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April 2011



April Speaker: Paul Gripp

Sarchochilus: Hearty Australian Phaleanopsis Relatives.

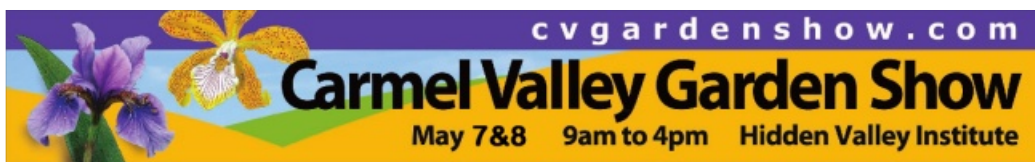
Revered by his peers for his insatiable interest in all kinds of orchids and once described as “the man” of the orchid industry, Paul Gripp is best known for his association with the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate (SBOE) where he started working in 1957, after earning his BS in horticulture at UCLA. In 1967, he purchased the Estate and built it into one of the foremost orchid nurseries. Though he retired in 1986, he remains active as a Senior Volunteer at the SBOE. Paul and the SBOE are among the world's foremost collectors and propagators of orchid species and hybrids, specializing in outdoor temperature-tolerant varieties.

Paul has held many distinguished offices: President, Cymbidium Society of America; President, Santa Barbara Orchid Show (four times); Member, Research Committee of the American Orchid Society (fifteen years); and a certified American Orchid Society Judge.

The April meeting is on **Monday April 4th, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.



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Upcoming Events

April

4/4 Monday COS Meeting, Speaker Paul Gripp.

4/16 Saturday COS Potting Party at Carol's house.

4/18 COS board meeting

May

5/7-8 Carmel Valley Garden Show, This is it, it's show time!

5/? After Show Party, Time and place TBD.

June

6/3 San Jose Orchid Exposition Preview Party

6/4-5 San Jose Orchid
Exposition

6/6 Monday COS Meeting

Spring? At Last!

I can't tell by the weather, cold and stormy all week, but the calendar says it's spring. I have been taking advantage of the extra daylight by repotting plants after work. If you need a little motivation to repot some of your orchids we have the rescheduled potting party coming up on the 16th, Come and repot some of your orchids, get advice on repotting, or help Carol repot some of her vast collection. Food will be provided, bring your favorite beverage.

With the advent of spring most of the bay area orchid shows are over, but our show



Marni Turkel's exhibit at POE was incredible. This *Lycaste skinneri alba* was great.

is just around the corner. It's time to start looking for plants that might be in bloom that you will want to display and those plants you may want to sell to someone else. I know I have several orchids that have just not fulfilled my expectations and it's time to let them go to make room for something new. And while you are thinking about our show,

think about what you want to volunteer for. There are lost of jobs from Friday morning to Sunday afternoon. Setting up, tearing down, directing traffic, selling plants, selling raffle tickets, serving cold drinks, talking to potential members. Jobs that you can do sitting down in the shade and jobs that may give you a workout, physically or vocally. Working the show

is great fun. If your a new member it's a good chance to get to know your fellow members, or a chance to talk to many interested and interesting people. AND we will be having a party for all the volunteers sometime after the show, time and place to be announced in May.

John



Potting Party! (Rescheduled)

Re-potting your orchids can be an adventure, a chore, mystifying, or terrifying. We would like to invite everyone who finds it mystifying or terrifying to come and learn from some of our more experienced growers. For those who find it a chore, well chores are easier with good friends and a glass of wine. Even if you don't have any plants to repot, come and help Carol repot some of hers. This will probably be a great time to snag some new plants, as people are dividing their large plants.

When: Saturday April 16th, 11-4

What to Bring:

- ✿ Plants to repot and/or divide, be

reasonable, 3-5 max, depending on size. Please no giant Cymbidiums.

- ✿ Some potting mix, bring what you want your plants to go in, there may or may not be extra mix to go around.
- ✿ Pots, if you are potting up or dividing.
- ✿ Something to drink, wine, soda, tea, whatever quenches your thirst.
- ✿ Any extra potting supplies you want to donate, sell or trade.

Where: Carol's house.

Directions: Traveling out Carmel Valley Road, turn Left on Loma Del Rey, just past the Chateau Julien Winery, make an immediate right on an unnamed road, Carols house is the first on the right.

Food: Carol will provide lunch, bring drinks!

Carmel Valley Garden Show!

There is an awefull lot to do before, durring and after the show. This is a taste of what you can do.

Just a few inches squair.
Another Marni Türkel plant.



Volunteer!

The chairpersons for the show have been working feverishly for months already and NOW it is your time to step up and help out with our only fund raiser of the year. What could be nicer than to be outdoors in Carmel Valley with friends working for a good cause and having fun at the same time? Sign up sheets are circulating at the General Meeting; however, some members do not attend and are missing out. Some of the jobs that need to be done:

- * 2 people to help set up the exhibit. Good handwriting a plus.
- * 2-4 people to help at the plant hotel on both days. Nice shady location.
- * We need to cover the Member sales table both Saturday and Sunday. Need to be able to make change (Usually not a problem if your over 40).
- * People to assist with parking. This is the perfect job to volunteer your spouse for (just kidding!).

If you want to volunteer email Joanie at winecow@gmail.com.

Donate Items for the Silent Auction

We need a variety of interesting items for the COS silent auction. Here are some suggestions.

- * Donate items from your house that you no longer use (or never did use) that are in good condition - unique vases, gift-ware, candles, etc.
- * Make something. Arts & crafts time!
- * Buy something to donate, especially with a flower or garden theme., like decorative pots, gloves, tools, garden journal, garden books.
- * Baskets! We can put them to good use to make nifty collections.
- * Your business could donate an item, services or gift certificate.
- * Your time. We need people to prepare items Thursday and Friday, May 5 & 6. Then we will need at least one person at the auction table during the show on Saturday and Sunday.

If you have small items for the auction, you may bring them to the April COS meeting. If you can bring them to Hidden Valley on May 5 or 6, that would be great. If you have an item to donate and cannot get it to us either of these times, let me know and we will try to make arrangements.

Janette Ford, Silent Auction Chair

Show Off Your Orchids!

One of the major attractions at the Carmel Valley Garden Show Orchid Show and Sale has always been the members display. This year, as last year, we will have a very special display of many varieties of blooming orchids in the theater of the Hidden Valley Music Center. In order to create the splendor of orchids for which the Carmel Orchid Society is famous, we need your contributions!

The display will be assembled on Friday afternoon and plants should be brought to the Hidden Valley Music Center, Friday, May 6th. The show opens at 9am on Saturday morning, May 7th and the display must be in place!

Members are requested to bring their plants in an attractive container or basket. The plants must have the leaves cleaned and free of pests as the volunteers will not be able to do this. The Society volunteers will place a sign on the plant stating its name, lineage, etc. If you cannot bring the plants in yourself, please contact John OConnell at 394-8419 and he will try to arrange a pickup. Last minute additions may be accepted before 9am on Saturday if space is available.

At the conclusion of the show the display will be disassembled and the

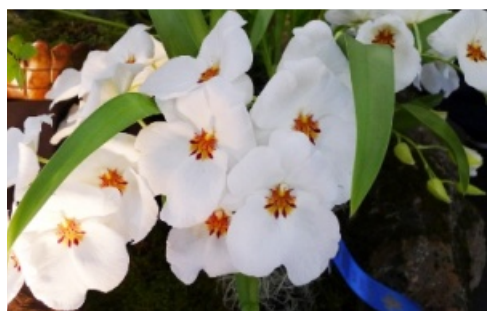
plants will be available from where the Plant Sale table was located during the show. No plants are available until 4:30pm on Sunday, May 8th .

The Guidelines that have been adopted for the Carmel Valley Garden Show include:

1. All plants are pest and disease free.
2. The leaves are clean and attractive .
3. Plant is blooming to display its special attributes.
4. Pot is provided with an outer container.
5. Plants must be staked and secured appropriately.

Members must pick up their plants promptly at 4:30pm on Sunday, May 8th

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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s At POE

Orchid Judging Categories

Cattleyas
Cymbidiums
Dendrobiums
Paphiopedilums & Phragmipediums
Phalaenopsis
Vandaceous & Angraecoids
Oncidium alliance

Masdevallias
Other

Best in show

Best miniature (plant under 6in tall)

Excellence in culture

All may be subdivided into large and small or species and hybrids depending on the number of plants in each category.

Collect Boxes For the Plant Hotel

We will need lots of boxes and bags for the Plant Hotel. Please save your used grocery etc. bags and boxes and bring them to our April meeting. I'll collect them and store them until May.

Kathie

Sell Your Orchids

This is a good time to decide which plants you would like to sell at the show. Perhaps you have more than one of a specific plant or you need to downsize your collection so that you can buy more during the Show. Members (only members) of the Carmel Orchid Society can sell their orchid plants at the COS Sales Table during the CVGS. Plants, which you want to sell must be disease and pest-free. A good rule-of-thumb is to ask yourself.... Would I buy this plant?



A few guidelines:

1. Fill out the sales tag (on the last page of this newsletter) as completely as possible. A plant with appropriate name and references will sell much easier than one with little identification.
2. Attach the sales tag with masking tape or string to the pot. This way it can be removed and you will receive credit (\$\$) for the sale. Scotch tape sticks to the tags and tears them and creates problems in reading the tags.

3. Bring the plants on Friday afternoon, May 6th between 12noon and 5pm. There is storage space and the plants will be displayed as they are received.
4. Plants that don't sell must be picked up at 4:00pm on Sunday, May 7th or they will be discarded or donated. The Society can not be responsible for plants not picked up at the designated time.

Plants that have flowers or a picture to show what the flower looks like sell first! Plants with references, a pedigree, are an easy sale.

Affordable plants sell well. The volunteers at the Society Sales Table are can't alter the price on your plant, so, you might want to come by several times during the sale and check on your plants. That way you can adjust prices if something isn't moving.

25% of each sale goes to the COS and this is one of our primary fund-raisers during the year. If you have questions about the Sales Table or would like to help during the CVGC, please sign up at the April meeting. If you need assistance in pricing your plants, please ask a member for help when you bring them in.

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Print this page for your CVGS member plant sales tags. Fill out 1 tag per plant and attach to the plant. Use the "plant id" field to give each plant a unique code, so you know what you sold.

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Notes from Bruce Davidson's Talk

- * Learn as much as possible about the plants natural habitat.
- * Species are easier to figure out the conditions for.
- * Mount as many plants as possible. You can't over water a mounted plant.
- * Pot with inorganic mixes, they don't rot, Bruce likes pumice.
- * Mount with green moss over the roots and sphagnum over that if plant needs more moisture.
- * Mount Stanhopias on the outside of an upside-down basket covered with green moss.
- * Water less frequently.
- * Water, fertilize, then water again 20 minutes later.
- * Usually easier to replace a plant then to bring it back from near death.
- * Sphagnum is great but then very suddenly it rots and your plant with it.
- * Bruce doesn't like bark either.
- * Get fertilizer with calcium, magnesium, and other micro-nutrients they are essential to good plants.
- * Water quality isn't terribly important. (I don't think he lives with terrible water).
- * Vendors grow plants under close to ideal conditions in greenhouses. New acquisitions are likely to be in shock for a while. It may take 3 years to completely adapt to your conditions. They will: sleep, creep, then leap.

2011 Memberships Going, Going....

It's almost too late! rejoin for 2010 or no more informative, entertaining speakers, no more social events or auctions and no more newsletters!

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2011 Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the **Carmel Orchid Society** and mail to: Carmel Orchid Society - Membership c/o Sharon Ashton 26966 Laureles Grade Road Carmel Valley, CA 93924

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