The BackBulb

March 2013

March Meeting: Secrets to Growing Fabulous Orchids

From Some of Our Own Orchid Wizards

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

Two of our very own best orchid growers, Emelita and Jackie, will share some of their secrets on how to successfully grow and bloom vibrant orchids. In addition to being great growers they share in common very busy lives and still find time to squeeze in caring for an extensive orchid collection. Both live near the coast and still manage to grow warm to intermediate plants as well as cool growing. From "show and tell" we know they are

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Part of the excelent display by Andy's Orchids at POE

March Meeting

Upcoming Events

Monterey Home & Garden Expo Bus trip to San Jose

Show

Feb. Board Meeting Minutes

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their skills transcend any one niche plant. With a little encouragement from us at the meeting we may be able to set up a time to take a peek at their greenhouses.

eclectic in their taste, meaning

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.

Remember, it's time to pay your dues!

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Upcoming Events

March

3/4 Monday COS Meeting. Local Wisdom, Emilita & Jackie

3/8-10 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara.

3/9-10 Monterey County Garden and Home Show, COS will be exhibiting.

3/30-31 Sonoma County Orchid Society Spring Show & Sale. Santa Rosa.

April

4/1 Monday COS Meeting. Deb Dilmas will speak about Neofinetias

4/6 - 7 Annual Central Coast Orchid Show & Sale sponsored by Five Cities Orchid Society. Arroyo Grande, CA. http://www.fcos.org/orchids/



Another side of Andy's display

4/13 Saturday Smart Gardening Fair at the
Crossroads. The COS will
be selling orchids.

May

4/6 Monday COS Meeting. Dan Newman will speak.

4/10-12 Orchid Society of California Show & Sale Lakeside Park Garden Center Oakland, CA

Monterey Home & Garden Expo Fund Raiser.

March 9 & 10th, Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday 10 am - 4 pm.

Monterey County Fairgrounds - Salinas Room.

Carol and Daniel need your help. The Monterey Home & Garden Expo is our first fund-raiser of the year and we will be displaying and selling orchids. They need your:

- **Blooming orchids** for the display table. Please call Carol or Daniel at 831-625-1565 to make arrangements for your plants. They will be needed for setup on Friday March 8th. Please have them marked with your name and the plant name.
- **Time**. Volunteers are needed to help seup on Friday and with the booth Saturday and Sunday.
- **Cash and Contacts**. The society is selling raffle tickets for a weekend getaway in beautiful San Luis Obispo, one night at the Madonna Inn and dinner for two. Tickets are \$5 so buy one for yourself and sell a few to your friends. The money from all of our ticket sales (prior to the 9th) go directly to the society.

Daniel



The elegent Seed Engei exhibit at POE

Bus Trip to San Jose Orchid Show

When: Saturday, June 1, 2013. The bus will pick us up at 9:00 a.m. at Marina Shopping Mall at the Best Buy end of the mall. You must be there at 9AM We will be back in Marina by 5PM

Where: Winchester House, San Jose **Cost**: \$30 per person for members

The Winchester House is located next to Santana Row, so if you want to spend some time shopping for things not orchid, there is an opportunity.

The \$30 payment must be made by the May meeting and sign ups must be made by March 20th. If you are planning to go pay Carol Easton at the May or before and email you intent to her before that.

For more information: http://realorchidgrowers.com/home

Board of Director's Meeting February 18, 2012

Members Present: John O'Connell, Kathie Ritter, Carol Easton, Daniel Bellem, Lorry Schluenz, Jeannette Brown

Treasurer's Report: Daniel had copies of the Statement for January, 2013.

The balance on 1/1/2012 was \$10,038.71.

The balance on 1/31/2013 was \$10,140.91

Membership Report: Carol reported that there was still quite a few members who had not yet paid their membership dues. John said that he will continue to send them the newsletter, but the cut off date will be June. He also said that we need new members and also new board members.

Vice President Report: Kathie reported scheduled speakers events for 2013.

March: Questions and Answers with COS members Emilita and Jackie. They may tell us their secrets of growing nice orchids.

April: Deb Dilmas (friend of Amanda from Georgia)

May: Dan Newman from Pacifica

June: Bus trip to San Jose Orchid Show. \$30 for bus ticket. Give checks to Carol.

July: Not yet scheduled. August: Not yet scheduled.

September: BBQ.

October: Paul Grip from Santa Barbara

Orchid Estate.

Opportunities for Shows and

Revenue: Home and Garden Expo on March 9 and 10 at the Monterey Fairground, Salinas Room. Daniel and Carolare going to organize the event. A booth is to be set up on Friday March 8, 2013. There will be a Raffle - \$5 per ticket (supplied by the Expo people). 4 plants to give away. Passport program - incentive for people to go around to check out different booths. We need

orchids for display. Bring plants to the March meeting or Fairground on Friday March 8, 2013. In addition, we will sell plants at the Expo.

Carol suggested to get some beautiful showy orchids from Bay Breeze and Matsue.

Carol will need help to set up.

Smart Gardening Fair at Crossroads on April 13, 2013.

Our own orchid show in the Fall, September or November. If we can get American Tin Cannery for free, it will be a 2 day show. If we have to rent for Community Church for a good rate, it will only be a 1 day show. Hopefully we can get permission for a BBQ and a wine raffle.

CVGS, May 4 and 5, 2013: We have yet to ask them. Kathy suggested we take out CVGS because it is quite expensive to get a booth.

Next Board Meeting: March 18, 2013 at Carol's House.

Respectfully submitted Jeannette Brown.



Another imaginitive display from POE. The theme this year was "East meets West".

A breakdown of the COS expences and income for 2012:

Expenses

Meetings 3930 hall rental, speakers fees, raffle tables

Shows 2750 booth rental, plants to sell

Bus trip 950

Misc. 856 insurance, web site, postage, etc.

Total 8486

Income

Dues 1060

Other 6538 raffle tickets, plant sales at shows, payments for bus trip.

Total 7598

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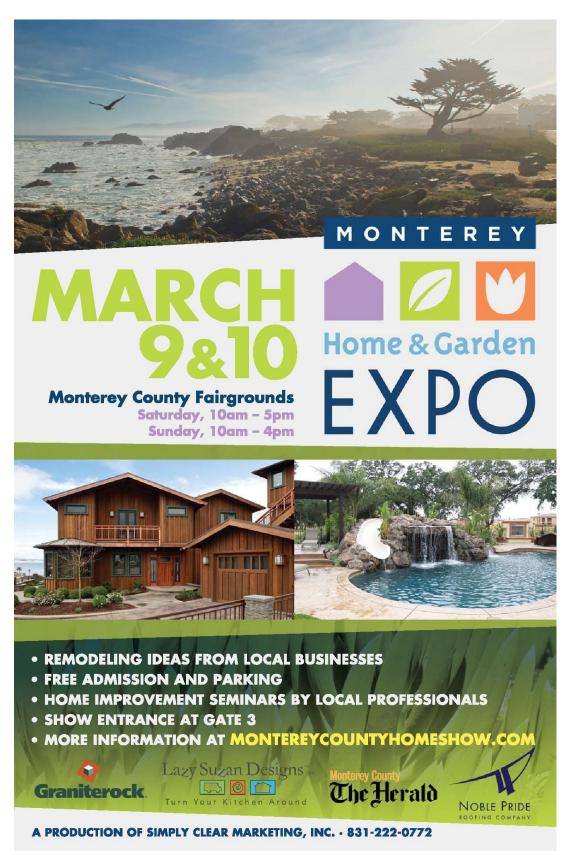
Pay your Dues! Without your dues there are no monthly raffle tables, greenhouse bus tours, no local orchid show, no Carmel Orchid Society. It may cost almost nothing to send out this newsletter but we spend \$300 to \$400 each month to bring you an interesting speaker and a raffle table, and the proceeds from the raffle rarely pay for the cost of the plants let alone the speaker. Without you, your dues and your involvement there is no society, so pay up! It costs about the same as a single orchid or a bunch of raffle tickets.

John



A otherwise great display by the San Francisco Orchid Society was blighted by awefull plant tags. Note the difference with the tags on Andy's display.

CARMEL ORCHID SO	CIET	Y	
2013 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			
Please print			
Date)	
Name			
Address			
City State zip			
Telephone			
Email address			
If you were referred by a current member, please provide			
his/her name	Membership Type		
Renewal _ New Member _	Single Couple		\$25 _ \$35
Member of the American Orchid Society _	Vendor	\$30 _	\$35 _





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