

The BackBulb

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April 2012



April Speaker: Samantha Kha-Root

Paphiopedilums in the Orchid Zone

Samantha has been interested in growing plants since she was a small child when she loved raising flowers and vegetables from seed. Her interest in plants led her to explore cacti and succulent plants. Then, over 15 years ago, she became interested in orchids. Today, Samantha grows orchids and also has a very extensive collection of succulent plants, mainly from South Africa.

Samantha became enamored with slipper orchids early on. She has put together an extensive collection of Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums, primarily focusing on species. She started making Paphiopedilum crosses about 13 years ago and has raised and flowered many of her own crosses. For the past 10 years she has been making Paphiopedilum crosses for The Orchid Zone, using the Zone's extensive breeding collection. She and Terry Root own and operate the Orchid Zone.

The Orchid Zone is located in the hills of the Monterey Peninsula, and is mostly known for Paphiopedilums. Not as well known is the Zone's cultivation of many other genera as well, including Odontoglossums, Miltoniopsis, Masdevallias, Phragmipediums, and Zygopetalums.

In order to provide a better selection of treats at our meetings, the board is asking members with last names that start with the letter **M thru R** to **bring refreshments** to our April meeting. There is a raffle ticket in it for you, buy the way.

The next meeting is on **Monday April 2nd, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.



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Upcoming Events

March

3/30-4/1 Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale.
Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave., San Jose

April

**4/2 Monday COS April Meeting, speaker: Samanth Ka
from the Orchid Zone**

**4/14 Smart Gardening Fair. Crossroads Shopping Center
9AM - 3PM.**

4/21 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show and Sale, Woodside
Road United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Rd.,
Redwood City, 10-4

4/21-22 Sacramento Orchid Society Show and Sale, Scottish
Rite Temple, 6151 H Street, Sacramento

May

5/5-6 Carmel Valley Garden Show

**5/7 Monday, COS May Meeting. Orchid Culture,
Repotting and Care.**

June

6/1-3 San Jose Orchid Exposition. Gala Friday 5:30



Spring Again

Despite the dry, storm free winter the signs of spring are starting to show up. More light in the morning and evening, the furnace isn't on as much, and more orchids are starting to show new growth. The storm last weekend replenished my rain water reserves, and more is expected this weekend, so winter isn't through with us yet. Not only did we have less rain this winter but the humidity seemed quite low quite often, many days less than 40%. So even though I moderated my dry winter rests with an occasional watering there seem to be a lot of shriveled pseudobulbs out there. There are some bright spots though. The plants in my converted aquariums are thriving. I even managed to keep a couple of *Draculas* in bloom for a couple of months. My success with the "tanks" has intensified my desire for a greenhouse where I could, hopefully, keep the humidity high most of the time. A kit would be easy but a bit too pricey at the moment (cars and cats can break the budget). So I am trying to figure out a design that I can build with my limited construction skills, not an easy feat with my tendency to over design everything. Maybe all I need is a misting system in my current polyethylene greenhouse...

Looking Ahead



It's going to a busy couple of months on the local orchid front, starting with Monday's meeting. This month we have **Samatha Kha-Root from the Orchid Zone**, who will speak about their specialty, *Paphiopedilums* (slipper orchids). The orchid Zone, is famous in slipper orchid circles for it's high quality plants. They are also providing the raffle table, so get ready for some great plants!

Then on **Saturday April 14th is the Smart Gardening Fair**.

We will have a larger presence this year, displaying and selling orchids. There will be member sales, so pick out a few of those less than loved plants of yours to make room for some new ones. We will also be buying a variety of hybrids and species to sell here so volunteer to help or just come down to buy. Besides us there are also a bunch of other vendors selling all sorts of plants including some cool succulents (another weakness of mine).

Although we are not directly involved with the **Carmel**

Valley Garden Show (CVGS) this year, we will be there as a vendor selling plants. We will need some volunteers for this show too.

On the Monday after CVGS we will have our May meeting. The theme will be orchid culture, there will be potting demonstrations, and discussion of watering, greenhouses, fertilizer, pests, etc.

John

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All photos, except for page 1, are from this years POE.
 Page 1 is Paph. micrantium at the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

Selling Plants at SGF or CVGS

1. Make sure your plant is saleable. This is not the place to get rid of distressed diseased or infested plants. Clean them and their pots up.
2. If the plant is not in bloom, print a picture of the bloom. Pictures sell plants!
3. Fill out one label for each plant. Set a realistic, not optimistic price. Remember the society gets 20% of the sale price for sales tax and our trouble.
4. For the Sart Garenning Fair, bring your plants down Saturday morning between 8 and 9AM.

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Saturday
June 2, 2012
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