

# The BackBulb

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

May 2017



## May Speaker: Scott Collins

### Lycastes, What's new, and how to make your plants flower their best

Scott has been growing Orchids for over 30 years. His nursery, Echo Valley Orchids is in the rolling hills of north Monterey County. There, he grows mainly Odontoglossums, Lycastes, Cattleyas and Paphiopedilums. His plants over the years have been granted over 80 AOS quality and culture awards. He had a successful Phalaenopsis breeding program in the 1990's where many of his hybrids garnered AOS (American Orchid Society) awards. Currently, his breeding efforts are with Odontoglossums and Lycastes.

Scott has been involved in the AOS judging system for 28 years and is currently a Senior Judge affiliated with the Pacific Central Judging Region of the AOS.

When not involved in orchids, Scott enjoys rambling through the deserts of California with his son rock collecting. He also spends time playing in a Bluegrass band which has played together for 30 years.



Lycastes, in the Cal-Orchid display, Peninsula Orchid Show last January

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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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## 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

### May

5/1 Monday May COS Meeting

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

5/13,14 Orchid Society of California Mother's Day Weekend Orchid Show & Sale Sat. & Sun. 10- 5 Lakeside Park Garden Center (next to Lake Merritt Botanical Gardens) 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland

5/20-21 D & D Flowers & Tiny Jungle Openhouse & Plant Sale & SFOS Repotting Clinic Sat. & Sun. 9-3, Reportting Clinic 11-1, 169 1st Avenue Daly City, CA

### 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

### July

7/22-23 SFOS "Orchids in the Park" Summer Show & Sale Sat. & Sun 10-5, SF County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers) 9th Ave & Lincoln Way - Golden Gate Park, San Francisco



*Myrmecophila tibicinis* (alba) in John's greenhouse, the spike is 3 feet tall.

## Carol's Commentary

The Board of Directors and the general membership would like to thank our member, John O'Connell for his inspiring talk on "How to Hang with the Cool Cats". It was enjoyed by all of the members present.

We would like to welcome our newest member, Susan Murai, who attended the 2017 Inspired Home Show Expo and was encouraged to join our Society by Kathie Ritter. Well done Kathie.

The Society's Membership Application form has finally been revised and is currently out for printing. There will be copies available at the Society's May 1st meeting.

A new segment of the regular meeting has been added where members can ask cultural questions and then answered by one of the Orchid Doctors amongst the members present.

On Sunday, April 23rd, we will be picking up a pallet load of bark. The bark will be available to those who ordered it at the May 1st meeting.

We would like to congratulate Susan Holm, one of our Board members who accepted the position of Hospitality Chairperson. She will attempt to give us all name tags as we enter the Church.

We would like to thank Carolyn Salmon and Pat Landee for agreeing to speak at the Smart Gardeners Fair on May 13th at Jewel Park, Pacific Grove. Please come out and support this event.

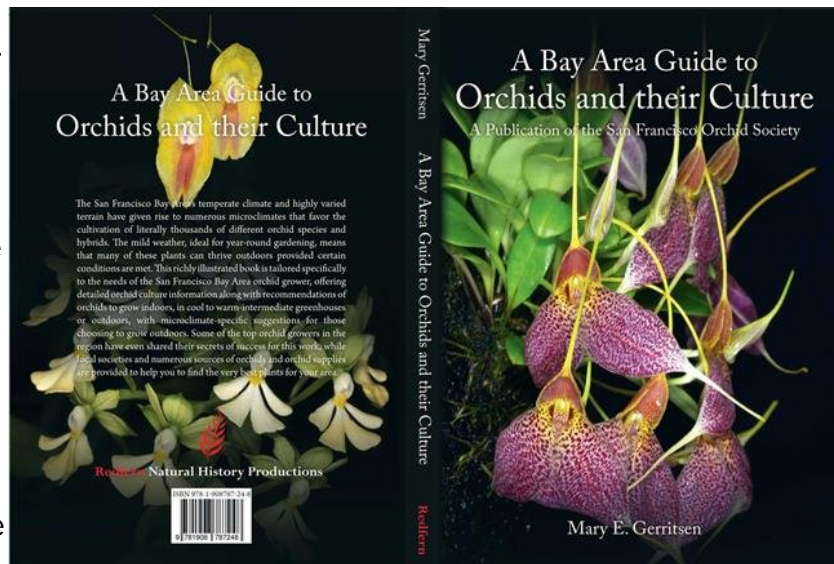
May 6 & 7 will find the Carmel Valley

Garden Club annual show in full swing. COS members are eligible to enter flower arrangements, cut flowers, potted plants and ORCHIDS. There are 2 classes for orchids. Please see or call me (625-1565) for a copy of the Exhibitor Rules & Categories.

Save the date of September 9th for the Annual COS BBQ. If anyone would like to host this event, please see me, otherwise it will be held at my house.

See you at the May 1st meeting.

**Carol**



We still have a few of Mary Gerritsen's book available, pick yours up at the May meeting



## COS Board Meeting

**April 17, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 at Carolyn's house.

Members Present: Carol Easton, Daniel Bellem, Janette Ford, Carolyn Salmon, Susan Holm and John OConnell.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from February 13 meeting were accepted by acclamation. There was not a quorum at the March meeting and no minutes were taken.

Treasurer's Report: Daniel reported that at the beginning of March there was a balance of \$8896.49, at the end of the month it was \$8627.49. The report for February is included in these minutes since there were no minutes for a March meeting: we began February with a balance of \$9906.49 and ended with \$8896.49.

V.P. Report: Jerry was not able to attend the meeting, but he has scheduled Scott Collins for May, Bruce Rogers for June and Mary Gerretson and Ron Parsons for August. All of these speakers will provide a raffle table. There will be no meeting in July.

Old Business:

On May 13 Carolyn Salmon and Pat Landree are scheduled to present a talk at noon at the Smart Garden Fair which will be held this year in Pacific Grove.

The deal to purchase Orchiata bark from a

wholesaler in Gilroy has fallen through. Daniel will check with other providers to see if we can order it from them.

Susan Holms has offered to be hospitality chair at the meetings. She will have name tags and encourage all to use them.

Carol reported that so far Asbell orchids, Sue Hamilton and Dennis Olivas have agreed to be orchid vendors at the fall show. Joanie Linares and Rising International are also planning to come. Carol has contacted Yuriko (Bay Breeze Orchids) and Eileen (scarves). We suggested contacting Scott Collins, Dr. Wang and Brookside Orchids to see if they would be interested.

New Business:

We talked briefly about whether to keep the silent auction at the show, but decided we needed it because it is the biggest fund raiser. We will begin asking members for donations from businesses at our next meetings.

Carol has offered to have the BBQ in September unless someone else would like to host it.

Our next board meeting will be after the general meeting on June 5. Several

board members will be out of town in May and June. It will be difficult to have a quorum. We will not have a general meeting or a board meeting in July. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be August 21.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

**Janette Ford**



Chysis bractescens in John's greenhouse

## 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](http://www.orchiddigest.org)

or contact Simone Friend at [simonef@orchiddigest.org](mailto: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!

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

### 2017 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

If you were referred by a current member, please provide

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

Renewal ☐ New Member ☐

Member of the American Orchid Society ☐

| Membership<br>Type | Receive Newsletter            |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                    | Via E-Mail                    | Via US Mail                   |
| Single             | \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> | \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Couple             | \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> | \$40 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vendor             | \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> | \$40 <input type="checkbox"/> |





**Vendors**  
Crescent Hill Nursery  
The Bead Hive  
McShane's Nursery  
Fattoria Muia  
Red Door Garden Gallery  
Knox Garden Box  
Carman's Nursery  
Terra Sole Nursery  
Carmel Valley  
Honey Company  
Carmel Valley  
Historical Society  
Press On  
Reworked It  
Honest Earth Candles  
Sassy Succulent Design  
Kraffy Krapp  
Fringe Outerware  
Los Arboles  
MiddleSchool  
Sheet Metal  
Happens  
Carmel Valley  
Garden Nursery  
Humane Wildlife Control  
Exotic African Flora LLC  
Sandbar Solar  
Whimsy Garden

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Running Iron

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PAINTING & ETC. CONSULTING, INC.

**48th Annual Carmel Valley  
Garden Show**  
**May 6th and 7th**  
**cut flowers containers  
arrangements**  
**Silent Auction Live Music Plant Sales**  
**Vendors Photography Contest**  
**Children's Garden Hidden Garden Cafe**  
**Saturday Evening Gala**  
**10 am to 4 pm**  
**Hidden Valley Music Seminars**  
**Carmel Valley Village**  
**Proceeds benefit Carmel Valley Nonprofits**

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# Photo Contest



Sponsored by

**Carmel Valley Garden Club**

**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](http://cvgardenclub.org)

**For more information Call 831-659-0650**



**Santa Cruz Orchid Society**  
*presents*  
**Spring Orchid Seminar**  
*free!*

*featuring*

- \*Jim Heilig and Amy Chung: Orchidarium
- \*Weegie Caughlin: Everything Cymbidiums
- \*Joanne Whitney: Orchids in Medicine
- \*Scott Collins: Lycastes, A Perfect Fit for Coastal California
- \*Plants for sale, & Demonstrations
- \*No Host Lunch

Saturday, May 13  
10am-3pm  
Live Oak Grange  
1900 17th Ave,  
Santa Cruz

Seating is limited  
Please RSVP by May 10 to  
[info@santacruzorchidsociety.org](mailto:info@santacruzorchidsociety.org)  
Donations always welcome :)



Mother's Day  
Weekend  
**ORCHID SHOW & SALE**  
**2017**

May 13 & 14, 2017  
10AM-5PM

Presented by the Orchid Society of California  
Lakeside Park Garden Center  
666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610  
(next to the Lake Merritt Botanical Gardens)

FREE ADMISSION • Orchid Displays • Orchids for sale • Culture sessions • Raffles



# Orchids in the Park

San Francisco Orchid Society's

Summer Show & Sale

July 22 & 23, 2017

10 am - 5 pm

San Francisco County Fair Building

(Hall of Flowers)

9th Ave. & Lincoln Way

Golden Gate Park - San Francisco

Demonstrations/Raffle

Admission:

\$5, Seniors \$4, under 16 free

[www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)