

The BackBulb

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June 2009



June Speaker: Dennis Olivas, Growing in an Unheated Greenhouse

Born and raised in Waimea on the Island of Kauai, Dennis Olivas began his venture into orchid cultivation when his FFA adviser saw a couple of his mother's neglected plants on the side of the yard under the lychee tree. Dennis was introduced to Mr. Miyamoto and Mr. Kodama in Waianae, Mr. Takeguchi in Waipahu, and Mr. and Mrs. Ferrera in Kaneohe. Besides gaining knowledge from the Oahu growers, he purchased community pots and potted plants for his FFA project. Some of his favorite plants growing up include Lc. Flirtie Gold, Den. Neo-Hawaii, Den. Jacquelyn Thomas, Den. Concert, Den. Amy, C. Rembrandt, Den. Ted Takeguchi, Den. Dale Takeguchi, V. Nelly Morley, and V. JVB. Dennis is a certified American Orchid Society judge. He is a past president of Diablo View Orchid Society, Peninsula Orchid Society and San Francisco Orchid Society. He served as board member on many of the other societies as well as show chairman.

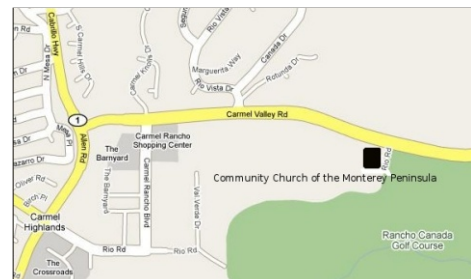
The May meeting is on **Monday June 1st**. At the **Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula**, 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.

Dennis and his partner David Dunn, own D & D Flowers in Half Moon Bay.

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New Location For Future Meetings!

We will meet at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, which is 1 mile East of Highway One at 4590 Carmel Valley Road. If you are coming from Hwy. 1 turn right at the Rancho Canada turnoff and turn right at the end of the drive.



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If anyone can't drive at night, but would still like to attend our monthly meetings, please contact our Membership Coordinator, Jackie Kinney (601-4935). She will try to help arrange a ride for you.

Goodies For the June Meeting Susan Jones, Elizabeth Coelho, Carol Easton, Ellie Mamon, Kathie Ritter will provide the goodies for your culinary pleasure, and raffle tickets.

Carol's Commentary

**Thank you, Thank you,
Thank you**

to our COS members and some our member's friends and family. You all did an outstanding job in making the CV Garden Club/COS MayFaire event a success. You arrived on Friday to help build and set up the orchid display, (wasn't the



Secret Garden great?) help with unloading cars, Saturday with set up of the booths, tents, tables chairs, our raffle booth, orchid sales, help our vendors set up and then after a long, hot, day, participating in the Gala. You then returned on Sunday and helped to explain our orchids and our hobby to visitors at the display, sell orchids, raffle tickets and then help with tear down. You were wonderful. We couldn't have done it without everyone of you. You ALL made it happen.

I want to extend a special welcome to our new members that Jackie and her helpers signed up. They are: Sylvia Langland, Richard Rosenbaum, Elizabeth Skinner, Joan Vandervort, and Barbra Whitaker. Please come to our June 1 meeting – we have a surprise for you which you can only receive then!! Remember it is a surprise so I can't tell you what it is!

Our June 1 meeting will be at our new meeting site. The Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula is 1 mile east of Highway 1 on Carmel Valley Road. Once you make your right turn if coming from Highway 1, or left if coming from the Valley,

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go to the end until you see the sign, "Play or Pray" – turn right. Drive past the Rose Garden and past the Church until to get to the parking lot. (Do not pull into the first parking lot you see.) There is a walkway between the buildings, the meeting hall is on the left side of the walkway. See you there.

Carol

Upcoming Events

May

5/30-31 San Jose Orchid Exhibition San Jose
Japantown, Miraido Club House 550 N. 6th St. , San
Jose, CA 95110
www.santaclaravalleyorchidsociety.org

June

6/1 Monday 7PM **COS June Meeting, NEW Location!**

6/13 Orchid Digest Speakers Day. "A Celebration of the
Diversity of Slipper Orchids" Huntington Library &
Botanical Garden, San Marino CA.

6/15 COS Board meeting Carol's house 7PM

July

7/6 Monday 7PM COS July Meeting

7/10-12 Santa Barbara Orchid Fair

August

8/8 California, Sierra Nevada Judging Center Speakers
Day. Sacramento CA. Roy Tokunaga, H & R
Nurseries, Understanding Dendrobiums, their
variety & culture; Ron McHatton, Director of
Education for the AOS, Simplified Orchid Genetics
for the General Grower; Carlos Fighetti, President of
the AOS, Taiwan, Fantastic Modern Phalaenopsis.



MayFaire Report

Our 28th annual MayFaire was a huge event this past May 17th. We had new show partners that included Hidden Valley Institute with utiful venue, and Carmel Valley Garden Association with their own 40 year show history. There was a variety of vendors who completed the show landscape with their artistic creations and plants of all kinds. A huge silent auction and raffle offered many opportunities for our visitors to come home with wonderful prizes at bargain prices. Inside the theater was a wonderful display featuring our Secret Garden of Orchids. Look in the other direction to see the beautiful display of cut flowers and container plants entered for flower judging by CVGA members, COS members and the general public.



Our congratulations go out to Deric Wenzler who proudly won "Best In Show" for his succulents. Our orchids display plants were judged with the help of Gene Baum from Five Cities Orchid Society and our own John O'Connell assisted by Jackie Kinney. Carol Easton received Best of Orchid Show for her beautiful Cattleya Guatamalensis.

Saturday evening was capped of by a Gala hosted by Hidden Valley

Institute. The highlights included live music and singing by Jenny Littlepage, wonderful wine and hor'derves. What a great combination this made to present a new, larger show to the general public and all our members. So many of you graciously volunteered for hours, weeks and months on this project. You contributed your time, ideas, artistic talents and orchids. It was very much a team effort and my special thanks go out to all of you. You are a terrific group of people and I am honored to know each of you.

The show partners plan a wrap-up meeting in the near future. You comments and constructive ideas are welcome. Our goal is to plan an even better show for next year.

Once again, Thank You!

Carolyn Salmon, MayFaire Coordinator

Orchid Talk

Our crazy, unpredictable spring weather is upon us. I can't tell you whether it will be hot or cold or both in the same week. My orchids are certainly confused, some blooming early, some late many not at all. Some of us have purchased new orchids in full bud or bloom from the flower show. You can enjoy these orchids in your home during their bloom time for weeks or maybe a couple months if conditions are right. The question is what to do next. Understand, these plants were grown in computer controlled greenhouses with optimal conditions and controlled feeding. They grew 24/7 without a rest the past 2-3yrs. After their bloom time, they may have exhausted much of their stored energy. It is time for a rest if you plan to keep the plant into the next season. After bloom, some may need to be re potted if they were grown in 3 inch pots. Move up to a 4 inch pot to allow for new growth, but don't push it. They may need to go into lower light and very lightly fed conditions just to recoup their vitality in preparation for new growth. Don't expect too much right away, although there is always room for surprises. Let the plant tell you what it needs. If there is no active new growth for awhile, just let it rest with enough



water to keep it healthy. The orchid may choose to wait an additional season before it re blooms. If your are willing to be patient, you will be rewarded.

Want to grow cool growing orchids in a warmer climate? Many orchids like other plants will tolerate daytime heat if you can keep their roots cool. Ever tried a pot within a pot? Use a 2 or 3 inch larger pot to place your potted orchid. In the space between the pots put small gravel or bark. Keep that medium moist during hot weather and it will significantly cool down the roots of your potted orchid. For the rare heatwave in Pacific Grove, I purchased a portable mister that hooks to my outdoor hose. This will keep the air around my masdevallias and miltoniopsis significantly cooler during the day. My mist sits up on a tripod with an arm that has several mister heads on it. Home Depot carries

them in areas that get heat, maybe Gilroy? I purchased mine in Arizona where the stores are filled with dozens of misting contraptions to keep people and plants cool.

Watch for some special orchids for sale at our June meeting. See you there.

Carolyn Salmon

MayFaire Ribbon Winners

SMALL CYMBIDIUM

1. Cym. 'Sunset Butterball' - Carol Easton
2. Cym. ? - Geva Arcanin

LARGE CYMBIDIUM

1. Cym. 'Rod's Creation' - Kathy Ritter
2. Cym. Green Cub - Norma Walch

CATTLEYA

1. C. guatemalensis - Carol Easton (Best of Show)
2. Slc. 'Jewel Box' - Peggy Purchase
3. Lc. Lime Kiss 'yellow' X C. Erdier - Carolyn Salmon

Dendrobium

1. Den. Yellow Blossum - Susan Phillips
2. Den. Yellow Song 'Canary' - Joanie Linares

PHALAENOPSIS

1. Phal. Jori Moore - Amanda McLean
2. Phal (unknown) - Joanie Linares

PAPHIOPEDILUM

1. Paph. hirsutisimum - Susan Phillips
2. Paph. Avalon Mist - John OConnell
3. Paph. Bahamian Sunset 'Obama' - Susan Phillips

VANDACEOUS SPECIES

1. Renanthera monachica - John OConnell
2. Seditia japonica - John OConnell

VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS

1. Asco. Princess Mikasa - Carol Easton

ONCYDIUM

1. Wills. Pacific Dorepactiva 'Pacific heart' - Deric Wenzler
2. Brassia unknown - Joanie Linares
3. Onc. unknown - Carolyn Salmon

EPIDENDRUM HYBRIDS

1. Epicat Rene Marques 'Tyler' - Susan Phillips

EPIDENDRUM SPECIES

1. Epi. porphyreum - Susan Segal

MASDEVALLIA "REDS"

1. Masd. coccinea 'Mark Daniel' X Show bird - Dennis Ripenburg
2. Masd. coccinea 'Bulls Blood' - Dennis Ripenburg
3. Masd. coccinea - Carolyn Salmon

MASDEVALLIA "OTHER"

1. Masd. Bella Donna - Carolyn Salmon
2. Masd. coccinea 'Wayne miller' - Carolyn Salmon

OTHER GENERA

1. Coelogyne massangena - Deric Wenzler
2. Max. irrorata - Carol Easton
3. Miltonia Bert Field 'Leash' - Susan Phillips



For Sale

The COS still have lots of orchids from the show, whose blooms are still fresh and with buds coming. Anyone want to do a sale at their house next Saturday? Or sell to co-workers and friends? Call Carolyn at 375-3748

Charles Lee at Blossoming Orchids is selling and giving away some of his lab equipment. He is giving away a Laminar Flow Bench. If anyone is interested. Call Charles at 726-2429.

Treasurers report for April:

Starting balance = \$1,449.31

Credits = \$551.00

Debits = \$1,174.82

Ending balance = \$825.49

Vanguard Money Market = \$10,738.31



All pictures in this months BackBulb were taken at MayFaire. Pictures were contributed by: Carol Easton, Joanie Linares, and John OConnell

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If you have a business, or just want to advertise your yard sale, this may be the place. The COS is now accepting advertising in the BackBulb. Circulation is mainly to our members and visitors, around 100 copies per month. The rates are: \$5 quarter page, \$10 half page, and \$20 for a full page. If you are interested contact the BackBulb editor, John OConnell johnoconnell19@att.net.

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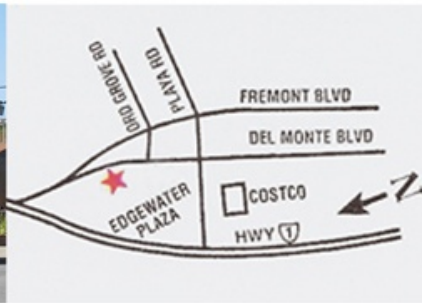
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