



The Backbulb

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The Carmel Orchid Society

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Problem Plant? The Doctors Are In!

The Board of Directors has decided to start a new event to be known as the Orchid Workshop. We will have a panel comprised of Carol Easton, Carolyn Salmon, Bill Hale, Jim Nybakken and Deric Wenzler. They will each briefly introduce themselves and show some samples of things they like to grow.

The meeting will then be open for members to ask questions and present prob-

lem plants to the panel and each other for analysis and suggestions.

Members are requested to bring their plants in plastic bags to avoid contamination and to limit themselves to 2 plants each.

The meeting will follow the normal agenda with regular plant table and refreshments following the program. There will also be plants, supplies, and other items for sale.

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Christmas Party

6:00 to 10:00 PM, December 11

Monterey Beach Hotel

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Pay 2006 Dues with sing-up for Special Drawing



Guide to Plant Problems

In keeping with this months activity of the "The Doctor is IN!" the following table is a compilation from several books and web sites that deal with sick and ailing plants.

SYMPTOM	PROBABLE CAUSE	REMEDY
Leaves turn yellow	Too much sunlight or water. Natural if only old leaves are involved.	Give plant more shade; withhold water for a few weeks.
Leaves turn yellow and drop.	Natural with many deciduous types. In evergreen orchids, a sign of collapse.	Withhold water and move plant to a cool place to encourage bud formation. Check plant for fungal, bacterial diseases and viral infections.
Leaves have black or brown areas.	Too much sun; spots that increase in size may indicate disease.	Give plant more shade; check plant for fungal, bacterial diseases and viral infections.
Leaves are limp; growth at base of plant is soft.	Waterlogged potting mixture.	Withhold water; give plant a week with dry potting mix.
No sign of new growth.	Time is not right, in plant's growth cycle, for new growth.	Keep potting mixture evenly moist; do not force plant with extra feeding or watering.
Plant refuses to flower.	Proper growth cycle and day-length are not being observed. Too little light.	Determine times of year for plant's natural growth and rest periods; keep plant in darkness at night. Gradually move plant to a brighter place.
Buds drop.	Temperatures fluctuate too greatly. Ethylene pollution from smog or poorly adjusted pilot light.	Move plant to a location with more even temperatures. Check pilot lights.
Leaves have white or brown spots.	Water is too hard or high in iron content.	Leach out minerals with deionized water; use bottled water or rainwater for routine irrigation.
Leaf tips are blackened.	Too much fertilizer. Intense direct sun. Water has high salt content.	Cut back on fertilizer. Move plant into area with indirect light. Leach out salt with deionized water; use bottled water or rainwater for routine irrigation.
Pseudobulbs and leaves shrivel, growth slows, and roots are rotted.	Over watering. Poor potting mix.	Reduce water. Repot if potting mix has decomposed.
Pseudobulbs and leaves shrivel and growth slows, but roots are fine.	Under watering or lack of humidity. Natural condition with many orchids.	Water thoroughly several times; increase humidity and watering frequency.



2006 Dues

Isn't it amazing how fast the time to pay your dues rolls around. We are going to have the same deal again this year, if you pay your dues by the Christmas Party you will be eligible for a special drawing of a REALLY nice plant at the Christmas Party. And I know its nice because I was the winner last year.

If you joined the Society during the fourth quarter of 2005, your dues are paid for next year.

Treasurer's Report September, 2005



Checkbook Balance on Sept 1	\$7,530.89
Sept income	355.00
Sept expense	(65.00)
Checkbook Balance on Sept 31	\$7,820.89
CD balance on Sept 15 was	\$7,757.91

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.

Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the Carmel Orchid Society and mail to:

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

Membership Type	Receive Newsletter via E-Mail	Receive Newsletter via US Mail
Single	\$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Couple	\$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Vendor	\$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

Application for Membership — Please print

Date _____

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Member of the
American Orchid Society?

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Yes No

Email address _____

New Member Renewal



Upcoming Events

Check Our Website For More Events

Carmel Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Monday, November 7, 2005 at 7:30pm
(First Monday of every month)
The First Presbyterian Church
501 El Dorado Street, Monterey, CA
93940

Carmel Orchid Society Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, November 21, 2005, at 7:30pm
The meeting will be held at the home of
Susan Segal.

Monterey Bay Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 7:00pm
(Second Tuesday of every month)
At the Lincoln Ave Presbyterian Church,
536 Lincoln Ave, Salinas, CA. For
more information, call (831) 375 6871.

Carmel Orchid Society Christmas Party

December 11, 2005, 6 to 10 pm. Mon-
terey Beach Hotel See Page 6 for sign-
up.

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate 47th Annual Fall Open House & Sale

Saturday Nov. 5, 2005 8am-5pm
Sunday Nov. 6, 2005 9am-5pm (Special
Open House Hours) featuring:
The Silent Auction ~ Laelia anceps Pa-
rade ~ Cymbidium KickOff ~ \$7.50 Spe-
cials www.sborchid.com/FallOpenHouse-2005.php

Orchid Society of California 68th Annual "Dining With Orchids"

Saturday Nov. 12, 2005 9am-5pm Din-
ner starts at 6pm, Greta Ferrington from
Toronto, Can will speak on "Species &
Cultivation"
Sunday Nov. 13, 2005 10am-5pm
(510)635-2845 chicosorchids@yahoo.com

Fordyce Orchids Closing

Fordyce Orchids will be Closing early next year, as the Orchid Ranch property is being sold. They will be having their first sale Oct.29th and 30th, 10 am to 5 pm. Lots of bargains and one of a kind selected plants will be offered for sale. Call 925-447-1659 or visit www.fordyceorchids.com for more details.

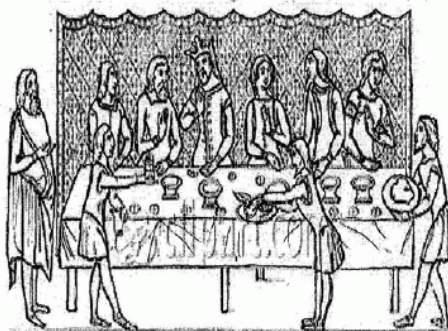
The Orchid Society of California Presents

Dinner with Orchids

Featuring a banquet of exotic orchids from around the world

(limited time only, not available in stores)

68th Annual Orchid Show & Sale
Free Admission



Saturday & Sunday,
November 12-13, 2005
Sales: 10AM-5PM

Lakeside Garden Center
(Near Fairyland)
666 Bellevue Avenue
Lake Merritt
Oakland California

Culture Supplies & Information – Orchid Displays - Notable Growers
and Hobbyists For More Information check our website:
<http://www.orchidsocietyofcalifornia.com>

BONUS: BUY ONE RAFFLE TICKET (\$1.00) & GET ONE FREE WITH THIS ADD!

Other Newsletters

Many of the other orchid societies in the Bay Area have monthly newsletters that are available on the web. There is a list of these societies in our web site, www.carmelorchidsociety.org, click on **Reference** and then on **Links** and look for societies that have a web site referenced.



Orchid Growing Tips

By Carolyn Salmon

Fall can be felt everywhere these days. I want to remind you that all the orchid tips from my columns have been organized and placed on our Carmel Orchid Society website. You can review these at anytime to seek answers to those plant problems that crop up as the seasons change. I have noticed that fall is a particularly bad time for mealy bug. They are hiding in those places you can't always notice. When you bring blooming plants inside the house from the greenhouse or outside, they multiply that much faster.

I still use straight isopropyl alcohol either in a spray bottle, Q-tip or syringe to control them. Don't spray your blooms. Carefully use a Q-tip, or you will damage the flower. Some of the phals will begin spiking this time of year if you expose them to those cool nights, either by placing them in the garage at night or leaving them out in the greenhouse. For those of you with greenhouses, it is time to take off the shade cloth until next spring. The winter sun should not be strong enough now to burn your plants.

Everyone's situation is unique. I actually have two layers of 30% shade cloth on my greenhouse during spring and summer months. I leave the very thin one on during the winter because my roof is not whitewashed.

Many of our cymbidiums are spiking early this year also. Begin staking those spikes up early for upright growth. Keep them out of the rain if possible as the buds expose themselves to prevent that blight. You can wrap cotton around the spike below the buds to protect them from slug damage. If you have a spike growing sideways, you can use pieces or whole wine corks at the base to begin forcing them into a more upright position. Some of our or-

chids live in habitats that have dry, sunny winters and require a winter's rest.

We usually refer to this period as being between Halloween and Valentine's Day. It is not a hard and fast rule however. Let the plant signal when it is going dormant by dropping its leaves. I killed some cynoches last year when I cut off water too soon while the leaves were still green..... Those nobile type dendrobiums are a case in point along with catasetums and barkerias. In general, your orchids will want less water and fertilizer now. Especially the cymys may want only a bloom booster like 0-10-10. Be sure and bring your plants and plant questions to our November meeting. It should be a fun and informative meeting where we can all learn something from each other's experiences.

Carolyn Salmon, cargie@yahoo.com

November Goodies Providers

Helping Ellie Mamon with the October refreshments were: Emelita Harvey, Howard Straus, Rosemary Ullmann, Lindsey Brandon and Tom Bremser.



Volunteering for the November meeting are:

- Geva Areanin
- Elizabeth Coelho
- Joanie Linares
- Imogene Speiser
- Marilyn Uribe

Thank you all for supporting your society.



Officers of the Carmel Orchid Society for 2006

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers to the Society.

Office	Term Limit	Elected	Name
President	3 Years	2004	Ken Ashton
VP Program	3 Years	2005	Carolyn Salmon
Secretary	3 Years	2005	Carol Easton
Treasurer	6 Years	2005	Susan Segal
AOS Representative	5 Years	2005	Shirley West
May Faire Chairman	No Limit		Ida Hale
Director	3 Terms of 2 Years	2001	Sharon Ashton
Director	3 Terms of 2 Years	2004	Pat Landee
Director	3 Terms of 2 Years	2004	Jim Nybakken
Director	3 Terms of 2 Years	2005	Lori Siegmund
<i>Backbulb</i> Editor	Ex-Officio Member	2004	Jud Grubbs

Christmas Party Sign-up Coupon

Please sign me up for the COS Christmas Party on December 11th, 6:00pm - 10:00pm at the Monterey Beach Resort.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Number of Members _____ (\$25 each)

Number of non-members _____ (\$35 each)

Please return this coupon with a check made payable to the Carmel Orchid Society no later than December 4, 2004 to:

Sharon Ashton
The Carmel Orchid Society
26966 Laureles Grade Road
Carmel Valley, CA 93924-9244

Pay your 2006 Dues now and get in the Special Plant Drawing