

Diablo View Orchid Society

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ATTENTION We will **not** have our regular August meeting

INSTEAD

Our annual BBQ and Auction will be at the home of Bob and Mary Lou Van Galder (look in your Membership Roster for the address in Lafayette) Sat, Aug 20th

This year's theme is **"We're having a BBQ"**. That's right, you don't have to come in costume. (Suggested attire: "comfortable")

The Society will provide the Barbeque and drinks. Members bring a side dish and an orchid, or orchid-related donation for the auction. And don't forget your checkbook!

If your Last Name

begins with:

J - Q

R - Z

A - E

F - I

You bring:

Side Dish

Salad

Hor D'oeuvres

Dessert

Set-up 10:30 - 11:30

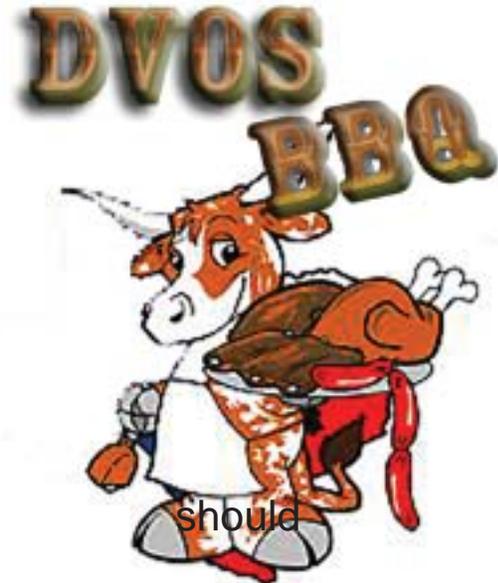
Lunch 12:30 - 1:30

Auction 2:00 - 3:30

Clean-up 4:00 - 5:00

Bring enough to serve 10

Everyone should plan to help with either Set-up or Clean-up



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David Wasserman was our speaker in August

Courtesy
Brad Piini

David Wasserman spoke at the July D.V.O.S. meeting on the topic of photographing orchids. He spent the first part of the lecture surveying the audience, getting information about what type of cameras people are using, and what general problems they are encountering with their photographs. 60% of the audience are using point-and-shoot cameras. 30% of the audience use a single lens reflex camera (SLR). 10% are not sure what they are using as a camera.

The most common problem that people face are lighting problems. Their photographs are too light or too dark and, hence, the color is not exact. The problem common to all three of these issues is the computer chip inside the camera. When you put your SLR or point-and-shoot on automatic, the computer chip will determine the strength of the flash to try and achieve the correct exposure. The computer chip doesn't interpret things the way the human eye/brain does, resulting in an image that is different from what we see.

Most people in the audience are shooting orchids indoors. Dave says that this should allow for sharp, color accurate photos with a good depth of field and no shadows. It will NOT compensate for movement by the photographer. Dave recommends that everyone use a tripod and place the camera on self-timer to remove all shakiness.

There is a general problem with shadows when shooting with a flash or in bright light. Dave says never turn off your flash. If the orchid is flat and smooth, you will not have any shadow problems. If the orchid is very three dimensional, you will have lots of shadows.

David Wasserman cont.

To eliminate or soften the shadows you need to use a reflector of some type. The reflector will redirect the light and fill in the shadows when the flash goes off. The reflector can be foam core or Gator board or almost anything white that can reflect light will work.

If you are going to photograph outside, you will need to work in soft light. Do not shoot at high noon due to strong light and harsh shadows. The best is to shoot under foggy conditions or in the morning or late in the day when it's not as bright.

When a digital camera captures an image there are two formats that it can be stored in your camera's memory; raw or jpeg. Raw takes a lot of memory and collects the maximum amount of visible information when a photo is taken. A computer program is then needed to complete the photograph for you. If the color is not correct, you can adjust it on the computer. JPEG takes much less memory and gives you a finished photograph without a computer. The sensor in the camera completes the image for you and adjusts the white balance. The problem with this is that it gives everything more contrast. The camera sensor determines the color of the photo and interprets some of the details of the shot. This results in deterioration of the edge sharpness.

These last two tips are for outdoor photographs. If you are experiencing hot spots or glare when shooting outdoors, then you need a polarizing filter. If you are trying to capture a motion shot in bright, daylight conditions, then use a neutral density filter. Note that all filters take away light from your photograph.

Dave's final comment was, if you really want better photographs, you need to put the camera on manual and get out the manual. Spend about a month playing with the manual settings and this will improve your photos.

Thanks Dave.

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The Razzle Dazzle Orchid Raffle

a special raffle offered by the San Francisco Orchid Society , a 501(c)3 organization

Actually, 3 separate raffles, each featuring a fabulous, rare, and highly collectible orchid, and an assortment of orchid related supplies (e.g. books, pots, baskets, potting media). Each prize has a value of well over \$200. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Only 300 tickets will be sold for each prize, and tickets only available at San Francisco Orchid Society meetings (Tuesday Aug 2, and Tuesday Sept 6, OR at Orchids in the Park (Sept 17-18, Hall of Flowers San Francisco) OR through the Razzle Dazzle Raffle committee representative (razzledazzle@orchidsanfrancisco.org). Drawing is Sept 18, noon at Orchids in the Park. Winner need not be present

Phrag. kovachii



Cym. elegans

Drac. Raven



Refreshments for the **September** Meeting will be provided by:



E. adenocaula

FOOD: *Food must be cut into servings*

Anne Nounou
Bayan Culhane
Evelyn Powell
Greg Scown
Dennis Olivas

DRINKS:
Lori Maher
Dave Altman

ICE:
Irmchen Matull

SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:



Cyrtochilum villenaorum

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Upcoming Speakers and Events



L. tenebrosa



Scho. manipurensis

- Aug 6:** AOS Speaker's Day (P.10)
Aug 18: DVOS Board meeting at the home of Eileen Jackson
Aug 20: DVOS Annual BBQ at the home of Bob & Mary Lou Van Galder (P.1)
- Sept 9:** DVOS meeting - **Friday**
Carol Klonowski
- *White Complex Paphiopedilums*
- Sept 24:** CA Orchids Fall Sale (P.7)
Oct 13: DVOS meeting -
Jason Fisher
- *Neofinetia falcata*
- Nov 10:** DVOS meeting -
Kathy Barrett &
- *Orchids 101*
- Dec 14:** DVOS Christmas Party
Note this is a Wednesday

California Orchids Fall Sale!



**Saturday, September 24
9am-4pm**

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Awards DVOS June



L. speciosa



Masd. (Marguerite
'Highland' x *veitchiana*
'Prince de Gaul')

Advanced

- 1st *Cyrto. villenaorum* Ken Cook
2nd *L. tenebrosa* 'Rainforest'
Jim & Grace Chan
3rd *L. speciosa* Ken Cook

Intermediate

- 1st *Masd.* (Marguerite 'Highland' x
veitchiana 'Prince de Gaul')
Brian Wraxall
2nd *Bl.* Morning Glory Tom Pickford
3rd *E. adenocaula* Yunor Peralta

Novice

- 1st *Bulb.* Jan Ragan Miki Ichiyanari
2nd *Phal.* Sogo Yukidian Bayane Culhane
3rd *Epl.* Little Nugget Lori Maher

Lancer Smith (species/under 6")

- Schoenorchis manipurensis* Ken Cook

Barbara Ungersma sent information about snail bait based on iron phosphate: The brand I use is Sluggo. That is an old name, so I don't know if they have changed their formulation or if I just didn't realize what they were using as the basis for their product. Anyway, it prevents the critters from feeding, once they have ingested the bait, and they just crawl away and die. It is effective after sprinkling, and their literature says it can be used in pots for greenhouse use.



Phal. Sogo Yukidian



Habenaria medusae,
now fully in bloom.
- B. Ungersma



Epl. Little Nuggets

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CALIFORNIA
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Presents
**California Sierra Nevada
Speaker's Day**

Saturday August 6, 2011
9AM to 5PM
Odd Fellows Building
1831 Howe Ave. at Alta Arden
Sacramento, CA 95838

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - Saturday, August 6, 2011

- 9:00 *AOS judging, see how we judge*
- 11:00 *Unusual Orchid Species of Madagascar*
Erich Michel, Michel Orchid Nursery
- 12:00 **Lunch Break**
- 12:45 **Auction**
- 1:45 *My Fifty Favorite Unique & Unusual Orchid Species*
Marc Hatchadourian, Curator, New York Botanical Gardens
- 2:45 *12 Most Important Phalaenopsis Species Influencing Today's Hybrids*
Tom Harper, Stones River Orchids
- 3:45 **Break out Sessions:**
Erich Michel on Angraecum Alliance
Marc Hatchadourian on Stanopeas
Dennis Olivas on Cymbidiums
Tom Harper on Phalaenopsis

Each presentation is 45 minutes long with a 15 minute break between



Bulb. Jan Ragan

Featuring

Tom Harper

*Twelve Most Important Phalaenopsis Species
Influencing Today's Hybrids*

Erich Michel

Unusual Orchid Species of Madagascar

March Hatahadourin

*Curator of the New York Botanical Gardens
My Fifty Favorite Unique and Unusual Orchid Species*

Stones River Orchid - *Phal, Phals & More Phals*

Michel Orchids Nursery - *A selection of very nice orchids*

Gold Country Orchids - *mini-cattleyas that bloom 2-3 times a year*

&

D&D Flowers - *Dennis will have whatever the others don't*



Bl. Morning Glory

\$10 advance

\$15 at the door for Sponsoring Societies & AOS members

\$25 general admission

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Thanks! to Rodney Kline
for this month's
photos of winning plants