

# The BackBulb

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

May 2014



## May Meeting: Orchid Doctor and Live Auction

We have a double bill this month.

First we will have our orchid doctors diagnose plant problems and answer questions. And then instead of raffling off the plant table we will hold a live auction. To make things a bit more interesting, the Society is going to spot you some cash.

Earn CO\$ by:

- Bring plants for show and tell: 5 CO\$ per plant. Limit 20 CO\$
- Bring a plant for the Orchid doctors: 10 CO\$ per plant limit 2 plants.
- Bring treats: 20 CO\$.
- Sign up for a shift at CVGS (contact Kathie before Saturday): 20 CO\$ per half day shift.
- Bring a visitor: 20 CO\$, and the visitor gets 20 CO\$
- Buy them: \$1 - 1 CO\$

So volunteer at CVGS, bring a couple of plants for Show and Tell, bring a plate of cookies and 50 CO\$ is yours to spend on the auction, feel like you might be out bid on one of your favorites? Buy some CO\$ to make sure. We are buying plants for CVGS from Bay Breeze and we will pick put some special plants for the auction.

This months meeting is on

**Monday May 5th, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.



Tolumnia variegata, it took five years to get it to bloome.

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## Carmel Valley Garden Show

**Saturday May 3 - Sunday May 4**

**9am to 4pm at Hidden Valley Theater**

The Carmel Valley Garden Show features beautiful plant and floral displays with accredited judging, lectures and demonstrations. Silent Auction, Field of Flowers created by prominent local artists, Children's Garden Activities, a wide selection of plants for sale, container plants, artistic flower arrangements, a wide array of art, gift and jewelry vendors, as well as delicious food, wine, beer, coffee and other beverages. This is one event that should not be missed!

In addition, on Saturday evening, May 3rd, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM, there is a special **Saturday night Gala Event** that features a bounty of hors d'oeuvres, fine wine, Silent Auction and

entertainment. Advance tickets are \$20 per person and are available by calling (831) 659-3115 - \$25 at the door.



The COS booth at the Smart Gardeners Fair

## Upcoming Events

### May

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

### 5/5 Monday COS Meeting

5/10-11 Orchid Society of California Mother's Day Weekend Show & Sale, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland.

5/30-31, 6/1 San Jose Orchid Exposition, Winchester Mystery House \$5

## President's Corner

As I write I can hear the voice of the speaker announcing the arrival of runners at the Big Sur Marathon. The arrival of spring is also announced by the Big Sur Marathon. Can't say that blossoms are springing up everywhere in my greenhouse but there is one bit of good news. Last month marked the first bloom of a *Maxillaria mormolyca ringens* that I have had for at least 6 years and almost killed. Its bloom is tiny. Now the blooms of a *Maxillaria huebschii* 'Belmont' are about to bust their britches – big guys – can't wait. Does that mean I can grow *Maxillaria*? Certainly hope so. Opens up whole new range of possibilities, some of which might get explored when I go shopping at our COS orchid sale booth at the Carmel Valley Garden Club show this coming weekend – May 3rd and 4th at the Hidden Valley Theater (located on Carmel Valley Road just before you reach the Village).

As usual they will be judging flowers submitted by the public – everything from roses to irises plus orchids this year. Any of you who have a great plant or flower you would like to submit, take a look at their website for information on what to do ([www.cvgardenclub.org](http://www.cvgardenclub.org)).

We will be setting up our booth Saturday morning between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. We need people to help with the set up as well as with working the booth both Saturday and Sunday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Contact Kathie at 917-6591 if you can help, or just show up. It is a great show, well worth taking the time to peruse.

Emelita with her stunning *Leptotes bicolor*

It has been a busy time for us – beginning to feel like we are on the "show circuit". At the beginning of April we did the Smart Gardening Fair. As usual, it was a great show with lots to look at. Best of all the weather was good this year – meaning we were not holding our pop-up tent upright against the wind and rain. Better yet, we came upon another tent which is much newer and sturdier. And best of all, sales were good so we are able to boost funds for speakers and the opportunity plant table.

John has put together an unusual program for our May meeting (see his notes). It will provide a great opportunity for all of us to learn more about what to do for those plants on our shelves that don't bloom or look like they are on their last leg. Yes the doctors will be in the house with some





answers – second opinions may abound. Feel free to bring in the real problem children in your collection. There is no shame in having problems children – every grower has some, just as every grower has killed some plants. The point is to never give up, to learn as much as possible to the end of growing more and more beautiful specimens. I for one am looking forward to getting an opinion on some plants as well as showing off my blooming maxillaria.

Hope to see you on Monday, May 5th!!

Kathie



## COS Board of Directors Meeting April 21, 2014

**Members Present:** John O'Connell, Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, Daniel Bellem, Carol Easton and Lory Schluentz. Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m. at Kathie's house.

**Previous Minutes:** Carol moved, Daniel seconded to approve minutes from the March meeting. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance at the beginning of March was \$8307.17; at the end of the month balance was \$8217.23. Janette moved, Lory seconded to accept treasurer's report with the request that Daniel research the "Total Available Funds – Other" that keeps showing up as (\$960.33) and explain it to us next month.

**VP Report:** John has speakers and activities lined up for the year except for May and November. For May he suggested an auction of plants. Members will be able to receive tickets to use for the auction in combination with cash as needed. Tickets will be given, as usual, for show and tell and/or refreshments. Tickets will also be given if a plant is brought in for the plant doctor or repotting. Details will be in the Backbulb.

**Old Business:** Kathie reported that we spent \$535.00 for orchids for the Smart Garden Fair. We took in \$754.00. Plants remaining for the raffle table cost \$213.00. Net income for the show was \$432.00.

**New Business:**

**Carmel Valley Garden Show:** The show is planned for the first weekend in May. Kathie said we need workers. There was some discussion of how and where plants will be kept. Kathie will contact Betsy with CVGS to see if we can have indoor storage on Friday night. Saturday night we can keep plants in the pop up. Kathie, Lory, John, Carol and Daniel will plan to go to Baybreeze on Thursday, May 1, to purchase orchids for the show and the auction at the COS meeting on May 5. We decided to spend \$700.00 to \$800.00 for orchids.

**Fall Show:** Kathie has reserved the church the second weekend of November. We can begin setting up at 2:00 on Thursday. The cost for use of the facility will be \$300.00. The next board meeting will be at Kathie's house on May 19. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Janette Ford

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Print this page for your CVGS member plant sales tags. Fill out 1 tag per plant and attach to the plant. Use the "plant id" field to give each plant a unique code, so you know what you sold.

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## Last Chance!

Next month we purge the mailing list of members who have not paid their dues for 2014. It may not cost us anything to send out this newsletter (unless you get it by US Mail) but we don't want to spam you if you are not involved enough to renew for a paltry \$20.

The following are on the chopping block, surely some of you forgot, I see some long time members here.

Anita Crawley, David Eisen, Ursel Euler, Carrie Ferraro, Matt Ferraro, Nancy Greenebaum, William (Bill) Greenebaum, Paddy Grinstein, Ruthanne Guy, Jim Guy, Sally Jones, Jaclyn Kinney, Joanie Linares, Debra Majcher-Gore, Amanda McLean, Paulette Missud, Ken Nixon, Sheila O'Connor, Larry Odle, Jan Paulsen, Susan Phillips, Peggy Purchase, Howard Straus, RoseMary Ullmann, Margee Bennett, Bill Bennett, Lindsey Brandon

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### 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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Email address \_\_\_\_\_

If you were referred by a current member, please provide

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Single	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>
Couple	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>
Vendor	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>

**Mother's Day Weekend  
Orchid Show & Sale 2014**

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May 10**  
10AM - 5PM

**Sunday  
May 11**  
10AM - 5PM

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