

The BackBulb

C A R M E L O R C H I D S O C I E T Y

August 2011



August

There will be no August meeting.

The next meeting is on **Monday September 5th, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.

August 13th Bus Trip to Pacifica

The Bus Trip is full, Kathie is Keeping a waiting list call her at 626-1120. Anyone who does not have a seat on the bus is welcome to drive up, meet the same place as the bus to car pool up to Pacifica.

When: Saturday, August 13th 9AM to 5PM meet by 8:45AM

Where: We will meet at the Marina Shopping Center (home of REI, Target, etc.) on the Best Buy end of the lot.

Food: Bring your own sack lunch. White Oak Orchids will provide a place and chairs.

Boxes: You may want to bring a small box (put your lunch in it!) for your purchases. Space on the bus may be tight so I hope nobody is planning on buying a Grammatophyllum.

Bonus: Hawkhill Orchids may open up for us.



What awaits at Dan Newman's greenhouse.

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Upcoming Events

August

8/6 Ca. Sierra Nevada Judging Center, Speakers Day.
Sacramento.

8/8 Deadline for entering orchids (and other plants) in the
Monterey County Fair.

8/13 Saturday Bus trip to Hanging Gardens and White Oak
Orchids.

September

**9/4 Sunday. Cocktail
party** at Carol Easton's,
See details below.

**9/5 Monday COS
September meeting.**
TJ Hartung talks about
the Orchids of Mexico

9/17-19 Orchids in the
Park. San Francisco.

A cool Lepanthes in John Lether's
Greenhouse. (photo Jackie Kinney)



September Meeting: TJ Hartung and the Orchids of Mexico

From Puerto Vallarta Mexico, TJ Hartung will speak about
“**Mexican Orchids - Orchids found ONLY in Mexico**”. TJ is
the founder of the Vallarta Orchid Society.

Special Offer: Carol is taking order for packages of Vanilla
beans, about 3 beans per package, \$8 per package. TJ will
bring them to us. Call Carol at 831-625-1565.

Carol will be having a **cocktail party** at her house on Sunday
Sep. 4th, Time TBD. TJ will make his famous guacamole, and
give a short talk on Vanilla Beans and how to use them. RSVP
Carol at 831-625-1565. Members are asked to bring a bottle of
wine or an appetizer.

Show Off Your Green Thumb & Beautiful Blooms this year at the Monterey County Fair!

Show off at the 75th Annual Monterey County Fair this year which will be held August 31-September 5, 2011! We are very interested in displaying a wide array of entries in our Flower and Garden Display area which will be revamped by Fair-time! The garden area will be receiving a much needed upgrade with the garden plots being redone with stone surrounds, filled with new soil and additional lighting! This area is going to be a lovely retreat for fair patrons to sit back and admire the wonderful gardens while enjoying a corndog.

Here's the perfect opportunity for professional and non-professional gardeners to showcase their floral talents and there are many opportunities for competitors to enter. Additionally, there will be many knowledgeable garden related exhibitors in the Fair's Garden Area. Fair attendees can also see exhibits of new and unusual gardening techniques. The Water Awareness Committee of Monterey County, Inc. will host its 7th annual Water Wise

Landscape Design Awards at the 2011 Fair, sponsoring additional awards. We have something for everyone with some of our garden divisions including Club Gardens, Commercial Gardens, and Wheelbarrow Gardens now with larger garden plots.

The Monterey County Fair's Floriculture and Garden Departments welcome your entries between May 1 and August 8, 2011.

Detailed simple entry instructions will be available on the website, www.montereycountyfair.com or exhibit entry guides will be available at the Fair office at 2004 Fairgrounds Road, between 9 AM - 5 PM (closed Noon to 1 PM) during the week.

Call (831) 372-5863 if you have any questions! We very much appreciate your support of the Monterey County Fair!



A cool Masdevallia in John Lether's Greenhouse.
(photo Jackie Kinney)

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Left: Schomburkia rescued from the jungle. Right: Vanilla. From Carols visit to Puerto Vallarta Botanical and Orchid Gardens in Mexico.

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Actually, 3 separate raffles, each featuring a fabulous, rare, and highly collectible orchid, and an assortment of orchid related supplies (e.g. books, pots, baskets, potting media). Each prize has a value of well over \$200. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Only 300 tickets will be sold for each prize, and tickets only available at San Francisco Orchid Society meetings (Tuesday Aug 2, and Tuesday Sept 6, OR at Orchids in the Park (Sept 17-18, Hall of Flowers San Francisco) OR through the Razzle Dazzle Raffle committee representative (razzledazzle@orchidsanfrancisco.org). Drawing is Sept 18, noon at Orchids in the Park. Winner need not be present



Photo by Eric Hunt

Phragmipedium kovachii

Touted as the most exciting orchid discovery of the last 100 years, *Phragmipedium kovachii* has captured the fancy of orchid growers around the world. With brightly colored flowers that have a spread of up to 8 inches across, plants of this highly desirable species are valued at hundreds to thousands of dollars for a well grown clone. Culture: excellent water, evenly moist media, bright indirect sunlight, intermediate conditions. Donated by Gary Meyer.



Photo by Eric Hunt

Cymbidium elegans

An unusual *Cymbidium* species, this plant is so different from most cymbidiums that some find it hard to believe it is in the same genus. The densely, many flowered inflorescence carries a display of beautiful, funnel shaped, butter-cup yellow blooms. Rarely seen in collections, there are few sources of this species in the US. The original clone of this plant was imported from the Nursery International in Kalimpong India, in 2003. Culture: Intermediate-cool, bright indirect sunlight, and a somewhat cooler winter. Donated by Cindy Hill.



Photo by Eric Hunt

Dracula Raven

Clones of this hybrid of *Dracula vampira* x *Dracula roezlii* have only been shown three times at an orchid show, and garnered two Award of Merits, one First Class Certificate (AOS) and, additionally, a BEST IN SHOW (POE, 2011). The larger flowers of this plant are extremely dark (nearly black) and are in fact, probably the blackest orchids available. There are very very few plants of this highly desirable grex in collections. Culture: cool-intermediate, humid in well draining medium, bright indirect sunlight, and water of excellent quality. Donated by John Leathers and Bob Hamilton.

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Photo of *Polystachya perrieri*
Ron Parsons

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