



# The Backbulb

The Carmel Orchid Society

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## Bay Area Orchid Societies Proliferate

In the interest of our members who are geographically diverse and who travel to other parts of California from time to time, the Carmel Orchid Society has decided to publish the addresses, meeting information and contact data for the San Francisco Bay Area Orchid Societies. This information came to us from Jim Nybakken, but was painstakingly compiled, we believe, by the San Francisco Orchid Society. The list is so extensive that even in a smaller font, it will take more than one issue of the currently formatted Backbulb to publish it all. Here is the first part, omitting the COS because the information is already in this publication.

### BAY AREA ORCHID SOCIETIES (part I)

#### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA ORCHID SOCIETY

Cross Church Friendship Hall  
4545 North Palm @ Gettysburg Avenue Fresno, Ca. 93705  
1st Thursday no Dec. mtg.  
Debora Lockhart (559) 255-4500  
1717 North Gateway Fresno, Ca. 93727  
Email: cntryorchd@aol.com  
Newsletter Editor: Katie Wagner 559-675-2248  
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#### DIABLO VIEW ORCHID SOCIETY

Contra Costa Water District Office  
1331 Concord Avenue, Concord  
2nd Thursday of each month, 7:30 pm  
Nick Doe: Webmaster (www.dvos.org)  
nickdoe@underwaterorchids.com  
Newsletter Editor: Roy Florey  
Email: roy\_florey@yahoo.com  
b.tague@comcast.net (DVOS AOS rep)

#### GOLD COAST CYMBIDIUM GROWERS

San Mateo Garden Center  
605 Parkside Way, San Mateo  
3rd Friday, September-May, 7:30 pm (No December Meeting)

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Newsletter Editor: Carl Jukkola  
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#### GOLDEN GATE CYMBIDIUM SOCIETY

Lakeside Garden Center  
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland  
4th Wednesday Jan-Oct;  
3rd Wednesday Nov-Dec, 7:30 pm  
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205 Cherry Way, Hayward, CA 94541  
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Newsletter Editor: Mary Ayres  
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510-482-4161  
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#### MALIHINI ORCHID SOCIETY

Hewlett Packard Building – Oak Room  
Pruneridge Avenue Cupertino  
2nd Friday of each month, 7:30 pm  
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Email: bob@rasconsutt.com  
Newsletter Editor: Brian Barry  
1106 Greenbriar Ave., San Jose, CA 95128  
408-247-1568  
Email: btbarry@ix.netcom.com

#### MARIN ORCHID SOCIETY

Hamilton Field - Hanger 5 Novato  
3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm  
Glenn Smith, (415) 457-2538  
Newsletter Editor: Bill Lenarz  
PO Box 251  
Kentfield, CA 94914-0251  
415-457-1642  
lenarz@earthlink.net

#### MONTEREY BAY ORCHID SOCIETY

Community Bank, Community Room, 6th Floor  
301 Main Street, Salinas, CA. Entrance on Alisal.  
2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm  
Aaron Yaras (831) 663-3953  
6400 Leon Street, Salinas, CA 93907  
No newsletter.

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## Dendrobium Culture

**CALLISTA** - Most are bulbous plants with a pendant inflorescence. Species: aggregatum, chrysotoxum, densiflorum, farmeri, thyrsiflorum, etc. **CULTURE:** Summer - give warmth (60 to 90 degrees F), medium light, medium quantities of water and fertilizer. Winter - cool (50 degrees F nights), medium light, just enough water to keep bulbs from shriveling, no fertilizer.

**SPATULATA** (antelope-type) - Evergreen for several years. Most are large, vigorous plants with long-lasting blooms in summer to several times a year. Species: antennatum, canaliculatum, discolor, gouldii, johannis, lineale (veratrifolium), stratiotes, strebloceras, taunnum.

**CULTURE:** Warm all year (55 to 60 degrees F nights, 65 to 90 degrees F days); no rest period; can be kept cooler in winter if dry; medium to high light.

**DENDROBIUM** - Most plants pendulous, leaves all along canes. Flowers 2-5 per inflorescence, from upper nodes of leafless canes. Species - Group 1: chrysanthum, friedricksianum, noble, wardianum. Species - Group 2: anosmum, crassinode, falconeri, fimbriatum, findlayanum, heterocarpum (aureum), loddigesii, moniliforme, parishii, primulinum, transparentens. **CULTURE** - Group 1: Growth period in summer - give warmth, water, and fertilize heavily from when roots appear until top leaf appears on canes. Then give high light, little to no water, no fertilizer, cool nights (40 to 50 degrees F). In other words, forget about them! **CULTURE** - Group 2: Same as Group 1, but winter nights 55 degrees F. Deciduous species need virtually no water in winter.

**LATOUIA** - Leaves at top of pseudobulbs are large and leathery, inflorescence erect, flowers

commonly yellow-green. Species: atroviolaceum, macrophyllum, spectabile, etc. **CULTURE:** Same as antelope-types, but cooler and drier when resting in winter.

**FORMOSAE** - Cane-like pseudobulbs, with black hairs on leaf sheaths and pseudobulbs often apparent. Flowers usually white, up to 4" across, 2 to 3 together from near the end of the pseudobulb. Species: bellatulum, dearrii, draconis, formosum, infundibulum, lowii, lyonii, margaritaceum, sanderae, schuetzii. **CULTURE:** Intermediate to cool year-round 50 to 60 degrees F nights, max. 85 degrees F days. Water and fertilize when growing; give a slight short rest (dry) when growth is completed. Keep barely moist until growth starts again.



**PHALAENANTHE** - Evergreen for several years, with thin, tall pseudobulbs, terminal inflorescences, usually appearing in fall or twice a year (see culture). Species: affine, bigibbum (phalaenopsis), dicuphum, williamsianum. **CULTURE:** Grow warm year-round (see below); 60 degrees F nights; water and fertilize heavily when roots appear from new growth; low to medium light; reduce water and fertilizer after growth finishes. If a short (3 to 4 week) cooler (55 degrees F), dry rest is given, and then plants are warmed again (60 degrees F min.), another growth may mature during winter and bloom in spring. Treat this growth as a summer growth cycle. These grow well with phalaenopsis, except for the rest period. If you must keep plants cool in winter, keep them bone dry until weather warms, then water as growth appears. Plants will go deciduous with this cool/dry treatment.

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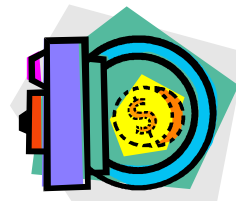
*The Clown*



*Laelia*

Photographs courtesy Shirley West

# Treasurer's Report July, 2004

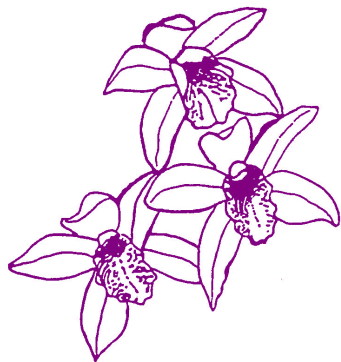


Checkbook Balance on July 1	<b>\$9,159.44</b>
July income	181.00
July expense	(1,702.28)
Checkbook Balance on July 31	<b>\$7,638.16</b>
 CD balance on July 15 was	 <b>\$7,596.54</b>

A Reminder ... If you are enrolling as a new member, or are simply renewing your membership, please make sure that we have your **current** address and telephone number (and email, if you have one). We want to make sure you get your *Backbulb* regularly! Use the form below to make any changes, please.

## Carmel Orchid Society, Inc.

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society



Monthly meetings at 7:30 PM on the first Monday of each month (Except September and December) at the First Presbyterian Church of Monterey, 501 EI Dorado, Monterey. Membership **\$ 15.00** for a single or **\$ 20.00** for two at the same address, **\$ 25.00** Vendor membership. Please make checks payable to the Carmel Orchid Society and mail to:

Carmel Orchid Society—Membership  
P. O. Box 2454  
Monterey, CA 93942

Application for Membership — Please print

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Member of the  
American Orchid Society?  
Yes  No

New Member  Renewal



## Upcoming Events

### **Carmel Orchid Society Greenhouse Tour**

Sunday, September 12, 2004 at 8:15am

(see story on this page)

All greenhouses have confirmed their bookings.

### **Carmel Orchid Society Monthly Meeting**

Monday, October 4, 2004 at 7:30pm

The First Presbyterian Church

510 El Dorado Street, Monterey, CA 93940

### **Carmel Orchid Society September Board of Directors' Meeting**

Monday, September 13, 2004 at 7:30pm

At Susan Segal and Julian Bills' home, 1425 Deer Flat

Road, Monterey, CA 93940. 375-5897.

### **Monterey Bay Orchid Society Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, September 14, 2004, at 6:30pm (second Tuesday of every month)

At the Community Bank, Community Room, 6th

Floor, 301 Main Street, Salinas, CA. Entrance on

Alisal. For more information, call (408) 375 6871.

### **S.F. Orchid Society OrchidFest 2004**

Sat.-Sun., October 2-3, 2004, 10am-5pm at the Hall of Flowers, 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way, San Francisco.

Admission: \$2.00. For more information, call (415)

665 2468 or visit their website at www.

orchidsanfrancisco.org.

### **Carmel Orchid Society Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 12, 2004. Once again, this annual

bash will be held at the Monterey Beach Resort at the

end of Canyon del Rey. Talk with Ida Hale about

volunteering for setup.

## 2004 COS Greenhouse Tour

**The Greenhouse Tour is fast filling up. If you haven't signed up yet, please call Carol Easton at 625-1565 to see if there are any seats available even if later than August 31.**

This year the Greenhouse Tour will again be going to Pacifica. The plan is to meet at the K-Mart shopping center for check-in at 8:15 AM on Sunday, **September 12**. The bus will depart for Pacifica **PROMPTLY at 8:30AM**. Our first stop will be a visit to White Oak Orchids owned by Scott & Gwen Dallas who are popular vendors at our annual MayFaire. We will tour their 25,000 square feet of greenhouse space and go shopping! They specialize in species orchids (the "weird and wonderful"), as well as a wide variety of orchid hybrids. We'll have a luncheon BBQ supplied by **COS** at White Oaks.

After lunch we will visit Hanging Gardens Orchid Nursery owned by Dan Newman, then John Leathers' greenhouse, a private greenhouse and then as a last treat, we will visit Golden Gate Orchids. Following this we will climb back aboard the bus, stow our purchases and head for home. We'll have a great door prize drawing and some wine on the bus trip home.

Our bus holds 56 orchid lovers and as in the past we do need to fill it up. Please fill in the Greenhouse Tour Coupon listed here **making sure that you make your luncheon selection**, enclose your check and send to Carol Easton at the address on the coupon. The cost for this fun filled day is \$29.00 for members and \$30.00 for guests. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring that special friend along who has been thinking about joining the Society but hasn't yet done so.

### COS Greenhouse Tour Signup Coupon

**Yes! I/We will be attending the Carmel Orchid Society Annual Greenhouse Tour.** Please reserve the following for me: \_\_\_ Members @ \$29 each \_\_\_ Nonmembers @ \$30 each. Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Preference: Chicken Breast Sandwich \_\_\_ Chicken Sausage Sandwich \_\_\_ Vegetarian Surprise \_\_\_

Please make check **payable to Carmel Orchid Society**, mail to Carol Easton, PO Box A, Carmel, CA 93921 **no later than August 31, 2004.**



## August Goodies Providers

The annual Greenhouse Tour will take the place of the regular September meeting, as is the normal practice of the Carmel Orchid Society. Therefore, the next goodies will be provided in October.

We thank our August volunteers, **Ellie Mamon, Emily Harvey and Gerda Chavez** for tickling our tastebuds with their delicious treats, and our ever-faithful **Ellie Mamon** for preparing them so lovingly.

Our October treats will be supplied by:

**Tom Bremser**  
**Joanie Linares**  
**Marilyn Uribe**  
**Diane Segelberger**  
**Pat Landee**



## Orchid Growing Tips

This time of year, many of those new growths have matured on your cattleyas. That sheath that surrounds the psuedobulbs begins to dry and turn white. It is a good idea to remove that sheath and expose the psuedobulb. Often, mealy bugs will be hiding in them.

Those outer leaves on your miltonias eventually yellow and fall off. They tend to leave a little brown, dry remnant at the base of the psuedobulbs. Miltonias, in particular, like to rot. It is very important to peel away the brown stuff and keep the base of those psuedobulbs clean. If it is stubborn, split the old leaf in two at the top and peel away in sections. Use this same splitting technique when removing old leaves from paphs and phrags because they are so tough to remove otherwise.

There are a couple good articles on orchid culture at [windsorgreenhouses.com](http://windsorgreenhouses.com). It is a Canadian website in Nova Scotia where the growing conditions are colder, to say the least, but he has a very practical viewpoint to this whole effort of ours.

Hope to see many of you on the greenhouse tour. Please feel free to email me at [Cargie@Yahoo.com](mailto:Cargie@Yahoo.com) with any orchid tips you would like to share.

**Carolyn Salmon**

**An Orchidist's Lexicon** is one of the best handy reference books I have seen in quite a while and one that I know anyone interested in orchids must have. Just the genera used in the multigeneric crosses is a list I have been searching for a long time.

The list of generic names, the correct spellings, the etymological derivations and the pronunciations are a must for everyone. The glossary is additional icing on a fabulous cake.

The San Francisco Orchid Society and I have already sold or distributed 90 books so far. The price, if you order 10 or more, is \$4.00 each. (With shipping and sales tax we pay on sales it's about \$5.00, so we've been selling them for \$6.00 each) We think of this as an educational tool rather than a money maker.

You'll not be disappointed.—*Jean Lee, SFOS*

## More Dendrobiums ...





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