

The BackBulb

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August 2016



August Speaker: Dean Hung

The Orchid Hunters

Fascinating stories about the intrepid men who braved incredible hardships, deprivations, and dangers in their obsessive quest for orchids.

Dean Hung has been addicted to orchids for 10 years, starting off first as a collector of all kinds of genera, and then eventually focusing on slipper orchids. In order to feed his addiction, he set up Paphiness Orchids to sell off plants to get money to buy the more rare and expensive stuff. Along the way, he has met many interesting, colorful, and knowledgeable people who shared his passion for slipper orchids.

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.

This month's meeting is on **Monday August 1st, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.



The Emerald City at OZ. No wicked witches to be seen, but is that Dorothy back there?

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Upcoming Events

August

8/1 Monday COS Meeting

September

COS Fall BBQ, Date TBD.

October

10/3 Monday, October COS meeting

10/21-23 The Huntington Library, Art Collections & Botanical Gardens International Orchid Show. In conjunction with the AOS Fall Members Meeting, "Elegant Orchids" the 2nd Annual International Orchid Show & Sale at the Huntington.



July COS Trip to OZ

Good event. All of us filled our cars to the brim. Prices were good I think. A few plants were \$75 but most were either \$12 or \$25. The large laelias were \$25. Odon's and Masd were \$12 and sarco's were \$5. John Chant was not able to be there, he was packing to go to Thailand with plants.

Carol's Commentary

Greetings from British Columbia. Daniel, myself and our dog, Jewel, are at my cousin and her husband's cabin on a lake in the north east part of the Province for our annual vacation. It is quite a drive to get here but once here



it is worth it. Jerry, our Vice-President has planned an interesting speaker for our August meeting. Please mark your calendar now - 7PM on August 1. Dean Hung will be will be talking about the men who went into the jungles to collect orchids in the 1800 & 1900's. In some cases I understand, there was even murder involved. I'm sorry I am going to miss it.

The next event for COS will be our annual BBQ in September. Please mark your calendars for September 10. As usual this will be a potluck with the

Society providing the meat. Janette Ford & her helpers will be calling you to find out what kind of a side dish you will be bringing. We do this so that we don't have a tableful of macaroni salad to accompany our main dish and no dessert!



It is with great sadness that I tell you that Ken Ashton has passed away. I don't know any of the details. Sharon, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Carol

Think “Fall Orchid Festival”

Backyard BBQ's, umbrella drinks, vacations, Concours d'Elegance, upcoming Jazz Festival, elections, a good cheesy book, etc., etc. probably are top of mind now. Between gulps of lemonade and hot dogs, please give a thought to COS's Fall Orchid Festival which is a mere three months plus away.

1. Keep an eye out for items you can donate to the Treasures and Trinkets opportunity tables (formerly known as the Silent Auction). Garden items, wine, slightly used stuff, gift baskets, holiday decorative items plus whatever you have taking up space in your closets, garage, basement, attic, etc. are great potential Treasure or Trinket items.
2. Peruse your orchid collection. Are there any potential “member sales” beauties on your bench or window sill or porch? Put them on your “to do list”; clean up, label, and find picture of bloom.
3. Volunteer to help a Chairperson.

The list of Chairpersons is:

FOOD: Leslie Olson

LOGISTICS: Daniel Dellam

MEMBER PLANT SALE TABLE: Janette Ford

MEMBERSHIP SALES: Susan Holm

ORCHID DISPLAY: John O'Connell

POTTING DEMO: Frances Richardson

VENDORS: Kathie Ritter

TREASURES AND TRINKETS: Kathie Ritter

MARKETING: Kathie Ritter and Carol Easton.

Additional help will be needed on Thursday afternoon (the 10th of November) to set up and Saturday after 4:00 on the 12th to clean up.

COS Board of Directors Meeting May 19, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:17 at Carol's house.

Members Present: Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, Daniel Bellem, Carol Easton, Lesley Olson, Carolyn Salmon, Jeanette Brown, and Susan Holm.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the April 19 meeting were presented. Kathie moved, Jeanette seconded to accept the minutes. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance at the beginning of April was \$9,917.07. At the end of the month it was \$8216.95. The big expenses were for the annual insurance premium and the bus payment for our trip in June. Carolyn moved and Lesley seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Approved.

V.P. Report: Jerry Loomis was not able to attend the meeting. Due to the bus trip on June 4 and no regular meeting on July 4, we will not need a speaker until the August meeting.

Old Business:

The net earnings from our orchid sales at the Carmel Valley Garden Show were \$121.00.

So far we have less than 20 signed up for the bus trip to the San Jose show on June 4. Janette will make some calls to members who so far have not signed up, and Carol will make sure an email is sent out to remind membership.

Imogene Speiser has offered to host the BBQ in September; Carol offered to host it as a backup. Date will be announced.

Kathie reported on the fall show. So far, Dennis Olivas, Sue Hamilton, and Asbell Orchids have definitely said they will come as vendors. Kathie has not had confirmation from Dean Hung. She will contact Marcel's Orchids in Long Beach since they said last year they would like to come again. Carol said Joanie Linares and a friend are making and selling bead jewelry. They were at the Carmel Valley Garden Show and may be interested in coming to our fall show.

Daniel has offered to be in charge of logistics, Lesley offered to be in charge of food for vendors and workers, Susan offered to greet and sign up new members, Janette and Lory will work member plant sales, and Kathie is working on advertising.

Kathie suggested that we try to have a theme for our show, for example "Orchids and Chocolate" or "Orchids and Vanilla." If we did something like this, we could possibly work out a sponsorship.

Kathie also suggested that instead of having a silent auction, we have "donation" prices listed on items so visitors can purchase immediately if they want the items.

We will suggest to vendors that they have an orchid to put in the display, and we would like to have a donation item for the silent auction table.

New Business:

Kathie has talked with the new owner of Orchid Zone. He is interested in clearing out some of the inventory there. Kathie will get back to him and see if members of our society can set up a time to come in July.

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Next board meeting will be July 11 at Carolyn's house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54.

Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford

Membership Time!

It's that time again, time for your otherwise nice, friendly society board members to nag you about paying your membership dues. As much as we would like to have your money to pay for our fabulous monthly speakers, what we really want is for you to come hear the speakers, buy the raffle tickets and take home all the interesting plants on our monthly raffle tables. None of that will happen if you are not interested enough to pay the pittance we ask for or yearly dues. Most orchids that we will kill in less than a year cost more than a years membership! So all we ask is that you pay your dues, come to the meetings and have a wonderful time!

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2016 Membership Application

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