

# The BackBulb

C A R M E L O R C H I D S O C I E T Y

May 2013



## May Meeting: Dan Newman

### Hang It Up!

People who love to grow orchids are lucky the orchids are so adaptable.

No plant naturally evolved to live in a pot, yet that is the way most orchids are cultivated. Many species can be induced to thrive in pots on a bench, but there are significant holdouts that demand special treatment. These include the many types of orchids that send their leafy growths upward but their flowers sideways or downward, those where the vegetative growth extends in the wrong direction for pot culture or otherwise defies containment, and still others that assert their epiphytic nature by refusing to grow well unless their roots are exposed to air and/or light. Accommodating the needs of these special cases can help the grower maintain a healthier and more diverse collection.

The presentation will offer a look at a sampling of orchid species that benefit from alternatives to traditional pot culture, followed by a brief demonstration and discussion of cultural techniques. A handout with information about sources for "out-of-pot" materials will be available.

Dan Newman started growing orchids in 1982. His first successful subject was a Dendrobium hybrid bought as a tiny seedling at a lei stand in the Honolulu Airport. When that plant finally grew up and bloomed a few years later, he was hooked! By 1996 he had 350 orchids in a one-bedroom apartment. That year he moved his plants into a

This month's meeting is on **Monday May 6th, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.



*Houlletia tigrina*

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In order to provide a selection of treats at our meetings, we are asking members with last names that start with the letter **S thru Z** to **bring refreshments** to the next meeting.

[Reminder, it's past time to pay your dues!](#)

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rented commercial greenhouse in San Francisco. He took over the large species collection of his friend and orchid mentor, Walter Teague, and his hobby evolved into his nursery, Hanging Gardens. Dan started growing orchids full-time in 2000, and moved to a larger greenhouse in Pacifica a few years later. He currently has 12,000 to 15,000 plants, mostly cool to intermediate growers (it's hard to maintain warm conditions in Pacifica!). His collection includes a few hybrids, but the great majority of his plants are species. He also grows a number of "companion plants", that share the natural habitats of orchids.

Dan joined the San Francisco Orchid Society in 1987, and served as its president in 1996/97. In recent years, he has spoken on various topics to orchid societies in California and elsewhere.



Hapalochilus formosus

## Upcoming Events

### May

**5/6 Monday COS Meeting.** Dan Newman will speak.

5/10-12 Orchid Society of California Show & Sale Lakeside Park Garden Center Oakland, CA

5/11 California Orchids Spring Open House 9-4 Bolinas, CA  
[info@californiaorchids.com](mailto:info@californiaorchids.com)

5/18-19 D&D Flowers Spring Open House 9-3 Half Moon Bay,  
1/3 mi. east of main St. off Hwy 92.

5/11-12, Orchid Design Mother's Day Open House 1361 Plum St., San Jose, CA 10-4 PM Orchids for sale, repotting and dividing demonstrations.

### June

**Note: There will be no regular June meeting!**

5/31-6/2 San Jose Orchid Exposition, Winchester Mystery House San Jose, \$5 admission [www.realorchidgrowers.com](http://www.realorchidgrowers.com) (We will be having a bus trip up on 6/1 see details on page 3).

## Bus Trip to San Jose Orchid Show

**When:** Saturday, June 1, 2013. The bus will pick us up at 9:00 a.m. at Marina Shopping Mall at the Best Buy end of the mall. You must be there at 9AM We will be back in Marina by 5PM

**Where:** Winchester House, San Jose

**Cost:** \$30 per person for members

The Winchester House is located next to Santana Row, so if you want to spend some time shopping for things not orchid, there is an opportunity.

The \$30 payment must be made by the May meeting and sign ups must be made by March 20th. If you are planning to go pay Carol Easton at the May or before and email you intent to her before that.

For more information: <http://realorchidgrowers.com/home>



Show and tell at the April Meeting



Emelita in her extremely neat and clean greenhouse, at her open greenhouse event in April.





## Save Your Orchid Supply!

Pay your Dues! Without your dues there are no monthly raffle tables, greenhouse bus tours, no local orchid show, no Carmel Orchid Society. It may cost almost nothing to send out this newsletter but we spend \$300 to \$400 each month to bring you an interesting speaker and a raffle table, and the proceeds from the raffle rarely pay for the cost of the plants let alone the speaker. Without you, your dues and your involvement there is no society, so pay up! It costs about the same as a single orchid or a bunch of raffle tickets.

**John**

## C A R M E L O R C H I D S O C I E T Y 2013 Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the **Carmel Orchid Society** and mail to: Carmel Orchid Society - Membership c/o Carol Easton, P.O. Box 223462 Carmel CA 93922-3462

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	Via E-Mail	Via US Mail
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<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
MAY 31	JUNE 1	JUNE 2
5:30PM-9:30PM	9:00AM-6:00PM	10:00AM-5:00PM

**PREVIEW NIGHT – FRIDAY**  
\$10 WINE TASTING Includes Souvenir Wine Glass  
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\$10.00 ADMISSION FRIDAY PREVIEW NIGHT

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# Mother's Day Weekend Orchid Show & Sale 2013

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Displays

Orchids  
for Sale

Culture  
Sessions

Raffles

**FREE**  
Admission

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**Friday**

**May 10**

12PM - 6PM

**Saturday**

**May 11**

10AM - 5PM

**Sunday**

**May 12**

10AM - 5PM

Lakeside Park Garden Center - 666 Bellevue Avenue - Oakland CA 94610

Next to The Gardens at Lake Merrit Botanical Garden in Lakeside Park

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