

# The BackBulb

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March 2016



## March Speaker: John OConnell

### Sex, Deceit, and Abandonment, the Secret Lives of Orchids Reveled!

If orchids had a reality TV show it would be more like Real Housewives of \_\_\_\_\_ than Wild Kingdom. Love em, leave em, abandon the children, yep, this is fodder for reality TV for sure. Everyone knows that orchids are flamboyant, and you may have heard about their wild sex lives, but what drives these crazy, flashy flowers to such extraordinary lengths?

John should have known that the botany degree would come back to haunt him. VP's or orchid societies are always looking for speakers with new topics who will perform speak for free, so he should have been more careful about regaling the COS VP with tales of wild orchid sex (pollination in polite society). A bit of flattery, and begging, and presto! The March program is taken care of for an unbeatable price too.

John's orchid habit started innocently enough when he was given an orchid as a house warming present. It would be ten years before that first orchid bloomed again. Along the way that first Cattleya was joined by a Phalaenopsis then, upon discovering the Atlanta Orchid Show, a little Lycaste. he didn't realize it at the time, but the Lycaste was the beginning of his fascination, some would say obsession, with orchids. Now many years and several hundred orchids latter, orchids continue to fascinate him.

One of the decevers (at POE)



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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 **M thru R** to bring refreshments to the next meeting.

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## Upcoming Events

### March

**3/5-6 COS at the home show.** Bring plants on Friday after 4PM.

3/4-6 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. Earl Warren Showgrounds, Highway 101 and Las Positas Road. 3400 Las Positas Road Santa Barbara

**3/7 Monday COS March Meeting** John OConnell will be speaking

3/25-27 Malihini Orchid Show and Sale. Main Street Cupertino 19459 Stevens Cr. Blvd, Cupertino CA

3/26 California Orchids Spring Sale. 515 Aspen Rd. Bolinas.



From Dan Newman's exhibit at POE

## Home Show at the Fairgrounds

### March 5 and 6

Carmel Orchid Society will have a booth to share our passion for orchid growing. We will be setting up the booth on Thursday afternoon about 4:00. We plan to have a few orchids to sell, but would like to have several blooming orchids to show. If you have any orchids in bloom to show, please bring them to the Fairgrounds on Friday afternoon and plan to pick them up at 4:00 on Sunday afternoon. And if anyone is interested in hosting the booth on Saturday or Sunday, please let Carol and/or Kathie know.

## **Carol's Commentary**

The Carmel Orchid Society has again this year been invited to participate in the Inspired Home Expo of Monterey County. This morning's GO issue in the Monterey Herald had a very informative article on the Home Expo. The Inspired Home Expo group has once again given us a double booth at no expense to us since we are a non-profit group. The Floor Layout Map of GO shows that our booth is in the back of the Salinas Room near the seminar area. We have found in past years that this is a perfect area for our booth. We will be having a display of our blooming orchids and we urge you to bring your blooming orchids in on Friday afternoon from 2pm on.

On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors I would like to encourage all of our members to come out and

support the Inspired Home Show on March 5th & 6th and the Society's booth. Besides, if you obtain a passport at the entrance of the Expo and visit each exhibitor, you might be lucky and win a \$1000.00 Backyard Makeover by McShane's. I have already decided on which area I want made over!!!

I would also like to encourage our members to come to the Society meeting on Monday night, the 7th of March when our own John OConnell will be speaking on "Sex, Deceit, and Abandonment, the Secret Lives of Orchids Revealed". We also have an unusual plant table from POE. This will be a very interesting evening. To make it more interesting we urge those inclined to bring an unusual dessert or just some cookies!

**Carol**



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## COS Board of Directors Meeting Feb. 15, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 at Kathie's house.

**Members Present:** Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, Daniel Bellem, Carol Easton, Susan Holm, Frances Richardson, Lesley Olson, Jeannette Brown and Jerry Loomis.

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes from the January 18 meeting were presented. Daniel moved, Jerry seconded to accept the minutes. Susan and Lesley mentioned that Macy's might be a possibility for non-profit donations to our orchid society in November and December as a part of their annual rewards program.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance at the beginning of January was \$10,399.41. At the end of the month it was \$10,214.19. Expenses were for the speaker, raffle table plants, rent and Backbulb postage. Income was from membership renewals and the raffle. Frances moved and Kathie seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

**V.P. Report:** Jerry Loomis said that John O'Connell will speak in March and Dan Asbell will come in April. Carol and Kathie will plan to purchase plants for the March raffle table and for the Home Show when they go to the San Francisco Orchid Show

(POE).

### Old Business:

Carol has filed a schedule of our meetings this year with the church.

We plan to be at the Home Show at the Fairgrounds on March 5 and 6. Carol, Daniel and Kathie plan to be at the fairgrounds about 4:00 Thursday the 3rd to set up. COS members who have plants to display or sell need to bring them on Thursday afternoon.

Carol still needs a volunteer to set up refreshments for our meetings.

Carol will plan to talk to the membership at the March meeting about the plan to raise membership dues next year.

### New Business:

Carol and Kathie were both contacted about advertising in the Herald for the Home Show. Kathie declined indicating we did not have funds for advertising, and we all agreed.

Kathie received a call from the Pebble Beach Garden Club. They would like for



Another incredible POE exhibit

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some of our members to come share orchid growing information again at one of their meetings. Carol will check with Carolyn Salmon to see if she would like to go with one or two others.

Next meeting will be at 7:00 on March 21 at a location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

**Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford**

## 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!

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#### 2016 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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