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September 2013



September Speaker: Tanya Lamb

Impressions of the World Orchid Conference in Singapore, December, 2011 Why you should put a World Conference on your radar

WOC's are the World Cup of the orchid world. Held every 3 years in various exotic locales they bring bring out the best vendors and the largest displays. The largest displays at the Miami '08 WOC were larger than some shows I have been too. Ever since Miami I have dreamed about attending another, but time and money have always put it out of reach. Tanya went to the Singapore WOC in 2011 and must have been as impressed as I was in Miami.

Tanya works full time at Kaiser Permanente, in Human Resouces management. Tanya has been growing orchids for 15 years, during which time she listened, experimented, and was creative in adjusting her growing methods to provide her orchids with their healthiest rooting systems, and in turn enjoy their best performances in flowering. During the first few years of growing orchids, her job required extensive travel, which required her to have good planning and orchid mixes that stay moist exactly 7 days. Tanya created her own mixes to fit her weekly watering schedule and condition. Orchid has become Tanya's obsession and second profession.

Tanya grows many species and hybrids in San Jose, California. Her special interests are both species and hybrids mostly of

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



Myoxanthus trachyklamys

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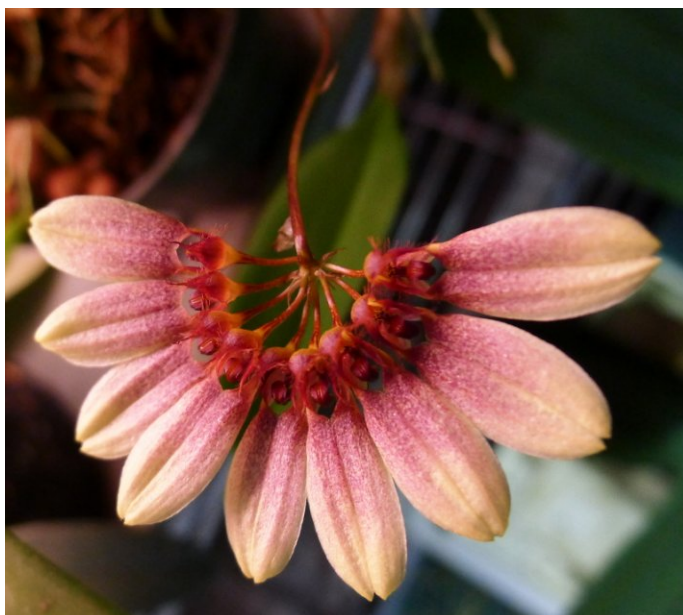
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dendrobium, epidendrum, paphiopedilum, encyclia, cattleya, vandaceous, angraecoids. She has recently explored many other orchid genera as well. Tanya likes "showy" orchids and long or frequent blooming orchids.

Tanya also likes to rescue unhealthy orchids to revive them from coworkers or society members. She belongs to many orchid societies in northern California where she lives with her husband and three children.



Upcoming Events

September

9/2 Monday COS September Meeting, speaker Tanya Lamb

9/28-29 Orchids in the Park, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

October

10/7 Monday COS October Meeting. Speaker: Paul Grip

November

11/4 Monday COS November Meeting

11/9 COS Fall Orchid Festival

CREATE THE BUZZzzzzzzzz!!

The Carmel Orchid Society's **FALL ORCHID FESTIVAL** is coming soon -- November 9th at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula.

- Gorgeous Orchids
- Super Silent Auction
- Wine Barrel Raffle
- Potting Demonstrations
- Answers to Orchid Questions

Just in time for the holidays, the Fall Orchid Festival is a great opportunity to find gifts and floral displays.

Pass the word along -- start the BUZZzzzzzz!

Silent Auction

We would like all members of the Carmel Orchid Society to support the Silent Auction at the November Orchid Show by donating new, or used items in good condition. Some examples are re-gifting gifts, antiques and collectibles, art work, prints, gift certificates, gift cards, bottles of fine wine, jewelry custom or fine, nice orchid plants. Bring items to the September or October Orchid Society meeting, or drop them off at Jeannette's house.

My email address is jyb@att.net, phone number is 831-375-7588.

Thank you.

Jeannette Brown and Leslie



The foundation of 4x6's



Measuring the diagonals to be sure that the bottom rails are square.



The South wall goes up.

Greenhouse Construction, Part 2

Before you can put the greenhouse up you need to lay down the foundation. The foundation keeps the greenhouse from sinking into the ground or flying into the sky. The larger and heavier the greenhouse and the higher the winds the more massive the foundation. We get some fairly good winds, but my location is fairly sheltered, and the greenhouse is polycarbonate not glass so it is fairly light (shipping weight: 380 lbs) So I didn't think a concrete foundation was needed so I built my foundation out of 4"x6" pressure treated lumber. I spent a lot of time making sure that the foundation was flat, level and square. That time paid off later when all of the pieces fit together. The final touch on the foundation was to cover the wood with plastic flashing. The compound that they use to treat pressure treated lumber with is quite corrosive, especially to aluminum so I didn't want any direct contact between the greenhouse frame and the lumber.

With the foundation down it was time to hold a greenhouse raising. Fortunately Ed, Kathy, Carolyn and Jeff showed up both Saturday and Sunday afternoons and we got everything up except the vents. I was also fortunate that Ed is an architect and Carolyn and Jeff have built their own greenhouse, because the directions were not much help beyond telling us that part L08A

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snapped to connector "C". Most of the diagrams showed sufficient detail to assemble the parts correctly, but a few needed a good educated guess to figure them out. Also the directions showed how all the parts in an assembly went together, like the front wall or a middle section and how the assemblies fit together, but it was decided that building a front and back wall then middle sections and only fitting them together at the end sounded problematic. So we decided to start at the bottom and work up. This led to much page turning in the directions and an occasional slight disassembly to fix something assembled out of order, but all in all it worked great. We spent 4 hours each day building and an hour afterward eating and drinking. I think everyone had fun and For the price of some food and wine I got an assembled greenhouse.

John



Saturdays crew.



Construction of the West wall.



Sunday's crew with the almost complete greenhouse.



Checking the directions before stating on the roof.

COS Board of Directors Meeting August 19, 2013

Board Members Present: John O'Connell, Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, Carol Easton, Daniel Bellem, Jeanette Brown, and Lesley Olsen.

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m. at Janette's house.

Previous Minutes: Kathie moved and Dan seconded to accept minutes of the July meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The balance at beginning of July was \$8,599.06, at the end of July was \$8,594.70. Accepted by acclamation.

Vice President's Report: BBQ this Saturday at Imogene Speicer's house. John will send out an email to remind members. We will have a regular meeting on Labor Day with Tayna Lamb. She will bring the raffle table. In October Paul Gripp is scheduled and in Nov. Roy Tokanaga is scheduled. December is the Christmas party.

New Business: We need to begin working on slate for next year's board.

Fall Show

Vendors - two orchid vendors have

paid. One jewelry vendor has expressed interest.

Carol has assigned the following positions:

Member's plant display: Carolyn Salmon and Amanda Nixon

Potting Demo: Emilita and Frances to coordinate materials and demonstrators.

Public relations/Publicity: Carol and Kathie

Logistics: Daniel

COS Membership: Don and Rubylynn Gibeson

Cocktail party for volunteers: Carol & Daniel

Food for vendors and workers: Carol to ask Elizabeth

Member orchid sales: Janette and Lory

Wine and Beer barrel raffle: Joanie

Silent Auction: Jeannette and Lesley

Volunteers: Evelyn and maybe Marilyn

Next meeting will be at John's house on Sept. 16

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford

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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 _____

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his/her name _____

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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"/>
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Vendor	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>



Photo by Ron Parsons

Orchids in the Park
A Sale and Exhibition
September 28-29, 2013
10 am-5 pm
County Fair Building
9th Ave & Lincoln Way
San Francisco, CA

Admission \$4, Seniors (over 65) \$3
Children under 16 free

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California Orchids Fall Sale!
Saturday, September 14th
9am-4pm

- * Lots of ORCHIDS: from the usual to the really unusual, small to specimen sizes
- * Ferns, Tillandsias, Cut orchid flowers
- * Eco Pots made from rice hulls in great colors and shapes
- * Tree fern pots, cork slabs, and other mounting supplies
- * Information about the awesome software *ORCHID WIZ*
- * Potting supplies
- * Fertilizer
- * Good advice



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Peninsula Orchid Society 2013 Auction

Saturday afternoon, October 5th

San Mateo Garden Center,
605 Parkside Way,
San Mateo, CA
(Close to Hwy. 92)

Auction begins at 1:30 PM

Bidder registration and plant previewing begins at 12:00 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

All plants will be from member's collections or donations from professional growers - we have both professional and hobby members. Come and find that special orchid!!

Cash, checks or credit cards accepted

We will post a list of pre-entries at <http://penorchidsoc.org/blogs/auction-2013/> starting about 2 weeks before the auction