

The BackBulb

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February 2012



February Speaker: Bruce Davidson

Orchid Culture Indoors and Out

Bruce has been growing plants ever since he could walk. His grandparents owned a successful fertilizer and insecticide business and were responsible for instilling an appreciation for gardening which started with annuals and later turned into a passion for orchids. Bruce has been heavily involved in the Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society and has spent time studying in the AOS Orchid judging program.

Bruce will be talking about orchid culture on windowsills, outdoors, or balconies either sheltered or fully exposed. He has many interesting ideas on non-traditional potting and mounting techniques. His favorite orchids include several hardy Laelia and Dendrobium species. Which, with 1500 of their friends and relatives, he grows on windowsills, under lights, on balconies, sheltered and fully exposed outdoor locations.

In order to provide a better selection of treats at our meetings, the board is asking members with last names that start with the letter **A thru F** to **bring refreshments** to our February 6th meeting. There is a raffle ticket in it for you, buy the way.

The next meeting is on **Monday February 6th, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.

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Carol with her 100 raffle tickets at last months meeting.

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Upcoming Events

February

2/6 Monday 7PM COS February meeting

2/23-26 Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE) Fort Mason Center, San Francisco

March

3/5 COS March meeting: Resources for Orchid Growers

3/16-18 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show "Orchidelic"

2012 Meeting Programs

February – Bruce Davidson

March – Resources for Orchid Growers (COS members)

April – Samantha Ka, Orchid Zone

May - Culture Day (COS members)

June - Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids

July – Greenhouse bus trip

August – Roy Tokunaga, H&R Orchids

September – BBQ

October – Amy Jacobsen?

November – Ed Nazzal?

December – Holiday Party!

News From the Membership Chairperson

Dues are due and I am waiting for many of your renewals. We have 36 new & renewal members already signed up. Please join your friends and renew your membership today. There is a form elsewhere in the BackBulb that you can copy and mail to me at P.O. Box A, Carmel, CA 93921. If you wish to pay you dues at the February meeting, please give them to our Secretary, Janette Ford, as I will not be able to attend.

Thank you.

Carol Easton

The Orchid Experience

Lots of people grow a few orchids, they admire the pretty blooms and never think twice about the wider, wilder, world of orchids that waits just beyond those Phal's on the windowsill or the Cymbidiums on the porch. A few of these casual growers will have their curiosity tweaked, maybe by a friend, a show, or an exhibit. Once roused, the curious can immerse themselves in a wealth of information on the Internet, books, and at their friendly local orchid society. As president of the friendly local society, I, and the rest of the board, try to bring you a variety of activities to make your orchid experience as fulfilling as possible. But all of our meetings, speakers, raffle tables, social events, and outings are only part of the full orchid experience. So here are a few more things (in no particular order) to add to your orchid bucket list that you can't find at a COS meeting, the orchid world is a very big and interesting place.

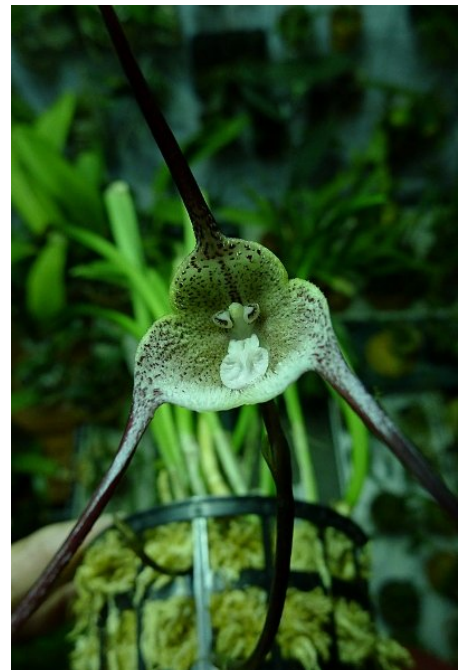


✿ Go to some shows:

- ✿ POE (late February). The biggest and best show around. If you haven't been, you will be amazed.
- ✿ Santa Barbara International Orchid Show (March). Quite different from POE.
- ✿ Santa Barbara Orchid Fair (July) not a show, but a great selection of vendors and a good time to get out of the fog of Monterey.

✿ Visit some orchid vendors:

- ✿ While in Santa Barbara, visit Santa Barbara Orchid Estate (SBOE) and Cal-Orchid (across the street from SBOE).
- ✿ Get up to Pacifica to see Dan Newman or some of the other growers at shell dance.
- ✿ Make a pilgrimage to Encinitas and Andy's Orchids. You will be amazed. Andy takes credit cards, but take cash, it's safer.
- ✿ Visit some private greenhouses. Several of our members have greenhouses, attend one of our orchid happy hours and see them for your self.
- ✿ Join the AOS.
- ✿ Visit an orchid collection at a botanical garden. The SF Conservatory of Flowers has a small collection.



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There are big collections in St. Louis, Atlanta and South Florida.

- * Attend a show gala. POE has a good one with lots of wine.
- * Grow a great plant and take it to AOS judging.
- * Get an AOS award for one of your plants.
- * Learn more about judging by volunteering to be a clerk at a show with AOS judging. It's a real learning experience.
- * Attend a World Orchid Conference (WOC) at least once in your life. A WOC is held ever 3 years (2014, Johannesburg, South Africa) and makes POE look small.
- * Get an awarded plant named after you.
- * Get an awarded hybrid named after you.
- * Get a species named after you.
- * Build your own greenhouse and stock it with a thousand or so of your favourite plants.
- * Visit orchids where they live: Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Indonesia...
- * Get an article published by an orchid magazine.
- * Create a new hybrid and bloom it.
- * Volunteer for a local show.
- * Volunteer for your societies board (hint, hint...).
- * Read some orchid literature:
 - * The Orchid Thief by Jane Orlean
 - * Orchid Fever by Eric Hansen
 - * Any of the Nero Wolf mysteries by Rex Stout
 - * Orchid Territory by Mary Motes

There is of course more, If you have something you would like to add drop me an email, I may want to add it to my own list

John



Above: Carolyn with one of her Masdevalias.

Below: Joanie with her \$99 Fdk. After Dark.



Membership Time!

It's that time again, time for your otherwise nice, friendly society board members to nag you about paying your membership dues. As much as we would like to have your money to pay for our fabulous monthly speakers, what we really want is for you to come hear the speakers, buy the raffle tickets and take home all the interesting plants on our monthly raffle tables. None of that will happen if you are not interested enough to pay the pittance we ask for or yearly dues. Most orchids that we will kill in less than a year cost more than a years membership! So all we ask is that you pay your dues, come to the meetings and have a wonderful time!



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2012 Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the **Carmel Orchid Society** and mail to: Carmel Orchid Society - Membership c/o Carol Easton, P.O. Box 223462 Carmel CA 93922-3462

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Couple	\$30	\$35
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2 from John's wardarian case (an old aquarium)
Above: *Lepanthes calodictyon*. Brought back from near death. It likes it inside and very moist.
Below: *Pleurothallis endotrachys*. Orange and fuzzy!



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