



The Backbulb

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August Speakers Petite Plaisance

Petite Plaisance began in 1981. Fifteen years ago, Jim Hamilton and Ron Ehlers' interest in species quickly mushroomed into a passion that overshadowed their extensive miltoniopsis, miniature cattleya, and phalaenopsis hybridizing programs.

Petite Plaisance has a reputation for well established plants beautifully grown in pots, teak baskets, or on hapu or cork mounts.

Most of their offerings are mature, blooming-size plants. Two growing areas, cool and intermediate to warm, permit them to subspecialize within the realm of native plants, and their extensive collections of Bulbophyllums and Lepanthes are impressive.

Jim and Ron have introduced their plants to orchid lovers on the East Coast at the

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From Our President

In an effort to keep the membership informed of what your Board of Directors is working on, I will try to write a short message for each Back Bulb.

As you have probably figured out if you have visited the Crossroads lately, we will no longer have the indoor mall area to use for our May Faire. We are looking into several new sites, two of which are the Carmel Mission School Gymnasium and the Carmel High School Cafeteria.

The Greenhouse Tour will be a BBQ and plant auction at the home of Shirley & Peter West on Hwy. 1 just before the Bixby Bridge. We will organize car pooling from the Home Depot parking lot for those who don't want to drive themselves. Clip-out Sign-up form and more details are on page 4.

Ken Ashton, President

**New Starting
Time For August Meeting
Only
7:00 PM**

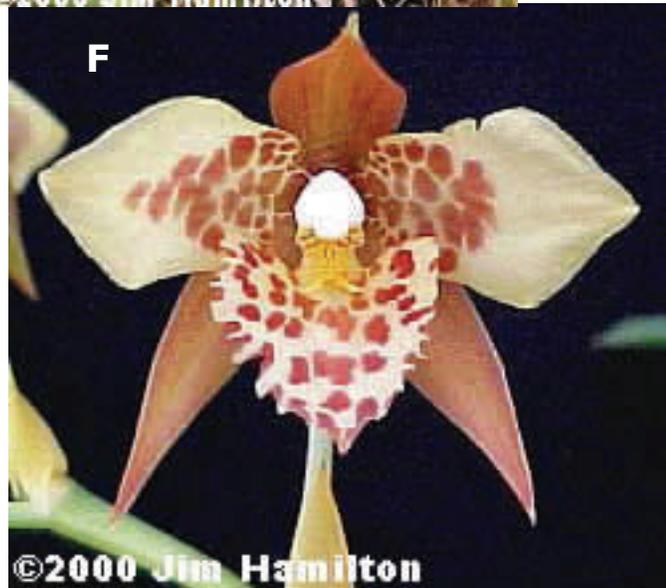


Petite Plaisance Pictures

Editors Note: Ron & Jim have such a terrific collection of pictures that I thought we would feature a few of their pictures that we don't normally see.



**You recognize any?
The key to the identity of these flowers is on page 6.**





Ask the Plant Doctor

The Society has decided to start a new member service called "Ask The Plant Doctor" to answer questions about your orchids. There are three ways to get your question answered. Write it up and send to the Plant Doctor, via e-mail at

plantdoc@carmelorchidsociety.org.

There is also a Plant Doctor page on the Web Site. And you can also bring your plant and question to our monthly meetings.

Questions and answers will also be posted to the web site.

Treasurer's Report June, 2005



Checkbook Balance on June 1	\$11,374.10
June Income	180.00
June Expense	(1,467.64)
Checkbook Balance on June 28	\$10,086.46
CD balance on June 15 was	\$7,938.59

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
1037 Rodeo Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953**

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

Next Regular Carmel Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 7, 2006 at 7:00pm
(First Monday of every month) The First Presbyterian Church, 501 El Dorado Street, Monterey, CA 93940

Carmel Orchid Society Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, July 14, 2006, at 7:30pm
The meeting will be held at the home of Jeff and Carolyn Salmon.

Monterey Bay Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 8, 2006 at 7:00pm
(Second Tuesday of every month)
At the Lincoln Ave Presbyterian Church, 536 Lincoln Ave, Salinas, CA. For more information, call (831) 663-3953.

COS Annual Greenhouse Tour

The Greenhouse Tour has been cancelled, see notice below.

Bar-B-Q and Orchid Auction Reservation Form

Yes! I will be attending the Carmel Orchid Society Bar-B-Q and Orchid Auction at Peter & Shirley's home on September 10, 2006 at 2 PM. Please reserve the following for me:

_____ Members at @ 10.00 each, including raffle ticket \$ _____

_____ Guests at @ 15.00 each, including raffle ticket \$ _____

Member Name _____

Guests Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Food Selection, enter count for all members & guest. Beef tri-tips _____ Chicken _____
 Vegetarian Entrée _____

**Please make checks payable to the Carmel Orchid Society and mail them to:
Carol Easton, P.O. Box A, Carmel, CA 93921
no later than August 31, 2006.**

D & D Flowers Fall Open House

September 23rd and 24th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Half Moon Bay. Great prices on original divisions of Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums and many more genera. We will also feature plant divisions/sprouted back bulbs from the Kajikawa and Ayers Cymbidium Collections. Please bring you own boxes. Really good deals... priced to sell. Will take cash or checks, no credit cards.

Please note that D & D Flowers Greenhouse is open to the public only during their Spring and Fall Open House.

The greenhouse is located 1/3 mile east of Main Street on Hwy 92. Just east of Spanish Village is a house and wood pile yard. Turn onto the street between the house and the wood pile yard and go over the bridge. The greenhouse is on the right. If you have questions or need directions please call Dennis Olivas at 925-060-1246. We currently do not have a list of what there is available but there are thousands of plants priced from \$5 and up.

Bar-B-Q & Orchid Auction

This year the Greenhouse Tour will not be a Greenhouse Tour, but a Bar-B-Q and Orchid Auction. It will start at 2:00pm at the home of Peter & Shirley West. There were several reasons why your Board decided on this change of activity but the primary reason was cost. Bus rentals are extremely expensive due to the price of gas. The Board also considered having a "drive yourself Greenhouse Tour" visiting several nearby vendors with a picnic lunch but those plans have not worked out.

So, the Board decided to try something different - our first Bar-B-Q and Orchid Auction. We will have great food by President Ken and Chef Bill and great orchids from Maplethorpe and Bay Breeze for you all to bid on. Each paid admission will include 1 raffle ticket, and every ticket will be a winner. Selection of the raffle plants will be based on the order that the tickets are drawn. Peter and Shirley have graciously volunteered to have this event at their lovely home. The Society will furnish food and beverages but we would like each attendee to bring a folding chair if possible.

Once you make your reservation you will receive your confirmation either by email or snail mail with additional details and map. The raffle tickets will be handed out at the Bar-B-Q.



Orchid Growing Tips

By Carolyn Salmon

Many of our orchids have had a tough time during July's heat wave. As the temperature goes up humidity goes down very quickly. So do what you can to enhance humidity around your plants. Mist them occasionally and use humidity trays where possible. Many orchids will withstand more heat if you can keep their root systems cooler. One of the best ways to do this is through double potting. Put your orchid's smaller pot into a larger one. This is more often done using terra cotta pots, but right now there's no time to be fussy.

You may put small gravel between the two pots and keep the rocks moist. All the various orchid pests love this heat, so be extra vigilant. Mealy bugs reproduce much more rapidly this time of year. The ants and aphids are out in force. I hang those yellow sticky squares that I purchase from Orchard Supply for whiteflies etc.

I would not repot any orchids during a heat wave unless the plant is on death's door. The heat is very stressful to most of them and if you add the stress of being repotted.....death is almost certain.

I would double your watering schedule. The heat really evaporates the moisture from the potting medium. You could add a layer of sphagnum moss to the tops of your pot temporarily during this heat. It will help retain moisture down in the potting medium.

I have put my masdevallia on or very near the ground, outside and in the greenhouse. They really get heat stressed

and may drop leaves or stunt their growth or stop growing all together. Flower buds will also blast more easily when there are wide temperature fluctuations. If you wish to bring an orchid inside to enjoy it's blooms wait until the buds develop enough to show the flower color. This will reduce the risk of bud blast.

Take care, drink lots of water and see you in August.

Carolyn Salmon, cargie@yahoo.com

August Goodies Providers

Goodies for the August meeting will be provided by:

- Carolyn Salmon
- Teri Hernandez
- Mirtha Thomas
- MaryParker
- Edie Canfield

Thank You to those who supported last month.



August Speaker Continued

Greater New York Orchid Show and on the West Coast at San Francisco's Pacific Orchid Exposition. Petite Plaisance, located an hour north of the Golden Gate Bridge on the rolling hills of west Sonoma County on the fringes of the California Wine Country, is open most days by appointment.

Jim is a past-president of the San Francisco Orchid Society and on the Publications Committee of the Trustees of the American Orchid Society.

Their talk this month will be on "Species Around the World" and will include a potting demonstration. Carolyn says to bring your wallet as the plant table is going to be spectacular.

Lost & Found

Ida says that if someone does not claim their jackets soon, they are going to look good in her closet.

A jacket found after the April meeting still has finally been claimed.

But we still have a second jacket that was left in the eating room at May Faire. Owner can claim their jacket from Ida Hale. Call her at 646-8724.

Key to Picture Quiz

A. *Bassavolva nodosa* — A popular *brasavola* due to its ease of flowering. Produces usually three to five flowers per inflorescence. Likes it intermediate to warm with fairly bright light. This is a Mexican that tolerates drier climates. Water heavily in spring and summer, less so in winter.

B. *Bulbophyllum anteniferum* — A compact plant whose flower resembles *B. grandiflorum*. Produces a single flower per inflorescence. Will bloom several times a year. Likes intermediate temps and moderate light

C. *Bulbophyllum frostii* — Compact grower with flowers resembling Dutch wooden shoes. Likes it intermediate to warm with moderate to bright light. Keep on the humid side. Very free flowering and blooms off and on throughout the year. A must have for the *bulbophyllum* aficionado.

G. *Cirrhopetalum pulchillum* — Beautiful, large umbels of maroon and cream-spotted flowers. Profuse bloomer sending out multiple spikes. Really one of the queens of the genus. Grow intermediate with moderate to bright light.

E. *Dendrobium finisterrae* — Another latouria from Papua New Guinea, this one rather sinister looking and covered with hair. Like its other cousins, it likes intermediate temperatures with moderate light. Long lasting flowers - up to three months!

F. *Lemboglossum maulatum* — An intermediate to cool Mexican species that is easy to grow. Moderate light. Flowers faithfully with long lasting blooms.

D. *Plectophora cultrifolia* — Cute little plant with a large pendant, bright yellow flower with downward, fan-shaped foliage. Found in Brazil and likes it intermediate to warm with moderate light. Flowers off and on throughout the year. Does not want to dry out.

Pictures and data from the Petite Plaisance web site: www.petite-plaisance.com