

The BackBulb

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

March 2015



March Program: Ditch the Pot Workshop

Pots are a bit boring, square or round, plastic or clay. Then people fill them mostly with bark, a few adventurous types try coconut husk, lava rock, regular rock, pumice, clay and other exotic mixes. But the really hip orchid growers ditch the pots and mount their orchids.

Mounting opens up the vertical world of your greenhouse or growing area. Mounts are hung from walls, pipes brackets. Mounts can be cork, sticks, planks, tree fern plaques, broke clay pots. Mounts let the roots breath, are almost impossible to over water, come in a myriad of shapes. Orchids on mounts are fun and not as hard to take care of as you may think.

This workshop will go over: some of the materials needed, which orchids are good candidates for mounting, techniques, and care of your mounted plants. John will demonstrate mounting and give a few brave souls a chance to try it themselves. If you are feeling a bit adventurous, bring a small orchid, preferably something that likes to dry out between waterings (Cattleyas and Neofinetias are good), we have some small mounts that you can use, but if you want to try something larger you will need to provide a stick (grape and Manzanita are good) or plank (cedar or redwood). Email John (johnoconnell19@att.net) if you want to participate so we can be sure you have a good plant and we can find a mount for you.



This month's meeting is on **Monday March 2nd, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.

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

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Upcoming Events

March

3/2 COS March Meeting

3/7-8 Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Annual Show & Sale,
Lakeside Park Garden Center Oakland

3/7 Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society Show & Sale
Shepard Garden & Art Center Sacramento

3/13-15 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. Earl Warren
Show Grounds

3/14-15 Napa Valley Orchid Society Annual Festival of Orchids
Show and Sale Napa Senior Activity Center

3/21 California Orchids Spring Sale Bolinas, CA

3/28-29 Sonoma County Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale
Santa Rosa Veterans Building



Rhyncholaeliocattleya **Chia Lin**
'New City' beautiful and fragrant

President's Corner

POE has come and gone for another year. I hope many of you had the opportunity to explore its many wonders. So many choices - "I'll take one of each" is the unreasonable reasonable response. Personally, I stopped with one - a Dracula, my first, new habits to learn.

Definitely is the season for "Shows". As a club, once again we will have a presence at the Inspired Home Show that takes place at the Monterey County Fair Grounds. The show runs Saturday March 7th through Sunday March 8th. The hours are 10:00 to 5:00 on Saturday and 10:00 to 4:00 on Sunday. If you have time to work the show for an hour or two either day, we would love to have your help. You can let us know at the meeting this coming Monday the 2nd or give me a call at 831.917.6591. As in previous years we will have some of our member orchids on display and will be selling orchids as well. We give out culture sheets, sign up new members and try to answer questions. It is fun.

If you cannot help out with this show there is the Carmel Valley Garden Club show to look forward to in May and probably the Master Gardener Show in April, (more on those later).

Did someone say repot? Yes, I imagine a lot of us have been doing it or getting ready to do it. Always the problem of the plant that really needs repotting but still has blooms or is just about to bloom. Not the best excuse - probably

plenty of others ready to work on now. A few today, a couple more tomorrow eventually gets the job done. And, if you want to try mounting rather than burying in bark etc., be sure to bring a suitable plant to Monday's meeting. There will be time to test your skill as well as learn how.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on the 2nd - want to hear about who got what at POE.

Kathie



Dr. Salmon prepares to operate on a Cymbidium at the Carmel Foundation.

COS Board of Directors Meeting

Feb. 16, 2015

Members Present: John O'Connell, Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, Jeannette Brown, Carol Easton, Daniel Bellem, Frances Richardson and Susan Holm. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Carol's house.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from January meeting read. Daniel moved, Frances seconded to accept the minutes with the correction of the spelling of her name. Accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Daniel reported that the balance at the beginning of January was \$10,804.65; at the end of January was \$10,527.76. Report accepted by acclamation.

VP Report: John plans to give a mounting demonstration in March. Scott Collins may speak in April, no one yet is scheduled for May. In June Dan Newman is scheduled to come, in July we plan to have the greenhouse tour and in August Ron Parsons is scheduled.

Old Business: Carolyn Salmon and John presented a repotting demonstration for the Carmel Foundation. There were about 30 in attendance. Kathie also went and asked the group if they might be interested in going with us on the greenhouse tour in mid-July. There were several interested. We decided it would be good to have two bus prices; one for COS members and one for non-members (about \$5.00 difference). Kathie will continue to keep contact with the Carmel Foundation.

The Home Expo at the Fairgrounds is scheduled for March 7 and 8. Kathie has made arrangements for COS to be there. The board decided to spend \$200.00 plants for the COS meeting on March 2, and another \$200.00 for plants to sell at the Home Expo. Kathie will make arrangements with Yuiko of Baybreeze to purchase the plants.

New Business: Kathie has not yet received information about the Smart Garden Faire which is usually held in April. We are interested in participating. Kathie has received information about the Carmel Valley Garden Show to be held May 2 and 3. We plan to attend as a vendor which will cost \$50.00.

Frances saw some former members of COS and asked why they had not been able to come to our meeting recently. They said the meetings seemed to last too long. We decided that we could be more prompt with starting times and be more conscientious of time throughout the meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 16 and Kathie's house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07.

Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford



John's *Laelia rubescens* blooming for the first time, 5 spikes! Another highly recommended Mexican *Laelia*.

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2015 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

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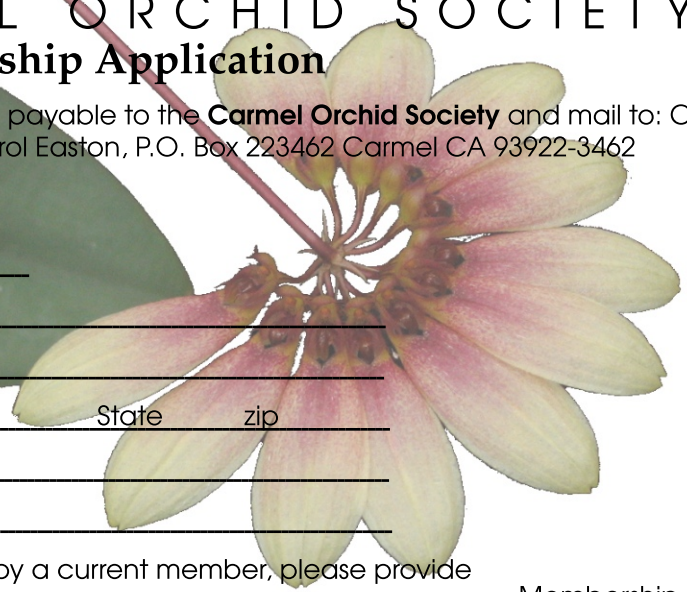
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Renewal New Member

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ORCHID SOCIETY**

2015 ANNUAL

Orchid Show & Sale

AOS and CSA Judged Show

FREE ADMISSION

Friday March 6 - 6pm-9pm
(sale area only)

Saturday March 7 - 10am-6pm

Sunday March 8 - 10am-5pm

There will be displays, lectures
and demonstrations on orchids.
Special purchased orchids will
also be on sale

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for more details

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