

Diablo View Orchid Society

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at Our next meeting Thursday, Jan. 12th

Steve Beckendorf will talk to us about **Hairy, Abuse-Tolerant Dendrobiums**



Next Meeting:
Thur. Jan. 12th
7:30- 10:00 p.m.

**Contra Costa Waster District
Board Room
1331 Concord Blvd.
Concord Ca.
Map:**

www.dvos.org/About/map.

Steve Beckendorf is a professor emeritus at UC Berkeley's Molecular and Cell Biology Department. He is the president of the Odontoglossum Alliance and is also an AOS certified judge. Steve spends his retirement traveling the world and has written extensively about his main passion, Odontoglossums, in both 'Orchids' the American Orchid Society magazine and 'Orchid Digest' the magazine for The Orchid Digest Corporation. *These are two outstanding orchid organizations which our new members should consider joining.* (www.aos.org and www.orchiddigest.com) Last summer Steve and other notable odontoglossum advocates spoke at the Orchid Digest's Summer Speaker series, tackling the tricky taxonomic changes within that alliance. But this month Steve will discuss the intriguing Formosae dendrobiums, a group that used to be called nigrohirsute dendrobiums because of the black hairs on their stems. These dendrobiums are attractive, unusual and hardy. I'm sure everyone of us is interested in finding out more about orchids that can deal with our daily abuse.

Steve Beckendorf will provide the plant table.

Speaker's Dinner info on page 8.

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President's Message

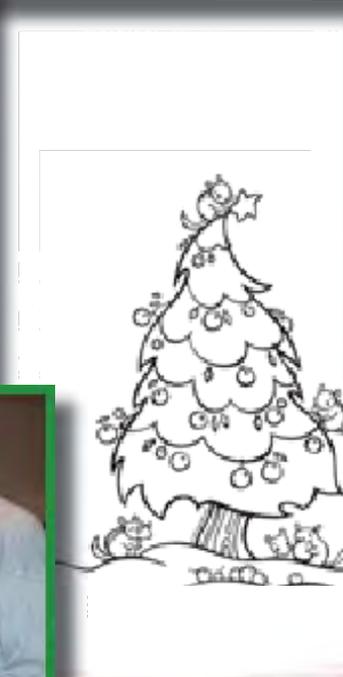
by George McRae

Happy New Year to all of you! It's an honor to accept your confidence in me as your 2012 President! First off, we have a wonderful program for you all this month with one our own, Steve Beckendorf as our speaker and plant table provider. I hope you will join us at the speaker's dinner before the meeting, where you can get to know Steve even more. January is always the month of the new and the resolved. This year my solemn resolution is to actually take care of my plants and give them what they deserve, which in my case is food! Unlike our VP who openly confesses to not watering her plants, my sin is not feeding. Not only do I have a collection of orchids, I also have a wonderful collection of unopened and unused fertilizers. Orchids have moods and cycles. Part of the love I have for them is observing these cycles. Marking the calendar with them. Many of my Pleurothalids bloom in winter, and it's a lovely start to the year. In California, Calypso bulbosa will be just starting to wake up around now. They are in full bloom, depending on conditions, as early as Presidents Day. Coral roots will also be poking up in the forests of Northern Cal. As Martha says, it's a good thing. As a final note: this is YOUR society. Its success is up to you. We'll be forming some committees to cover the variety of activities and events we put on. I encourage all of you to participate, whether it's a regular meeting committee like refreshments and set-up or the picnic, or annual show, or the Christmas Party (which this year was wonderful!) Many societies languish because the Board gets saddled with the lion's share of the work. Other societies spread out the burden, which we do reasonably well, but I want everyone to feel that they are a part of this society, and to feel ownership in it! Here's to a fabulous 2012.



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Alden Lane Nursery Presents

The Temple of Bloom

Orchids Under the Oaks 2012
January 7th & 8th
10am-4pm
Escape the Winter Blues!
Free Admission and Parking
Orchid Marketplace
Free Seminars
(925)447-0280
www.aldenlane.com





**Gold Coast
Cymbidium Growers
San Mateo, CA**

THE Collector's Cymbidium Orchid Auction

San Mateo Garden Center
605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403

January 20, 2012 **Auction 7 pm**
Registration & Preview 6:30 - 7 pm



People wait all year for THE Collector's Cymbidium Orchid Auction! They have driven from all over the SF Bay Area (people have even phoned in from Southern California!) to place bids at this auction. Beautiful, Blooming, Rare, Hard to find, even Past Show Award Winning orchids! Come early, bring lots of boxes.

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

Check for Catalogue List of plants & photos on Auction Page of www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com

Questions? E-mail to bacyms@yahoo.com

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

We start 2012 with 139 members

2012 Dues are now due

General Members \$20

Commercial Members \$25

Lifetime Members \$300

If you are unable to receive the newsletter by email and need a B&W copy mailed to you, there is an additional \$10 charge for copying and postage.

New Member/ Renewal application:

www.dvos.org/About/membersh.htm

If you joined at our Show in November you do not owe for 2012

Speaker's Dinner with Steve Beckendorf on Thur. Jan 12 - before our meeting -will be at 5:30 at the Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Ln. in Pleasant Hill.

Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker before the meeting. If you can join us, please call George McRae at (510) 233-7374 to be included in the reservation.



Upcoming Speakers and Events



- Jan 7-8: Temple of Bloom (see P. 6)
- Jan 12: DVOS meeting: Steve Beckendorf
- Jan 19: Board meeting will be at the home of Brad and Karen Piini
- Jan 20: Cymbidium Auction (see P. 7)
- Jan. 28-29: Peninsula Orchid Society Show & Sale (see P. 13)
- Feb 23-25: Pacifica Orchid Extravaganza (see P. 14)
- Feb 24-26: Pacific Orchid Expo (see P. 11)
- Feb 9: Alan Koch - Nutrition for Orchids

Refreshments for the January Meeting will be provided by the Board

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Awards DVOS 2011

Novice

Miki Ichiyonagi with 11 points

Intermediate

Renate Johnson with 12 points

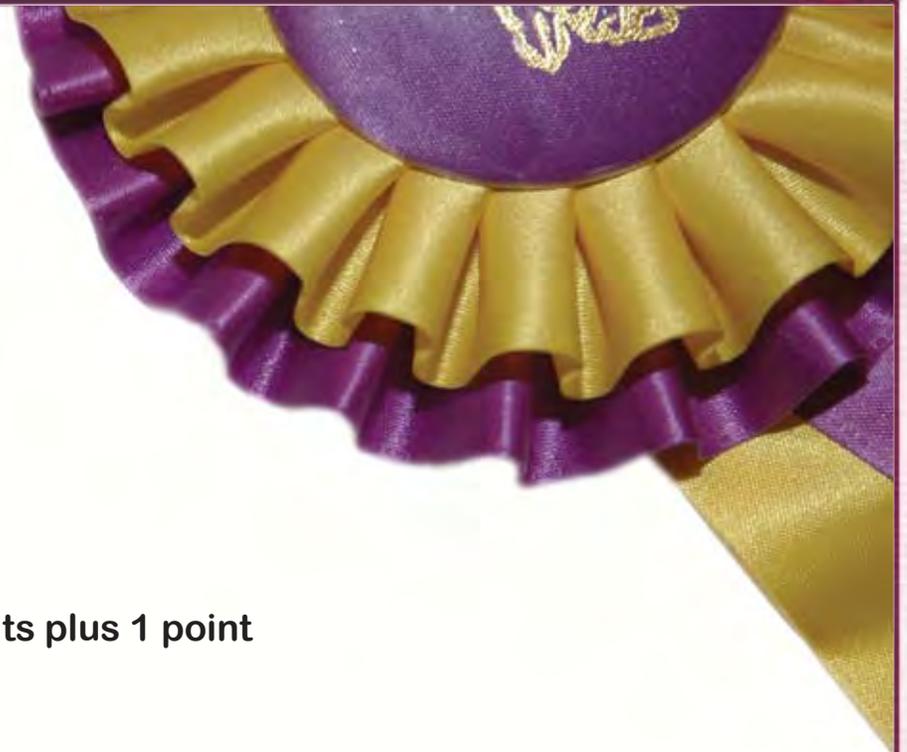
The runner up is Brian Wraxall with 11 points plus 1 point for Lancer Smith

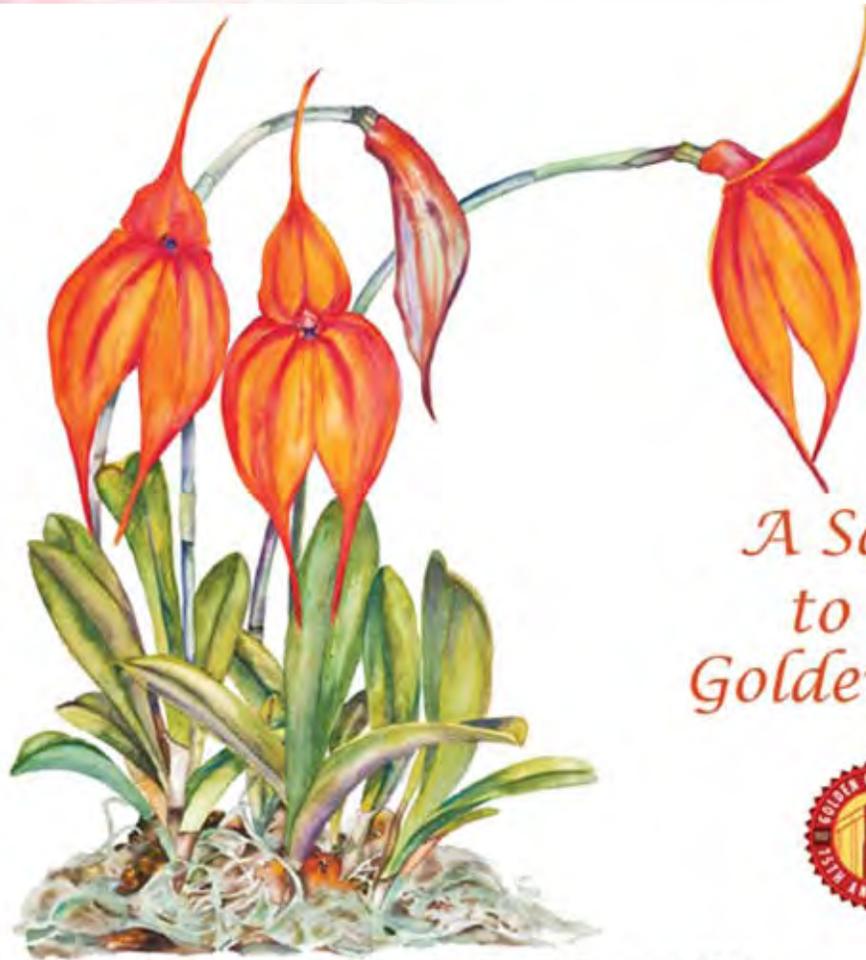
Advanced

Ken Cook with 26 points

Best Theme Decorated Christmas Orchid

Alice Tomassini





San Francisco Orchid Society's 2012

New Gourmet Alley! Sample delicious food from local purveyors & wines from around the world from Ferry Plaza Wine Merchant

PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION *Celebrating 60 Years*

Gala Benefit Preview Thur. Feb. 23, 6:30-10
Show & Plant Sale Feb. 24-26, 2012
Fri. 10-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5

FESTIVAL PAVILION,
FORT MASON CENTER,
SAN FRANCISCO

*A Salute
to the
Golden Gate*



Admission

\$13 online / \$15 at the door,
Seniors \$10 online / \$12 door

Weekend pass \$55 online /
\$60 at the door
Includes Gala & unlimited access to the show

(excludes special events)

For Tickets and Information

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AOS Awards

Kathy Barrett



December CSNJC December 7, 2011

**Cattleya brevipedunculata 'Nevada City', AM 82
species, Exhibited by Ted McClellan**

**Cattleya coccinea fma. aurea 'Grass Valley',
HCC 79
species, Exhibited by Ted McClellan**

Please note that the ever-changing genus 'Sophronitis' is now subsumed into 'Cattleya'. And - for you taxonomy freaks - the variety 'aurea' is listed as forma until taxonomically published as a 'variety'. How ya like them apples?

**A lot of folks asked for
Ken Cook's cake recipe.
He has been kind enough
to share it.**

Ken Cook's Sour Cream Chocolate Cake

*2 c. flour
2 c. sugar
½ tsp. baking powder
1 ¼ tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
1 c. water
¾ c. sour cream
¼ c. butter, softened
1 tsp. vanilla
2 eggs
1 c. unsweetened Hershey's Special Dark Cocoa*

Preheat oven to 350. Measure all ingredients into a large bowl and beat for ½ minute at low speed. Beat for 3 minutes at highest speed. Pour into greased, floured cake pans. Bake for 20 -30 minutes, testing with a toothpick.

Frosting:

*½ c. butter melted
1 c. unsweetened Hershey's Special Dark Cocoa
4 c. powdered sugar, sifted
1 c. sour cream
2 tsp. vanilla*

Put all ingredients in a food processor equipped with a steel blade a process until smooth, scraping down sides of bowl.

Note: It is worth the search to find Hershey's Special Dark Cocoa. It truly pushes this recipe over the top!

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Pacifica Orchid Extravaganza

Orchid Free for All

Visit one of California's largest orchid nurseries

Hundreds of blooming plants on display

Learn from the experts! Culture and care advice all weekend

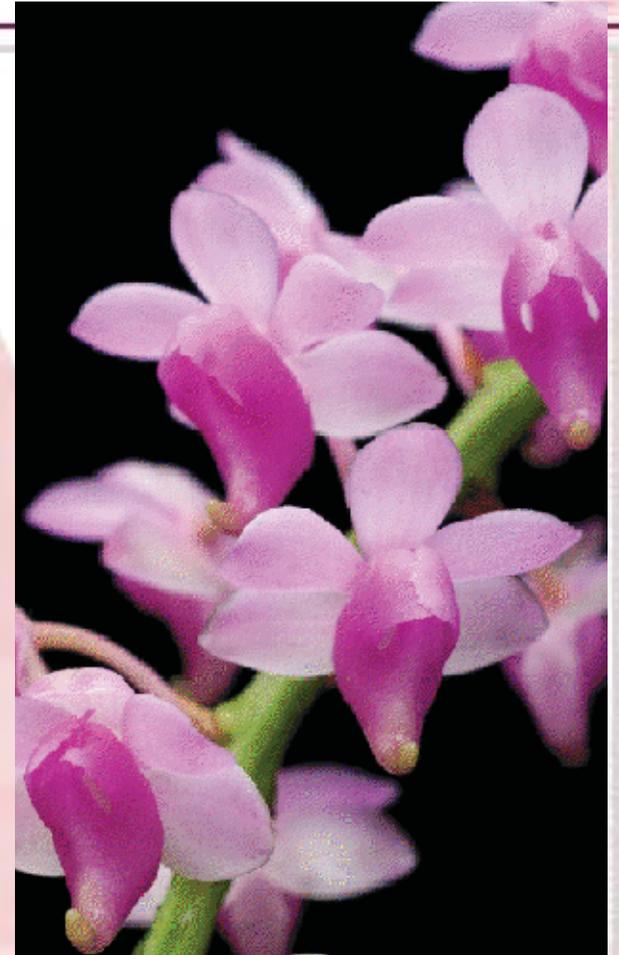
Extraordinary Orchids Available, Easy beautiful hybrids,
Weird, wonderful, unique species

February 23,24, 25

9 am - 5 pm

1204 Linda Mar Blvd, Unit A Pacifica CA

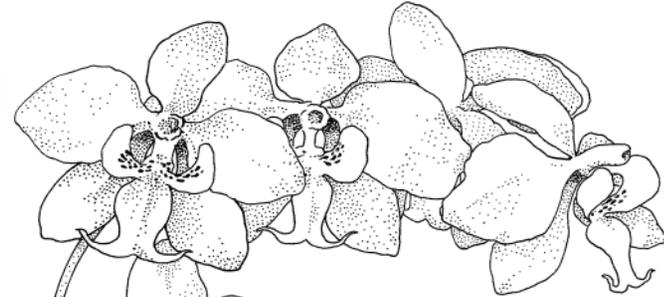
Free Admission - Free Parking - Wheelchair Accessible



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