

# The BackBulb

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May 2015



## April Speaker: John OConnell

### DIY Orchid Projects

Every orchid grower wants to grow better, or maybe

just more, plants. Most of us have a mental list of "If I could just have more light" or "better water", or "more space", or "more moisture" then I could grow more, better, bigger plants. Don't just dream about better plants, do something about it. Make some improvements, it doesn't have to cost a lot of money. Light and water are the two most important factors in raising bigger, better orchids.

John's orchid adventure started on the window sill, and expanded with the help of lights, small at first and then larger. Water became a priority when he moved from Atlanta, which had great water, to Monterey, with it's not so great water. Always looking to tweak his growing environment he played with lights water and eventually the a greenhouse. Some of the projects were large, some small, this program focuses on the small projects

that can make a difference in your orchid growing.



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Half way to  
"all the way"

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

## COS Officers

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## Upcoming Events

### May

5/2-3 D&D Flowers Open House Daly City

5/2-3 Carmel Valley Garden Show

### 5/4 Monday COS May Meeting

5/9-10 Orchid Society of California Mother's Day Show and Sale. Fri 12-6, Sat & Sun 10-5, Lakeside Garden Center, Oakland.

5/16 Orchid Sale at Ken Cook's Greenhouse 8-12 5711 Amend Rd., Richmond, CA 94803 (El Sobrante area) Cool and Intermediate (species and hybrids) Email Address kencook.kc@gmail.com

### June

6/5-7, 2015 San Jose Orchid Exhibition and Wine Tasting. Special Preview Night Friday 5:30 - 9:30 pm. Winchester Mystery House, San Jose, CA 95128.



Richard with a well bloomed *Dendrobium lindleyi* (synonym *D. aggregatum*)



Juan demonstrating, that when it rains it pours. (Really some sort of pendulous *Dendrobium*)



## President's Corner

Another month, another show; this time we are off to the Carmel Valley Garden Show. The dates are Saturday, May 2nd and Sunday, May 3rd. We will set up the tent on Friday afternoon. Anyone who can help, please drop on by and pitch in. If you can let me know ahead of time, that will help – particularly for Friday afternoon. Just call me at 917.6591.

group. Lots of good questions were lobbed at us – hope we answered them sufficiently for them to end up getting better success with their cymbs and phals. They appeared to be interested in visiting us at CVGS and at our November show – would like to see a variety of orchids not seen in stores. And, one person graciously joined COS even though she will not be able to attend many of our meetings.



Trichoglottis  
pusilla

The Master Gardener show took place at the beginning of April. Thanks to everyone who helped out – particularly to Carol, Daniel and Juan who gave very generously of their time.

Carol and I gave a talk to the Pebble Beach Garden Club about how to keep your “big box” orchids alive plus gave a potting demonstration. They are a lively

I need not remind everyone that now is the time to repot. I hope all of you are finished or well on your way to completing what needs to be done. I still have lots to do. Procrastination is my middle name.

Hope to see you at the May meeting – Monday, the 4th.

**Kathie**

## COS Board of Directors Meeting

April 20, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:20 at Carol's house.

**Members Present:** John O'Connell, Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, Jeannette Brown, Lory Schluenz, Frances Richardson, Susan Holmes, Daniel Bellem and Carol Easton.

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes from March meeting read. Daniel moved, Carol seconded to accept minutes as presented. Accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance at the beginning of March was \$10,274.82. At the end of the month it was \$10,289.88. Expenses for the month were for meeting (rent and raffle table) and the Smart Garden Fair. Income was from memberships, raffle, and sales at Smart Garden Fair. Report accepted by acclamation. Daniel said we needed to pay liability insurance and P.O. box rental. Daniel moved, John seconded to pay the liability insurance (\$281.00). Approved. Janette moved and Frances seconded to pay P.O. box rental (\$71.00). Approved.

**VP Report:** John does not have anyone scheduled for May. He suggested we review the "Searching the Internet for Orchid Sources" we presented a couple years ago. Kathie suggested we talk about growing plants indoors since many of our members do not have greenhouses. Carol suggested we talk about ways to conserve water with orchid growing. We concluded it might be good to have a round table type

format to address these concerns.

John has talked to Dan Newman about visiting his greenhouse on July 18, but has not found another greenhouse to visit that day as a part of the bus tour. Kathie has talked to the Pebble Beach Garden Club about the possibility of some of their members joining us on the bus tour. John mentioned that the Orchids in the Park Show is the next weekend (at Golden Gate Park). Several members of the board thought this might be a good option for the bus tour since it could accommodate a larger bus if we were able to get folks from other Garden groups and/or members of the Carmel Foundation to join us.

### Old Business.

Kathie reported that we netted about \$100.00 at the Smart Garden Fair, but did not get many new contacts (emails or memberships). She suggested that we rethink our purposes for having booths at this and the Home Expo. John mentioned that several people asked about the dendrobium plants Carol had brought for display. He suggested it might be nice to have small keikis of display plants available for purchase.

The Camel Valley Garden Show is May 2 - 3. We will plan to go to Baybreeze on April 31 to purchase plants to sell at the CVGS and for our regular meeting plant table on the 5th. We will spend about \$200.00 for each event.

Kathie brought up the matter of the cost of upgrading the software for the treasurer's reports. After reading the letter again that Daniel received, it appears we can still use the software, but tech help will not be available. Daniel said he would continue to use it



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and see if there are any changes after the update time has passed.

## New Business:

Kathie suggested that we need to begin now to decide if we, as board members, want to keep the same jobs at the fall show. She also said we need to think seriously about the silent auction, since it is the main source of revenue at the show. Daniel said his neighbor and his daughter in law were again willing to help with the auction. It was suggested that we try to get more gardening and/or orchid related items for the auction. Wine items and restaurant gift certificates sell well, but service gift certificates are hard to sell. Carol asked John to update the advertising posters and cards with this year's dates ASAP so if she sees a sale price for printing in the next couple months she can get it done.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 18 at Carol's house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

**Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford**



Carolyn and  
Cattleya

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### 2015 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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If you were referred by a current member, please provide

his/her name \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal ☐ New Member ☐

Member of the American Orchid Society ☐

Membership Type	Receive Newsletter	
	Via E-Mail	Via US Mail
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"/>

**May 2nd & 3rd , 2015**

**9:00 am to 3 pm**

**D & D Flowers Spring Open-house**

**At the new location on**

**169 1st Avenue**

**Daly City, CA 94014**

(D&D Flowers is not open to the public except during the spring and fall scheduled open houses)

Directions 280 South from San Francisco: Take the Eastmoore exit and veer to the right onto Sullivan Avenue. At the stop light, make a right onto Washington Street (service station on the right and Krispy Kream Donut at opposite corner). Go over the freeway, through Junipero Serra Blvd to San Pedro (Catholic Church at intersection). Make a left onto San Pedro and continue through Mission Street between Bank of America and Wendy's. At the stop sign, make a left onto 1st Avenue. Greenhouse is on the right hand side of the 3rd house with the red garage and a sign reading Demattei Nursery. Enter the gate of the chain link fence with red lattice on the left hand side of the red garage.

Directions 280 north of Hicky Blvd.: Take the Pacifica/Eastmoore Avenue exit and veer to the right to the Eastmoore Avenue exit. At the stop light, you would like to be on the 2nd lane to the left. Turn left onto Junipero Serra Blvd and at the stop light; make a right turn onto San Pedro Road. Then continue through Mission Street between Bank of America and Wendy's. At the stop sign, make a left onto 1st Avenue. Greenhouse is on the right hand side of the 3rd house with the red garage and a sign reading Demattei Nursery. Enter the gate of the chain link fence with red lattice on the left hand side of the red garage.

Please drive safely. Limited street parking so please car pool. Do not park within the chain link fence.

Mahalo for your cooperation!!!!!!



*Gold Country  
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**INVENTORY**

**REDUCTION SALE**

**& Open House**

**May 8-9**

9am - 5pm

**May 10**

10am - 4pm

**10%-80% off all plants**

Free Plant with any purchase of \$15 or  
30% Off all purchases over \$100

All Mothers Receive a Free Gift Sunday!

## **CLASSES:**

Friday & Saturday - 1:30pm

Controlling Disease and Pesky Pests for the Home Grower

Sunday - All Day

Bring your problems in a bag for diagnosis and treatment.

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