

The BackBulb

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

April 2017



April Speaker: John OConnell

How to Hang With the Cool Catts

There are lots of reasons to mount some of your orchids, a plants cultural requirements, space saving, protection against over watering, or many orchids just look so cool mounted. Since mounting orchid is cool, lets talk a bit about what plants to mount, how to do it and how to take care of them afterwards. And you don't need a greenhouse to enjoy mounted orchids.

John has been growing orchids for a fair while now, he started like everybody else with a few plants on a windowsill and then started using artificial lights, then a simple hoop style greenhouse and then finally a real greenhouse. John's sister also grows orchids in Ohio, and there is probably a bit of sibling rivalry involved in their orchid technological arms race. John has been producing and writing for the Carmel Orchid Society BackBulb since late 2008 (97 issues and counting) and has been President and Vice President, and website designer and maintainer (carmelorchidsociety.org). He grows an eclectic collection of mostly species in Seaside.



Mounted orchids hanging out in John's greenhouse

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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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Return of the Plant Doctor

We are planning to have short "Plant Doctor" sessions at our monthly meetings. If you have a question about one of your orchid plants, bring it to the meeting and one of our esteemed experts (John OConnell or Carolyn Salmon or other knowledgeable members of the group) will try to answer your question.

Upcoming Events

April

4/1-2 Sonoma County Orchid Society Show, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4
Santa Rosa Veterans' Memorial Building 1351 Maple Ave.,
Santa Rosa

4/3 Monday April COS Meeting

4/5-9 San Francisco Flowers & Garden Show Wed-Sat 10-7 Sun
10-6 San Mateo Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Dr. San Mateo,
CA

4/8-9 Sacramento Orchid Society Orchid & Exotic Plant Show,
Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4 Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H St,
Sacramento

4/21-23 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show & Sale, Sat-Sun
10-4, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City

May

5/1 Monday May COS Meeting

5/6-7 Carmel Valley Garden Show, Hidden Valley Music
Seminars 104 West Carmel Valley Rd.

June

6/5 Monday June COS Meeting

6/10 Orchid Digest Speakers' Day "Orchids from Around the
World", 12am-8pm, Huntington Library, Art Collection and
Botanical Gardens, San Marino

Carol's Commentary

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, I would like to thank Weegie Caughlin for her presentation on Australian Cymbidiums. Weegie also provided an excellent plant table.

For the members that did not attend the Santa Barbara Orchid Show, you missed a spectacular event. We also were able to visit the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate and visit with a long time friend of the Society, Paul Gripp, who was very entertaining.

The Society has received the book written by Mary Gerritsen and Ron Parsons, "Bay Area Guide to Orchids and Their Culture". The books will be available for pickup at the April 7 meeting.

By the time you read this, Daniel, Carol, Carolyn, Jeff, Kathie, John and others will have participated at the Inspired Home Exposition Show at the Monterey County Fair grounds on April 1-2, 2017. We will have a display but will not be selling any orchids. If you have something wonderful blooming, bring it to the Monterey Room at the Fairgrounds between 1-5pm and we will be happy to place it in the display.

Our speaker for the April 7, 2017 meeting is John O'Connell. The plant table will be provided by Carolyn Salmon, Carol Easton and John so please attend the April meeting so that you have an opportunity to own plants grown by our own members.

See you at the April 7 meeting,

Carol



The Santa Barbaras International Orchid show was spectacular. Pictures by Carol Easton.

Fifteenth Orchid Digest Speakers Day

Saturday, June 10, 2017
12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Ahmanson Classroom, Botanical Building
Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens
San Marino, CA

ORCHIDS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Featuring

Cindy Hill "My Top Ten Favorite Species Orchids and How I Grow Them"

Alan Koch "Sarcophilus: Past, Present and a New Direction"

Harold Koopowitz "Orchids in Northern Thailand"

Dennis Wigham "Native Orchids: Ecology and Conservation"

Ernest Hetherington Distinguished Lecture:

Ken Cameron: "Vanilla, Orchid Evolution, & the Genomic Revolution"

Scheduled Vendors include: Andy's Orchids, Cal Orchid, Gold Country Orchids, and Sunset Valley Orchids

Tickets: \$65 (\$80 at the door) for afternoon seminars, live auction,
wine and cheese happy hour, dinner and evening entertainment.

Reservations online at www.orchiddigest.org

or contact Simone Friend at simonef@orchiddigest.org or call (562) 431-1247. When contacting by email, please include phone number, email address and mailing address. Space is limited so don't wait to buy your ticket!

CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY 2017 Membership Application

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Single	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Photo Contest



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Garden Show May 6-7, 2017

Hidden Valley Music Seminars 104 West Carmel Valley Rd

Contest Open to all

Judged by local professional photographer.

Five Categories:

1.Flowers 2.Plants 3.Edibles 4.Local Landscapes 5.Wild Life

(All photos must be taken in Monterey County)

Awards: Cash & Ribbons Best of show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each category

Limit of three photos per entrant. All photos must be 8"x10" in size. At the time of the show you will be supplied an 11"x14" beveled mat with 7.5"x9.5" opening, a backing sheet, and plastic protector sleeve (yours to keep).

Want to Sell your work?

Upon entry set a price and agree to a 80/20 split, 80% to artist 20% to CVGC. This also applies to multiple sales of the same image.

(This is, only if you want to sell your image)

Entry Fee \$5/image Photo(s) to be turned in at

Hidden Valley Seminars Dance Studio May 4, 2017 Thursday between the hours of 3:00PM and 6:30PM. Photo pick-up will be **Sunday May 7, 2017** between the hours of 4:00 and 5:00PM

Please visit us at cvgardenclub.org

For more information Call 831-659-0650

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70th ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW & EXOTIC PLANT SALE

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