

APRIL 2014

*Diablo View*



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DVOS meets the second Thursday of each month at the  
Contra Costa Water District boardroom 7:30-10:00 pm  
1331 Concord Ave. Concord, CA.

**AT OUR NEXT MEETING:**  
**Chris Mende (see P. 3)**

**PLANT TABLE PROVIDED BY:**  
**Chris Mende**

**SPEAKER'S DINNER**  
**BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING**  
**AT 5:30 PM:**  
***Sichuan Fortune House,***  
***41 Woodsworth Lane,***  
***Pleasant Hill***

**BOARD MEETING:**  
***April 17th at 7:30 pm***  
***at the home of Jamie & Liz***



*Arpo. gigantuem*



AT OUR NEXT MEETING APRIL 10

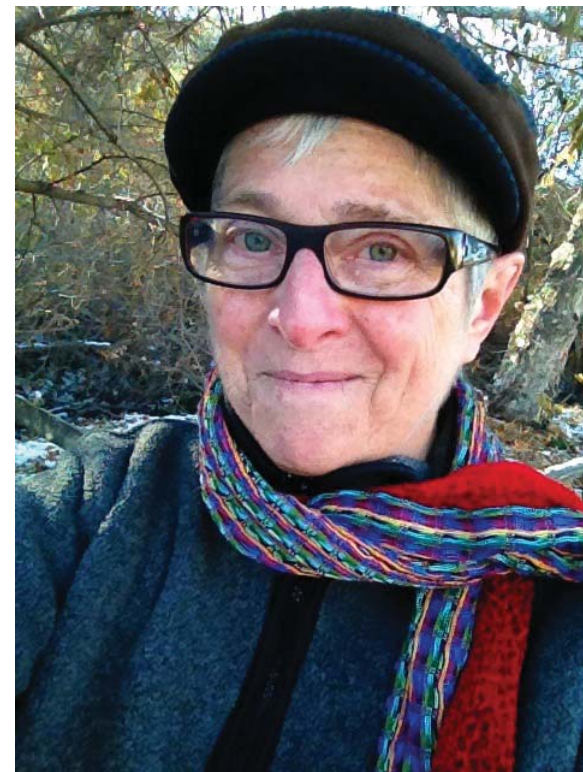


**Chris Mende**  
will talk to us about *paphiopedilums*

Bring your paphs which refuse to bloom, those which will not grow bigger. Bring your dry brittle plants and those with mushy yellow leaves: **The Paph Doctor is *In***

Chris Mende is an orchid grower who owns The Tiny Jungle a small nursery specializing in species *Paphiopedilum*. She has wrested herself from dogged Paph-centrism during the past two or three years and now admits to loving *Dendrobium*, *Coelogyne*, *Masdevallia*, and many other orchids.

She does pride herself in having seedlings of the majority of Paph species as well as several Phrag species. Workshops with her are usually fun, if she does say so herself!



## AT OUR MARCH MEETING: *-Brad Piini*



If the devil is in the details, then the *Neofinetia falcata* orchid is the Lucifer of the orchid world. The Japanese have taken this one orchid, out of all the orchids in the orchid world, and analyzed and judged it to a level unheard of in the orchid kingdom. Ricky Wong was our March DVOS speaker and he reviewed the criteria by which *Neofinetia falcata* is judged and how different it is from the way



*Ricky Wong*

Westerners look at and judge an orchid. In the Far East, Japan, China, and Korea look at an orchid plant as a whole, flowers, roots, leaves, pot, etc., focusing on the whole as represented by the parts. In the West, we focus on the flower and occasionally on the foliage but mostly the quality of the flowers.

The Japanese look at *Neofinetia falcata* and break it down into individual characteristics to judge its merit. The orchid is judged and valued for the following merits: flowers, the flower color, the form of the flower, the foliage forms, the leaf shape, the connection between the leaf and the stem, the root tip color, and the pot that the orchid is potted in.

If you have a plant with outstanding features in each of these characteristics, then you can enter it for competition in Japan. The entry fee in 2010 was a mere \$200,000 with a grand prize of two million dollars.

*L. anceps*

The following will give you an example of the detail that the Japanese observe in just three of the above characteristics when judging *Neofinetia falcata*. One is the connection between the leaf and the stem of *Neofinetia falcata*. This is called the Tsuke. There are 5 different descriptions of the way the leaf meets the stem. They are as follows: Tsukigata - crescent moon, Ichimonji - straight line, Yumigata - bow shaped, Yamagata - mountain shaped, and Namigata - ocean wave. The next is root tip color. It is also described by five different characteristics. They are as follows: Dorone - mud colored (dark green or brown), Shirone - white colored (pale green), Aone - solid green color, Akane - red colored, and Rubine- ruby colored. The next property, leaf shape, is also broken down into five characteristics:





Namba - regular form, Wankyokuba - distinct curve, Mameba - bean leaf, Haniba- needle leaf, and Rashaba - rasp leaf. This detail continues for all of the characteristics of the *Neofinetia falcata* orchid.

*Den. Frank Thrall*



Ricky Wong went on to emphasize that many of the characteristics of *Neofinetia falcata* orchid are due to cultural excellence. Great culture will lead to outstanding characteristics in the orchid. Bad culture causes the orchid to resort back to its natural form. The key to great culture with *Neofinetia falcata* include medium light, balanced fertilizer in the spring and summer, a temperature range between 20°- 97° Fahrenheit, watering well from March to September, humidity between 70% and 80%, and repotting each year in new sphagnum moss.

*Thank you* Ricky for your expert knowledge and passion of the *Neofinetia falcata* orchid.

***Congratulations!***  
to the SNJC Student Judges (and Accredited Judges)  
for their winning Display at the  
**Sacramento Orchid Show**  
winner of the  
**AOS Show Trophy**  
for Best Display in Show  
and  
**Orchid Digest Show Trophy**  
for Best Display in Show



Sue Davis, Joanne Gerow, Eileen Jackson, Nancy McClellan, Tom Pickford ably assisted by Kathy Barrett and Liz Charlton. *Thanks* to everyone who contributed their plants for the display.





NVOS Orchid Fiesta  
at the Napa Senior Center  
1500 Jefferson St., Napa  
April 5-6 10 am - 4 pm



*Orchis morjo*







*Cym. Noname*



*Lept. bicolor*

## Membership News

courtesy of Ulrike Ahlborn,  
Membership Chair

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# UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

**April 5-6: Napa Valley Orchid Society  
21st Annual Show and Sale (see P. 8)**

**April: DVOS Meeting with Chris Mende  
*Paphiopedilum: The Doctor is In***

**May : DVOS Meeting with Damon  
Collingsworth from  
California  
Carnivores**



**Aug 16: DVOS Picnic**

*Sedirea japonica*



# Awards DVOS March

## Novice

- 1st *Arpo. giganteum* Paivi Klausing  
2nd *Cym* Noname Jeanette Bean  
3rd *L. anceps* Marcia Hart

## Intermediate

- 1st *Den.* Frank Thrall Barbara Ungersma  
2nd *Sedirea japonica* Barbara Ungersma  
3rd *Orchis morjo* George Cooper

## Advanced

- 1st *Max. arbuscula* Yunor Peralta  
2nd *V. brunea* Mark Dillard  
3rd *Ctt.* Blazing Treat Tom Pickford

## Lancer Smith (species/under 6")

- Lpt. bicolor* Tom Pickford

California Sierra Nevada  
Judging Center Awards for  
January can be viewed at:  
<http://www.csnjc.org>



# REFRESHMENTS FOR THE APRIL MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED BY:

## FOOD:

*(Food must be cut into servings)*

**Marcia Hart  
George McRae  
Paivi Klausung  
Barbara Ungersma  
Renate Johnson  
Inge Brooks  
Marsha Fickas**

## DRINKS:

**Eileen Jackson  
Miki Ichiyanagi**

**ICE: Liz Charlton**

## SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP:

**Brenda Aday**



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*Ctt. Blazing Treat*

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