

The BackBulb

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

February 2013



February Speaker: Dean Jung

Dean Jung says: "Orchids, especially slipper orchids, make us happy."

"Like most orchid enthusiasts, we started with one plant (a store-bought Phalaenopsis), and the collection grew along with our orchid fascination. Lila grew up in Hawaii exposed to exotic tropical plants, developing an eye for the rare, stunning, and expensive. She can quickly spot the most expensive plant in bloom in a bench covered with plants. D.Y. had a brief fling with plant molecular biology while working on his Ph.D. in genetics, but apart from getting a pure-bred Pembroke Welsh Corgi to observe the breed's inherited herding abilities, practical application of genetics didn't start until we tried breeding orchids (unless you count our two kids).

The long-petaled slipper orchids wrapped themselves around us in a serious way, and enticed us to grow more and more plants from the Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium genera. We started Paphiness Orchids & Laboratory to provide more of these lovely plants to fellow orchid enthusiasts. We have sold orchids on eBay under the name "carsonchase" and have a 100% positive feedback score, with many repeat customers."

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

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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 **A thru F** to **bring refreshments** to our February meeting.

Remember, it's time to pay your dues!

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Upcoming Events

February

2/4 Monday, COS February Meeting

2/18 COS board meeting, Carol's house.

2/21-24 POE! Pacific Orchid Exposition at the Fort Mason Center, San Francisco. Gala Thursday night. Over 50 vendors!

March

3/4 Monday COS regular Meeting

3/8-10 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara.

3/9-10 Monterey County Garden and Home Show, COS will be exhibiting.

3/30-31 Sonoma County Orchid Society Spring Show & Sale. Santa Rosa.



Some of the showers and tellers at January's meeting.



And How Many Orchids Do You Have?

Do you know what orchids you have? Do you even know how many you have? If you keep an inventory of your orchids you do. Some of us keep records to remind us of what we have so we don't buy duplicates. Some of us hope to learn something by keeping track of when plants bloom and which ones do well and which ones die. Some of us are just compulsive list keepers and statistics gatherers.



The entry in John's list for this plant:

- * Sederia japonica [Web Images](#)
- * flags: s b
- * [w[Aerides japonica] >
- * clay/pot epi-web --- summer: out winter: in
- * light(br) temp(i-c) water(m-d)
- * history
 - * COS raffle 3-12 in spike
 - * repoted 5-12
 - * bloomed 12-12 1-13

Orchid lists take all forms from low tech 3x5 cards in a box to fancy database programs, but most list keepers probably just keep it in a spreadsheet. The data gathered ranges from bare bones: name and significant dates, to exhaustive: name, description, photos, bloom history etc. Compulsive record keeps may assign an accession number (unique number assigned to a museum or botanical garden acquisition) when a plant is formally added to their collection. Frequently there are criteria that must be met before a plant is formally added to the collection: no NOIDs (no id), no rescue plants that will be given away shortly, etc.

Record keeping tends to be time consuming so it is easier for those of us with more modest collections. I was once told by one of Dan Newman's helpers "If you can keep track of all your plants you don't have enough of them", which seems to be true, there don't seem to be many people with a large greenhouse with several thousand plants that keep track of each one. With the notable exception of Andy Phillips (of Andy's Orchids) who has a large number of his orchids cataloged on his computer (you can see them on his website) but even more amazing is that he can tell you if he has any particular plant in stock and that stock consists of over 5000 species and over a hundred thousand individual plants.

I too keep records of all my orchids. This is a little unusual since I am not a compulsive record or list keeper, nor am I the most organized person (ask my wife, the professional organizer). I

think that the list originated with my day job, computer programming, which means that I wrote a program to keep my inventory. My custom inventory program seems to sit at the intersection of orchid and computer geekdom. It allows me to say that I have exactly 265 orchids in my collection, 41 were acquired in 2012 and 47 either died or were sold or given away. Humm... a net loss for 2012 that may be a first. I also keep data on blooming, repotting, what the original tag said, who I got it from, what it is potted in or mounted on and some cultural requirements, if known. I would like to add pictures and more reports (to satisfy the urge for statistics) but I just haven't gotten a round to it.

I think the most valuable benefit of keeping record of your orchid collection is that it provides a repository for any cultural information you may find on your plants, light requirements, temperature range, the need for a dry winter rest, most of us research our plants requirements soon after we get the plant, but remembering all of that information for years can be difficult once the collection grows beyond what will fit on a windowsill. So if you don't currently keep records, think about starting then you can also tell people just how crazy you are with 265 orchids, believe me the looks on peoples faces are worth the time it takes.

John



One of the many great plants on the show and tell tables in January.

Board of Directors Meeting January 21, 2013

Board Members Present: John O'Connell, Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, Carol Easton, Daniel Bellem, Lory Schluenz, and Jeannette Brown. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. at John's house.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the September meeting were read; Daniel moved to accept, Lory seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Daniel had copies of reports for September through December, 2012. Balance at beginning of September was \$9,954.22; end of September \$10,179.50. Balance at the end of October was \$10,027.30. Balance at the end of November was \$9,312.75, and balance at the end of December was \$10,038.71.

Membership Report: Carol reported that so far we have 29 members who have paid for 2013. Last year (by the end of the year) we had 60 members paid.

Vice President's Report: Kathie reported scheduled speakers/events for 2013:

January - Dennis Olivas

February - Dean Jung (Paphanese Orchids)

March - Questions and answers with COS members Jackie and Emilita

April - Deb Dilmas (friend of Amanda from Georgia)

May - Dan Newman from Pacifica

June - Bus trip to San Jose show

July through December not yet scheduled.

BBQ will be in September and Christmas dinner in December.

Opportunities for shows and revenue:

Location possibilities that were mentioned and discussed: Adventures by the Sea, American Tin Cannery, Carmel Middle School, a local winery. The church where our meetings are held is the "fallback" possibility if we have only a one day show.

We decided that fall would be a good time for a show, perhaps in early November. Kathie thought it would be nice to have a show before the holidays with an emphasis on using orchids in holiday decorations.

John said he received an invitation for COS to have a booth at the Monterey Fairgrounds on March 9 and 10 for the Home and Garden Expo. There is no charge for the booth, \$30.00 if we want to use their tent and table. He will not be able to help that weekend; Daniel and Carol offered to organize that event.

We plan to have a booth at the Smart Garden Fair in Carmel Valley in April.

We discussed the Carmel Valley Garden Show in May. John would like to have an orchid display there if possible. We have not decided whether to rent a booth or not.

Other Business:

Carol offered to have the board meeting at her house on February 18 at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford

Save Your Orchid Supply!

Pay your Dues! Without your dues there are no monthly raffle tables, greenhouse bus tours, no local orchid show, no Carmel Orchid Society. It may cost almost nothing to send out this newsletter but we spend \$300 to \$400 each month to bring you an interesting speaker and a raffle table, and the proceeds from the raffle rarely pay for the cost of the plants let alone the speaker.

Without you, your dues and your involvement there is no society, so pay up! It costs about the same as a single orchid or a bunch of raffle tickets.

John



More from the January show and tell



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When: February 21-24, 2013

Thursday, February 21: Gala Benefit Preview, 6:30 – 10:00 pm

Friday, February 22: 10 am – 6 pm

Saturday, February 23: 9 am – 6 pm

Sunday, February 24: 10 am – 5 pm

Where: Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion, San Francisco, Ca

Cost

\$13 online/\$15 at door

Seniors \$10 online/\$12 at door

16 years & under Free accompanied w/adult (except Gala)

Gala \$40 online/\$45 at door

Weekend Pass \$55, includes Gala & unlimited access to the show (excludes special events)

3 day Pass \$25

Seminar Schedule

Friday

11:00 am Dennis Olivas, "Companion orchids to grow with Cymbidiums"

12:30 pm Sergio Garcia, "Laelia and Cattleya orchids"

2:00 pm Mary Gerritsen, "Masdevallias-selected species and tips for growing them"

3:30 pm Chris Mende, "Making Paphiopedilum Happy"

Saturday

10:00 am. Michael Ooi, "The orchid experience of Malaysia"

11:15 am. Roy Tokunaga, "Latouria Dendrobiums"

12:30 pm Peter Tobias, "Orchid conservation efforts in South America"

2:00 pm Holger Perner, "Paphiopedilum: their cultivation and propagation"

3:30 pm Paul Isley "Why Tillandsias are the ultimate horticultural companion for orchids"

Sunday

9:30 am Angelic Nguyen, "Fragrant orchids"

11:00 am Jeff Harris, "Orchid photography"

12:30 pm Matt Wei-Yi Chen, "Chinese Cymbidiums"

2:00 pm Dan Arcos, "Growing bromeliads outdoors in the Bay area"

3:30 pm Janet Lamborn, "Orchid virus detection: with Agdia's help you can do it!"



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