

The BackBulb

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September 2009 ■



Summer Orchid Fest

When: Saturday August 29th 1PM

Where: At the Carmel Valley Village Community Center.

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

Food! BBQ tri-tip, chicken, beans, garlic bread, a variety of drinks, and more.

Cost: \$10 per person.

Silent Orchid Auction: Blooming plants, plus some special plants from Jim Nybakken's collection will be available.

There will be **NO** meeting in September, the next meeting is Monday October 5th.

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Bollea ecuadorensis
Brassolaeliocattleya Momilani Rainbow 'Sunset Glow' - from H&R Nursery
Cattleya Gila Wilderness - One HUGE plant with 3 new growths in sheath and one smaller plant in flower
Cattleya unknown - from Matsui, white and in flower.
Dendrochilum wenzelii
Dracula Mopsus
Epicatt Rene Marguy 'Flame Thrower' HCC/AOS.
Helcia sanguinolenta
Laeliocattleya Lou Gilmore '#3' X Potinara Frank Gilmore 'Mendenhall'
Laeliocattleya Puppy Love 'True Beauty' - In bud
Masdevallia Monarch - BIG
Masdevallia Sunset Jaguar X Masdevallia triangularis
Masdevallia veitchiana 'Prince de Gaul'
Maxillaria Molitor
Miltassia Olmec 'Kanno'
Mormolyca ringens
Odontioda Brocade 'Lyoth Joy' X Odontioda Olympic Flames
Odontioda Kingsleyensis 'Dublin'
Odontoglossum 'Menez' - 2 spikes on in bloom. Very cool flower
Odontoglossum 'Golden Halls' - huge spikes.

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Odontoglossum constrictum

Odontoglossum cordatum "Bergstrom"

Oncidium unknown - Large, no spikes

Oncidium Ornithorhynchum - In Spike

Paphiopedilum Vanguard

Paphiopedilum Cooksonii

Paphiopedilum (Huntara x Mach 1) x Alex Szabo

Paphiopedilum rothchildiana

Phragmipedium Noirmont

Rossioglossum grande - 2

Zygopodilum Arthur Elle

Bring cash or a checkbook, these are some very cool plants!



"This grows under my deck..."



"I love my cat's"



Next month: Divide and Conquer, The story behind the division of this monster.

Carol's Commentary

Our Annual BBQ and Silent Auction is almost here. It is August 29th at 1 PM at the Carmel Valley Community Center at Ford Road and Carmel Valley Road in Carmel Valley Village. If you haven't signed up yet, you can still call me. If you don't come, you will be missing a rare opportunity to obtain orchids from Jim Nybakken's collection. There will be many that are blooming and mostly all are hard to find, unusual orchids. Some are approaching specimen size. We will also have a nice selection of other blooming orchids. The food promises to be worthy of a COS function with BBQ'd tri-tip & chicken, Joanie's homegrown tomato salad, beans by Elizabeth, Joanie and Mimi, salads and cookies by your fellow members and more.

Remember that October is fast approaching - October is the month when the Nominating Committee announces the Slate of Officers to be voted on at the November meeting. If you want to join your Board and have a say in the Society, please let someone on the Board know. Elections are at the November meeting. Beginning in October the Board meetings will be held at 5:30 PM at the Church just prior to the general membership meeting. The Board decided to try this so that during the winter we only have 1 meeting to go to, and to save money and travel time.

Carol

Upcoming Events

August

8/29 Saturday COS Summer Orchid Fest.

September

There will be no regular or board COS meetings in September.

9/11-13 San Francisco Orchid Society, Orchids in the Park. Hall of Flowers, San Francisco

9/19-20 D&D Flowers Fall Open House and Sale

October

10/14-18 AOS Fall Convention, Southland Orchid Show. Huntington Gardens

10/17-18 Diablo View Orchid Show and Sale

AOS Fall Convention

It is Fall Orchid Convention time – or at least time to plan to go the Fall Orchid Convention! The Southland Orchid Show Committee and the Huntington Botanical Gardens, outside Los Angeles, invite you to Arcadia, California on October 14 – 17, 2009. You can get the details from the AOS web site: www.aos.org under “Events” and then ‘Members Meetings” although you do not have to be an AOS member to attend. All orchid people are welcome! You can also call Simone Friend at 562-431-1247 for a registration packet. This is a great orchid show at a fabulous botanical garden where you will be able to listen to orchid lectures as well as tour the gardens. The Huntington has 150 acres with 12 specialized gardens so it is worth going for the gardens alone but even better when there is an orchid show. If you are an AOS member you will want to attend the AOS Town Hall Meeting on Saturday morning.



Orchid Sale

D&D Flowers Fall Open House and Sale will be on September 19 and 20, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM 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. We accept cash or checks but no credit cards. There is no list of plants available and divisions are sold on first come for serve.

We will be having a \$7.00 sale on many cattleya, oncidium and cymbidium seedlings and back bulbs.

We 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.

Orchid Talk

There has been alot of buzz lately about orchid virus. We seem to be very concerned these days that our collections may have virus or that we are purchasing plants with virus. I am a little pragmatic about the subject. I have had cymbidiums outdoors for 30 years. Bugs transmit virus. My cym probably have virus. When they show definite symptoms I have reluctantly thrown them away. I have heard from one commercial hybridizer that all his masdevallias are virused due to his hybridizing techniques. Oops. I have

purchased a couple flasks from him in the past. What to do. I will watch for symptoms. Option number two. Critter Creek Labs is a family owned lab located in Lincoln Ca. They do comprehensive virus testing, cheap. Check out their website at www.crittercreeklab.com. The site is very informative and they

explain how to prepare and mail your plant samples. The price starts at 5.00 per plant and goes down from there. Some of our members have purchased home test kits which are available by mail from the internet.

Some of your fellow members have been preparing Jim Nybakken's orchids for our upcoming silent auction at the Summer Orchid Fest on the 29th. They have been thoroughly cleaned and sprayed. Many have been repotted in

new pots with new mix. Several are specimen size and several are in spike or bloom. We will provide pictures with the bid sheets whenever possible. Jim loved interesting and unusual orchid flowers and these plants are true to form. There are paphs, phrags, helcia, odonts masdes, maxillarias, bolleas, rossioglossums, mormolyca, miltassia, zygo, odontiodas, dracula, chondroryncha and cattleya. That is just my list! We plan to send all the members a collective list in a couple days so you can do some of your own research ahead of the auction.

I know I say this almost every

month....The mealy bugs are breeding fast and furious now. It is time for me to get out the Orthene and Enstar. Remember to spray the areas surrounding your plants, the ground and benches. They start at the bottom and work their way up through all your plants. Don't spray on a hot day. The temp should be below 80 degrees.



Need sturdy trays to carry orchids or other stuff in? The Sea Harvest Restaurant and Fish Mkt on Foam Stree in Mtry have these nice trays for sale most all the time for 3.00 each. They have 4in side so great for orchids. You do have to wash the fish scales off.

Hope to see you all at the BBQ. We had such a good time last summer.

Carolyn Salmon

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Adventures With Chinese Cymbidiums

Everyone in coastal California grows Cymbidiums, usually outside in containers that range from a gallon to a barrel, big plants with big spikes of big colorful flowers. There are other Cymbidiums, smaller, warmer growing, more fragrant, that have been grown and appreciated for centuries in China, Japan, and Korea. These "Chinese" Cymbidiums include the plants of the sub-genus Jensoa and include the species: goeringii, ensifolium, kanran, sinense, and lancifolium. The first four of these are fairly well known, the fifth, lancifolium, is a bit obscure.

I am currently growing four of the five:

- * lancifolium - After 3 years I finally bloomed this one. It had been growing without blooming, until I heeded a bit of advice from Dan Newman, who told me to put it outside. Within a month there were 8 spikes on it, and it was awarded a CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit) when I showed it at the Sacramento speakers day earlier in the month. It would seem that it needs a greater difference between the day and night



Cymbidium lancifolium

temperature than it was getting indoors.

- * sinense - I bought this one bare root at the '08 POE, and it bloomed the next spring. beautiful flowers with a fantastic fragrance. Seems to be easy to grow.
- * goeringii - Bought at POE '09, so it's still too new to comment on.
- * ensifolium - Supposedly the easiest in the bunch to grow and bloom. Of course it won't bloom for me, it grows nicely though. I have tried just about everything I can think of: inside, outside, bright, dim, wet, dry, everything but putting it on the compost pile.

So based on my experience so far I expect the goeringii to bloom in the spring, and I should pick up a kanran, another somewhat difficult one, since I seem to be able to make the difficult ones grow and bloom while the easy ones are difficult.



Cymbidium lancifolium 'cammie'
CCM/AOS I had to give this a clone name for judging



Some culture tips:

- * These plants like it shady rather than sunny.
- * Preferred temperatures range from doesn't mind being covered with snow in the winter (goeringii), to grows with phals (ensifolium), sinense and kanran seem to grow cool while lancifolium likes intermediate temps.
- * Traditionally these plants are potted in tall narrow pots, 3-5" wide and 9-12" tall.
- * Potting mixes range from rocks and pumice through bark to sphagnum, depending on the growing conditions.

John

Cymbidium sinense

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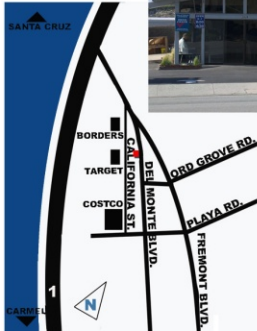
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