

# Diablo View Orchid Society

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May 2011

at Our next meeting Thursday, May 12th

**Growing Phalaenopsis** presented by Helen & Maynard Michel

*We are pleased this month to have as our speakers, Helen & Maynard Michel. They are the former proprietors of the prestigious Phalaenopsis House, Orchids Orinda, which was part of the Orchid Ranch complex in Livermore, California. They are both long standing members of the Orchid Society of California and are accredited A.O.S. judges of the Pacific Central Judging Center, with Helen Michel as Chairperson. Both Maynard and Helen worked at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory as nuclear chemists and their work was instrumental in showing that the extinction of the dinosaurs was due to an asteroid impact 63 million years ago.*

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

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

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

Speaker's Dinner will be at 5:30 at the Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Ln. in Pleasant Hill.

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

**Plant table will be provided by the DVOS board**

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## Dan Newman was our speaker in April

Fruit salad anyone? Imagine a Las Vegas style buffet with bowls and bowls of fresh fruit. As you go by with your plate, you scoop up spoonful after spoonful of your favorite fruit. Coconut, watermelon, peaches, and citrus. Sound good? April's speaker, Dan Newman, talked about a class of orchids which could get you that fruit cocktail experience. Dan Newman introduced the DVOS to the wonderful fruity fragrance of Maxillarias.

Dan Newman's lecture was titled "The Mysterious Maxillarias". The mystery was not in a Hitchcock, Agatha Christie, who done it kind of way. The mystery is that most people know very little about this type of orchid. That is the real mystery. They are not widely grown by orchid hobbyists and only limited hybridizing has been attempted by commercial growers.

Dan started by describing the cultural conditions of Maxillarias orchids. He then went into a slide show that described the shapes, patterns, colors and fruit smells of the different Maxillarias. There are 570 Maxillaria species. They are distributed from Mexico into South America and some Caribbean islands. In South America, Maxillarias are found among the Andes Mountains in Brazil and Argentina. Most Maxillarias can be grown in pots, mounted,

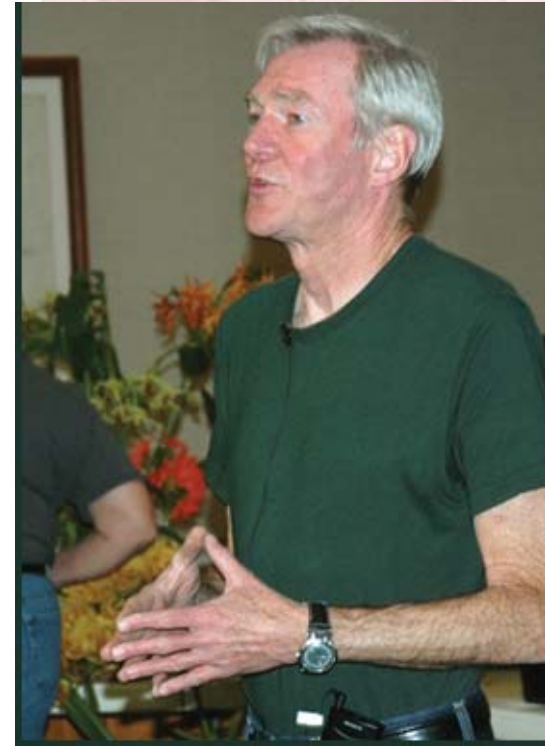




or in hanging baskets. These orchids are tolerant of a wide range of temperatures, preferring intermediate conditions. They also prefer moderately moist conditions and moderate light for optimum growing. Dan likes to grow his Maxillarias in shredded redwood bark (gorilla hair) or sphagnum moss.

The slide show then began and Dan showed a variety of different Maxillarias. Stripes, nodding flowers, large flowers, strapped, spidery shaped. Mixed in the show were the fruit scented Maxillarias. Maxillaria Tenuifolia smells of coconut, Max. Rufescens smells of vanilla, Max. Huebschii and Max. Victoriae smell like peaches, and Max. Turkeliae smells of lemon lime.

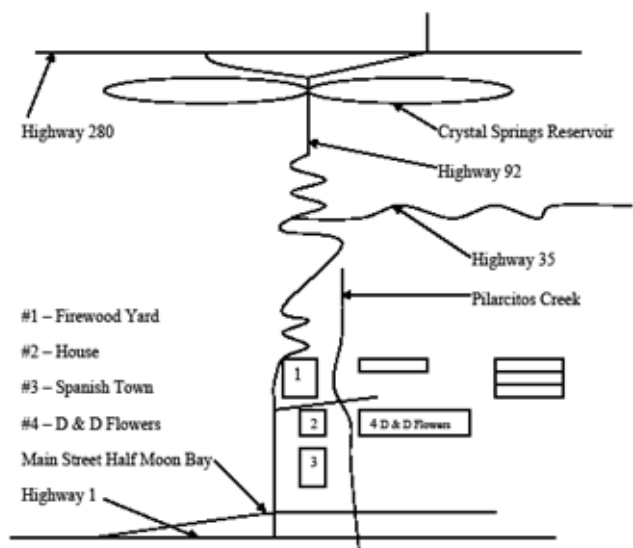
On behalf of the DVOS, I would like to thank Dan Newman for the great talk on Maxillarias and the wonderful images that you created with the fruity scents of these beautiful orchids. Good thing you didn't mix in any slides and commentary on Bulbophillums and their scents. I would not want that image in my Las Vegas buffet. Whew. -Brad Piini



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Half Moon Bay 1/3 mile east of Main Street off Hwy 92. Just east of Spanish Town on Hwy. 92 there is a house and firewood business. Turn onto the street between the house and firewood business and go over the bridge into the greenhouse complex. D & D Flowers is the first greenhouse on the right. If you go beyond the large dinosaur statues in front of the house and Spanish Town and you are at Main Street, you've gone too far.

**D & D Flowers**  
Half Moon Bay (925) 969-1246

**Spring Open House**  
May 14 & 15, 2011  
9:00 AM to 3 PM

D & D Flowers is not open to the public except for our bi-annual open house events

Really good deals... priced to sell. There is no list of plants available and divisions are sold on first come for serve. We will be having a \$7.00 sale on many cattleya, oncidium and cymbidium seedlings and back bulbs. We accept cash or checks but no credit cards.

Help your local orchid society. For every \$25 you spend, you may enter your local orchid society in a raffle for their monthly opportunity table. 40 healthy plants (some in bloom) will be award to the winning society. Winning society will be picked at the end of Sunday. The society must redeem their prize to D & D Flowers by the next open house which will take place in October of 2011.





*Galeandra  
devoniana*



*Blc. Mem. Grant  
Eichler 'Lenette'  
HCC/AOS*

## Carmel Valley Garden Show

May 7-8 9am-4pm  
Mother's Day Weekend

**FREE**

42nd Annual Garden Show  
Presented by the Carmel Orchid  
Society, The Carmel Valley Gar-  
den Association, and Hidden Valley  
Music Seminars

Location:  
Hidden Valley Music Seminars  
88 West Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel  
Valley (11 Mi E of Hwy 1)

For more information:  
[www.cvgardenshow.com](http://www.cvgardenshow.com)

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## DVOS Meeting Schedule

Our meetings have been running a bit long. In part this is due to all the wonderful plants members have brought for our Show & Tell. Beginning with our May meeting we will try to stay on schedule so everyone gets home at a reasonable time.

7:30 - 7:45 Announcements

7:45 - 8:30 Speaker

8:30 - 8:45 Refreshments

8:45 - 9:45 Plant Show & Tell

9:45 - 10:00 Raffle

*Chiloschista  
viridiflava*



## San Jose Orchid Exposition #6

San Jose Japantown June 3-5

Location: Miraido Village Club House,  
550 N. Sixth St., San Jose, CA 95112

More info: 408.623.0413

Website: [www.realorchidgrowers.com](http://www.realorchidgrowers.com)

Facebook page: Real Orchid Growers

- June 3: Preview Night-5:30pm-9:30pm: Orchid Conservation Alliance Fundraiser (100% contribution of \$10.00 admission per person to OCA) Vendors pay the sales tax this evening, reception food, wine tasting, special guest speaker
- June 4: Orchid Sales & Skill Sessions-9:00am-6:00pm: free admission, wine tasting, skill sessions, comp orchid drawing based on purchase of orchid following each skill session
- June 5: Orchid Sales & Skill Sessions-10:00am-5:00pm: free admission, wine tasting, skill sessions, comp orchid drawing based on purchase of orchid following each skill session



# Upcoming Speakers and Events

- May 7-8:** Carmel Valley Garden Show (P.5)  
**May 12:** DVOS meeting - Helen and Maynard Michel - Phalaenopsis

The Plant table at our May meeting will be our annual *Grab Bag*. \$10 per ticket. You are guaranteed to win a quality, blooming size orchid. This is always a popular plant table, so get to the meeting early to purchase your ticket.

- May 14-15:** D&D Flowers Open House and Sale - Half Moon Bay (p.4)  
**May 19:** DVOS Board Meeting at the home of Liz and Jamie  
**June 3-5:** San Jose Orchid Exposition Show and Sale (p. 6)  
**June 12:** DVOS meeting - Ken Cook - Masdavallias  
**June 18:** Orchid Digest 9th annual Speaker's Day (P.9)

*Refreshments for the May Meeting will be provided by:*

## **FOOD:**

*Food must be cut into servings*

George Cooper	Diana Vavrek
Nancy & Ted McClellan	Barbara Ungersma
Shaylen Reisinger	Bob Akbarian

## **DRINKS:**

Jeanette Bean  
Bernice Lindner

## **ICE:**

Jim Wert

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

Cicily Briant  
Anne Nounou  
Raul Garcia de Leon



*Orchis Morio*

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*Lc. Lake Tahoe v. coerulea* 'High Sky'



*Blc. Sun Coast Sunspots*

## Awards DVOS March

### Advanced

- 1st *Lc. Lake Tahoe v. coerulea* 'High Sky'  
Ted McClellan
- 2nd *Rlc. Suncoast Sun Spots*  
George McRae
- 3rd *V. teres*  
Mark Dillard

### Intermediate

- 1st *Blc. Mem. Grant Eichler* 'Lenette'  
Renate Johnson
- 2nd *Orchis morio*  
George Cooper
- 3rd *Den. chrysotoxum*  
Eileen Jackson

### Novice

- 1st *Gal. devoniana*  
Yunar Peralta
- 2nd *Lc. Trick or Treat*  
Susan Fetter
- 3rd *Cym. Noname*  
Susan Fetter

### Lancer Smith (species/under 6")

- Chiloschista viridiflava*  
Liz Charlton





*V. teres*



*Cym. Noname*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE  
NINTH ORCHID DIGEST SPEAKER'S DAY!!  
"ONCIDIINAE"**

Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino  
Saturday, June 18, 2011 – 12:30 pm to 8:00 pm in  
Friends Hall

FEATURING: All Genera Flower Display – Orchid  
Sales– Expert Lectures – Dinner  
Remember!! AOS judging at 10:00 AM Open at  
11:00AM to bring your blooming plants for  
the flower display

Prize for best species and best hybrid  
Lecturers: Cordelia Head, Jim Rassmann, Steve  
Beckendorf, Howard Liebman  
Dinner Speaker: Mark Chase

VENDORS: J & L Orchids; Cal Orchids; Andy's Orchids;  
Sunset Valley Orchids, Orchid Inn

Tickets: \$60 (\$70 at door) for afternoon Seminars, Wine  
and Cheese Happy Hour; Dinner and Entertainment  
Please Contact: Simone Friend, 4349 Dogwood Ave.,  
Seal Beach, CA 90740

Phone: (562) 431-1247 E-mail: orchidsimonef@aol.com

Make Your Reservations Now!

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## AOS Corner

By Lynn Fuller

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As many of the societies take a summer hiatus, here are some suggestions to help keep your orchid experience going through the summer. As an example, as you are repotting (either individually or as a society), perhaps you could solicit the assistance of new members of your society, give them some hands on experience and share divisions with them....a win-win for everyone. Visit commercial orchid firms listed on the AOS web site and in the Orchid Source Directory (I've heard of some members who keep theirs in their car so they can check while traveling on whose nearby). As you are planning your summer vacations or outing take advantage of reciprocal garden admissions AOS members enjoy. Use some hot lazy summer days exploring the members only section of the AOS web site.....lots of hidden nuggets to enrich your orchid journey and improve growing or spark a new or renewed interest in a particular variety. Check out some of the summer orchid events (listed in Orchids as well as on the AOS website – keep checking for new additions) including Redland Orchid Festival, Shore Orchid Festival, Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Fair, Central Iowa Orchid Society Speakers Day, Houston Orchid Society Summer Workshop or Phalaenopsis Symposium.



**Lc. Trick or Treat**

As I write this, I'm preparing to go to the Spring AOS meeting in Shreveport, LA. The Affiliated Societies Committee will be holding their committee meeting as well as its traditional Affiliated Societies breakfast. I'll do a brief report next month on those meetings as well as forward along any information from the Trustees meeting. I would like to also remind all affiliated society representatives to let us know when any changes take place in any contact information for your society including, but not limited to the AOS Representative (who also must be a member of AOS), any newsletter editor and the President. Current email and snail mail information would be appreciated. You can send that information to [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org).



## DVOS Officers 2011

President: Liz Charlton  
Immediate Past President: Eileen Jackson  
Vice-President: George McRae  
Treasurer: Brian Wraxall  
Secretary: Rodney Kline  
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Refreshments: vacant  
Raffles and Sales: Rita Tischler, Judith Johnson  
Equipment and Lights: Dave Tomassini  
Librarian: Phyllis Arthur  
AOS Representative: Dennis Olivas  
Orchid Digest Representative: Brian Wraxall  
SFOS Show Chairman: Brad Piini  
DVOS Show Chairman:

## Commercial Members

### Commercial Plant Services

David & Alice Tomassini, 3 Woodside Ct., Danville, (925)  
736-7630  
[atomassini@aol.com](mailto:atomassini@aol.com)

### White Oak Orchids, Inc.

Sales and Boarding, 1204 Linda Mar Blve., (650) 355-8767  
[www.whiteoakorchids.com](http://www.whiteoakorchids.com)

### California Orchids

Mary Nisbet, 515 Aspen Rd.  
Bollinas, (415) 868-0203  
[www.californiaorchids.com](http://www.californiaorchids.com)



*Den. chrysotoxum*

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## AOS Awards March 2011

### 4/6/2011 - CSNJC - Sacramento

Cattleya Sierra Plum 'Julie Anne', HCC 79 (C. Sierra Doll x C. Vallezac), Exhibited by James Morris

Dendrobium trigonopus 'Vistamont', CCM 87 species, Exhibited by Cynthia Hill

Holcoglossum flavescens 'May Jean', CCM 84 & AM 82 species, Exhibited by Ricky Wong - upgrade of previous award

Paphiopedilum sukhakulii var. album 'Albarino', AM 82 species, Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky - upgrade of prev. award

Prosthecea vitellina 'Wailing Banshee', HCC 79 species, Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

Sarcochilus Burgundy on Ice 'Pinot Noir', AM 81 (Sarco. Judith x Sarco. Fitzhart), Exhibited by James Morris

Sarcochilus Leanne 'Julie Anne', HCC 75 (Sarco. Sharon x Sarco. Fitzhart), Exhibited by James Morris

Sartylis Toowoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice', AM 82 (Sarco. Fitzhart x Rhynchostylis retusa), Exhibited by James Morris

### 4/1/2011 - San Joaquin Orchid Society Show - Stockton

Paph. Wossner Vietnam Love 'Vera', AM 80

(Paph. micranthum x Paph. vietnamense) Exhibited by Richard F. Buchter

Paph. Wossner Vietnam Love 'Nova', AM 80

(Paph. micranthum x Paph. vietnamense) Exhibited by Richard F. Buchter

This one has a video of the flower - the first award video!

### 4/9/2011 - Tropical Plant Society of Modesto Show - Modesto

Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakura', HCC 78 (Epi. Princess Valley x Epi. Pearl Valley), Exhibited by Jan Martin

Phrag. Sorceror's Apprentice 'Sandwolf', HCC 76 (Phrag. longifolium x Phrag. sargentianum), Exhibited by Bill Sanders

### 4/16/2011 - Sacramento Orchid Society Show - Sacramento

Ansellia africana 'Primera', FCC 92 species, Exhibited by Cal-Orchid

Cattleya kettieana 'Elizabeth Anne', HCC 78 species, Exhibited by James Morris

Chysis bractescens 'A&M', AM 83 species, Exhibited by Doug Kubo

Epi. unnamed hybrid 'Tangerine Orb', AM 82 (prov) (Epi. Pacific Benchmark x Epi. Pacific Girl) Exhibited by Cal-Orchid

Microterangis hariotiana 'Gold Country', CCM 81 species, Exhibited by Gold Country Orchids

Paphiopedilum Ho Chi Minh 'Joan', HCC 76 (Paph. delenatii x Paph. vietnamense), Exhibited by Howard Gunn

Paphiopedilum Robinianum 'Loire', AM 85 (Paph. parishii x Paph. lowii), Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

Parapteroceras odoratissimum 'Kai', CCM 83 species, Exhibited by Diana Blasingame

Phalaenopsis lobbii var. flava 'Monster', AM 81 species, Exhibited by Ramon de los Santos

Sarcochilus Charm 'Julie Anne', AM 86 (Sarco. Fitzhart x Sarco. Bernice Klein), Exhibited by James Morris

Slc. Mile High Magic 'Hot Ember', AM 81 (Slc. Pink Doll x Slc. Bright Angel), Exhibited by Gold Country Orchids