

Diablo View Orchid Society

**Our earlier meeting time
is working out fine!**

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May Meeting:

**Thursday, May 11 at 7:00 pm
at the Contra Costa Water District**

Refreshments will be supplied by:

Snacks: Jackie Krstulovich, Betty Chinn, Barbara Ungersma, Arlene Casand, Kay Clark, Judith Johnson

Drinks: Daniel Neighbors and Claire Congie

Ice: *Will someone please bring a bag of ice?*

Visit our website for the latest news about the club!

DVOS.ORG

The May Meeting's Program:

Bring your your paphs which refuse to bloom, or those which will not grow bigger. Bring your dry brittle plants and those with mushy leaves...

Chris Mende: *The Paph Doctor is In*

Plant Table will be provided by Chris Mende. Her bio is on page 3.

Dinner with the speaker is at 5:30 at the Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Ln, Pleasant Hill.

Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker.

Please notify Eileen Jackson at 707-853-3963

President's Message

Orchid Friends:

Temperatures have changed ! This is a good time to ensure your "micro climates" are adjusted to suit the orchids you are growing!
Some plants may do very well outside in a protected area.

We know that orchids require attention. I was told they talk to you! When you look at a plant, it can tell you what it needs. If you need a "translator" come to our DVOS meetings, and we will help you grow better plants.

The DVOS Orchid Society is no different from the orchids we are growing, it needs some help too.

Right now, we need help in the following areas:

- 1) a) A primary person to **Reserve the Contra Costa County Water District Board and Ante Room** from 6:30 to 10:00 pm on the second Thursday of each month.
b) Back-up for this responsibility.
- 2) **Monthly judging of plants** - No experience required... Ask any member in the audience. Refer to our website for additional information.
- 3) Select Winning Raffle Tickets (at random!!) No experience required for this fun job! Just pull a ticket out of the container and make somebody happy!!
We need 2 people for this activity... one person will match the winning ticket and the other will pick the tickets from the bucket. (I usually win some terrific plants from our plant table. However, I don't like pulling my own winning tickets).

Check out the speakers for our upcoming meetings by going to our website
www.dvos.org

There are opportunities to learn from the pros and, in some cases, go to their greenhouse. Greenhouse tours are the adult's trip to a candy store. Better yet, you don't gain calories. If you don't like candy, go anyway.

Orchiata Purchase is being negotiated. Stay tuned

Enjoy your orchids!

Renate

Chris Mende:

Bring your your paphs which refuse to bloom or those which will not grow bigger. Bring your dry brittle plants and those with mushy leaves:

The Paph Doctor is *In*

Our speaker this month is Chris Mende. She will discuss Paphiopedilum culture and all of the qualities that make these orchids so endearing. Hairy, shaggy roots? Missing velamen? Prone to bacterial rot? Chris will fill us in on Paph culture guidelines.

This program will involve your plants! Bring a paph or phrag that needs attention. The worse they look the better! We will discuss them and work on them. Chris will make sure you go home with a happier plant and some useful diagnostic information.



April 13, 2017 Judging Results:

Novice

1st Place: Aerangis citrata
Entered By: Jeanette Bean

2nd Place: Cymbidium No Name
Entered By: Jeanette Bean

3rd Place: Den. Kingianum
Entered By: Jackie Krstulovich

Intermediate

1st Place: Sedirea japonica
Entered By: Barbara Ungersma

2nd Place: Bletilla striata
Entered By: Barbara Ungersma

3rd Place: Paph. Hainanense
Entered By: Miki Ichiyanagi

Advanced

1st Place: Eplc. Gold Digger
Entered By: Sung Lee

2nd Place: Den. chrysotoxum
Entered By: Eileen Jackson

3rd Place: Pot. Love Passion 'Island Romance'
Entered By: Phyllis Arthur

Lancer Smith Award

Awarded: Shoenorchis gemmata
Entered By: Lisa Chow

April Speaker Review
by Brad Piini

If you have ever wanted to see orchids in their natural habitat, Ron Parsons' slideshow through Ecuador was the easiest way to see Ecuadorian orchids without ever leaving Concord.

Ron's photos took us on a visual ride through the countryside roads of Ecuador. River valleys, rocky outcroppings, dense forests and swamps all demonstrated a variety of different climates and the accompanying flora. On this trip alone, Ron witnessed at least 125 new orchid species that he had never seen before in his life. Ron's passion for nature was evident in his enthusiasm shown during his presentation. This narrative recap of the subject doesn't do Ron's presentation justice.

For those of you who are truly interested in an orchid field trip to South America, you can attend the 2017 World Orchid Conference held this year in Guayaquil, Ecuador November 8 through the 12th. You can discover first hand the lush and varied plant life of Ecuador.

Thank you, Ron, for your beautiful slide show presentation.



Mother's Day
Weekend
ORCHID SHOW & SALE
2017

Presented by the Orchid Society of California

May 13 & 14, 2017
10AM-5PM

Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610
(next to the Lake Merritt Botanical Gardens)

FREE ADMISSION · Orchid Displays · Orchids for sale · Culture sessions · Raffles

Orchids from our April Meeting
You can zoom in on these by changing the percentage at the top





Another upcoming event... in two months



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Speaker's Day

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center Speaker's Day
Saturday, July 29, 2017, 9 am - 5 pm

Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave., Sacramento, CA

James Rose: Orchids of Madagascar

Roy Tokunaga: Latouria Dendrobiums Lessons from Phil Spence, the Master

George Hatfield: Modern Cymbidiums

also a break out session to ask the president of the AOS questions

\$10 in advance, \$30 at the door for sponsoring societies or AOS members

\$30 General Admission

Tickets available from Susan Wedegaertner sgwede@gmail.com

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