



# The Backbulb

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## July Speaker Dennis Olivas

## In This Month's Backbulb

We are pleased to announce that our July speaker will be Dennis Olivas, he along with his partner David Dunn, own D & D Flowers in Half Moon Bay. Dennis is going to do a presentation on Cattleya culture. His presentation will include a short slide show, demonstrations and questions and answers.

He will talk about growing catts in warm and cool conditions to accommodate both Pacific Grove and Carmel Valley climates. He has successfully grown these orchids in an unheated greenhouse over the past eight years.

This past winter his plants were exposed to temps of 30 degrees. Learn valuable techniques and have your questions answered by a master grower.

Born and raised in Waimea on the Island of Kauai, Dennis Olivas began his venture into orchid cultivation when his FFA advisor saw a couple of his mother's neglected

plants on the side of the yard under the lychee tree. Dennis was introduced to Mr. Miyamoto and Mr. Kodama in Waianae, Mr. Takeguchi in Waipahu, and Mr. and Mrs. Ferrera in Kaneohe. Besides gaining knowledge from the Oahu growers, he purchased com-



munity pots and potted plants for his FFA project. Some of his favorite plants growing up include Lc. Flirtie Gold, Den. Neo-Hawaii, Den. Jacquelyn Thomas, Den. Concert, Den. Amy, C. Rembrandt, Den. Ted Takeguchi, Den.

Dale Takeguchi, V. Nelly Morley, and V. JVB.

Dennis is a certified American Orchid Society judge. He is a past president of Diablo View Orchid Society, Peninsula Orchid Society and San Francisco Orchid Society. He served as board member on many of the other societies as well as show chairman.

**A POTTING DEMONSTRATION WILL START AT 6:30PM**

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## Growing Tips

Summer has just arrived with the longest days of the year. Maximum light is available for our orchids so our watering and fertilizing regimes should be in full swing. For our cymbidiums, your goal is to mature those new growths to insure spikes this coming winter. It is a little late to repot the cym, but if it must be done....This is not the time to repot cooler growing orchids that may be susceptible to heat stress. An example would be the pleurothallid family of orchids such as draculas and masdevallias. Winter and early spring is their repotting time. Many orchids will survive hot spells much better if you use a double pot technique that keeps the roots cooler. The plant's smaller pot can sit inside a larger pot with moist gravel between the two pots. I like to use sphagnum moss for many orchids during the summer because it holds the moisture longer and it is easy to tell when watering is required. It can be trouble in the winter however if you overwater. Whether your orchids are in a greenhouse or inside your home, you may notice tiny little knats flying around your plants. They live on the bark mix as it begins breaking down. Orchard Supply Hardware is the only local store where I have found those sticky yellow squares to catch those little guys. The product is made by BioCare and is labeled as whitefly catchers.

A note on fertilizer choices. We tend to think of a balanced fertilizer as a 20-20-20 for example. The catch is that plants use nutrients in a 3 to 1 to 2 ratio making the ideal fertilizer an 18-6-12. Fertilizers are salts, so flush out your plants every 3rd watering or so to prevent salt build-up. With warmer days, the humidity tends to drop, so there is more need for humidity trays. In the greenhouse, I use kitty litter boxes because they are wide and low for maximum evaporation. I use ferns as indicator plants too. If they are thriving, then the humidity should be okay for orchids. My ferns are under my

benches. They add greenery and humidity to the greenhouse and are essentially care free and out of the way.

Your mounted orchids will need daily watering at this time to survive. Dennis Olivas will have great tips on cattleya alliance culture including very specific repotting techniques, so I will leave that discussion in his expert hands.

See you there!

*Carolyn Salmon*



Plant Display  
2007 MayFaire  
American Tin Cannery



## B'day Party / Potluck Note

### CONGRATULATIONS !

A "well done" to Lori Siegmund and her vast crew of helpers, I have heard nothing but good things about the party. Sorry that Sharon and I missed it again this year.

As "keeper of the books" I am happy to report that the party was within the budgeted net cost of \$200, coming in at a net cost of \$178.

Thanks to all who took part.

*Kex Ashton*

Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report May, 2007



Checkbook Balance on May. 1	<b>\$ 7,420.68</b>
May Income	5,489.50
May Expenses	<6,597.11>
Checkbook Balance on May 31	<b>\$ 6,313.07</b>
Money Market Balance on May 31	<b>\$ 10,110.87</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.

**Another Reminder** ... **If your Email address changes please notify the Backbulb Editor at [carmelorchidsociety@msn.com](mailto:carmelorchidsociety@msn.com).**

## *Carmel Orchid Society, Inc.*

### Membership Application

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

**Carmel Orchid Society—Membership  
c/o Lori Siegmund  
180 Alta Mira Court, Aptos, CA 95003-4903**

Membership Type	Receive Newsletter via E-Mail	Receive Newsletter via US Mail
Single	<b>\$20.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>\$25.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Couple	<b>\$30.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>\$35.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Application for Membership — Please print

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Member of the  
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Yes  No

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

New Member  Renewal



## Upcoming Events

### Check Our Website For More Events

#### **Next Regular Carmel Orchid Society Monthly Meeting**

**Monday, July 2, 2007 at 6:30pm POTTING DEMONSTRATION**

**Monday, July 2, 2007 at 7:00pm** (First Monday of Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., Jun., Jul., Aug., Oct. & Nov.)

The First Presbyterian Church

501 El Dorado Street, Monterey, CA 93940

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

Monday, **July 16**, 2007, at 7:00pm

The meeting will be held at the home of Carolyn and Jeff Salmon, 1520 David Ave., Monterey, CA 93940

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

Tuesday, **July 9**, 2007 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.

#### **27th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair**

**July 13-15, 2007** Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara, CA

Hours: Fri-Sat 9am-5pm & Sun: 10am-4pm, Admission is free; Parking is \$5. Information at [www.orchidfair.com](http://www.orchidfair.com) or call 1-800-553-3387

#### **Dan Newman's Hanging Gardens Open Greenhouse Sale July 21 & 22, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Many orchid species and novel hybrids, in and out of bloom; Mature plants, seedlings, established and bare-root divisions; Orchid companion plants and growing supplies.

Shelldance Nursery site, Coast Highway, Pacifica - east side of the highway, 3/10 mile north of Reina Del Mar Avenue. If coming from the north, make a U-turn at Reina Del Mar. Turn right into the driveway and go up the hill to the unpaved parking lot. My greenhouse is the first one you'll see on the right side, just before you get to the parking lot. For more detailed directions, email at [hgardens@earthlink.net](mailto:hgardens@earthlink.net), or call 415-305-8355. Come to shop or just to see the permanent collection - everyone is welcome!

## From Our President

I would like to begin by welcoming all the new members that have joined our Club in the last few months. We hope you enjoy our meetings and that you participate in our functions. At our July meeting we will have a potting demonstration beginning at 6:30 PM and this is a great way for a new member to learn orchid culture.

In September we will be having a combination Greenhouse Tour and BarBQ with Silent Auction.

It will all take place at the home of Jim & Bette Nybakken. Jim has 5 greenhouses for us to tour and we will have great food and lots of plants to bid on. There will be more details in the next BackBulb but please mark the date, September 9<sup>th</sup> on your calendars now.

*Carol Easton*



## Pick Up Your Copy of The 2007-08 Membership Roster/Booklet!

If you missed the Birthday Party/Potluck on 6/4/07, please plan on attending the next regular Carmel Orchid Society meeting on Monday, July 2 to pick up your copy of the new member roster/booklet.

All members (both single and couples) current with their 2007 dues payment will receive one complimentary booklet. Please note that additional or replacement booklets will cost \$10 each. We will be asking you to sign/initial that you have received your complimentary booklet.

Please note that due to the cost of materials and the amount of time it takes to update and print a new color booklet with member photos, it is likely we will print a new booklet every other

year. A new page (or two) insert with an updated list of current members, phone numbers and email addresses will be provided during the alternate year. So be sure to hang on to your 2007-08 booklet until a new one replaces it.

Special thanks goes out to Ken Ashton who updated, printed and collated the new booklet within a very tight window of time (only two weeks!) and made sure it was ready for distribution at the Birthday Party/Potluck.

*Lori Siegmund*

Membership Coordinator

## Ooops! Let Us Know About Any Corrections...

Please be sure to let me know about any errors or omissions printed in the 2007-08 member roster/booklet. We will be happy to make the corrections/additions to the master file so that any subsequent printings will contain the corrected or missing information. We will also publish a correction in the BackBulb so that mem-

bers can update their copy of the booklet if desired.

*Lori Siegmund*

Membership Coordinator

## Clean Up

Clean up after meetings is time consuming due to the refreshments and plant table. This makes it very important that all those who attend and enjoy our meetings lend a helping hand.

## July Goodies

Goodies for the July meeting will be provided by:

- Elizabeth Coelho
- Joanie Linares
- Marilyn Uribe





## B'day Party / Potluck

A special thank you to the following members who helped make the Birthday Party/Potluck happen!

-The Plant Table Buying/Storing/Transport/Display Team: Carol Easton, Joanie Linares, Geva Arcanin, Shirley West

-Setup Team (those who signed up, and/or showed up early to help set up): Richard Deming, John Poulos, Imogene Speiser, Nancy Callahan, Mary Parker, Marilyn Uribe, Rose Cunningham, Ted Rapalus, Carol Easton, Joanie Linares, Geva Arcanin, Ellie Mamon, Tom Bremser.

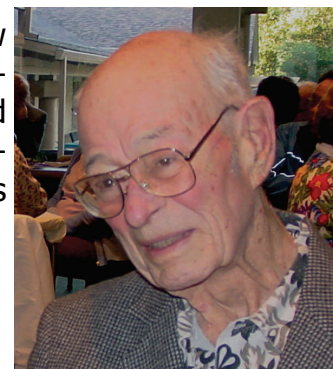
-Clean Up Team (those who signed up and/or stayed late to help clean up): Geva Arcanin, Mary Parker, Ellie Mamon, Susan Phillips

-Special thanks to Bill Hale and Ellie Mamon for helping run the kitchen facilities, and Ida Hale for handling the ticket sales and calling the numbers for the plant opportunity table, as well as her helpful reminders and guidance about closing up the facility.

Many other members (and guests!) stepped in

## COS LOSES A MEMBER

Robert Hinwood, fellow COS member and husband of Louann Hinwood succumbed to a prolonged illness earlier this year.



and helped out as needed during the evening with setup, staging/serving of the food, and the cleanup. I really appreciate your willingness to do what was needed.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who came and shared wonderful food and company for the evening. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Please don't hesitate to give me your feedback about what you liked, and what you think we could do better for next year.

Thank you, your 2007 Birthday Party Potluck Coordinator

*Lori Siegmund*

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