

# The BackBulb

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

April 2019



## April Speaker: Jonathan Robbins

### Asking The Right Questions To Be Your Own Orchid Expert

Jonathon will discuss many of the major issues facing orchid growers including: Light, Watering and water quality, Potting media, Container choice, Fertilizers, Pests & Diseases, Vetting the over-abundance of information in the internet age.

He will talk you through ways to look at your plants and with a little observation and research, figure out for yourself the best ways to grow your plants according to your individual conditions and tell which advice to listen to and which might be better ignored.

Jonathon first became interested in orchids in 1994 during a horticultural internship at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota, Florida. The internship turned into a full-time job and he worked there for several years learning about all sorts of tropical epiphytes. He went on to move around the country over the years but always had a greenhouse full of orchids. "I've grown them in hot, wet Southern Florida, the cold, wet, Pacific Northwest, and the hot, dry, California Central Valley". This has given Jonathon experience with the



*Rhyncholaelia glauca* 'Sacramento' 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 **M thru R** to **bring refreshments** to the next meeting.

**Remember, It's time to pay your dues!**

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challenges of growing in widely varied conditions. He went on to buy Calwest Tropical Supply (Now Flori-Culture: Orchid & Specialty Growing Supplies) in 2014 and relocated it to Carmichael, California. They have added a small specialty nursery as well as the supplies they have always carried.

## Upcoming Events

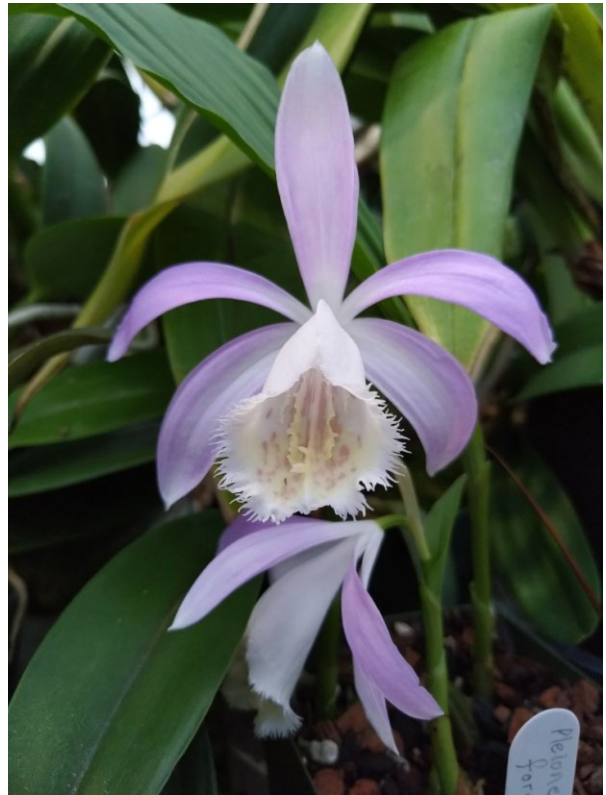
### April

**4/1 Monday, COS April Meeting**

### May

5/4-5 Carmel Valley Garden Show, 10-4 Hidden Valley Music Seminars, Carmel Valley Village

**5/6 Monday, COS May Meeting**



A *Pleione* in Carol's greenhouse

## COS Special Events

Besides our monthly meetings the society has some special events throughout the year. This year we are planning on the following events:

- For our June meeting we will be holding a repotting workshop. Bring a plant that you think needs repotted and we will step you through it.
- The regulars in the society know that Carol Easton

grows some enormous Cattleyas. Some weekend in June we will have a repotting party at Carol's house where we will attempt to divide and repot a couple of monsters in Carol's greenhouse. The plants in question are in 24" pots and are located in the back of the greenhouse, so we have our work cut out for us. We need people to help us move a most of the plants out of the greenhouse, then

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move these monsters outside where we will perform surgery, if all goes well there will be backbulbs to be raffled off after we get all of the plants back into the greenhouse. This will be a lot of work, but Carol will provide food and drink to sustain us through the effort, plus, backbulbs from some great plants.

- We don't meet in July, but instead we are trying to set up a greenhouse tour with a couple of the areas best orchid growers.
- September is another month without a regular meeting (Holidays interfere with both months meetings) instead we have a BBQ.
- November brings our Fall Orchid Festival. This year there is talk of discontinuing the silent auction to make room for a couple more orchid

vendors. This will only be possible if we can find people to sponsor the show, it has been suggested that if 20 members each pledged \$50 we could discontinue the silent auction. We need the sponsorship because the silent auction has been our biggest money maker of the year and we need the cash to be able to afford the out of town speakers that you all enjoy. If you would be willing to sponsor the show or if you really like the silent auction and would be sad to see it go let a board member know.

- And of course we will have our Holiday Potluck in December.

Stay tuned for more details on all of these events!

**John**

## C A R M E L O R C H I D S O C I E T Y 2019 Membership Application

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**May  
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Cut Flowers Containers  
Arrangements

**Entries Open to the Public**

Silent Auction Live Music Plant Sales  
Vendors Photography Contest  
Children's Garden Garden Café  
Saturday Evening Gala

**10 am to 4 pm**  
**Hidden Valley Music Seminars**  
**Carmel Valley Village**

Proceeds benefit  
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