

The BackBulb

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

February 2015



January Speaker: Dennis Olivas

Australian Dendrobium and Sarcocylus: Easy to Grow and Bloom Species and Hybrids

Dennis Olivas is the co-owner of D & D Flowers in Daly City. Born and raised on the Island of Kauai, Dennis has been raising orchids since he was a teenager. He has participated in the San Francisco Orchid Show since 1984, has served as the President of the San Francisco and Peninsula Orchid Society and is a member of more than 15 orchid societies. He has served as a board member for most and does advisory work for the various orchid shows and auctions. Dennis is an active judge of the American Orchid Society and has registered numerous crosses and won numerous awards for the AOS. He maintains a wonderful collection of many genera, including Paphs, Phrags, Cattleyas, Masdevallias and assorted other species and hybrids. His favorites are Masdevallias, including some very high awarded clines, and Catts, of which a favorite must be Lc. Dennis Olivas, a Laelia anceps hybrid which is beautifully splashed with yellow and red as well as being outdoor temperature tolerant in this area. All this is grown in an unheated greenhouse in Daly City, open only a few times per

This month's meeting is on **Monday February 2nd, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.



year when it gets too bulging at the seams to support everything in it!

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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.

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Upcoming Events

February

2/2 Monday COS February Meeting

2/19 Pacific Orchid Exposition
(POE) Gala

2/20-22 POE Fort Mason Center
San Francisco

March

3/2 COS March Meeting

3/7-8 Golden Gate Cymbidium
Society Annual Show &
Sale, Lakeside Park Garden
Center Oakland

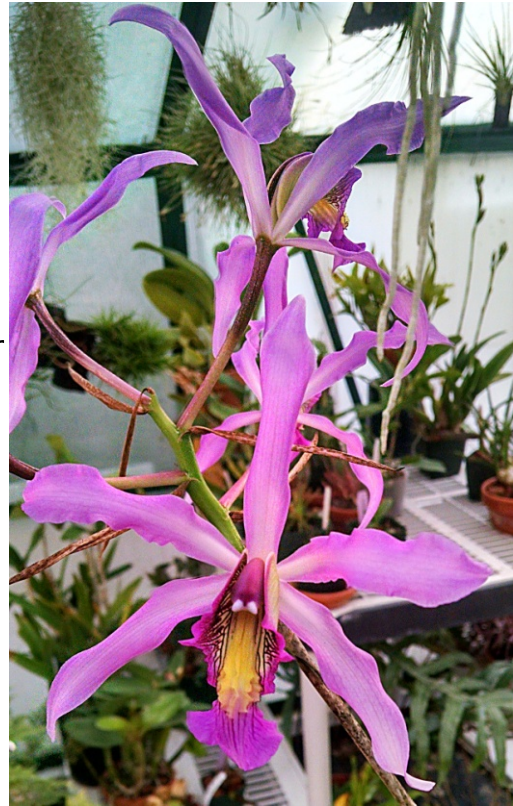
3/7 Sacramento Valley
Cymbidium Society Show &
Sale Shepard Garden & Art
Center Sacramento

3/13-15 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. Earl Warren
Show Grounds

3/14-15 Napa Valley Orchid Society Annual Festival of Orchids
Show and Sale Napa Senior Activity Center

3/21 California Orchids Spring Sale Bolinas, CA

3/28-29 Sonoma County Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale
Santa Rosa Veterans Building



President's Corner

I'm writing this on Sunday the 25th of January. The temperature is supposed to rise to 75 degrees today with a low this morning of 53F. Tomorrow the predicted range is 55F to 71F. Love it! Having no trouble adjusting – however I'm not sure my plants, orchids or otherwise, are. Suppose it depends on how you look at it. Some are developing spring growth and bloom signs. Well, why not? The weather suggests it is time to do so. But it does make me wonder what the consequences will be for the year's growth cycle. Will be keeping a close watch to see what happens.

And I am beginning to go through my collection to see what I do and do not have. With POE coming up February 20 – 22nd, I need to make sure I do not buy duplicates. Also want to have a good idea of what I would like to add to my collection.

I hope most of you are making arrangements to go to POE. The drive up and back is only a little tiring. The cost to get into the Exhibition is relatively nominal. So, what is there to stop you from going? There is so much to see – eye candy at every turn. This is one of the best opportunities to find that spectacular species or hybrid you have been yearning for or find one you never dreamed existed. Just saying, if you have never been, you'll be awed. If you have been and for whatever reason a little reticent to go this year, all I can say is if you go I bet you will return home newly inspired. At our February meeting we will try and help set up carpools. From experience I can tell

you, it is fun to share the experience with others. You should have seen me dragging my carpool peeps to and from exhibits to get their opinions on my purchases last year. Collective knowledge helps to make good decisions.

Speaking of great orchid opportunities, if you happen to be traveling to the D.C. area before April 26th, check out the Smithsonian's 20th Annual Orchid Exposition. This year the theme is: "Interlocking Science and Beauty". The Smithsonian has more than 8,000 orchids in its collection.

And, if you are a member of the Carmel Foundation, please drop in on Monday the 2nd at 1:00 PM John O'Connell and Carolyn Salmon will be giving a cymbidium potting demonstration and answering culture questions. The Foundation has a thriving Garden Group with a greenhouse on premise. Orchids are among the plants they grow. I suspect they will have some great questions.

Hope to see you at the February meeting!

Kathie



A Mystery
Catleya from
the Drummond
Estate

COS Board of Directors Meeting

Jan. 12, 2015

Members Present: John O'Connell, Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, Jeannette Brown, Carol Easton, Daniel Bellem, Lesley Olsen, Francis Richardson, Lory Schlunz, and Susan Holm. Visitor present: Joyce Elisha. Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. at Kathie's house.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from November meeting read. Daniel moved, Lory seconded to accept.

Treasurer's Report: Daniel reported that the balance at the beginning of November was \$8819.14; at the end of November (beginning of December) was \$10,406.60 and at the end of December was \$10,804.65. Reports were accepted by acclamation.

VP Report: John has scheduled Dennis Olivas for our February meeting, Dan Newman in April, and Ron Parsons in August.

Fall Show: We reviewed things that seemed to go well, and things that could be changed. The vendors liked having two days for the show. We discussed changing the arrangement of booths so we could have another vendor or two. One suggestion was to have member sales and/or potting demos outside if weather is suitable. Another suggestion was to have another orchid vendor instead of scarf and jewelry sales. We also thought that instead of raising vendor booth fees we could ask the vendors to donate something for the silent auction.

New Business: The date for the

potting demonstration for the Camel Foundation meeting has been rescheduled for Feb. 2. John, Carol and Kathie plan to be there.

Kathie has received information about the Home Expo show at the Fairgrounds in March. We will plan to go. We do not make a large amount of money at these shows, but we get good publicity and sometimes new members.

Joyce suggested that we ask the Carmel Foundation about bus rates for our greenhouse tour and that we open up our bus trip to them and/or the Carmel Valley Garden Club to help defray the cost of the bus. She also had several other ideas about how we could make connections with other community groups and how we could raise more money for our orchid society. Thanks to Joyce, for her interest, ideas and for taking time to come to the board meeting.

Janette suggested that we change the bylaws regarding the process of nominating and electing new members to the board before next fall.

Technically, we are supposed to have a nominating committee; in practice the board serves as that committee.

Next board meeting will be the Feb. 16 at Kathie's house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford

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