

The BackBulb

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October 2010



October Meeting: Fred Clarke

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 30 years and has been hybridizing for 20 of those years. With over 23 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

The October meeting is on **Monday October 4th, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Bulbophyllum and Paphiopedilum hybrids.



A Mormodes species from the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received seven FCC's and four AM's on the first flowers shown for judging!

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

We don't know what Fred will talk about. He has ten different presentations listed on his web site, some quite technical others more aprochable. We will put it to a vote: Catasetums, Mormodes, Cycnoches VS Cattleyas.

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Finally Fall

Summer is traditionally a slow time in the orchid world, plants and people seem to take a break before blooms and shows pick back up in the fall. So with October just around the corner, and the Monterey's indian summer finally showing up, the orchid world and the COS are getting ready to finish 2010 with a bang.

If you do nothing else this fall come to the meetings. October and November feature two great orchid growers, **Fred Clarke** and **Dan Newman**. Fred is a breeder of extraordinary Catasetinae alliance hybrids and Dan is renowned for his interesting and frequently rare species. Both programs will be great and I am anticipating two of our most interesting raffle tables of the year. I also expect that Fred and Dan will have plants for sale at the meetings.

The Fall meetings are also when we choose our new board of directors. You may want to stay awake for this part of the meeting this year since several faces have changed.

- ✿ President & BackBulb editor - John OConnell
- ✿ Vice President - Kathie Ritter
- ✿ Treasurer - Ken Ashton
- ✿ Membership - Sharon Ashton
- ✿ Recording Secretary - Janette Ford
- ✿ Show chairman, AOS representative - Joanie Linares
- ✿ Director - Leslie Olsen
- ✿ Director - Carol Easton

Note that there are only 8 directors this year (down from 12) If you would like to be more involved in your society there is space for two more directors. You do not need to be an orchid guru to apply. The board members work, sure, but we also have a lot of fun along the way.

A new event this fall is our first "**Orchid Happy Hour**" Hopefully the first in a series of social events that pair orchid people with a little food and wine. I will be hosting this event on Saturday October 9th from 4-6 Come see my plants and shoot the breeze with other orchid people.

And then there are all the out of town events, several open houses, and shows (mostly from Santa Barbara South). No excuses, there is always room for one more orchid!

John

Upcoming Events

October

10/3, 10, 17 OrchidMania (San Francisco) going out of business sale.

10/4 Monday October Meeting, Fred Clark.

10/9 Saturday, Orchid Happy Hour, John's House.

10/16-17 Hanging Gardens (Dan Newman) openhouse.

November

11/1 Monday November Meeting, Dan Newman speaks about Maxilarias.

11/6,7 Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House.

11/15 COS board meeting, Carol's House. 7PM

11/26,27 Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and Sale

December

12/6 Monday, COS Holiday Party.



John (left) and Joanie (right) at the COS Flea Market in September.



Orchid Happy Hour

When: Saturday October 9th 4-6 PM

Where: John's house 1697 Luzern St. Seaside CA. On the corner of Luzern and Mingo.

What: A social event with orchids and a little wine, cheese and crackers. Feel free to contribute either a light snack or some thing to drink.

Extra: Bring one of those extra orchids that are just taking up room in your growing area and participate in an orchid exchange. Contribute an orchid (or more than one) and get one (maybe more) back. You may also bring a few plants to sell.

Hanging Gardens Open Greenhouse Sale

Saturday & Sunday, October 16 & 17 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- * Orchid species in and out of bloom.
- * Many rare and hard-to-find plants.
- * Cool to intermediate/warm growers.
- * Mature plants, seedlings, established and bare-root divisions.
- * Orchid companion plants.
- * Orchid growing supplies.

Shelldance Nursery site, Coast Highway, Pacifica - east side of the highway, 3/10 mile north of Reina Del Mar Avenue.

For more detailed directions, email hgardens@earthlink.net or call 415-305-8355. Come to shop or just to browse - everyone is welcome!

Dan Newman

My name is Joanie Linares and I am an orchidoholic.

The year was around 2000. I was working at CHOMP with some of our members, Carol Easton, Elizabeth Coelho, Tom Bremser, Lori Siegmund.... Carol was always bringing in these HUGE gorgeous and fragrant cattleyas and Lori and Tom exotic weird species orchids. Being the addicted gardener that I am, I was intrigued. I was invited to my first COS meeting and was further enticed as I watched Bill Hale repot some orchids making it look so easy with his larger than life personality and warmth. The



Eurychone rothchildiana

following weekend was Rod McClellan's open house. This is where I was completed consumed by the orchid bug. I spent about 4 hours gathering plants mostly from the oncidium alliance because they were plentiful and inexpensive. I repotted them all the first day and most promptly died.

That did not stop me. I volunteered to help Bill and Ida repot and soak up their extensive knowledge. This was most helpful and I inherited some back bulbs to further test my skills. I was totally hooked by then and still am.

In 2004 I bought a small redwood greenhouse 7x12. It has morphed over the years to accommodate my ever growing collection. I probably have

around 300 plants but who's counting? I have 3 shelf levels and some hanging and mounts. My little greenhouse is PACKED!!! Our weather here in Cachagua swings to the extremes with summers reaching the upper 90's and winters the 20's. A small heater helps keep my plants above 50 during the winter and I use a portable evaporative cooler in the summers to help keep the air moist and cool. I use Craig's list to get replacements since new these coolers are around \$200. I have not spent more than \$30 for a used one. My well water is

abundant but high in salts so in January of this year I invested in a reverse osmosis system and my plants are rewarding me with vigor and less death. Even the picky little species want to grow!!! Finally after 6 years I have it right, but now my greenhouse is too small. My favorite orchids are cattleya species, brassavola's and masdevallias or anything green or with a hairy lip. I am venturing out to the pleurothallids since my RO purchase. Plus, these are small and you can fit lots more in small space!!! The weirder the flower, the better. Kind of like me.



Two more of Joanie's: Bulb. lobeii (top) and Epi. hugomedenia (left)



Paph. Harold Koopowitz, One of the Paph's from the Show, I am jealous, Carol got hers to bloom before mine and I still have unbloomed plants from Mayfaire 2 years ago. Maybe it's her warmer, brighter greenhouse?



Membership Time!

It's that time again, time for your otherwise nice, friendly society board members to nag you about paying your membership dues. As much as we would like to have your money to pay for our fabulous monthly speakers, what we really want is for you to come hear the speakers, buy the raffle tickets and take home all the interesting plants on our monthly raffle tables. None of that will happen if you are not interested enough to pay the pittance we ask for or yearly dues. Most orchids that we will kill in less than a year cost more than a years membership! So all we ask is that you pay your dues, come to the meetings and have a wonderful time!

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