

OCTOBER 2015

Diablo View



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DVOS meets on the third Thursday of the month at the
in the McHale Room at the Pleasant Hill Community Center
320 Civic Dr. in Pleasant Hill, CA.
7:30-10:00 pm

AT OUR NEXT MEETING:

**THURSDAY Oct. 15 at 7:30 P.M. in the McHale Room
at the Pleasant Hill Community Center**

**Our speaker will be Mary Nisbet of California
Orchids (see p. 3)**

PLANT TABLE:

Plant table will be provided by Mary Nisbet

SPEAKER'S DINNER

BEFORE THE MEETING IS AT 5:30 PM:

***Sichuan Fortune House,
41 Woodsworth Lane,
Pleasant Hill***



AT OUR NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 15

Mary Nisbet of California Orchids

Mary Nisbet is the owner of California Orchids in Bolinas and has been growing orchids since 1978. She got started at McLellans' where she spent 3 1/2 years as a paphiopedilum grower and was exposed to commercial growing, judging, hybridizing, and many other aspects of the orchid world.

Next, she moved on to a shared greenhouse in Daly City, where she began boarding orchids. During that time, she drove up and down the coast for a year trying to figure out how to purchase land and build a nursery. In 1987, she discovered a decrepit old fuchsia nursery in Bolinas that "no one on earth but me would see as a dream come true."

Mary is delighted that, with endless effort and many orchids later, she's been able to spend her working life with the remarkable plants we know as orchids.



At her nursery in Bolinas, Mary has several large cork oak logs upon which she has mounted a great variety of orchids and allows them to grow as they do in the wild. If you've never seen them, don't miss her next open house. As with previous speakers, Mary will introduce a number of her plants and speak about how she grows them and helps them thrive.

Members can pre-order plants and Mary will bring them to our meeting:

<http://californiaorchids.com>

Group Purchase of Orchid Bark

The DVOS board is considering the purchase of a bulk order of bark. By splitting a large order among our membership, we are able to provide bark at a discount price. Members who are interested in this purchase should contact Sung (email is in your roster) to indicate your preferences regarding size, type (brand), and amount you want.



Rhynchostylis retusa
Gordon Knight



Bulbophyllum jacobsonii
Mark Dillard

AT OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING:

BY BRAD PIINI

WITH ALAN KOCH

Every child gets a cookie! There are no losers.

This last July I was walking my dog at 6 o'clock in the morning on the streets of Dublin, San Ramon. This is usually a mindless 45-minute task that my dog thoroughly enjoys and I sleep walk through. As I was walking on this particular Sunday morning, I noticed a golden yellow ribbon in the gutter ahead of me. As I picked it up and examined it, I noticed that it was an award ribbon. Block numbers and letters declared that this was an 8th place award!!! I never knew they made 8th place ribbons. I have never even heard of any mention of merit beyond 4th place. Even the 4th place finish was just recently, during the Soccer World Cup. On the back of the ribbon was the name of a San Ramon swim club, the name of the participant, a young 12 year old boy, and the race that he participated in, which happened to be the backstroke. At first, I thought it was unfortunate that this young man had lost his award ribbon, but then it dawned on me, in a swim competition there are usually only 8 lanes. If this young man finished in 8th place, it meant that he finished dead last. In my mind I started to recreate the scene that must have led to this ribbon ending up in the gutter. The boy's dad was probably driving him home from the swim meet. He was praising his son telling him there are no losers in this world, only winners. You did great! You could be the next Michael Phelps, the next Thorpedo. The young man heard all this, but knew exactly what the insignificance of an eighth place ribbon was. He slowly pushed the electric car window down a couple of inches and let the airstream of the moving car pull the ribbon from his hand to be displayed on the appropriate shelf of life- the gutter. I'm pondering an 8th place ribbon in a swimming match. If only life was always so rewarding for a mediocre effort. 8th place awards are nonsense!!! Now 7th place, that's a different story. There's potential for that young lad. Hire the private coach, it's the American way. That Sunday morning dog walk just got a lot more interesting.

Alan Koch was our DVOS September speaker. No, I was not there for the lecture. I was in Wyoming hiking the Grand Tetons. Yeah, sure, I was looking for orchids. NOT. I was looking for a mule or donkey to carry my 40 pound backpack. Those mountains are steep. But beautiful. Sung Lee was kind enough to tape the audio portion of Alan's lecture for me. I have boiled it down to the following points:



1. *Cattleya nobilior*, *Cattleya walkeriana*, *Laelia anceps*, and their hybrids need a dry winter rest and wet summers. The dry months are December, January and February in the Northern Hemisphere. This means no water, no dew, no mist, and low humidity.
2. *C. walkeriana* photosynthesizes through its roots. You need to mount this orchid or put it in a clear plastic pot so that the roots are exposed to sunlight and can photosynthesize.
3. Orchids with *Cattleya coccinea* in their background require very pure water and cannot tolerate any salt buildup. If you fertilize, you need to flush this orchid afterwards with pure water so that there's no salt accumulation.
4. Orchids with green root tips mean that they are in an active growth phase. You need to fertilize these orchids during this growth spurt. The longer the green tip, the more fertilizer they will require.

5. *Cattleya loddigesii* is able to tolerate very cold temperatures. They can tolerate outdoor conditions down to 19 degrees Fahrenheit.

6. Some cattleyas don't like the typical bright, dappled light recommended for the genus. *C. luteola*, *C. nobilior*, and *C. orpetii* like the same low light conditions as phalaenopsis. They will only bloom under low light conditions. Bright light creates heat that forces the plant to spend energy to cool itself instead of toward blossom formation.

7. *Cattleya schilleriana* has stomata or pores in its roots. This plant literally breaths through its root system and needs to be air mounted. Do not pot this plant or it will die.

Thank you, Alan. I'm sure the lecture was great and the photos were probably even more spectacular. You're always one of the best speakers we have.



LC Miss Wonderful 'Imperialis'
Sung Lee



BLC Mem Vida Lee 'Lime Light'
Phyllis Arthur



Bulbophyllum aestival
Mark Dillard



BC Cynthia 'Lilac Gem'
Sung Lee



Bulbophyllum polystictum
Mark Dillard



Bulbophyllum baucoense
Mark Dillard

Awards DVOS September 2015

Novice

- 1st *Bc. Lilliputian Princess* Marcia Hart
2nd *No entry*
3rd *No entry*

Intermediate

- 1st *Ascda. Fuchs Royal Dragon* Renata Johnson
2nd *Phrag. bessae x Phrag. Scarlet O'Hara* Gordon Knight
3rd *Blc. Mem. Vida Lee* Phyllis Arthur

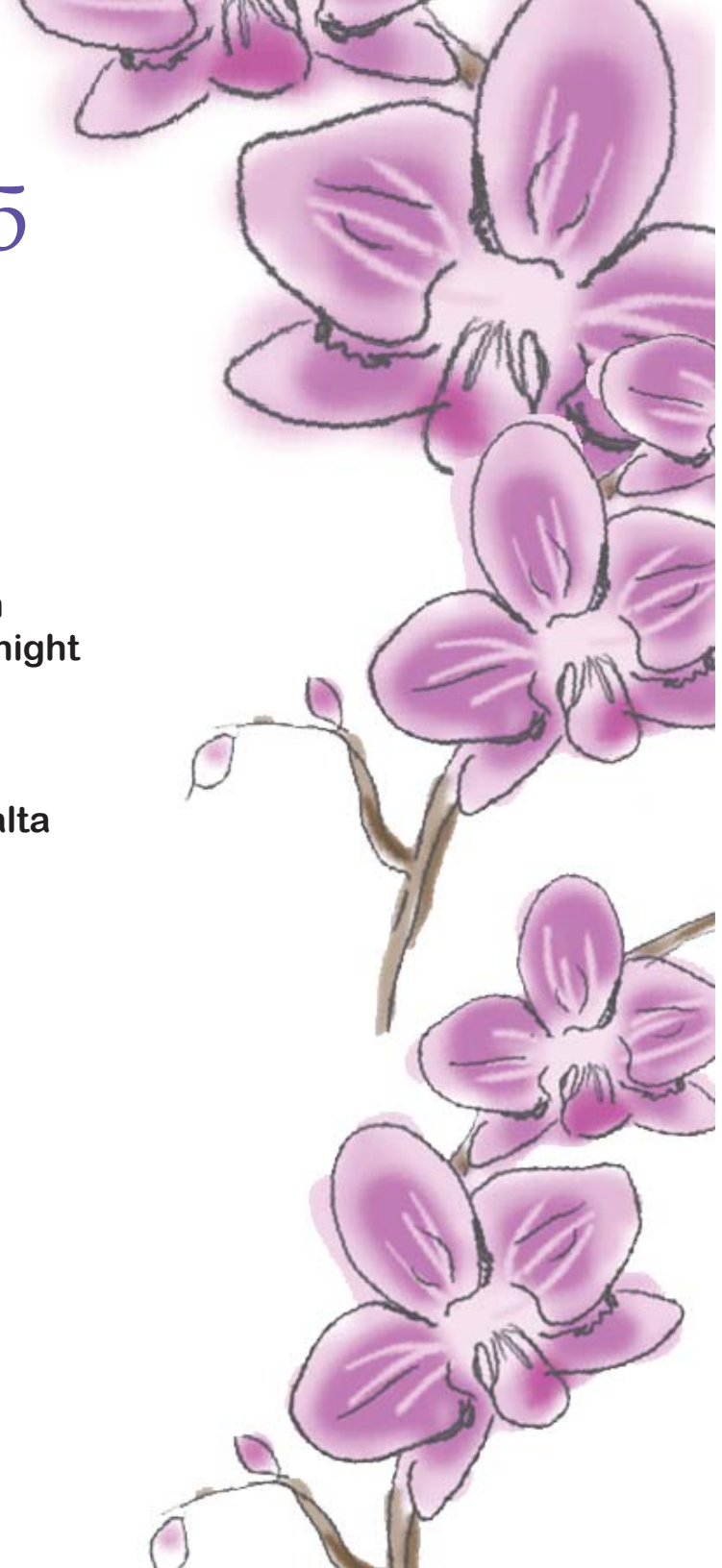
Advanced

- 1st *Lc. Miss Wonderful 'Imperialis' AM/AOS* Yunor Peralta
2nd *Bulb. lindleyanum* Mark Dillard
3rd *Bc. Cynthia 'Lilac Gem'* Sung Lee

Lancer Smith (species/under 6")

- Angraecum distichum* Mark Dillard

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





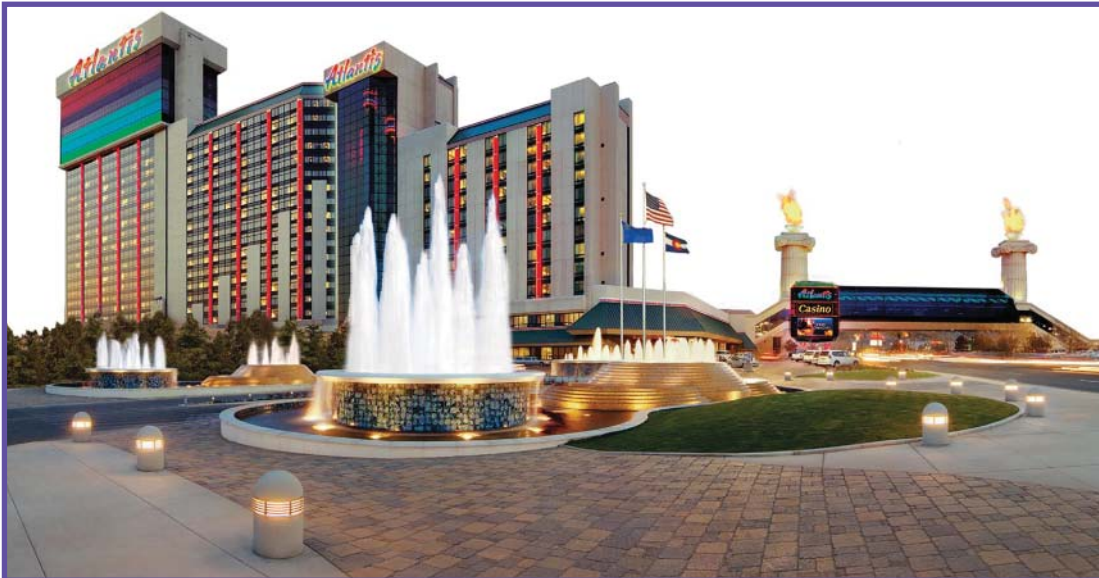
AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY FALL MEMBERS MEETING & SHOW

Hosted by the
Northern Nevada Orchid Society

At the Atlantis
Casino Resort
and Spa
3800 S Virginia St.
Reno, NV 89502



“Winning With Orchids” November 11-15, 2015



For more information:

www.nnvos.org

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International speakers, exceptional vendors, local nurseries,
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Member Business



LC Miss Wonderful 'Imperialis'
Gordon Knight



Angraecum distichum
Mark Dillard



LC Lorraine Shirai 'Raye'
x Lou Gilmore 'Hartford'
Linda Castleton



Paph Supersuk 'Eureka AM/AOS'
x Paph Raisin Pie 'Hsinging x Sib'
Irene Desmond



Bulbophyllum delitescens
Mark Dillard



ASCDA Fuchs 'Royal Dragon'
Renate Johnson

FREE!

Anyone who would like to have this greenhouse bench or structural pipe should contact Sung to get more information.



REFRESHMENTS FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED BY:

WE NEED ADDITIONAL PEOPLE TO BRING SNACKS TO OUR OCTOBER MEETING

FOOD:

(Please cut into servings)

Linda Castleton
Jackie Krstulovicu

DRINKS:

George Cooper

ICE:

(Please bring in leak-proof container)

Marcia Hart is our ***New Member Mentor***. Contact her at MarHart2@aol.com if you have questions or a problem, or need advice on an orchid topic. (Her phone number is in your roster). Marcia will answer your question or find someone who can.

WE NEED A NEW DVOS MEMBER TO VOLUNTEER TO BECOME OUR REFRESHMENT CHAIR FOR 2016.

THE REFRESHMENT CHAIR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR STORING AND BRINGING THE PLATES, SPOONS, AND CUPS TO MEETINGS, FOR SETTING-UP THE SNACK ROOM AT MEETINGS, AND FOR HELPING WITH THE FOOD AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AND SUMMER BBQ

IT IS THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEER EFFORTS OF ALL OUR MEMBERS THAT WE HAVE SUCH A VIBRANT CLUB. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO TAKE ON THIS JOB CONTACT SUNG OR ANY BOARD MEMBER.



2015 Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show and Sale

Soquel High School
401 Soquel San Jose Rd.

Saturday, November 14
9am-5pm

Sunday, November 15
10am-4pm

Free Admission

Presented by the Santa Cruz
Orchid Society and the
Soquel High School FFA/ROP

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Gold Country Orchids

TRICK OR TREAT OPEN HOUSE

Featured Class:	October 30	9am - 5pm
<i>Managing Your Monster</i>	October 31	9am - 5pm
Orchid Collection	November 1	10am - 4pm
Friday and Saturday @ 11:30am		

Hauntingly good prices of 10%-80% off

Free **treat** for anyone with this flyer with any purchase of over \$15; or 30% off of any purchase over \$100

Special treats for all on *Halloween*

On Sunday, come in and ask your questions or bring your *ghouls* in a bag



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UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

**Oct. 15: DVOS meeting with
Mary Nisbet**

**Oct 30 - Nov 1: Gold Country Fall
Open House and
Sale (P.13)**

**Nov 11 - 15: AOS Fall Member's
Meeting (see p. 9)**

**Nov 14 - 15: Santa Cruz Orchid
Society Show and
Sale (see P. 12)**

*Thanks to Mark Dillard for taking this
month's photos, and to Sung Lee for his
layout of the images.*



Lailia anceps
Gordon Knight



Cattleya forbesii 'Equilab'
Linda Castleton



B L Lillipution Princess
Marcia Hart



Phrag
bessae x *Scarlet O'Hara*
Gordon Knight



SC Christelle Smith Aileen
Sung Lee



Bulbophyllum lindleyanum
Mark Dillard

DVOS Grower Divisions 2015

Advanced

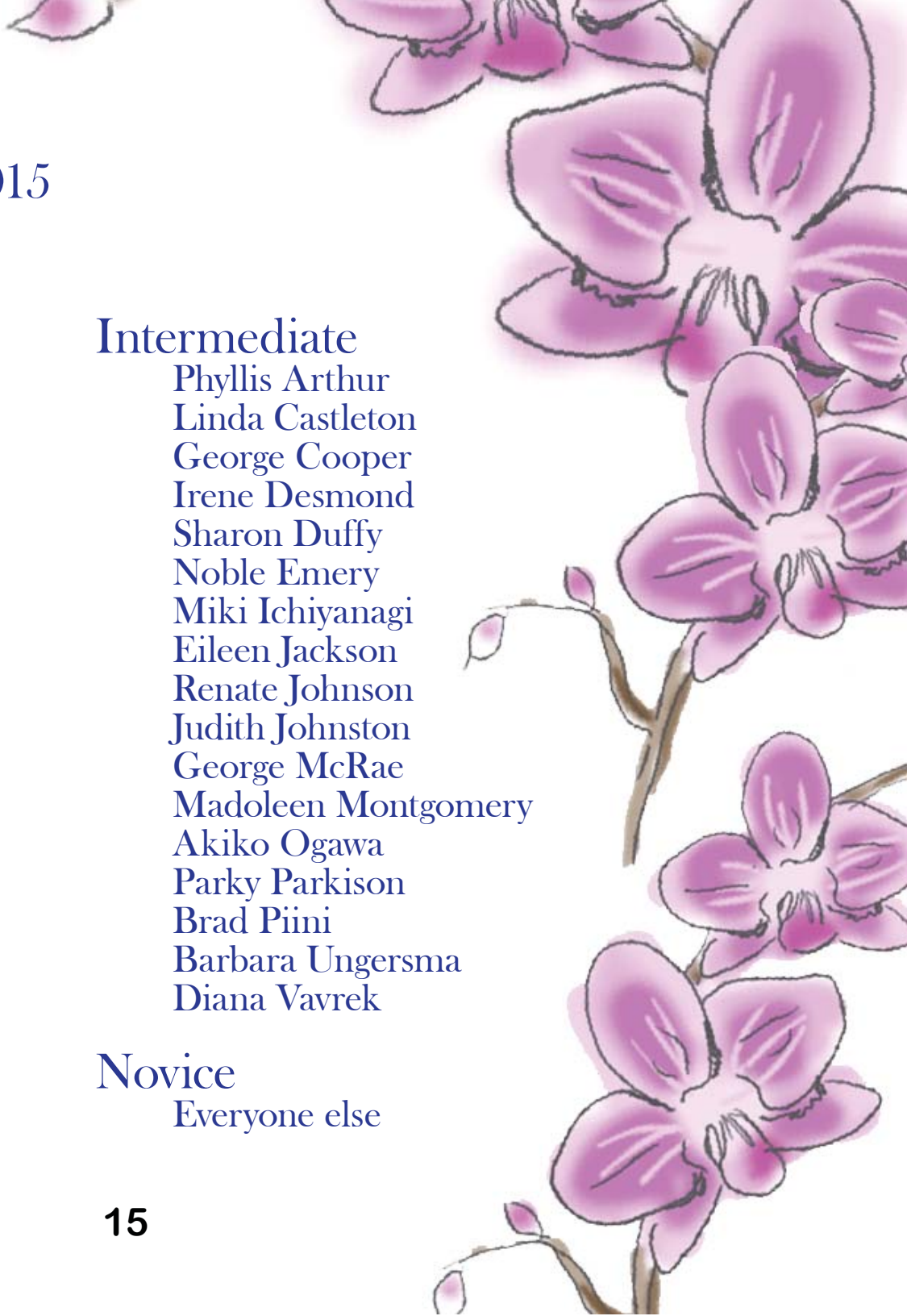
Kathy Barrett
Cindy Battershall
Steve Beckendorf
Jim Chan
Liz Charlton
Ken Cook
Sue Davis
Mark Dillard
Cynthia Hill
Carol Klonowski
Sung Lee
Bernice Lindner
Ted and Nancy McClellan
Yunor Peralta
Cheryl Phillipson
Tom Pickford
Paul Reeve
Dave Tomassini
Jim Wert

Intermediate

Phyllis Arthur
Linda Castleton
George Cooper
Irene Desmond
Sharon Duffy
Noble Emery
Miki Ichiyanagi
Eileen Jackson
Renate Johnson
Judith Johnston
George McRae
Madoleen Montgomery
Akiko Ogawa
Parky Parkison
Brad Piini
Barbara Ungersma
Diana Vavrek

Novice

Everyone else



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