entertaining and vivacious speaker. He is the owner of Olompali Orchids of Novato, which specializes in Brazilian orchids.

The criteria for what is an awardable orchid flower was discussed first. The shape of the flower should be rounded and full with overlapping petals and sepals allowing very little light to pass through. The petals and sepals should be in perfect triangles. The lip of the orchid should be void of dimples.

With this as our framework for judging orchid flowers, Sergio was quick to point out that the orchids in nature are full of faults and rarely achieve that perfect state. It takes many generations of cross-breeding to eliminate the flaws and improve the show quality of the orchid flower.



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Greenhouse Tours:
Parky Parkison

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Linda Castleton
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Masd. angulata 'Heather Nicole', CCM 84



Sergio went on to show a collection of slides, pointing out the pros and con's of each flowers conformation. In the process of reviewing slides, he introduced many of us to some new vocabulary associated with describing flowers:

Orlata - when the color of the lip goes completely around the lip creating a ring,

Semi-alba - a white flower except for a colorful lip, and

Suave - a light dusting of color in the flower.

Thanks again, Sergio, for a very entertaining and informative evening.

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Japanese Garden and Greenhouse Tour

Join DVOS on our greenhouse tour on Saturday, November 20th. We will go to Granite Bay and then on to Gold Country Orchids where Alan Koch and special guest, Howard Gunn will host. We will meet in the Kohl's parking lot at 2302 Monument Blvd in Pleasant Hill at 8:15 am.



The tour bus will leave at 8:30 am, sharp. There will be coffee and doughnuts on board the bus. The price is \$25 per person. We should have room on the bus for all those orchids that we purchase.

To sign-up for this trip, send a check for \$25 to Brian Wraxall or see Brian at the November 10th meeting.

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Bolinas
California Orchids
Mary Nisbet
515 Aspen Rd. Bolinas, Ca
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Awarded Plants in October

1st *Slc.* Vallezac

Bernice Lindner

2nd *C.* Genevieve 'Toy' x *C.* Portia

Phillis Arthur

3rd *Blc.* Crowfield 'Mendenhall'

Tom Pickford



Lancer Smith:
(species or miniature orchids)

Onc. triquetrum

Brian Wraxall

***Phal. bellina* 'Maisie', HCC 77**

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

- Nov 11: Kathy Barrett "*The non-Rhyncholaelia Brassavolas*"
- Nov 20: Greenhouse bus tour
- Dec 8: Christmas Party
- Jan 8 - 9: Orchids Under the Oaks
- Jan 13: Cindy Hill "*Care of Plants that win Cultural Awards*"



Slc. Vallezac

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Refreshments for the November Meeting

Food:

George McRae
Doris Hearn
Noble Emery
Diana Vavrek
Barbara Ungersma
Melissa Sadler



Drinks:

Miki Ichiyanagi
Grace Chan
Jeanette Bean

The Contra Costa Water District is still working on their seismic upgrade. Our November meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m.

The next Board Meeting

Will be at the home of Brad and Karen Piini on November 18th at 7:30 pm

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Alden Lane Nursery
presents

Orchids Under the Oaks *Secret Garden of Orchid Delights*

show and sale
January 8th and 9th
10 am to 4 pm
no charge



Enter a magical world, our
Garden of Orchid Delights
and transform Winter into Wonderful as you
stroll through hundreds of blooming orchids.

981 Alden Lane, Livermore

www.aldenlane.com

See what is available in our library:
www.diablowiewos.org/Library/library.htm

To check-out an item, contact
Phyllis Arthur

Membership News

courtesy of Ulrike Ahlborn,
Membership Chair
membership@dvos.org

We have 96 members.

Welcome to new members:

Rory & Jo Ann Kappesser
Diana and John Case
Yunor Peralta & Greg Scown
Carol & Casey Campbell
Lauren Sadler
Irmchen Matull
Charlene & William LaGrassa
Connie & Michael Nelson
Cicily & Michael Briant
Tra Hollaway-Boxer
Anne & Gilbert Nounou
Lorna Nunez
Sue & Larry Shepardson
Miki Ichiyanagi
Diana J Bunting
Barbara Dagen & Claire Mayers
Meg Crosby

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World of Orchids 2010



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Alice Tomassini*



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Stan and Dale Dinsmore Trophy - Best Cymbidium in Show: Cym. Heavenly Sunset 'New Horizons', exhibited by Noble C. Emery: **2**

Bob and Mary Lou Van Galder Trophy - Best Phalaenopsis in Show: Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope, exhibited by Mary Ann Gschwend: **9**

Floyd and Marlene Lundquist Trophy - Best Vandaceous in Show: Ascda. Crownfox Golden Spots, exhibited by Ken Cook: **6**

Frank and Madge Fordyce Trophy: Best Cattleya in Show: C. Penang 'Black Caesar', exhibited by Kathy Barrett: **4**

Dick and Jean Emory Trophy: Best of Unusual "Other" Genera, species or hybrids: Bulb. Betty Kelepcz, exhibited by Ted McClellan: **1**

Bernice Lidner trophy: Best Species Orchid Flower, plant taller than 6" and flower bigger than 1.5 inches: Trichoglottis brachtiata, exhibited by Joe Grillo: **3**

Lancer and Nathalie Smith Trophy: Best Botanical species flower, plant smaller than 6" and flower less than 1.5 inches: Masd. angulifera 'Santa Barbara', exhibited by Ken Cook: **5**

Noble and Bea Emery Trophy - Best Art in Show: Heidi Rand, Odontoglossum photo

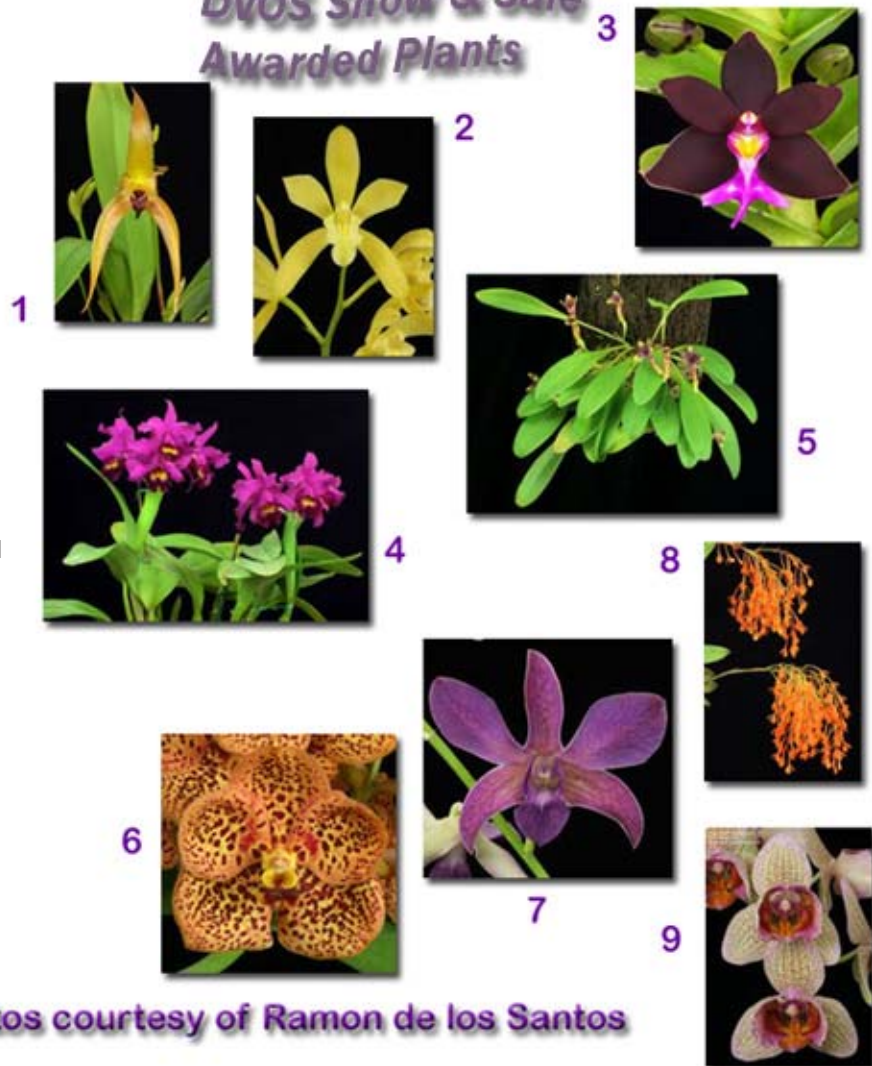
Scott and Beverly Young Trophy - Best Dendrobium in Show: Dendrobium, exhibited by Eileen Jackson **7**

Don and Shirley Baker Trophy - Judge's Choice, any blue ribbon not receiving a trophy: Epidendrum embreei, exhibited by Ken Cook: **8**

Pauline Brault Trophy - Best Orchid Grown Outdoors (non-Cymbidium): Masd. 'Orange Delight', exhibited by George McRae

Founder's Trophy - Best Orchid Flower in Show: Cattleya Penang 'Black Caesar', exhibited by Kathy Barrett: **4**

DVOS Show & Sale Awarded Plants



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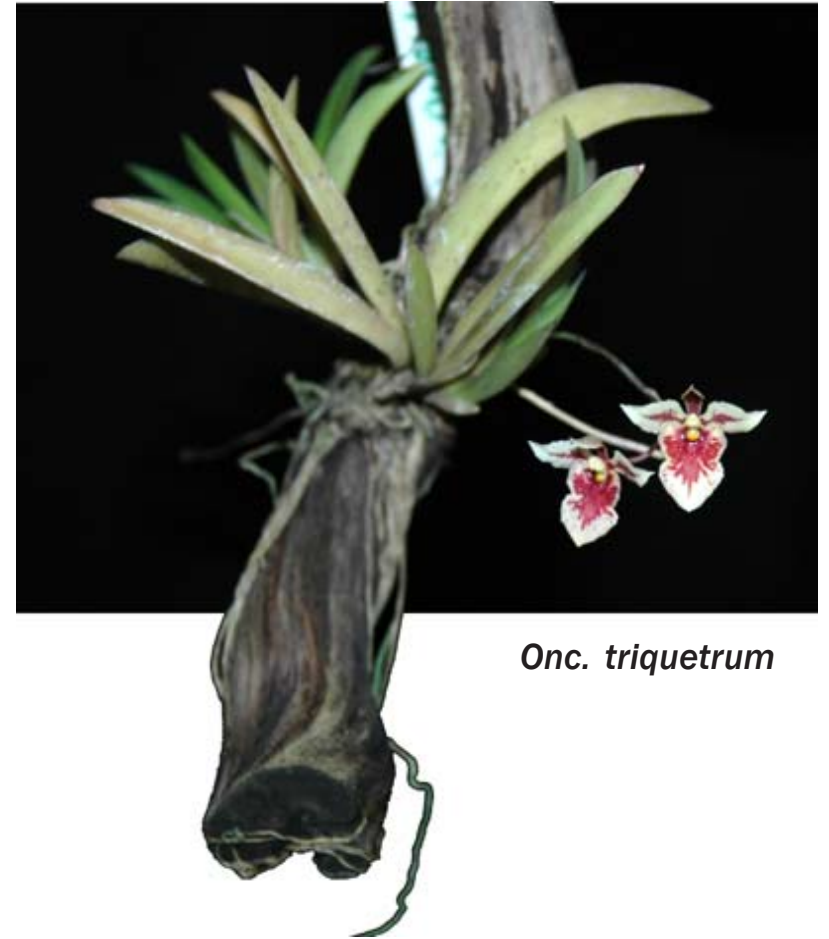


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Paph. bellina
'Maisie', HCC 77



Maisie



Onc. triquetrum



Blc. Crowfield 'Mendenhall' FCC

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AOS Awards October 2010

Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

Pacific Central JC - San Francisco

No awards

California Sierra Nevada JC - Sacramento

No awards

10/2/10 - Sacramento Orchid Forum Show

Lc. Aloha Case 'S&W', HCC 76 (Lc. Mini Purple x *C. walkeriana*),
Exhibited by Dick and Donna Murrill

Pot. Creation 'Summer Choice', AM 82 (Pot. Chatoyant x Lc. Orglade's Glow),
Exhibited by Vivian Sellers

10/10/10 - Big Fresno Fair

Den. *oligophyllum* 'Cap Gunn', CCM 80 species,
Exhibited by Chuck and Pat Gunn

10/16/10 - Diablo View Orchid Society Show

Masd. *angulata* 'Heather Nicole', CCM 84 species,
Exhibited by Ken Cook

Phal. *bellina* 'Maisie', HCC 77 species,
Exhibited by Liz Charlton



C. Genevieve 'Toy' x C. Portia

Awards can be seen at:

Pacific Central Judging Center:

www.aospacificcentral.org

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center:

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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 ()
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