



The Backbulb

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April Speaker Ken Jacobsen

Ken was first introduced to orchids by his uncle in the 1960's and has been growing Cymbidiums himself for over 35 years. Over time, he has added the Odontoglossum alliance plants and several other genera. Since his wife Amy joined in his orchid addiction, they have added Cattleyas, Laelias, Lycastes, Encyclias, Vandas and Masdevallias. Together they even have a few Disas! Their collection now numbers about 2,800 Cymbidiums and about



another 2,500 of other Genera.

Ken is a probationary judge in the AOS judging program as well as an accredited judge with the CSA judging program. He has also written over a dozen articles for the CSA Journal.

Our meeting will be highlighted by a Power Point presentation on unusual markings on Cymbidiums; feathered, peloris, splash, spots and stripes.

Bring all of your Cymbidium questions as he is an expert on the culture.

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From Our President

THE BIG DISPLAY, MAYFAIRE 2007

One of the major attractions at the MayFaire Orchid Show and Sale has always been the members display under the flags in the Rotunda at the Crossroads Mall. This year this very special display of many, many varieties of blooming orchids will be just as spectacular in our new location at the American Tin Cannery. In order to create the splendor of orchids for which the MayFaire is famous, we need your contributions!

The display will be assembled on Friday afternoon under the able direction of Joyce Elisha and Ida Hale. **Plants should be brought to the**

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Cymbidium Culture

These orchids are prized for their long-lasting sprays of flowers, used especially as cut flowers or for corsages in the spring. There are two main types of cymbidiums — standards and miniatures. Where summer nights are warm (above 70 F), only miniatures can be recommended, because many are more tolerant of heat and able to flower in warmer weather.

LIGHT is important for growing cymbidiums. Coming from cool and bright areas in Asia, they need high light but cool temperatures. In many southern climates, high summer temperatures, especially at night, may prevent the plants from blooming. The maximum amount of light possible, short of burning, should be given to the plants. This means only light shade during the middle of the day, or about 20 percent shade. In cool areas (such as coastal California), full sun is tolerated. Leaves should be a medium to golden green in color, not dark green.

TEMPERATURES are another critical factor in flowering standard and miniature cymbidiums. During the summer, standard cymbidiums are usually grown outside in semi shade, where day temperatures should be 75 to 85 F (or more), but night temperatures in the late summer to autumn (August to October) must be 50 to 60 F to initiate flower spikes. Optimum temperatures in winter are 45 to 55 F at night and 65 to 75 F during the day. When plants are in bud, temperatures must be as constant as possible, between 55 and 75 F. Miniatures can stand temperatures five to 10 degrees higher than standards and still flower. Most cymbidiums can tolerate light frosts and survive, but this is not recommended. Bring them inside when temperatures dip to 40 F. In mild climates, they can be grown outside year round. A bright and cool location inside is best for winter months.

WATER to provide a constant supply of moisture to cymbidiums, which are semi terrestrial plants. They generally produce all their vegetative growth during the spring and summer and need the most water during that period. Water heavily during the

growth season, keeping the potting material evenly moist. Reduce water when the pseudo bulbs complete growing in late summer. Keep barely moist during the winter.

HUMIDITY outdoors is usually sufficient during the summer, except in dry climates, where evaporative cooling in a greenhouse is necessary. Keep humidity at 40 to 60 percent during the winter, especially if plants are in bud. Keep the air moving to prevent fungus (*Botrytis*) from spotting the flowers.

FEEDING at the proper time to help cymbidiums flower. During the growth season (spring through late summer), high nitrogen fertilizer (such as 30-10-10) is used. In late summer, use a high-phosphorus, blossom-booster fertilizer (such as 10- 30-20), to help form bloom spikes. Fertilize at full strength every week to two weeks. In winter, fertilize once a month.

POTTING is usually done in the spring after flowering, usually every two years or when the potting medium decomposes. Shake all of the old potting mix off the roots, dividing the plant if desired. Pick a water-retentive potting mix; medium-grade fir bark with peat moss and perlite is a common mix. Select a pot that will allow for at least two to three years of pseudo bulb growth before crowding the pot, while planning on placing the active growing pseudo bulb(s) of the division farthest from the side of the pot. Spread the roots over a cone of the mix in the bottom of the pot and fill the container with medium, working it among the roots, tamping firmly. Single backbulbs need not even be placed in mix until new growth and roots are noted. Keep shaded and warm until new growth sprouts, and pot as above.

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MayFaire Sale Plants

Plants for sale must be clean and free of pests and disease (the COS reserves the right to reject sale plants it deems to not meet these requirements).

Each plant must have attached to it a COS tag which give the pertinent information about the plant and the price.

Tags for the member sales plants will be available again at the April meeting. If people cannot make it and need tags then they should contact me at 659-4060 to arrange getting them.

Jim Nybakken

Treasurer's Report February, 2007



Checkbook Balance on February. 1	\$ 9,371.21
February Income	8,569.79
February Expenses	<10,898.75>
Checkbook Balance on February 28	\$ 7,042.25

MM Balance on February 28 was	\$ 10,000.00
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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.

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	\$20.00 ☐	\$25.00 ☐
Couple	\$30.00 ☐	\$35.00 ☐
Vendor	\$30.00 ☐	\$35.00 ☐

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

Next Regular Carmel Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Monday, April 2, 2007 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, April 16, 2007, at 7:00pm

The meeting will be held at the home of Sharon & Ken Ashton, 26966 Laureles Grade Rd., Carmel Valley.

Monterey Bay Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 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.

Santa Clara Valley Orchid Show

March 30-April 1, Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave., San Jose, CA. (408) 355-4745

www.santaclaravalleyorchidsociety.org

Five Cities Orchid Society Show

March 31-April 1, Arroyo Grande Regional Center, 800 Branch St., Arroyo Grande, CA. (805) 489-9046

info@fcos.org.

Golden Gate Cymbidium Society's 18th Annual Show & Sale, Orchids, A Field of Dreams.

April 7—8, 9-5pm at Lakeside Garden Center (by Lake Merrit) 666 Bellevue Ave. Oakland, CA. Free admission. Info: 510.276.2851

Sacramento Orchid Society's 60th Annual Show & Sale, Orchid Jewels.

April 21 –22, Sat 10-5, Sun, 10-4 at Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H St., Sacramento, CA. Info: 916.489.3263

You Ought to Be in Pictures!

The debut of including member photos in the 2006 COS Membership Roster booklet was well received. The Board would like to continue this effort as we plan for and prepare the 2007 roster, which will be distributed at the June 4, 2007 Birthday Party and Potluck Dinner.

Board members Ken Ashton and Lori Siegmund will have their digital cameras at the April 2 meeting, as well as at the MayFaire. We will be specifically targeting 2007 members whose photos were missing from the 2006 roster, as well as new members. If you have already re-

newed your 2007 dues and would like to have a new photo taken and included in the 2007 membership roster, please be sure to contact Lori or Ken for your very own 'photo session' at the April meeting or at the MayFaire. Please note that there is no regular May meeting this year. The 2007 roster will need to be ready for printing and collating shortly after the MayFaire in order to be ready in time for distribution the Birthday Party and Potluck in June.

Lori Siegmund

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Notes on Membership & Roster

A few notes on COS Membership and the 2007 Roster.

1. Member dues for 2007 must be paid no later than Sunday, May 6 (last day of MayFaire) in order to be included in the roster that will be distributed at the June meeting.
2. Member photos must be taken by, or submitted to the Membership Coordinator (Lori) no later than Sunday, May 6 to be included in the roster.
3. Member rosters will be distributed at the Birthday Party **ONLY** to members whose 2007 dues have been received and recorded **on or before June 3, 2007**.
4. We will be unable to accept dues payment at the Birthday Party Potluck. Please plan on mailing delinquent dues to the Membership Coordinator after this day, or pay at the next regular meeting, July 2, 2007. You will then obtain

your membership roster.

5. Per the Bylaws, COS Membership is automatically terminated if 2007 dues are not paid on or before August 6, 2007.

I will appoint someone on my committee who can be in charge of distributing the rosters at the June meeting/BD Party Potluck. I will be busy coordinating the event and will be pretty distracted with other things to focus on. So with everyone's help and cooperation the party should be as enjoyable as ever.

Thank you, your Membership Coordinator and Birthday Party Chairperson

Lori Siegmund

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Other MayFaire Sales

This MayFaire we're doing something new to help bring in funds. Joanie Linares and her team of helpers are making aprons (like we have for our volunteers to wear), wine bottle bags and plant stakes. These are no ordinary plant stakes! They're beautiful one-of-a-kind handcrafted stakes made from jewels and copper which will develop a great patina over time. **What we need are donations of your costume jewelry** for a dazzling display of unique items. Necklaces or bracelets with pearls (faux), rhinestones (glass) and/or metallic beads are the best. The bigger the better!! Just bring them to our next meeting April 2 and give them to Joanie. You'll be amazed at how she transforms your "family jewels".

April Clean Up

Clean up for the April meeting will be provided by:

- Sandra Carrillo
- Ted Rapalus
- Shelia Morgan-Thigpen
- Jason Wright

April Goodies

Goodies for the April meeting will be provided by:

- Elizabeth Coelho
- Rose Cunningham
- Joanie Linares
- Mary Parker
- Lupe Rubio
- Marilyn Uribe



A special Thank You to Jim & Ruth Anne Guy for their March Goodies.



From Our President *(Continued)*

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American Tin Cannery in the area near the foot of the escalator anytime between 12-4 pm on Friday, May 4th. The show opens at 9am on Saturday morning, May 5th and the display must be in place!

Members are encouraged to bring their plants in an attractive container or basket. The plants will be shined with leaf polish and have moss placed around the base unless written instructions are attached to the plant that it is not to be shined, the plant is already attractively presented and the member has furnished his/her own moss. If you cannot bring the plants in yourself, please contact another COS member to assist you. Last minute additions may be accepted before 8am on Saturday if space is available.

At the conclusion of the show the display will be disassembled by Joyce and her Committee. Moss will be removed and the plants will be available from where the Plant Sale table was located during the show. **No plants are available until 4:30pm on Sunday, May**

6th .

The Guidelines that have been adopted for the MayFaire include:

- 1. All plants are pest and disease free.**
- 2. The leaves are clean and attractive (COS will clean with Plant Shine unless otherwise specified by the grower).**
- 3. Plant is blooming to display its special attributes.**
- 4. Pot is provided with an outer container.**
- 5. Moss covers the base of the plant (provided by COS).**
- 6. Plants should be staked and secured appropriately.**

Members must pick up their plants promptly at 4:30pm on Sunday, May 6th because there is no storage or security for plants that are left after the show is concluded. We hope that members will be available at that time anyway to help in closing the show and assisting with clean up. Many hands make light work for all! See you there!

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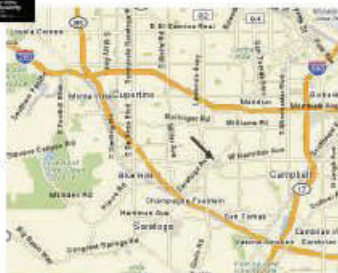
From Hwy 17/880

Take Hamilton Ave. west 2.6 miles, turn right on Sagemont.

From Hwy 280/680

Take Saratoga Ave. south 1.7 miles, turn left on Graves.

FOR INFORMATION CALL: 408-355-4745



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