

The Backbulb

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"NO" July Meeting

The first Monday in July this year is our Nations 229th birthday, so there will be no meeting this month. The

Board tried to move the meeting to the second Monday, but there was a conflict at the church.

August Meeting

Deric Wenzel will speak on his trip to the 18th World Orchid Conference in Dijon, France. It was a massive show attracting 200,000 visitors and received wide spread coverage by the press and television.



September Greenhouse Tour

This year's Greenhouse Tour includes COS Member Greenhouses. On the tour will be:

- Carol & Jeff Salmon's small backyard greenhouse.
- Pat & Jud Grubbs' indoor atrium and outdoor cymbidium area.
- Carol & Bill Easton's greenhouse.
- Bill & Ida Hale's Bakkehelle Orchids greenhouses.
- Jim Nybakken's greenhouse.

All the homes will be open from 10 am to 2 pm for you to visit at your leisure. Final details on assembly area and car pooling in next months Backbulb.

At the end of the tour (3 pm) lunch will be served at Jim Nybakken's house at a cost of \$10 Per member and \$15 for quests.

Sign up by September 1, 2005, sign-up sheet is on page 4.

Maps will be made available.

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Stanhopea Culture Sheet

Stanhopeas and related genera have large, pleated leaves and bear incredible flowers with intricate, complex structures and mechanisms for pollination, ranging from channeled walkways for insects to

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buckets of a watery solution. Most have inflorescences that grow downward, so the plants must be potted in hanging baskets or similar containers. Flowers are often spicily fragrant, and although the flowers are short-lived, each plant may produce inflorescences many throughout the year. Re-

lated genera Paphinia and Peristeria grow warmer than others in this group, and may produce upright inflorescences.

LIGHT should be bright, with direct sunlight diffused so as not to burn the leaves. Most growers suspend these orchids due to their pendulous inflorescences. This also brings the plants closer to the light. Light levels approximating those for cattleyas, around 3,000 footcandles, are best.

TEMPERATURES should be moderate: 52 to 60 F at night, with day temperatures 68 to 75 F in the winter. Plants can stand short spells of higher temperatures, but air movement, humidity and shading must all be increased. Many species flower in the summer, and putting them outside in the summer may be beneficial. Move into higher light slowly to avoid burn.

WATER in ample quantities is important to produce strong pseudobulbs and prevent foliar spotting. Stanhopeas and their relatives can be sensitive to salt accumulation in the medium, so should never be allowed to dry out entirely, even during the winter months when growth may

> slow or stop. Poor watering habits are also conducive to root loss in these types, and some may be very slow to reestablish once they have lost their roots.

> FERTILIZE at regular intervals. Most growers fertilize with a diluted concentration every week to two weeks. For plants in bark, 30-10-10 hiahuse а

nitrogen formulation, alternating with a 20-20-20 balanced formulation; in the blooming season, which is mainly summer, use a 10-30-20 blossom-booster formulation. Plants grown in osmunda need fertilization only infrequently.

POTTING is done best right after summer flowering, as most plants seem to grow year round. Plants that rest in the winter can be repotted in the spring. The best flowerings come from large clumps of plants, so large baskets are usually used. An airy, yet moist medium seems to work best, such as medium grade fir bark (often mixed with sphagnum peat) or osmunda fiber. Vigorous plants may need repotting every three years or so.



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MayFaire 2005 HCC 77 Kefersteinia tolimensis 'Beta' Jim Nybakken Photo by Walter M. Shinn

Treasurer's Report May, 2005



 Checkbook Balance on May 1
 \$7,632.86

 May income
 5,755.00

 May expense
 (4,984.74)

 Checkbook Balance on May 31
 \$8,403.12

CD balance on May 15 was **\$7,691.59**

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 P. O. Box 2454, Monterey, CA 93942		
Membership Type Single Couple Vendor Application for Membership — F	Receive Newsletter via E-Mail \$15.00	Receive Newsletter via US Mail \$20.00
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Address		Member of the
City	StateZIP	American Orchid Society? Yes ☐ No ☐
Email address		New Member □ Renewal □



pcoming Events

Check Our Website For More Events

Carmel Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 1, 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, July 18, 2005, at 7:30pm The meeting will be held at the home of Susan Segal and Julian Bills.

Monterey Bay Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at 7:00pm (Second Tuesday of every month) At the Via Verde Medical Group, 1332 Natividad Road, Suite C, Salinas, CA. For more information, call (831) 375 6871.

Orchids in the Wine Country

October 14-16, 2005 10am to 5pm Doubletree Hotel Sonoma Wine Country, Rohnert Park, CA Info: (707) 528-1671

www.sonomaorchids.com/show.htm

AOS Members Meeting

October 12-16, 2005 10am to 5pm Doubletree Hotel Sonoma Wine Country, Rohnert Park, CA

Info: (707) 528-1671

www.orchidweb.org/aos/events/

members.aspx

Frances Durmmond Remembered

The Society received two donations, one from William and Nancy Greenbaum, COS Members, and one from Clarabeth W. Moore of Overland Park, Kansas.

Seconds Sale & Open House Stony Point Ceramics

Our friend Marni Turkel is having a seconds sale and open house on September 24, 2005; Saturday only, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 2080 Llano Rd #1B, Santa Rosa.

Save at least 50% off the regular price on seconds (slightly flawed and irregular pieces), trials, discontinued colors and shapes, samples, old stock, and overstocked items. To make a trip to the pottery even more appealing, there is a 20% discount on all first quality work on hand.

Check her web site www.marniturkel.com.

Greenhouse Tour: 10am—2pm

Greenhouse Tour & Barbecue Signup Form

Yes! I will be attending the Septembe Barbecue. Please reserve the followin	r 11th Greenhouse Tour and		
Members @ \$10.00 each	\$		
Guests @ \$15.00 each	\$		
Total My preference for meals is:	\$		
Beef tri-tipsChicken	Vegetarian entrees		
Name			
Address			
City			
Telephone ()			
Email			

Please make checks payable to the Carmel Orchid Society, and mail them to: Pat Landee, 1037 Rodeo Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953, 831-655-9729, patlandee@groundspace.com by September 1, 2005.