

The BackBulb

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

March 2014



March Speaker: Scott Collins

Lycastes, Past and Present

Scott has been growing Orchids for over 30 years. His nursery, Echo Valley Orchids is in the rolling hills of north Monterey County. There, he grows mainly Odontoglossums, Lycastes, Cattleyas and Paphiopedilums. His plants over the years have been granted over 80 AOS quality and culture awards. He had a successful Phalaenopsis breeding program in the 1990's where many of his hybrids garnered AOS (American Orchid Society) awards. Currently, his breeding efforts are with Odontoglossums and Lycastes.

Scott has been involved in the AOS judging system for 28 years and is currently a Senior Judge affiliated with the Pacific Central Judging Region of the AOS. He enjoys traveling throughout California to the shows and seeing the different orchids that are grown in all the regions.

Over the years Scott has given lectures to many local societies and at several large shows and events. Some of these include the Greater New York Orchid Show in Manhattan, the World Orchid Congress in Vancouver, BC, and the Phalaenopsis Alliance Show in Los Angeles.

When not involved in orchids, Scott enjoys rambling through the deserts of California with his son rock collecting. He also spends time playing in a Bluegrass band which has played together for 30 years.

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

This months meeting is on **Monday March 3rd, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.



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Upcoming Events

March

3/3 Monday COS Meeting

3/8-9 Monterey Home Expo. We will be exhibiting, we need your plants!

3/15 Saturday, Orchid Happy Hour at John's house.

3/14-16 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show Earl Warren Show Grounds, Santa Barbara

3/29-30 Sacramento Orchid Society 66th Annual Show and Sale, Scottish Rite Center, Sacramento

April

4/5 Master Gardener Fair, Crossroads, Carmel. We will be selling plants, we need volunteers.

4/5-6 Central Coast Orchid Show, sponsored by Five cities Orchid Society, South County Regional Center, 800 W Branch, Arroyo Grande, CA. 9-5 Sat, 10-5 Sun. www.fcos.org

4/5-6 Napa Valley Orchid Society Show & Sale: Orchid Fiesta. Both days 10 - 4, Napa Senior Activity Center, 1500 Jefferson Avenue. Free Admission, Free Parking.

4/7 Monday COS meeting

May

5/3-4 Carmel Valley Garden Show, We will be selling plants, we need volunteers.

Orchid Happy Hour

It has been a long dry winter, time to celebrate spring, crack open a bottle of wine, and talk orchids. Everyone is invited to see John's new (last summer) greenhouse, drink a little wine, eat a few snacks, enjoy the orchids and orchid people. Come by John's house, 1697 Luzern St. Seaside between 4 and 6 PM March 15th feel free to bring some snacks or wine. Call 770-617-1058 if you get lost.

John

President's Corner

I hope every one that went to POE last weekend had as good a time as I did. For me it was energizing. So many orchids in one place. So many colors and forms and presentations, so much eye candy at every turn. And like a kid in a candy store I wanted to bring half of them home, I restrained myself but not overly well.

We have a busy Spring in front of us. Your Board, yes I am as guilty as anyone else, has loaded us up with shows. One right after another in March, April and May.

The **Inspired Home Expo of Monterey** (previously known as the Monterey Home and Garden Show) is upon us, **March 8th and 9th** at the Monterey County Fair Grounds. Our booth will be located in the Monterey and Salinas Room. We will not attempt to sell plants at this show but we will put up a display of member plants. If you have plants in bloom and would like to show them off, please bring them to the Fair Grounds/our booth between 2 and 5 PM on Friday the 7th. The hours of the show are 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. If you bring plants for display you must come and pick them up at 4:00 on Sunday. We will be giving a talk on Sunday at noon, giving out culture sheets, answering questions about orchids and trying to get new members. If you can help with staffing the booth, please sign up at the meeting this coming Monday night.

The 2014 **Smart Gardener Fair** will take place **April 5th** between 9 AM

and 3 PM at the property along Highway 1 at Rio Road. We will set up the tent and plants at 7:30 AM We will buy plants to sell and members who want to sell there plants are urged to bring them

for a member sales section. If you plan to sell plants, please label them, clean them up and provide a picture as well as price and your name. As usual COS will collect 25% of your sale price for the Society. We will have a sign up sheet to work the Fair at this coming Monday meeting.

The Carmel Valley Garden Club has asked us to have a booth at their **Carmel Valley Garden Show May 8th and 9th**. This is another great opportunity to sell plants, both purchased and member plants, as well as generate interest in orchids, educate and gain new members. We will be asking people to sign up to help with this event too.

This schedule of shows, if not daunting, is at least a challenge. Board members have all committed to putting in time to make each of these events a success. As has always been the case in the past I have no doubt that members will pitch in as much as they can.

Kathie



The crowd at POE

COS Board of Directors Meeting

February 17, 2014

Board Members Present: Carol Easton, Daniel Bellam, John O'Connell, Jeanette Brown and Kathie Ritter. Club Member Present: Scott Collins

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

The minutes of the January 13, 2014 Board Meeting were approved as written.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2014 was accepted to file as was the yearend report for 2013. The Board noted the \$1,300 fund balance decline over the year and took the stance that we must close the gap with more successful fund raising.

The Vice President reported on the speaker schedule for March (Scott Collins - Lycastes) and April (John O'Connell on Building a Greenhouse - Lessons Learned) and noted that he is reducing expenditures for the Opportunity Table to \$200 (consistent with other Orchid Societies in the area).

Old Business:

The logistics for setting up the 2014 Smart Gardner Show on Saturday April 5th were worked out. Kathie will get the pop-up booth prior to the 5th and she and John and anyone else who wants to show up at 7:30 at the site will do the initial set up. Kathie and those who want to join her will buy the plants from Bay Breeze on the Thursday prior to the show. A budget of \$500 was set for plants. Members will be asked to do a member sales table.

New Business:

We have been invited to participate in the Inspired Home Expo of Monterey at the Fair Grounds on March 8th and 9th. The invitation to participate was received

between board meetings but was mentioned at the February general meeting. We will have a booth inside and will ask members with orchid plants in bloom to bring them Friday between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. so that we can set up a display. Kathie will bring a small table to set up culture information, email sign-up and society literature. This will be an opportunity educate and recruit. As an enticement to join, we will offer a free plant to those who join at the show and attend the April meeting.

We have been asked if there is an interest to participate in an AOS Judging at one of our regular meetings. Scott Collins who is an AOS judge came to our Board Meeting to help us better understand what that would entail. There would be at least 3 judges present at the meeting. Members would be asked to bring in the very best blooming species plants. Judges then select out of the array before them a few, perhaps ½ dozen plants to judge. As they judge the plant, they describe the ideal plant for that specie and compare the plant to that ideal. The judges then decide if the plant is worthy of an AOS award. (To register the award a fee of \$35 is assessed.) After some discussion the Board decided to pursue an Award Meeting. John will check with Salinas and Santa Cruz clubs to see if they have an interest in participating and we will ask members about the potentially best month in which to hold the meeting.

Carol asked the Board to advise her on how to deal with new memberships taken out late in a year with respect to membership in the following year. We decided that a new membership taken out in September would be good through the following year. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14.

Submitted by Kathie Ritter

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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!



C A R M E L O R C H I D S O C I E T Y 2014 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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