



The Backbulb

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August Speaker Amy Chung-Jacobsen

We are pleased to announce that our June speaker will be Amy Chung-Jacobsen.

Although she had always grown a few orchids, when Amy got married to Ken Jacobsen she was faced with a quandary. She basically had a choice between getting more involved with orchids, or becoming an orchid widow. Since there was a mostly empty greenhouse available, Amy decided to start growing Cattleyas and Laelias.

Now, nine years later, that greenhouse is full as are two others. In addition to Laelias and Cattleyas, Amy is also growing Lycastes and Anguloas, Masdevallias, Pleurothallids, Disas, and a wide mix of other genera. She has moved from having just a few plants eight years ago, to having a couple thousand today. She is also raising Laelia and Cattleya species and hybrids from seed - she even does her own lab work.

Amy's talk will be a slide show of the many places that she has visited.

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From Our President

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO YOU THE CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP for our successful 2008 MayFaire.

Even though we had half the vendors that we had last year we still had a successful show. See Ken's MayFaire Report for the exact numbers. It was a lot of hard work, sometimes exhausting, for our wonderful volunteers and it was fun. For those members that weren't able to help with the work we appreciated your support by attending the show to see our efforts, bringing your friends and for buying those special plants from our vendors or the society plant table.

Our new undertaking this year, THE RAFFLE was very successful due to the enthusiasm of Amanda McLean and her busy Committee. Amanda brought the raffle idea from her Orchid Society in Alabama. She and her Committee obtained the prizes from some of our vendors and other local businesses. Well done.

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Paphiopedilum Culture

Paphiopedilums, the lady's-slipper orchids, originate in the jungles of the Far East including Indonesia. They are semiterrestrial, growing in humus and other material on the forest floor, on cliffs in pockets of humus and occasionally in trees. They are easy to grow in the home, under lights or in the greenhouse.

LIGHT is easier to provide for paphiopedilums than many other types of orchids. They require shady conditions, as in the home in an east or west window, or near a shaded south window. In the greenhouse, shade must be provided. Give about 1,000 to 1,500 foot-candles. In the home, fluorescent lighting is excellent; suspend two or four tubes 6 to 12 inches above the leaves.

TEMPERATURES for paphiopedilums cover a considerable range. Paphiopedilums are traditionally separated into two groups: the warm-growing mottled-leaved types and the cool-growing green-leaved types. A third, increasingly popular group is the warmer-growing strap-leaved multifloral paphiopedilums. Warm-growing types should be kept at 60 to 65 F during the night, and 75 to 85 F or more during the day. Cool-growing types should be kept at 50 to 60 F during the night and 75 to 80 F during the day. However, many growers raise all plants in the same temperature range with excellent results. The plants can stand night temperatures in the 40s if necessary (as when grown outside in mild climates), as well as temperatures to 95 F. Care must be taken to protect the plants from rot when cold (keep humidity low, and avoid moisture on leaves or in the crowns of the plants), and also to protect from burning when hot (shade more heavily and increase humidity and air movement around the plants).

WATER must be available at the roots constantly, because all plants in this genus have no pseudo bulbs. All of these plants need

a moist medium — never soggy, but never dry. Water once or twice a week.

HUMIDITY for paphiopedilums should be moderate, between 40 and 50 percent, which can be maintained in the home by setting the plants on trays of gravel, partially filled with water, so that the plants never sit in water. In a greenhouse, average humidity is sufficient. Using an evaporative cooling system in warm climates can increase the humidity. Air movement is essential, especially when humidity is high.

FERTILIZE on a regular schedule, but care must be taken to avoid burning of the fleshy, hairy roots. High-nitrogen fertilizers (such as 30-10-10) are recommended when potted in any fir-bark mix. In warm weather, some growers use half-strength applications every two weeks; others use one quarter strength at every watering. It's important to flush with clear water monthly to leach excess fertilizer, which can burn roots. In cool weather, fertilizer applications once a month are sufficient.

POTTING should be done about every two years, or as the medium decomposes. Seedlings and smaller plants are often repotted annually. Mixes vary tremendously; most are fine- or medium-grade fir bark, with varying additives, such as perlite (sponge rock), coarse sand and sphagnum moss. Moisture retention with excellent drainage is needed. Large plants can be divided by pulling or cutting the fans of the leaves apart, into clumps of three to five growths. Smaller divisions will grow, but may not flower. Spread the roots over a small amount of medium in the bottom of the pot and fill with medium, so that the junction of roots and stem is buried 1/2 inch deep in the center of the pot. Do not overpot; an average plant should have a 4- to 6-inch pot.

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MAYFAIRE REPORT

I would like to start by thanking all of the volunteers who made this MayFaire the success that it turned out to be. I feel that it is only appropriate to single out one of our newest members, Amanda McLean who joined in February of this year.

Every year the board considers having a raffle and plant hotel at MayFaire but ultimately rejects them due to the volunteer time involved. This year Amanda suggestion having a raffle like the one that she ran at her society in Huntsville, Alabama and she said "I would be willing to do the setup and raffle display, get the raffle plants from the vendors, get the tickets, be there the whole show all the time, do tear down of the raffle display, get the won items to the people who won them and prepare the funds for the society treasurer with a report." With funds raised of \$815.40 the rest is history. In

addition to the raffle, Amanda also found the two security people from her church and cut the security expense from \$675 last year down to \$345.

A look at the net figures tells the story. We ended up having only 10 vendors this year compared to last year when we had 22 vendors. For those of you who are not familiar with our MayFaire operation, the bulk of the money that we take in comes from vendor booth fees so needless to say this cut the money coming in by half.

Member plant sales were less than half of what they were last year, \$1,101.92 compared to \$2,464.39. Non-plant sales were up, \$219.05 compared to a loss of \$189.79 last year due to the material costs. Bark sales were more than

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Carmel Orchid Society, Inc.

Membership Application

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

Carmel Orchid Society—Membership
c/o Shirley West
P. O. Box 2454, Monterey, CA 93942

Membership Type

Single

Couple

Vendor

Receive Newsletter via E-Mail

\$20.00 ☐

\$30.00 ☐

\$30.00 ☐

Receive Newsletter via US Mail

\$25.00 ☐

\$35.00 ☐

\$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, June 2, 2008 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, Thursday, June 16, 2008, at 7:00pm
The meeting will be held at the home of Geva Arcanin, 551 Junipero Ave., Pacific Grove. (831) 655-0891.

Monterey Bay Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 7:00pm (Second Tuesday of every month), At the Lincoln Ave Presbyterian Church, 536 Lincoln Ave, Salinas, CA. (831) 663-3953.

Hale Collection Sell-Out, Saturday, May 31, 2008, 11:00am to 4:00 pm (see note).

Express Orchid Exhibition, May 31 – June 1, 9 am – 5 pm, Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites, 1350 North Fourth Street, San Jose. Wine Tasting, Orchid Sales, Culinary Sampling, Orchid Skill Sessions. Free Admission. Free Parking. For information, call 800-731-9995.

Malihini Orchid Society Auction, June 13, 7:30, Hewlett Packard Oak Room, 19091 Pruneridge Avenue, Cupertino. For more information, contact Mike Bautista via email at 5mb@batnet.com or by phone at 650-556-9599.

Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair, July 11 – 13, 28th Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA. (Highway 101 at Las Positas Road). For more information, visit the website: <http://orchidfair.com/>, email to sboe@sborchid.com or call 1-800-553-3387.

 **2008 Express Orchid Exhibition**
Stay Smart® at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
1350 N. Fourth Street, San Jose, CA 95112, More info 1-800-731-9995
Beginner Orchid Growing Skill Sessions



"Windowsill Orchid Growing"
featuring Mini Cattleya
Instructed by Alan Koch

11:30 AM-12:00 PM Saturday, May 31st, 2008
11:30 AM-12:00 PM Sunday, June 1st, 2008



"Growing Orchids Outdoors"
featuring Masdevallia
Instructed by Tom Peritte
12:30 PM-1:00 PM
Saturday, May 31st, 2008
12:30 PM-1:00 PM
Sunday, June 1st, 2008

"Growing Orchid Species"
featuring Rare & Hardy Species
Instructed by Harry Phillips
2:30 PM-3:00 PM
Saturday, May 31st, 2008
2:30 PM-3:00 PM
Sunday, June 1st, 2008



"Easy Growing Orchids"
featuring Oncidium Alliance
Intergenerics
Instructed by Bruce Davidson
1:30 PM-2:00 PM
Saturday, May 31st, 2008

"Growing Orchids Indoors"
featuring Phalaenopsis
Instructed by Bruce Davidson
1:30 PM-2:00 PM
Sunday, June 1st, 2008



"Growing Orchid Hybrids"
featuring Epidendrum
Instructed by Lauris Rose
3:30 PM-4:00 PM Saturday, May 31st, 2008
3:30 PM-4:00 PM Sunday, June 1st, 2008



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Orchid Sales and Exhibition, Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st, 2008
9 AM till 5 PM both days

FREE ORCHID RAFFLE & PRIZES GIVEN AWAY EACH EVENT DAY!
Presented in Collaboration with the [Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society](http://www.santaclaravalleyorchidsociety.com)

Hale Orchid Collection Sell-Out

This is your last opportunity to purchase orchids from the Hale's collection. Joanie Linares and Carolyn Salmon will be out at the greenhouse located at Sunburst Farm on Meadows Road 5 miles out Carmel Valley Road from Hwy 1. The date is Saturday May 31st from 11am to 4pm. There are approximately 300 plants for sale including approx 75 cattleyas. including some nice

portias, 20 paphiopedilums, 5-10 cymbidiums, lots of brassias, oncidiums, colminaras and related genera.

We hope to see all of you there. Cash or checks are welcome. These orchids are priced to sell! The more you buy, the better the deal! You may contact either Joanie at 595-4456 or Carolyn at 375-3748 for any additional information.



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double, \$498.00 compared to \$260.37 also due to the material costs.

The board decided to buy plants from Bay Breeze this year to sell from the member plant booth to help makeup for the anticipated short-fall and spent \$635.00 on plants that we sold for \$820.00. Bay Breeze donated dozens of plants that were out of bloom that we ended up selling for \$246.00 with enough plants left over to give one to each volunteer. Bay Breeze donated all of last years COS plant sale plants.

COS plant sales were a little ahead of last year, \$433.00 compared to \$343.00. The huge difference was the COS raffle which was \$815.40 for the first year held! Thank you again Amanda McLean!!!

The total funds raised from things other than Vendor Booth Fees were \$1,879.45 compared to \$491.51 last year. **When all was said and done with all of the income and outgo considered we ended up with the total funds raised from 2008 MayFaire being \$3,688.22 compared to \$2,407.66 from the 2007 MayFaire for a 53% increase.**

It was only a few months ago that the board was concerned about our ability to break even this year based on the seven vendors that were willing to commit at that time. Again, thank you to the board and all other volunteers for making this MayFaire the success that it was.

Ken Ashton

MayFaire Coordinator

From Our President

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There are so many individuals to thank for making this a successful event that I am afraid of missing someone. We will thank everyone publicly at the June meeting.

See you at 7:00 on June 2nd. Remember – no Potluck in June, we are having the Potluck combined with the BarBQ in September.

Carol Easton

Treasurer's Report April, 2008



Checkbook Balance on April, 1	\$ 4,821.57
April Income	1,216.00
April Expenses	<1,228.41>
Checkbook Balance on April, 30	\$ 4,809.16
Vanguard Money Market	
Balance on April, 30 was	\$ 10,530.58

June Goodies

Goodies for the June meeting will be provided by:

- Your COS Board of Directors

Large Spigot Style Bottled Water will be provided by:

- Your COS Board of Directors



**Plant Hotel Concierge Report**

Move over Intercontinental-The Clement Monterey Hotel on Cannery Row, you have nothing on us. We did a whopping \$22.00 in two days. Hope that you can beat this!!! Good luck to you.

In all seriousness, our Plant Hotel was a great service to all who attended if not a financial windfall for the Society. All we asked for was a donation and therefore it brought us a lot of good will.

Thank you to all the volunteers who relieved me.

Marilyn Uribe

Treasurer

Hospitality Report

I would like to thank our COS members for their generous donations of food as well as their gracious response to participate when asked. I would also like to thank all my Committee members for their time spent in setting up such a lavish spread for our vendors and volunteers. We could not have done it without all of you.

The responses from the vendor questionnaires were at the top of the chart when it came to Hospitality thanks to you and Susan and Julian for going over the top with the deep discount room rates and special treatment at the Inn.

Elizabeth Coelho

MayFaire Hospitality Committee Chairperson

"Best of Show" Orchids

This years Judge, Dennis Olivas say fit to award two "Best of Show" ribbons as two plants were perfectly grown.

The winning growers were Jim Nybakken and Lori Siegmund.

2008 Officers of the Carmel Orchid Society

President	Carol Easton
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Director	Elizabeth Coelho
Director	Jaclyn Kinney
Director	Mimi Schramm

"Best of Show" Volunteers

The following awards were designated by the MayFaire Coordinator:

- Vendor Fill-in – Joanie Linares
- Raffle Salesperson – Joyce Zelinski
- Ready to help anywhere – Jaclyn Kinney
- Plant Hotel Concierge – Marilyn Uribe
- Bark Salesperson – Roberta Singer
- "Whip them into shape" Food Guru – Elizabeth Coelho
- Wheelchair Driver – Carol Easton
- Potting Demonstrator – Bill Hale & Deric Wenzler
- Member Plant runner – Carolyn Salmon
- Innovative Ideas – Amanda McLean
- Volunteers – COS Members

Joanie filling in at D&D Booth



Marilyn at COS Member Table



Amanda & Joy at Raffle Table



Jackie & Shirley help Dennis



Geva & Elizabeth in Hospitality Room



Joanie, Pal & Ken Hanging a Banner

