

The BackBulb

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

July 2013



July Speaker: Deric Wenzler

Growing Orchids Outdoors or One Cannot Live by Cymbidiums Alone

Deric Wenzler has been growing orchids on the Monterey Peninsula for over 33 years. Having grown up in the landscaping and nursery business, Deric became familiar with Cymbidiums as garden plants, but little else. Then with a happenstance rescue of an abandon Odontoglossum, his interest was piqued. He joined both the American Orchid Society (AOS) and the Carmel Orchid Society and started the latter's first Orchid May Fair Show in 1982. He also collaborated on Robert Hamilton's book of orchid species checklists: "When Does It Flower?"

In 1996, as the Carmel Orchid Society's AOS representative, Deric was awarded First Prize for recruiting the most new members by an individual over all other AOS members worldwide.

Perhaps Deric's biggest orchid dream was realized in 2005 when he attended the 18th World Orchid Congress in Dijon France. He was fortunate enough to visit the orchid nursery of Marcel Lecoufle in Boissy-Saint-Leger and view his famous Madagascan collection of angracoid orchids.

Deric still maintains his collection of mostly species in some 50+ genera at his Carmel Highlands home. He continues to do professional in-home orchid repotting and greenhouse consulting.

This months meeting is on **Monday July 1st, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.



Orchid buyers scrum at Dan's sales table in May.

In order to provide a selection of treats at our meetings, we are asking members with last names that start with the letter **A thru F** to **bring refreshments** to the next meeting.

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The Return of the COS Orchid Show

Your board has set a date for a fall orchid show! Circle Saturday, November 9, on your calendar and plan to be a part of the show. AND begin thinking of ways you can help make it a fun – and hopefully profitable day.

Carol Easton, with Daniel's help, is in charge of the show and she may ask your help for a specific job. We plan to have a display of our orchids; some orchid vendors and possibly an art or jewelry vendor; a silent auction; member orchid sales, and wine and beer raffles. The show will be at the community church where we regularly meet.

Here are some ways you can help:

- Get excited about it; tell your friends and families.
- Be ready to help in some way the day of (or day before) the show.
- As you clean out your closets this summer, set aside some unused or gently used items that you could donate for the silent auction.
- When you repot and divide your orchids, begin making a note of those you may want to sell. You will get 75% of what you sell, your friendly orchid society will get 25%.
- If you have any ideas about how we can publicize the show or any suggestions of ways to make the show more attractive, please let any of the board members know.

It has been several years since we have an orchid show on our own. We are excited about the possibility of once again having annual shows as our society had in the past.

Upcoming Events

July

7/1 Monday 7PM COS July Meeting.

7/12-14 Cal-Orchid "Summer Hummer Sale"

August

TBD Saturday COS BBQ



Some of the COS gang at the San Jose Orchid Exposition in June.

Greenhouses, Choices...

Last December I was dreaming about a greenhouse, since then the dream has moved closer to reality. Of course a lot of research was done, a couple of dozen brands and models were compared, measurements of the backyard were taken, a spreadsheet was created to facilitate the comparisons. The size of a prospective greenhouse is limited by the space available in my back yard, a space of about 18' wide by 21' deep, and there has to be space to walk around it. From the spreadsheet you can see that sizes and prices vary widely, with prices per square foot ranging from \$5.50 for a simple polyethylene covered structure to well over \$40 for deluxe greenhouses. I have not made a final decision yet but am leaning toward the "Grow Smart" 13'x13' model from Earthcare.

John

		comparison									
name	company	Wide	Long	High	sq ft	Price \$	\$/sq ft	walls	vents	Frame	extras
weatherguard 8x8	weatherguard	8	8	6.5	64	350	5.47	?mil pe	3	steel	
harbor freight	harbor freight	10	12	10	120	699	5.83	4mm tw pc	4	Al	
Dakota kit 10x16	growers solution	10	16	8	160	966	6.04	6mil poly	1	steel	-door -window
Dakota kit 12x12	growers solution	12	12	8	144	910	6.32	6mil poly	1	steel	-door -window
Dakota kit 12x16	growers solution	12	16	8	192	1044	5.44	6mil poly	1	steel	-door -window
Biltmore	turner	14	14	8	196	2123	10.83	single fg	1	steel	
brightleaf	turner	8	18	7.75	144	1930	13.40	single fg	1	steel	
8x20	snap N grow	8.25	20.25	8.5	167	2300	13.77	single pc	3	Al	
harvest gh	earthcare	10	13	8	130	2200	16.92	10mm tw pc	4	Al	
8x16	snap N grow	8.25	16.3	8.5	134	1900	14.17	single pc	3	Al	
grow smart	earthcare	13	13	9	169	2500	14.79	10mm tw pc	2	Al	
alameda 9x16	santa barbara GH	9	16	7.5	144	2600	18.06	cgtd sw pc	2	wood	
standard	santa barbara GH	9	16	7.5	144	2600	18.06	4mm tw pc	4	wood	
aspen	aspen	9	14	7.75	126	2300	18.25	6mm tw pc	4	Al	
gmd grdner 16	rion eco	8.5	16	8	136	2600	19.12	6mm tw pc	2	pvc	
alameda 14x12	santa barbara GH	14	12	7.6	168	3300	19.64	4mm tw pc	2	wood	
Magnum 8x14	Hall's	8.5	14.6	8	124	2500	20.15	4mm tw pc	4	Al	
standard	santa barbara GH	14	12		168	3400	20.24	4mm tw pc		wood	
10x15	royal garden	10	15		150	3100	20.67	4mm tw pc	4	Al	benches
Compact 9.9	juliana	9	12.3	7.25	110	2300	20.86	6mm tw pc	4	Al	
Compact 12.1	juliana	9	14.5	7.7	131	2800	21.46	6mm tw pc	4	Al	
Gh 48	rion pro	8.5	16.75	6.75	142	3130	21.98	4mm tw pc	4	pvc	
brightleaf	turner	8	18	7.75	144	3221	22.37	6mm tw pc		steel	
10x10	royal garden	10	10		100	2420	24.20	4mm tw pc	4	Al	benches
gothic arch 12x12	gothic arch	12	12		144	3500	24.31	cgtd sw pc		wood	
Optium 135	Halls	17.7	8.2	8	145	3800	26.18	6mm tw pc	3	Al	
garden oasis	solexx	8	16	8	128	3460	27.03	3mm tw pe	2	cmpst	benches
harvester	solexx	8	16	8	128	3520	27.50	3mm tw pe	2	cmpst	benches
gothic arch 12x12	gothic arch	12	12		144	4000	27.78	8mm tw pc		wood	
montecito	santa barbara GH	9	16		144	4100	28.47	4mm tw pc		Al	
Optium 115	Halls	15	8	8	120	3420	28.50	6mm tw pc	3	Al	
8x16 rainier	sunshine	8	16	10	128	3900	30.47	4.5mm tw pc	2	wood	openers
riga IV	riga	9.75	14	7.5	137	4300	31.50	8mm tw pc	2	Al	
garden master	solexx	8	16	8.75	128	4096	32.00	3mm tw pe	2	cmpst	benches
riga III	riga	9.75	10.5	7.5	102	3400	33.21	8mm tw pc	2	Al	
standard	cross country	8.25	12.5	7.5	103	3450	33.45	6mm tw pc	2	Al	openers
consevatory	solexx	16	8	9.5	128	4370	34.14	3mm tw pe	2	cmpst	benches
1200E	SunGlo	10.3	15	7.5	154	5350	34.80	dbl cgtd pc	2	Al	fan
Premium 9.9	juliana	9	12.3	7.25	110	3850	34.92	10mm tw pc	4	Al	
Premium 12.1	juliana	9	14.5	7.7	131	4750	36.40	10mm tw pc	4	Al	
1200D	SunGlo	10.3	12.5	7.5	128	4820	37.62	dbl cgtd pc	2	Al	fan
deluxe	santa barbara GH	9	16		144	5500	38.19	4mm tw pc		wood	
standard	cross country	10.3	12.5	8	128	4900	38.24	6mm tw pc	2	Al	openers
Prince IV	Prince	9.75	14	7.5	137	5300	38.83	10mm tw pc	2	Al	
deluxe	santa barbara GH	11	12		132	5300	40.15	4mm tw pc		wood	
deluxe	santa barbara GH	15	8		120	5000	41.67	4mm tw pc		wood	
cottage	cross country	8.5	12.8	9	108	4650	42.91	6mm tw pc	2	Al	openers
cottage	cross country	10.8	12.8	9.5	137	5900	43.05	6mm tw pc	2	Al	openers
cape cod	cross country	10.8	12.8	10.25	138	6500	47.24	6mm tw pc	2	Al	openers

Carmel Orchid Society Board of Directors Meeting June 17, 2013

Board Members Present: John O'Connell, Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, Carol Easton, Daniel Bellem, Jeanette Brown, Lesley Olsen and Lory Schluenz. All members present!

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at Carol's house.

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

Treasurer's Report: The balance at beginning of May was \$10,211.90, at the end of May was \$9,020.97.

Vice President's Report: Kathie reported that Derrick Wenzler will be speaking at the July meeting. Carol has arranged to go to Baybreeze nursery on Saturday, June 29 to purchase orchids for the raffle. Those going are to meet at the Park and Ride on Laurles Grade at Highway 68 at 9:30. In August we plan to have the barbeque. Kathie will ask Imogene if she wants to host again this year. If she cannot, Jeanette Brown or Carol will host. The date of the barbeque (a Saturday) depends on the best time for the host.

Opportunities for shows and revenue:

Lesley has asked Whole Foods about having an orchid booth there when they have their "farmer's markets". She said the cost is \$35.00 per booth. The board discussed that option, and other places that might be opportunities for selling orchids, but we decided to focus our resources at this time on a show and sale in the fall.

At the last meeting, the board had agreed that we would plan to have the show on Oct. 19. However, Carol heard from some vendors that they could not come on that day. Thanks to further checking with vendors, she found that Nov. 9 would be better for them. Janette moved, Carol seconded to have the show on November 9; passed.

In preparation for the show:

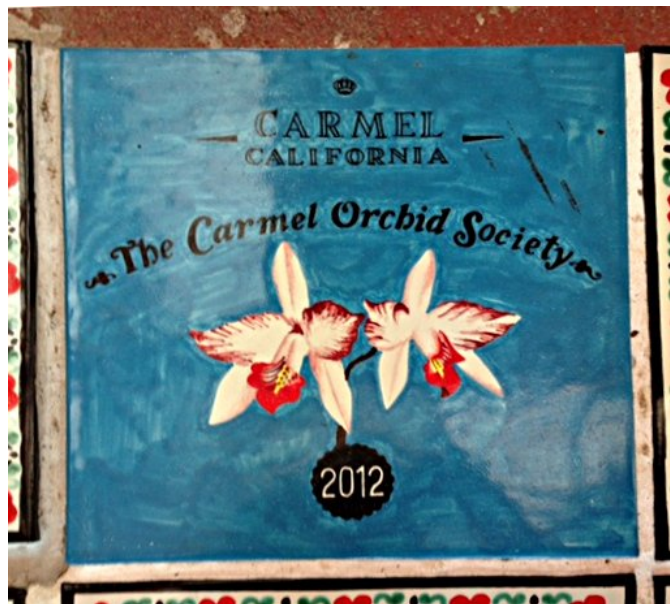
- Carol will check with the church to make sure Nov. 9 is still available and contact orchid vendors.
- Carol and/or Kathie will check about a local Kiwanis group selling food.
- Carol will check with Joanie Linares to see if she would coordinate wine and beer for raffles.
- Jeanette Brown and Lesley will organize the silent auction.
- Janette Ford and Lory will organize member orchid sales.
- Carol will ask Carolyn and Amanda to prepare the orchid display for the show.
- Ask membership if anyone would like to help with publicity, especially postings on Facebook, etc.

Next board meeting is scheduled for July 15, 7:00 p.m. at Kathie's house.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janette Ford



The COS tile at the Vallarta Botanical Gardens near Puerto Vallarta Mexico. This donation was in lieu of a speaker fee for TJ Hartung back in September of '11.

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

C A R M E L O R C H I D S O C I E T Y 2013 Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the **Carmel Orchid Society** and mail to: Carmel Orchid Society - Membership c/o Carol Easton, P.O. Box 223462 Carmel CA 93922-3462

Please print

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ zip _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

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"/>

Cal-Orchid's Special "Summer Hummer" Sale

JULY 12,13,14 9-5 all three days!

- Peruflora
- Tokyo Orchid
- Seed Engei
- Tokyo Orchid Nursery

They say all things are impermanent...Well, after 32 years, the S.B. Orchid Fair has been cancelled for this year. HOWEVER, Cal-Orchid has had its summer sale every year at the same time, and has an even bigger and better event planned for 2013!

Manolo Arias, owner of Peruflora, one of the first nurseries to offer Phrag. kovachii, had placed an order of plants from Cal, and we had an order in with them. He couldn't get things pulled together for the original ship date, so suggested that we roll it all into the July sale! Great idea! He will be a vendor here for our customers to shop select Andean and Peruvian species. He only comes to the U.S. twice a year, so this is huge!! Don't miss his offer of discounted plants.

Satomi Kasahara, co-owner of Seed Engei nursery, Japan, wanted to continue the annual Neofinetia falcata judging demonstration and asked if that could be held at Cal-Orchid! YES! So come on Saturday with your prized Neo. at 1:30 and enter it. Judging starts promptly at 2:00. Satomi will also be a guest vendor here with a fantastic collection of Japanese species!

Masayoshi Takahashi, owner of the prestigious Japanese nursery, Tokyo Orchid Nursery, has been attending the Orchid Fair for many years, and wanted to continue the momentum. We are great friends, and were only too happy to make space for him as well! You will not find higher quality Paphs. and selected cattleya species (his Soph. coccinea are legendary) anywhere else!

So there you have it! Our guest list for 2013 is stellar.

We also very are happy to report that our annual Japanese shipment arrived in May, in perfect condition, and is happily rooting out in the greenhouse. They are going to be featured at our July 'Summer Hummer' weekend along with our Sobralias, Epis, outdoor Cattleyas, Aussie Dendrobiums, super species collection ...and on and on...YES, the guacamole will be ready, YES our friend is going to fire up the BBQ grill for us, JUST DON'T GO TO EARL WARREN SHOWGROUNDS..you will be very lonely and get sad fast.

COME TO CAL and shop, laugh, and visit your pals.

We're looking forward to a very ORCHID-CENTRIC WEEKEND!!!!!!!!!!

GOT MILT!!!

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate is pleased to announce that Milton Carpenter of Everglades Orchids, Florida will be the guest author at our **Summer Open House Friday July 12th-Sunday July 14th, 2013** held at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. Milton will be chatting with visitors and signing his new book "From the Hand of God to the Miracles of Orchids", which is part autobiography, part highlights of Everglades Orchids breeding program, part vignettes of orchid friends and others.

(Please remember there will be no Orchid Fair and no orchid vendors at Earl Warren Showgrounds this July 2013).

Milton is a long-time orchid breeder specializing in Cymbidium and Oncidium Alliance types and has registered over 500 crosses. He is also a Past President of the American Orchid Society and has travelled extensively. For those who already know Milton- yes, his delightful wife Nancy will be accompanying him on this trip.

Members of orchid societies are welcome to a free lecture on Friday July 12th, 2013 at 7:30 pm by Milton Carpenter titled "The Road Less Traveled" about his 50 years of orchid growing, hybridizing, travel, and orchid friendships. The occasion is a joint meeting of the Santa Barbara Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America and the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara. The lecture will be held at the Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Those interested in attending a no-host speaker's dinner before the talk should contact SBOE for particulars.