

The BackBulb

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

April 2013



April Meeting: Deb Delmas

Appreciating Furan (Neofinetia falcata)

Deb started growing orchids about twelve years ago but had little success in re-blooming them. Then

she and her friend of thirty five plus years, Amanda Nixon decided to join the Heart of Dixie Orchid Society (HODOS) to learn how to re-bloom their orchids. Each of their lives took different courses as did the plants that they grew.

In 2006 at a HODOS show Deb's husband Jeff saw a very small plant with a Vandaceous growth habit at a vendors booth. \$28 seemed a high price, but one of our more knowledgeable club members encouraged Jeff to purchase the plant since Deb and Amanda both loved Vandaceous plants. That is when the love affair started. The plant was small enough to care for without a greenhouse and research said that they were very adaptable plants. Early on information was sparse, the Furan craze had not hit the area and they were rarely seen at shows. Eventually information became more available and their Neofinetia collection grew along with their interest.

The program "Appreciating Furan" came about from Deb's quest to inform others about Neofinetia's and how to appreciate the different features of the plant. In 2012 at the HODOS spring show she put together an educational exhibit which scored the most points (92) ever awarded to an individual display by the American Orchid Society. The presentation gives an overview of the history, culture, points of appreciation, and the differences in judging in Japan and the US of these plants.

This months meeting is on **Monday April 1st, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.



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Supply!

In order to provide a selection of treats at our meetings, we are asking members with last names that start with the letter **M thru R** to **bring refreshments** to the next meeting.

Remember, it's time to pay your dues!

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Upcoming Events

April

4/1 Monday COS Meeting.

Deb Delmas will speak
about Neofinetias

**4/6 - 7 Annual Central Coast
Orchid Show & Sale, Five
Cities Orchid Society. Arroyo
Grande, CA.**

4/8 Monday 4-7PM - Open

Greenhouse: Emelita

Harvey will show where
and how she grows her
fabulous orchids. 3080
Crumpton Lane # 10 in
Marina. Take CA 1 to 12th
Street (Imjin Pkwy) exit,
turn left on California, turn
right on Carmel Street and
right on Crumpton Lane.

4/11 Thursday - COS Board meeting 7PM Jeannette Brown's
house.

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

May

5/6 Monday COS Meeting. Dan Newman will speak.

5/10-12 Orchid Society of California Show & Sale Lakeside Park
Garden Center Oakland, CA



It only took eight years for John to get this
Cattleya walkeriana to bloom.

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>

Spring Time Business

Winter is slowly changing to Spring (I know, tell that to the mid-westerners shoveling snow in mid March). I can tell because the hills are turning green and my orchids are starting to grow again. Winter was a bit grim this year, December and January were quite cold and that seemed to hasten the demise of a number of plants, but I consoled myself by buying replacements at POE and Santa Barbara.

Now that it is spring I am turning my attention from survival and shopping to the traditional spring business of repotting. The to-do list is long: paphs always need it, several plants have outgrown their current pots and need divided or moved to larger quarters, and then there is the guessing game of has this plant been in this mix too long? I have records but it is still a judgment



Richard Deming entered this *Dendrobium speciosum* in the Santa Barbara show.

call based on size, pot material, mix composition, and how heavily it has been watered. Given my propensity for watering I should just repot everything that I have any doubts about.

Spring is also a great time to visit other peoples greenhouses. First up is

Emelita who is opening her greenhouse on Monday April 8th 4-7PM. Emelita grows incredible orchids, so I am really looking forward to seeing her collection and learning a bit more about how she grows.

More spring business is the purging of the society email list. Every spring every society purges their mailing list of people who have not renewed. We do the same thing, below are the 22 people who have not renewed. You may be a bit late but we still want you back, we have a lot of great programs and activities yet to come. If you have questions about your membership, think that you paid, wish to become a life member so you can forget about renewing forever, talk to Carol Easton 831-625-1565. And we do have six life members, which currently costs \$300 or \$450 for a couple.

John

Lapsed membership:

Margee & Bill Bennett
Lindsey Brandon
Katherine & Eric Comstalk
Sue Creel
Dee Farnsworth
Gwen Foster
Paddy Grinstein
Ann Heinz
Susan Jones
Dwight & Susan Marshall
Leslie Olson
Mary Parker
John Poulos
Richard Rosenbaum
Cathy Rossing
Bill & Mimi Schramm
Richard Smith
Jared Wood



Board of Director's Meeting March 18, 2012

Board Members Present: John O'Connell, Janette Ford, Carol Easton, Daniel Bellem, and Jeannette Brown. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. at Carol's house.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the February meeting were read; Carol moved to accept, Janette F. seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: The balance at beginning of February was \$10,516.92, at the end of February was \$9,482.20. Expenses and income for the Home Show have not been totaled, but so far we have made \$300.00 - \$400.00. We purchased about 35 plants from Bay Breeze and about 75 from Matsui. We have about 25 remaining to be sold. Evelyne has sold some of the remaining plants, and Janette F. has some remaining plants to sell.

Membership Report: Carol reported that we got a couple new members signed up at the Home Show.

June bus trip to San Jose on June 1: Carol has received payment for nine people so far.

Opportunities for shows and revenue:



When in Santa Barbara you need to visit Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. Specimen orchids are everywhere, this is a small one!

We have paid \$30.00 deposit for a booth at the Smart Garden Fair, April 13, at Carmel Valley. Daniel and Carol will organize tent set up and tables. We need to begin set up at 7:30 AM. and take down at 3:00 PM. Fair time is 9:00 to 3:00. Janette F. will go with Daniel and Carol to purchase orchids for the Fair on April 12. Jeanette B. suggested we give small cymbidiums from Bay Breeze or keikis we may have to people at the fair who will give us their email and/or join COS. Janette F. will have a sheet ready to get emails. We will enlist workers for the Fair at the April meeting.

We did not take any action on the possibility of a booth at the Carmel Valley Garden Show in May. We have not heard anything from them, and right now the cost of a booth is more than we can afford.

We decided to plan for a fall show, "Carmel Orchid Show", in mid to late October or early November – preferably in October. It will most likely be a one day show at the Community Church where we have our meetings. Carol and Daniel offered to be directors for the show. Jeanette B. offered to organize a silent auction. Carol said if we have permission from the church to have a wine barrel raffle, she would ask Joanie Linares to organize that.

The show will include a display of orchids, vendors, silent auction, wine raffle and food booth. Carol will contact orchid vendors as soon as we get a time and place determined. Jeanette B. suggested we may be able to get one or two vendors who sell jewelry and artwork. Our biggest hurdle, and perhaps expense, will be publicity.

Other Business: We plan to have the April board meeting on April 8 at Jeanette Brown's house.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM

Respectfully submitted: Janette Ford

Save Your Orchid Supply!

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

The Andy's Orchids exhibit at the Santa Barbara show. Like many other exhibits it featured *Dendrobium speciosum*.



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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

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