



# Diablo View Orchid Society

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at Our next meeting *Thursday, November 8th*

*Orchids 101*

*Dennis Olivas and Kathy Barrett*

As the woman removes the Phal from its pot a putrid smell wafts through the kitchen. Her daughter, watching, asks “Mom? Is it supposed to smell like that?” Grumbling, the woman tosses that plant into the green-waste bin alongside that week’s cucumber peels and apple cores. She moves on to unpot an especially nice Paph, one she paid over \$20 for. Although the leaves look good the same vulgar smell wafts through the room, the plant’s roots a smear of biodegradable mush. “Mom? I think I’m going to be sick” complains her daughter. “May I be excused?” “Sure Honey”, says our intrepid hobbyist, “I wish I knew WHAT was going on with these orchids!”

In bright flash and a puff of smoke a small frog appears on the counter top. Its small and green and sports a long black ponytail of hair from its head. “Mahalo!” it croaks.

“WTF!?” screams the woman, orchid bark flying around the kitchen. “That’s my cue!” a paisley colored slug says, crawling from the bottom of the pot and across her hand. Screaming, the woman grabs a broom to hold these specters at bay. The slug rolls its stalked eyes. “Do you want to tell her or should I?” it asks the frog.

**Next Meeting:**

**Thur. Nov 8th**

7:30- 10:00 p.m.

Contra Costa Water District  
Board Room  
1331 Concord Ave.  
Concord Ca.

Map: [www.diabloviewos.org/About/map.htm](http://www.diabloviewos.org/About/map.htm)

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Puffing out its chin the little frog croaks:  
“Dennis Olivas and Kathy Barrett will be answering all your orchids questions at the next DVOS meeting! 11/14/2012, 7:30 PM!” Glee-fully twisting like a Dairy Queen ice cream cone the slug adds “Bring your orchids, diseased ones in a baggie please, to get answers to all your orchid questions! There’s no show unless you bring your orchids!” Together the frog and slug sing “SO BRING ‘EM!”

*Plant table is supplied by D&D Flowers  
Speaker dinner at Sichuan Fortune House  
at 5:30 pm. Call George if you are going to  
attend, or else! ribbit!*



*C. maxima*

**Speaker's Dinner** with Kathy & Dennis  
is on Thur. Nov 8th at 5:30 p.m. at the  
Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth  
Lane, Pleasant Hill.

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

## Ramon de los Santos was our speaker in October



*Ramon de los Santos was our October speaker at the DVOS monthly meeting. The topic was "Orchids of the Philippines".*

*Ramon began his lecture with a map of the Philippines. The map showed four distinct climate types found in the island chain that spans close to 1300 miles of latitude. There are only two seasons found in the Philippines - wet and dry. The temperature is typically 80 degrees at sea level, but due to the mountainous topography of the islands the higher elevations can support cooler growing orchids. Some of these ranges reach 7000 feet in el-*



*Ctsm. Jumbo Eagle*



*Rlc. Lawless Walküre  
'The Ultimate'*

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**Ramon de los Santos cont.**

*Type 1- Has two pronounced seasons. It is dry from November to April then wet the rest of the year.*

*Type 2- Has no dry season. It has a very pronounced rainfall from November to April and then is wet the rest of the year.*

*Type 3- Has no pronounced seasons but is described as relatively dry from November to April then wet the rest of the year.*

*Type 4- Has one season all year and that is wet. The rainfall is more or less evenly distributed throughout the year.*

*After this background information, Ramon showed slides of more than 60 different orchids from each of these different climates found in the Philippines.*

*DVOS would like to thank Ramon for the wonderful information about the Philippine climate and the orchid treasures that come from this beautiful country.*

## President's Message

### *Pumpkins behind us..... November.*

*The ninth month or eleventh month depending on whether you are a toga-d person or not. One of the most beautiful months. Green starting to show in earnest on the hills. Glorious sunsets. And the last of the darkness. Thanks to Earth's axis the evenings start to get longer the first week of December. So November seems, to me, as a month that knows who it is about.*

*I hope you will join us for our annual Orchids 101 how-to. It's always a fun and messy event.*

*Recently, I have joined the conservation committee at the San Francisco Orchid Society. Most societies have a clause in their mission statement about conservation and education, as does DVOS. SFOS made a decision to get a committee of members up on its feet. We had our first meeting, via Skype, on Oct. 24. Plans are afoot, including a sales table and display possible at the POE. We plan to raise funds with plant sales as an option. There is already an orchid conservation group which raises funds by a 1% of sales practice with vendors and others. But this is a bit different.*



*Onc. Gower Ramsey*

*President's message cont.*

*Still in its formative stages, but there is a level of seriousness here which will ought to be very exciting. I encourage everyone to become more active in conservation. The clock on extinction is indeed ticking. So, as far as the POE is concerned, they may be looking for volunteers to man a table or two. Volunteering at POE entitles you to free admission. For the entire event ( except the gala usually).*

*Back home at DVOS, we have our annual Christmas party and board election coming up next month. Shine your jingle bells and deck your halls!*

*I am stepping down as president and going into the background as past -president for the coming year. I'm not sure what our slate looks like, but it may in fact be in this edition. Liz Charlton is spearheading the officer and board effort, so if you have interest give her a ring. As for me it's been a privilege to whack the gavel every month.*

*yrs, in hmble srvc.  
George McRae, President.*



*Aliceara Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold'  
AM/AOS*



*Den.* (Aussie Charm x Zip) 'SVO' x  
*Den.* Cobber 'Violet Gold'



*C.* Mount Hood  
'Orchidglade' AM/AOS



*Rlc.* Verna Teglia

## Refreshments for the November Meeting will be provided by:

### **FOOD:**

*(Food must be cut into servings)*

Yennifer Yang  
Judith Johnson  
Carol Klonowski  
Renate Johnson

Joy Keehn  
Marcia Hart  
Parky Parkison

### **DRINKS:**

Leslie Batto  
Barbara Ungersma

### **ICE:**

Bernice Lindner

### **SET-UP/CLEAN-UP:**

Brenda Aday

## Upcoming Speakers and Events

**November 8: Orchids 101**

**November 15: Board meeting at the home of Parky Parkison**

**December 13: Christmas Party & Election of the 2013 board**

### *Membership News*

courtesy of Ulrike Ahlborn,  
Membership Chair

[membership@dvos.org](mailto:membership@dvos.org)

**2013 Dues are due soon. General Members/Families \$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](http://www.dvos.org/About/membersh.htm)



# 2013 Slate of Officers

DVOS 2013

IN DECEMBER WE WILL VOTE FOR DVOS

BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

## *THE SLATE :*

PRESIDENT: EILEEN JACKSON

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SECRETARY: RODNEY KLINE

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Meg Crosby

Marcia Hart

Parky Parkison

Jamie Wasson



*Fredclarkeara After Dark*



*Masd. pachyura*

# Awards DVOS May

## Novice

- 1st *Aliceara*. Hilo Ablaze 'Hilogold' AM/AOS  
Barbara Ungersma  
2nd *Onc.* Gower Ramsey 'Volcano Queen' Judith Johnston  
3rd *Den.* (Aussie Charm x Zip) 'SVO' x *Den.* Cobber 'Violet Gold'  
Barbara Ungersma

## Intermediate

- 1st *Rlc.* Verna Teglia Eileen Jackson  
2nd *Rlc.* Lawless Walküre 'The Ultimate' Renata Johnson  
3rd *Ctsm.* Jumbo Eagle Akiko Ogawa

## Advanced

- 1st *C. maxima* Bernice Lindner  
2nd *C.* Mount Hood 'Orchidglade' AM/AOS Jim Chan  
3rd *Fdk.* After Dark Bernice Lindner

## Lancer Smith (species/under 6")

- Masd. pachyura* Ken Cook



Jim Chan

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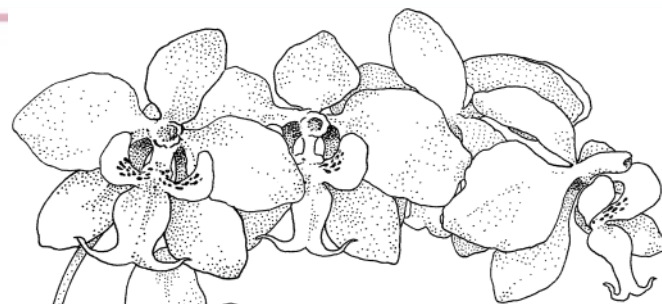
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*Diablo View Orchid Society*

## DVOS Officers 2012

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**Immediate Past President:** Liz Charlton  
**Vice-President:** Kathy Barrett  
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**Librarian:** Phyllis Arthur  
**AOS Representative:** Dennis Olivas  
**Orchid Digest Representative:**  
**SFOS Show Chairman:** Brad Piini  
**DVOS Show Chairs:**

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### Commercial Plant Services

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