

The BackBulb

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July 2009 ■



July Speaker: Ms. Satomi Kasahara

The Beauty and History of Japanese Orchids

Ms. Satomi Kasahara of Seed Engei will be speaking at our July meeting. Her slide show talk will be on the beauty and history of Japanese Orchids, centering on *Neofinetia falcata* or Fukiran in Japan.

The July meeting is on **Monday July 6th**. At the **Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula**, 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.



Seed Engei have specialized in Fukiran growing for 25 years. Mr. Shigeru Kasahara started collecting them when he was age 25 as a hobby and side business. He is now vice-chairman of Japan Fukiran society and chairman of Shizuoka Fukiran society (the branch office in his hometown). The family business has a store and greenhouse in Shizuoka, Japan near Mt. Fuji, the highest mountain in Japan.

Two years ago, Mr Kasahara participated in the Santa Barbara orchid show for the first

time. He wanted to introduce this historical orchid to California which has a climate suitable for Fukiran growing. The Fukiran has admirers among the many different peoples who live in California. With his daughter Satomi's help, he has participated in many shows in California and throughout the United States. Seed Engei will be selling plants as well as providing some plants for the raffle table.

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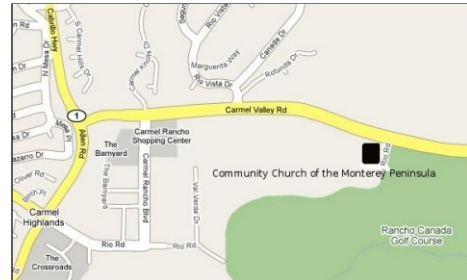
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New Location For Future Meetings!

We will meet at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, which is 1 mile East of Highway One at 4590 Carmel Valley Road. If you are coming from Hwy. 1 turn right at the Rancho Canada turnoff and turn right at the end of the drive.



If anyone can't drive at night, but would still like to attend our monthly meetings, please contact our Membership Coordinator, Jackie Kinney (601-4935). She will try to help arrange a ride for you.

Goodies For the July Meeting Elizabeth Coelho, Kathie Ritter, and Rick Rosenbaum will provide the goodies for your culinary pleasure, and raffle tickets.

Carol's Commentary

I start this note to you with sad news. Jim Nybakken, a 35 plus year member of Carmel Orchid Society, passed away on Saturday at Stanford University Hospital. During his membership he held the offices of Treasurer, Vice-President and President as well as several years on the Board in other positions. He was extremely knowledgeable, always generous of his time and enjoyed teaching others about orchids. He will be truly missed.

Our next big Society event will be another great Summer Orchid Fest, featuring BBQ and an orchid auction. To be held at the Carmel Village Community Center on August 29, 2009 at 1 PM. Come join us for BBQ'd Tri-tip and Chicken, beans, some of Joanie's famous homegrown tomatoes, garlic bread and beverages. Members will be asked to bring a specific side dish when contacted by the COS in order to avoid duplication. We will also have another wonderful Silent Auction with a great selection of blooming orchids. Please fill out the reservation in this issue of the BackBulb and mail to me at the address provided along with your check. Please come join us – we will have a great time.

October is fast approaching - October is the month when the Nominating Committee comes up with the Slate of Officers to

be voted on at the November meeting. Even if you have never held office or if you would like to again, please get in touch with one of the Board Members. It is fun, you get to know your fellow members and you learn even more about orchids. How can you lose!!

One last word. Dues are due and in fact past due. We notice a few people attending our meetings who have not yet paid their dues this year. We are always happy to see you at the meetings but we



want you to pay your dues – your society needs the money! If you are not sure if you paid your dues, please contact Jackie Kinney, Membership Chair or Ken Ashton, Treasurer. You will find their contact information elsewhere in the BackBulb.

See you at 7 PM on July 6, 2009 at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula on Carmel Valley Road for our next meeting.

Carol

Photos are show and tell flowers from the June meeting.

Upcoming Events

July

7/6 Monday 7PM COS July Meeting

7/10-12 Santa Barbara Orchid Fair

7/20 COS Board meeting

August

8/3 Monday 7PM COS August meeting, speaker: Bruce Rogers, Sobralia expert and funny guy.

8/8 California, Sierra Nevada Judging Center Speakers Day. Sacramento CA. Roy Tokunaga, H & R Nurseries, Understanding Dendrobiums, their variety & culture; Ron McHatton, Director of Education for the AOS, Simplified Orchid Genetics for the General Grower; Carlos Fighetti, President of the AOS, Taiwan, Fantastic Modern Phalaenopsis.

8/15 Deadline for reservations for Summer Orchid Fest

8/29 Saturday COS Summer Orchid Fest.

Summer Orchid Fest Reservation Form

Yes! I will be attending the Summer Orchid Fest, BBQ and Silent Auction at the Carmel Valley Village Community Center on August 29, 2009 at 1 pm.

Please reserve the following for me:

Members at \$10 Guests at \$10 each

Member Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Name of Guest(s): _____

If you can help with either setup or cleanup, please indicate below. Your help will be much appreciated. The Community Center requires that we cleanup after ourselves.

Setup at 11:30 am Cleanup

Please return this form, with your check, to: Carol Easton, Box A, Carmel CA 93921
phone: 831-625-1565 **no later than August 15, 2009**

Directions:

From Highway 1 & Carmel Valley Road go 11.2 miles Southeast on Carmel Valley Road. Turn left onto Ford Road and drive 0.1 mile East on Ford Road then turn right into the parking lot for the Carmel Valley Community Center.

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2009 Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the **Carmel Orchid Society** and mail to: Carmel Orchid Society - Membership c/o Jaclyn Kinney 1381 Boles Ct. Seaside, CA 93955

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Orchid Talk

Summer is here! Most of us have been rewarded with buds and blooms and robust, new growth on our orchid plants. We should be watering and feed regularly now to mature those new growths for the following bloom season. Unfortunately, the bugs are happiest now too. The warmer the temperatures, the shorter the bugs reproductive cycles. Ever see an aphid or two on a bud or new growth and figure I need to spray in the next few days? You go back and see hundred of them... In warm weather female aphids give birth to live young - all pregnant females. Do the math! Mealy bugs are real busy too. You may not see a major infestation until early fall, but they are reproducing now under leaves, inside bulb sheaths and in the leaf crevices now. In areas with less humidity, you may have additional trouble with mites and thrips requiring more specific sprays for their control.

We have previously talked about powdered cinnamon being an anti-bacterial agent to control such infections. It is especially useful on papahs which can rot fairly easily. It can be messy, but Joanie Linares got a tip to apply cinnamon with a small paint brush even adding water to make a paste - much neater and you use less

cinnamon.

Some of my masdevallias and other orchids will rot toward the center of the plant or I may loose a pseudobulb or two. I use hydrogen peroxide to disinfect these areas. I will take out the bad leaf out of my masdevallia and pour it in the center. Where you hear that fizzing noise, bacteria is present. I will give it a second dose in a few minutes. The fizz will usually be less

and I will keep an eye on it and maybe give it another dose in another week or so. I do the same thing when pulling out an old, soft pseudobulb.

Some of us purchased new vandas this year at our orchid show. Actually, most of these hybrids are ascocentrums, which are a little more tolerant of cooler temps as well. When watering these plants, target the roots and keep watering until the velum on the roots is a saturated deep green, not mottled white and green. A well watered plant will turn green quickly, where plants receiving less water

definitely take longer for the velum to soak up the necessary water. Avoid letting water sit in the crown or leaf crevices. When a vanda is unhappy with its culture it will begin to loose leaves from the very bottom going upwards. Be especially careful of the leaf just below the spike. Those tend to yellow and rot at the base very easily. You can certainly spray the rots



with fertilizer, but some people will use a Vanda IV. Those little glass floral tubes can be used, placing the root end inside the tube containing a liquid fertilizer solution.

Hopefully most of your cymbidiums have been repotted. You should have new growths. Now feed these plants with every watering to mature that new growth by fall to get spikes this coming winter. Watch for new roots on your cattleyas heading out over the pot's edge. Repot those too while the roots are small. The root tips are especially sensitive to damage and the root will stop growing.

I know summer can be a busy time maintaining our collections, but the rewards are so great in the form of beautiful flowers that are long lasting and fragrant, or just plain weird.

Enjoy!

Carolyn Salmon

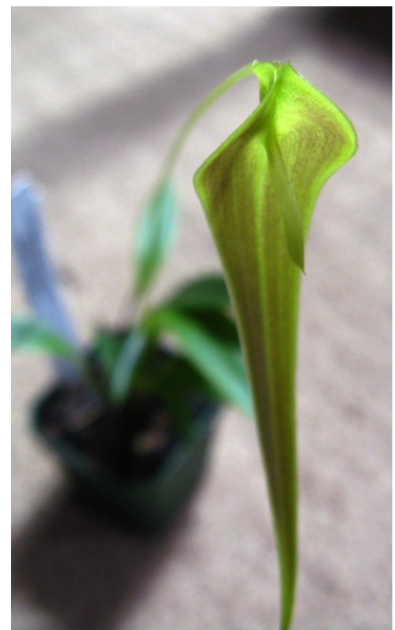


Show and tell Oncidium, June meeting



The raffle table at the June meeting

An unknown Pleurothallid from Hoosier Orchids. If anybody has a clue to it's identity, let me (johnnoconnell19@att.net) know.



Jim Nybakken

James W. Nybakken was born in the small farming community of Warren, Minnesota on September 16th, 1936. He lived there with his parents Clarence and Effie and his younger sister Lois until he left to attend St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, in 1954. There he met a pretty young coed from Skokie, Illinois, named Bette Halvorsen. The two both studied biology as undergraduates and became engaged while Bette was a senior at St. Olaf and Jim was in his first year of graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. They were married on August 20, 1960.

In 1965, Jim received his Ph. D. in Zoology from Wisconsin and took his first teaching position at the California State College at Hayward. In 1966 CSC Hayward and a consortium of other campuses launched the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories on Monterey Bay, where Jim was assigned to teach and continue his research on marine invertebrates. That same year he and Bette had their first son, Kent, who was followed two years later by Scott.

After several moves, Jim and his family settled in Carmel Valley in 1969, and he immediately began filling their property with gardens, fruit trees, beehives, and, most especially,

greenhouses. Outside of his career as a professor of marine biology, Jim's two passions were raising orchids and making wine, activities which he pursued with the same exacting standards and unfailing energy that he put into teaching his students. The results were prized and enjoyed by all of his friends and family.



Jim taught at Moss Landing for thirty-five years and served a term as its Interim Director before retiring to Emeritus status in 1998. After winning a battle with prostate cancer, he and Bette began

traveling the globe and enjoying their expanding family as Kent and his wife Lisa Molz provided them with two grandchildren, Helena and Mark.

In August, 2008, Jim was diagnosed with leukemia. As he had nine years before, he fought cancer with all of his considerable will, holding it at bay for nearly a year before his strength was finally exhausted. He passed away on June 20, 2009, with his family at his side.

In lieu of flowers, Jim has asked that donations be sent to The James Nybakken Scholarship Fund. These may be mailed to Friends of Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, 8272 Moss Landing Road, Moss Landing, California 95039.

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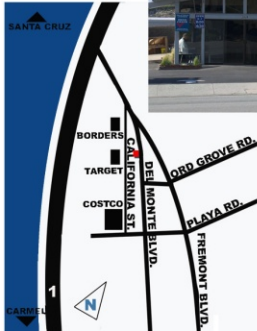
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