

# The BackBulb

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

February 2009



## February Orchid Flea Market

Have too many orchids? (How could that be?) Too many of one kind? Moving your collection a different direction now? Have plants that are being difficult for you?

Duplicates, keikis, divisions, extra supplies, orchid books or paraphernalia that you want gone? You could compost them, give them away, or you could sell them at our first Orchid Flea Market.

The format is simple. All members are welcome, even if you have nothing to sell. If you are selling, your plants must be clean and healthy without lurking pests, proper label if known, price, and a photo if you have one. You will be responsible for your own plants and most likely share a table with another member or two unless you have an abundance of orchids. The customary 10% profit to the society has been waived so you keep everything you make. We will be providing a larger than normal "Goodies" table. This should be a fun event as it lets us share growing techniques, successes, failures, and overall orchid knowledge. Start searching your collections now for those orchids that need a new home!

The goodies, the edible ones not the green growing ones, will be provided by: Lori Siegmund, Marilyn Uribe, Lorette Peterson, Emelita Harvey, and Susan Jones.

The February Orchid Flea Market is **Monday February 2nd. Doors open at 6:15 PM, selling starts at 6:30.** The location is the same as always: The First Presbyterian Church of Monterey, 501 El Dorado St. Monterey, CA.

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A basket of plurothalids on the Show and tell table at the January meeting.

Dan Newman's sale table at the January meeting.



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## President's Message

I've just returned from vacation and don't have much to say this month. Upcoming events are well covered elsewhere in this issue of the BackBulb.

However, I do want to encourage all of you to participate in the Orchid FleaMarket at our February meeting. It is a great time to go through your collections to select extra divisions of some of your favorite orchids or downsize your collection so you may purchase new orchids or sell other orchids you may have won on the Opportunity Table and know you can't grow successfully.

I'll see you all on Monday, February 2, 2009.

Carol

## Upcoming Events

### February

**2/2 Monday 6:30PM COS Orchid Flea Market** details on Page 1.

2/6-8 Malihini Orchid Show and Sale Cupertino Square 10123 N Wolfe Rd, Cupertino, CA

2/16 COS BOD 6PM Carol Easton's house.

2/20-22: 58th Annual Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave, San Jose.

### March

**3/1 Monday 7PM COS March Meeting** Paul and Mary Storm will work on the 'Schomboconversion' of the COS (hint: think Schomburgkia and Myrmecophila).

3/5-8: San Francisco Orchid Society Pacific Orchid Exhibition Fort Mason Festival Pavilion, San Francisco.

3/20-22 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show Earl Warren Showgrounds Exhibit Building Highway 101 and Las Positas Road.

## It's 2009, Don't Let Your Membership Wilt

It's that time again. Renew now and enjoy all our **great** speakers, **fabulous** orchid opportunity tables, and this **elegant** newsletter!

If you receive your BackBulb via U.S. Mail, as of January 1st your dues will increase by an additional \$5. This increase is due to the high cost of printing and mailing the BackBulb.

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### 2009 Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the **Carmel Orchid Society** and mail to: Carmel Orchid Society - Membership c/o Jaclyn Kinney 1381 Boles Ct. Seaside, CA 93955

Please print

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

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If you were referred by a current member, please provide his/her name \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal       New Member

Member of the American Orchid Society

Membership Type	Receive Newsletter Via E-Mail	Via US Mail
Single	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>
Couple	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>
Vendor	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>

As of 1/09 US Mail will cost an additional \$5.

## Treasurer's Report, December 2008

12/01/2008 Checking balance	\$4693
Credits:	\$1891
Debits:	\$3485
12/31/2008 Checking balance:	\$3130
Most expenses for December were for the Christmas party.	
Money Market account:	\$10,697



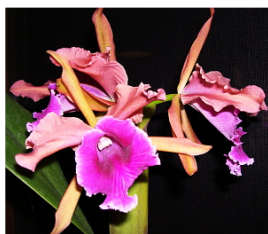
A cool Maxillaria on the show and tell table at the January Meeting

## Orchid Talk



As I begin writing this column, we are still in the midst of this amazing spring like weather. But I know that winter weather will return. I have been getting my orchids ready for our flea market along with lots of repotting, fertilizing, grooming and spraying. I am real happy with the Bayer 3 in 1 systemic in the concentrate available at Home Depot. The nights are still cool, so don't overwater. Many orchids are still in their winter rest, but with these warm temperatures I have lightly misted some of the dendrobiums because they seem so dry. After Valentine's Day, you can slowly increase water to those same orchids that have been at rest.

There is an excellent book out entitled Tropical Slipper Orchids by Harold Koopowitz. Tons of beautiful photographs throughout the book. The chapters are very readable. I read this book cover to cover. I will be a much smarter shopper in the future.



I want to mention the Swiss Orchid Foundation. The website is [www.orchid.unibas.ch](http://www.orchid.unibas.ch). To make a longer story shorter, the University of Basel was bequeathed a huge collection of orchid books and botanical material. The collections consist of living plants and herbarium sheets with illustrations. The site also includes a gateway to the BibliOrchidea Database which is described as the largest orchid literature database worldwide.

You must register to use the database, but there is no charge.

Hopefully everyone's cymbidiums are spiking now. It has been so cool that the spikes have been shortened, but those with a greenhouse can take them inside where the warmer temps can lengthen them. Watch out for those slugs and snails though. I like to bait my plants a few days ahead of moving them inside the house or greenhouse. They come out at night and I have spotted slime trails across my carpet. I have learned. A note here about baits. I recommend a granular bait, not the usual pellet type bait made with meal. That meal can easily mold - not good. I like the 7 1/2% metaldehyde (Caution, metaldehyde is toxic, especially to your pets) for effectiveness.



This is a good time to be repotting some of the cooler growing orchids, especially those in the pleurothallid family such as masdevallias and draculas. These orchids are typically more stressed during the warmer months. You should see active growth in February so the timing is right.

Hope to see you all at the flea market!

**Carolyn Salmon**

## Got Virus?

I have a nice white-flowered cymbidium pictured at right. After a recent move to a sunnier position, I subsequently noticed some "splotchyness" on the leaves.

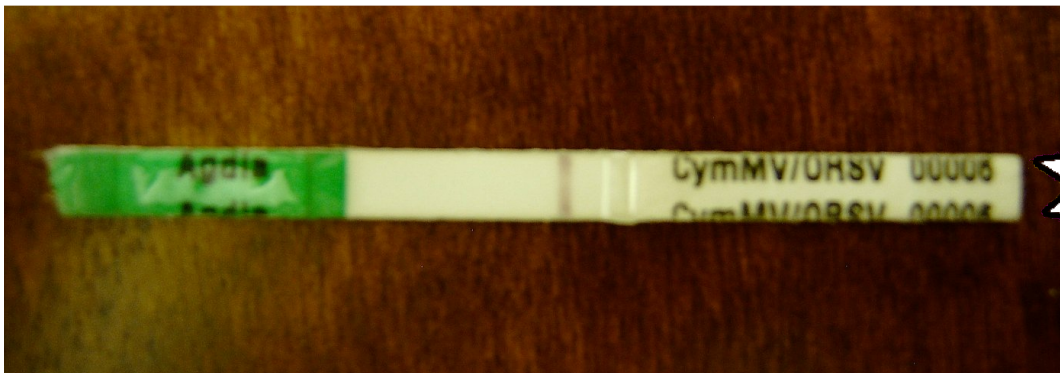
A close-up photo of one of the leaves is shown below. "What is causing the color variation?" "Is it the extra sun or a dreaded virus???"

I recently learned about an at-home test kit produced by Agdia that will test for Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus and Cymbidium Mosaic Virus. These are arguably the 2 the most common orchid viruses. I ordered the kit from Agdia (\$30 for 5 tests).



Good instructions are included with the kit. They include: cutting a quarter-sized piece of leaf, placing it in the solution bag, crushing the leaf, and inserting the test strip. Test kits (sold in quantities of 5, 25, or 100) are available from [www.agdia.com](http://www.agdia.com) or call 1-800-62-AGDIA. Note that the tests expire in one year, so a bulk order might not be economical, unless you have a plan to share (or an enormous greenhouse).

**Jackie Kinney**



## 2009 May Faire

This year we are partnering with Carmel Valley Garden Club in their Carmel Valley Flower and Art Show.

- ◆ This show is a one day show on **Sun May 17th**. Setup on Friday and Saturday.
- ◆ Individuals may submit plants for judging on an individual basis and must prepare their plants accordingly. Judging takes place on Saturday by nationally known flower judges.
- ◆ The COS will have several booths for our raffle, plant sales and some vendors.
- ◆ The society is looking for members who may own, and be willing to lend us 10x10 ft white E-Z up tents for a couple days. These will be used in our raffle and plant sales booths.

More details Later.

## Treasurers Report 2008

Below is a comparison of the Society's operating income and expenses between 2008 and 2007. With the elimination of May Faire in 2009 the board will be preparing a budget reflecting the decrease in income within the next few weeks.

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>change</b>
<b>income</b>			
May Faire	\$3602	\$2413	\$1188
All other	\$2283	\$3865	(\$1581)
Total income	\$5886	\$6278	(\$392)
<b>expense</b>			
Rent	\$360	\$720	(\$360)
Meetings	\$3051	\$1851	\$1199
B'party/BBQ	\$379	\$260	\$118
Christmas party	\$1108	\$1254	(\$146)
All other	\$1663	\$2386	(\$723)
Total expenses	\$6561	\$6473	\$88
<b>Net</b>	(\$675)	(\$194)	(\$481)

To date we have 62 paid 2009 members, in 2008 we had 120 paid members. This accounts for \$1,135 of the "all other income" shortfall and vendor dues accounts for the remainder.