The BackBulb

March 2012

March Meeting: How to Find Out Anything About Orchids

Resources for Orchid Growers

Orchids are often a mystery, but they don't have to be. There many resources for learning about orchids, and we are going to introduce you to some of our favoresteemed panel (We all felt sorry for Kathie, who came

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

and we are going to introduce you to some of our favorites. Our esteemed panel (We all felt sorry for Kathie, who came up with the material in this program) will cover the following topics (and probably more since we are prone to rambling):

- A very brief overview of orchid history and place in the plant world.
- What is in a name? More than you know, the wonders of taxonomy.
- An overview of orchid sex and reproduction.
- Sources for orchid identification.
- AOS awards and abbreviations.
- Local orchid vendors.
- Shows and vendors in central CA and beyond.
- Sources of orchid culture information.
- Sources for supplies.
- Magazines, books, blogs, etc. After this, you can all be experts!



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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 **G thru L** to **bring refreshments** to our March meeting. There is a raffle ticket in it for you, buy the way.

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Upcoming Events

March

3/5 Monday COS March meeting: Resources for Orchid **Growers**

3/16-18 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show "Orchidelic" 3/24 California Orchids Spring Sale 515 Aspen Rd., Bolinas, 9-4.

3/24-25 Carousel of Orchids Show and Sale, Napa Valley Orchid Society, Napa Senior Activities Center, 1500 Jefferson St. Napa.

3/30-4/1 Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale. Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave., San Jose

April

4/2 Monday COS April Meeting, speaker: Samanth Ka from the Orchid Zone

4/21 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show and Sale, Woodside Road United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Rd., Redwood City, 10-4

4/21-22 Sacramento Orchid Society Show and Sale, Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H Street, Sacramento



POE, getting crowded

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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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The Cymbidium division and repotting demonstartions are allways popular at POE.



Left: Andy's Orchids booth with Harry's backside. Below: Andy's exhibit won many ribbons including the AOS show trophy for best exhibit.



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