

# The BackBulb

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June 2018



## June Speaker: Tanya Lam

### Orchids With Long Lasting Blooms and their Care

Tanya has been growing orchids since 1997. She has been creative in adjusting her growing methods to raise her orchids with their healthiest rooting systems, and in turn enjoy their best performances in flowering. For most of her orchid growing years, her job required extensive travel, which required her to have good planning and orchid mixes that stay moist exactly 7 days.

Tanya created her own mixes to fit her weekly watering schedule and condition. Tanya always looks for ways to improve her greenhouse operations and improve growing conditions. Orchid has become Tanya's obsession and second profession. Tanya has seen orchids growing in their habitats in Australia, Bahamas, Brazil, China, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. She loves to travel and dreams to visit many more orchid habitats in the world.

Tanya grows many species and hybrids in San Jose, California with a collection of over 2,000 plants and over 50 genera. Her special interests are psychopsis, dendrobium, epidendrum,

paphiopedilum, encyclia, cattleya, vandaceous, and angraecoids.



*Laelia gouldiana* 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 **S thru Z** to **bring refreshments** to the next meeting.

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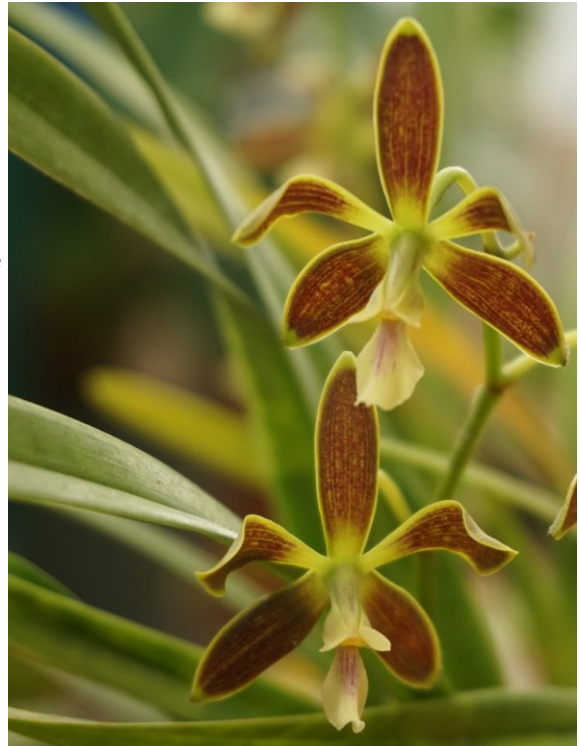
John OConnell

## COS Orchids in the Park Expedition

If you missed POE (Pacific Orchid Exposition) you have another chance to see a show in San Francisco Orchids In the Park is not as large as POE, but 18 vendors is still larger than any other show except POE. This years vendors are:

Andy's Orchids, Amsoil/Aggrand (Fertilizer), Asbell's Orchids, Barsch Tropicals, Brookside Orchids, Calwest Tropical Supply, D & D Flowers, Divine Orchids, Ecuagenera (Ecuador), Hanging Gardens, Mundiflora (Ecuador), Orchids and Garden, Orchid Design, Orchids of Los Osos, Phrao Orchids Nursery (Thailand), Seed Engei (Japan), Ten Shin Gardens (Taiwan).

COS members who want to go to the show meet at the Seaside Home Depot parking lot, near the street, at 8AM Saturday July 21 and we will car pool up to the show.



Encyclia patens in John's greenhouse

## Upcoming Events

### June

6/4 Monday COS June Meeting

6/9 Orchid Digest Speakers Day 'Orchids in the Wild' Noon - 8 pm Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens San Marino, CA

### July

There will be no regular COS meeting in July

7/21 Saturday COS Orchids in the Park Expedition

7/21-22 Orchids in the Park 10-5 San Francisco County Fair Building 9th Av. at Lincoln Way Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

## The Orchid Experience

Lots of people grow a few orchids, they admire the pretty blooms and never think twice about the wider, wilder, world of orchids that waits just beyond those Phal's on the windowsill or the Cymbidiums on the porch. A few of these casual growers will have their curiosity tweaked, maybe by a friend, a show, or an exhibit. Once roused, the curious can immerse themselves in a wealth of information on the Internet, books, and at their friendly local orchid society. As president of the friendly local society, I, and the rest of the board, try to bring you a variety of activities to make your orchid experience as fulfilling as possible. But all of our meetings, speakers, raffle tables, social events, and outings are only part of the full orchid experience. So here are a few more things to add to your orchid bucket list that you can't find at a COS meeting, the orchid world is a very big and interesting place.

- Go to some shows:
  - POE (late February). The biggest and best show around. If you haven't been, you will be amazed.
  - Santa Barbara International Orchid Show (March). Quite different from POE.
  - Orchids in the Park (July) a fairly large sale with a few exhibits.
- Visit some orchid vendors:
  - While in Santa Barbara, visit Santa Barbara Orchid Estate (SBOE) and Cal-

Orchid (across the street from SBOE).

- Get up to Pacifica to see Dan Newman or some of the other growers at the Shell Dance greenhouse complex.
- Make a pilgrimage to Encinitas and Andy's Orchids. You will be amazed. Andy takes credit cards, but take cash, it's safer.
- Visit some private greenhouses. Several of our members have greenhouses, attend one of our orchid happy hours and see them for your self.
- Join the AOS.
- Visit an orchid collection at a botanical garden. The SF Conservatory of Flowers has a small collection. There are big collections in St. Louis, Atlanta and South Florida.
- Attend a show gala. POE has a good one with lots of wine.
- Grow a great plant and take it to AOS judging.
- Get an AOS award for one of your plants.



Laelia superbiens in John's Greenhouse



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- Learn more about judging by volunteering to be a clerk at a show with AOS judging. It's a real learning experience.
- Attend a World Orchid Conference (WOC) at least once in your life. A WOC is held ever 3 years (March 2020 in, Taichung Tiawan) and makes POE look small.
- Get an awarded plant named after you.
- Get an awarded hybrid named after you.
- Get a species named after you.
- Build your own greenhouse and stock it with a thousand or so of your favourite plants.
- Visit orchids where they live: Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Indonesia...

- Get an article published by an orchid magazine.
- Create a new hybrid and bloom it.
- Volunteer for a local show.
- Volunteer for your societies board (hint, hint...).
- Read some orchid literature:
  - The Orchid Thief by Jane Orlean
  - Orchid Feaver by Eric Hansen
  - Any of the Nero Wolf mysteries by Rex Stout
  - Orchid Territory by Mary Motes

There is of course more, If you have some thing you would like to add drop me an email, I may want to add it to my own list.

**John**

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

### 2018 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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his/her name \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Type	Receive Newsletter	
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Couple	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$40 <input type="checkbox"/>
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## **COS Board of Directors Meeting May 14, 2018**

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

Members Present: John O'Connell, Carol Easton, Daniel Bellem, and Janette Ford. There was not a quorum of board members.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the April 23 meeting were presented and accepted by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report: Daniel reported that the balance at the beginning of March was \$9361.48 and at the end of the month was \$8916.48. Besides regular monthly expenses, liability insurance and post off expenses were paid. Balance at the beginning of April was \$8916.48 and \$8930.48 at the end of the month. Extra income for the month was due to the sale of plants donated to the society by Alan Rossing. Thanks to Alan for "thinning down his collection".

V.P. Report: Jerry has made arrangements for Tanya Lam to speak in June.

We reviewed activities/speakers for later in the year. In July we plan to organize car pools to visit the Orchids in the Park show in Golden Gate Park on July 21. In August, October and November we need to schedule speakers. Carol will check with Cely Cruz who has offered to host a BBQ to see if she could host our BBQ on Sept. 8.

Old Business:

Carol has sent letters to possible vendors for the Orchid Show which will

be held October 26 and 27. So far the following vendors plan to come: Sue Hamilton (Orchids and Gardens), Dennis Olivas (D and D Orchids), Asbell's Orchids, Scott Collins (Echo Valley Orchids), Joannie Linares (bead jewelry), Jerry Loomis (woodworking), and Scarves for a Cause.

Carol will also contact members who chaired orchid show committees last year to see if they will help in the same positions this year.

At the board meeting last month it was suggested that we could have t-shirts made for volunteers at the show. We will present to the members at the June meeting to see if they would be interested in buying t-shirts. COS may be able to subsidize cost of shirts for volunteers.

New Business:

Daniel said COS has been asked to share a booth again at the Monterey County Fair on Sept. 1 (Saturday). Carol noted that the Home Show in the fall is scheduled the same weekend as our Fall Show (last weekend in October).

Next meeting will be June 18 at Carol's house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford



# *Orchids in the Park*

*Summer Show & Sale*

**July 21 & 22, 2018**

**10 am - 5 pm**

- **Spectacular Orchids on display**
- **Local & International Vendors**
- **Demonstrations & Raffles**
- **Admission: \$5/ under 16 FREE**

## **Information & Tickets:**

**[www.sforchidsinthepark.org](http://www.sforchidsinthepark.org)**

San Francisco County Fair Building  
"Hall of Flowers"  
9th. Ave at Lincoln Way  
Golden Gate Park - San Francisco

