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October Program

Your Carmel Orchid Society Board has designed an especially exciting and informative meeting for all our members. Bring paper and pencil as you peruse five different displays or work stations. We will bring in the plant Dr. and also conduct some potting demonstrations.

There will be a big display of current orchid books so you can make informed decisions about your own orchid library. We will display fertilizers and pesticides we have found to be useful in our collections. A

variety of orchid mixes will be presented with suggestions on creating your own custom mix to suit your particular growing conditions. Bring your blooming orchids for 'Show' N Tell'. Our plant opportunity table will be provided by Bill and Ida Hale. Refreshments will be served throughout the meeting. We hope you take advantage of this informal meeting to visit with your fellow society members and welcome our newest members.

Carolyn Salmon

From Our President

First, I would like to thank everyone involved with making the BBQ Plant Auction the success that it was. This includes not only my committee, Bill and Ken for cooking, Joanie for her tomatoes, John Poulos for his wonderful dips, Betty and Jim Nybakken for the use of their home but also all those who attended.

The event which normally results in a cost of several hundred dollars when it is a bus tour actually made almost \$95.00 for the society; well done to all.

There is a required area of business that will be conducted at the October meeting, it is the presentation of the Slate of Nominees for the 2008 Officers and Board of Directors. This slate will be voted on at the November meeting.

Carol Easton

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Lycastes Culture

Lycastes are deciduous in various degrees, from the strongly deciduous, yellow-flowered species like *Lycaste aromatica* that flowers from leafless pseudobulbs to the evergreen types like *Lycaste skinneri* with pseudobulbs that retain their leaves at flowering. This genus produces large, long-lasting, showy, triangular flowers that are waxy. The plants are distinctive for their roundish pseudobulbs and broad, plicate (pleated) leaves. Culture for the hybrid genus *Angulocaste* (*Lycaste* ~ *Anguloa*) follows the culture for the *Lycaste* parent.

LIGHT requirements vary. Deciduous species require light conditions as for cattleyas — 2,000 to 4,000 foot-candles or 50 to 70 percent shade. More light is usually provided as new growths form pseudobulbs. Evergreen species grow best with less light — 1,500 to 2,000 foot-candles or 60 to 80 percent shade.

TEMPERATURES for the evergreen species should be fairly constant and never hot. Nights of 60 F and days of 75 to 80 F are desirable. The deciduous species of lycaste can tolerate a wider range, up to 95° F during the day and down to 50° F at night when dormant in the winter.

WATER should be applied freely during active growth (usually summer). The potting medium should begin to dry out between waterings. Deciduous species should be kept almost completely dry when leafless; evergreen species should be kept only slightly drier than normal after pseudobulbs form. Water should be kept off the leaves, and especially out of the new growths, to prevent rot or leaf spotting, which disfigure otherwise handsome plants.

HUMIDITY should be maintained at

40 to 70 percent. Deciduous species need less humidity when dormant. Brisk air circulation will help prevent damage to leaves by leafspot fungi.

FERTILIZE regularly and heavily when plants are actively growing. A higher nitrogen formulation (such as 30-10-10) is recommended during active growth (usually summer); some growers spread blood meal on the top of the potting medium as new pseudobulbs form, though in inexperienced hands this can be dangerous to the plant. In autumn, or as growths mature and pseudobulbs are produced, fertilizer is reduced or switched to a high-phosphorus (such as 10-30-20) formulation to stimulate flower production.

POTTING is best when new growth starts, usually in spring. A fine-grade potting medium is often used; fir bark and perlite (3:1) is a common, fast-draining mix. When repotting, split plants into no less than two pseudobulbs per pot and choose a container to allow for two years of growth. The plant should be positioned in the vessel so that the newest growths are farthest away from the edge of the pot, allowing the maximum number of new growths without crowding the pot. Spread the roots over a cone of potting medium and fill in around the roots with potting medium to the junction of the roots and the pseudobulbs. Push the medium firmly around the roots. Keep humidity high and the potting medium on the dry side until new roots form.

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San Diego International Orchid Fair

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Orchid Fair

Sponsored by and held at
Quail Botanical Gardens

October 5-7, 2007

13th Annual
Orchid Show and Plant Sale

An AOS Sanctioned Judging Event with
25 Vendors, Many International and
Ongoing Lectures on Culture and Care

Come and enjoy hundreds of orchids in the beautiful setting of Quail Botanical Gardens, one of San Diego's best family friendly attractions with over 35 acres of gardens including Seeds of Wonder, an interactive children's garden, and a world famous bamboo collection. Plan to spend some time in San Diego and visit the San Diego Zoo, Sea World, Legoland, and more. Enjoy a day or two at one of the many beaches and a game of golf at the Torrey Pines Golf Course.

Friday, October 5 • 1 PM to 5 PM
Saturday, October 6 • 9 AM to 5 PM
Sunday, October 7 • 9 AM to 4 PM

For further information, call 760-436-3036 x206 or
www.qbgardens.org

Quail Botanical Gardens is located at 230 Quail Gardens Drive in Encinitas, a beach community in the northern part of San Diego County.

Treasurer's Report August, 2007



Checkbook Balance on Aug 1	\$5,432.38
Aug Income	285.00
Aug Expense	<600.00>
Checkbook Balance on Aug 31	\$5,117.38
Money Market Balance on Aug 31	\$10,241.91

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 _____

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Member of the
American Orchid Society?

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Yes ☐ No ☐

Email address _____ New Member ☐ Renewal ☐



Upcoming Events

Check Our Website For More Events

Carmel Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Monday, October 1, 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, October 22, 2007, at 7:00pm

The meeting will be held at the home of Elizabeth Coelho, 2953 Sloat Road, Pebble Beach 93953 (372-2582)

Monterey Bay Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, October 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.

San Diego International Orchid Fair at Quail Botanical Gardens

Friday, October 5, 2007, 1 pm - 5pm, Saturday, October 6, 2007, 9 am - 5pm, Sunday, October 7, 2007, 9 am - 4 pm

Fee: Members Free; Non-Members: Free with [Garden Admission](#)

The event features hundreds of species and hybrids, exhibits, sales and lectures, as well as official American Orchid Society (AOS) judging and ribbon judging. Orchids from vendors of various countries such as China, Peru, Columbia, Philippines, Australia, Venezuela, Taiwan, Costa Rica, Brazil and Ecuador will be on display and for sale. All the displays and judged orchid plants will be available for visitors to view in the Ecke building. More than 25 vendors selling orchids, orchid related products and books will be available. Regular garden admission applies.

D&D Flowers Fall Open House and Sale

October 6 & 7, 2007 - 9:00am to 4:00pm in Half Moon Bay. The greenhouse is not open to the public except for the spring and fall open house events. Great prices on original divisions of Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums and many more genera. Really good deals... priced to sell, cash or checks only, no credit cards. There is no list of available plants and divisions are sold first come first served basis. They are located in Half Moon Bay 1/3 mile east of Main Street off Hwy 92. Just east of Spanish Town on Hwy. 92 there is a house and firewood business. Turn onto the street between the house and firewood business and go over the bridge into the greenhouse complex. D & D Flowers is the first greenhouse on the right. If you go beyond the large dinosaur statues in front of the house and Spanish Town and you are at Main Street, you've gone too far. If you have any questions, call Dennis Olivas at 925-969-1246.

Diablo View Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale

October 13 & 14, 2007 Sat. 9 am – 5 pm; Sun. 10 am – 4 pm.

Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA, 94523. For more information, visit the Diablo View website: www.diabloviewos.org or contact Dennis Olivas at 925-969-1246 or by email at d.olivas@comcast.net.



2007 Christmas Party Note

Your Board and the Chairperson of the Christmas Party, Sharon Ashton, have been working hard to make sure we have another great event. Fortunately, this year the Monterey Beach Hotel has not had to increase their prices significantly and therefore we will be able to keep the same ticket prices as last year. We will, as in past years, have a wonderful plant table with lots of great plants for the raffle.

For those members paying their membership dues for 2008 by November 15, there will be a raffle for a special plant. The ticket price for the party again this year will be \$30.00 per member and \$45.00 per guest. Keep in mind that the Monterey Beach Hotel's actual cost to COS is almost \$52.00 per person.

This years menu will most likely be:

Organic Romaine & Baby Greens, with House Vinaigrette & Ranch Dressings, House-Made Croutons & Assorted Toppings, Chef's Selection of Three Seasonal Salads; Fresh Seasonal Fruit & Cheese Display; Chef's Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Starch; Fresh Rolls and Butter; Penne Pasta Primavera, *Fresh Seasonal Vegetables with a light Crème Sauce*; Char-broiled London Broil *with Forest Mushroom Demi-Glaze*; Assorted Dessert Display, Coffee, Decaf & Iced Tea.

We are also trying to add Fresh Salmon Filet, *Ginger Citrus Soy Glaze*;

Sharon Ashton

Corrections to the Membership Roster/Booklet

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 for the October meeting will be provided

by:

- Kathie Ritter
- Howard Straus
- Shelia Morgan-Thigpen

October Goodies

Goodies for the October meeting will be provided by:

- Geva Arcanin
- Richard Deming
- Janette Ford
- Bill Hale



Thank You to those who supported last month.



2007 BBQ



Thank you Jim and Ruthanne Guy for these pictures.



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