

The BackBulb

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

June 2012



June Speaker: Alan Koch

Growing Cattleyas, Indoors and Out

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleyas. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 300,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest and the American Orchid Society magazines. He has also been published in the proceedings of the World Orchid

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

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 June meeting. There is a raffle ticket in it for you, buy the way.

Conference. He is an internationally known speaker. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee and the Research Committee as well as an Accredited Judge and is Vice-Chair and Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and Board of Directors and is one of the current directors as well as a Trustee for the AOS.



One of Carolyn's Cattleyas

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Upcoming Events

June

6/1-3 San Jose Orchid Exposition. Gala Friday 5:30

6/4 Monday COS June meeting. 7PM.

6/9 Saturday 11AM, COS Potting Party, Carol's House.

6/18 COS board meeting, Carolyn's house, 7PM

July

There will be no regular COS meeting in July

7/28 Saturday, COS Summer Greenhouse Bus Trip



Plants from the tank (see last month's BB).

Above: *Diplocaulobium tentaculatum*.

Right: *Bulbophyllum wendlandianum*



COS Greenhouse Tour

Our annual greenhouse tour is coming up in July. Shopping at a the greenhouse of a good orchid vendor is shopping at the source. There are the nice plants that they would bring to a show, there are the seedlings that are not yet ready, there are the specimens that they exhibit at shows, there are gems in the rough waiting for discovery, and there are usually some non orchids that are just plain cool. You just can beat wandering the isles of a good greenhouse, you never know what you might discover.

This year the Tour is on Saturday July 28th. We will be taking a bus to D & D (Dennis Olivas's greenhouse) in Half Moon Bay and Brookside in Palo Alto. The cost this year will be \$30. You must sign up by June 21st and pay by July 14th. To sign up send an email to john@carmelorchidsociety.org or sign the sheet at the meeting on Monday.



Some greenhouses are neat.



Some are chaotic (OK, messy).



All of them have gems waiting to be discovered.



In September of 2011, COS had a guest speaker, T.J. Hartung, who is a director of the Puerto Vallarta Botanical and Orchid Gardens. Instead of a speaker's fee he asked that we make a donation to the Gardens in the form of a Tile. Most tiles are 12 x 12 and hand painted and cost \$100.00. Our tile is 12 x 24 (which cost \$200.00) hand painted and has a colored background which most don't and has a picture of a *Laelia anceps*, a Mexican orchid which is familiar to all of us. Robert Price, the Curator and Founder of the Gardens, asked me to pass on his many thanks for your generous gift. The son of a friend of mine from Puerto Vallarta, who is a graphic artist, generously donated his time to design our tile. His name is Roberto Estrada and we also want to thank him.

Carol

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Friday
June 1, 2012
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Saturday
June 2, 2012
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Friday, June 1, 2012 6:30 PM-9:30 PM

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