

The BackBulb

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

March 2017



March Speaker: "Weegie" Caughlan

Current Australian Standard Cymbidiums

Weegie's talk on Australian Cymbidiums will include all colors and show how the trends here in the US differ from the quality being grown and shown in Australia. Photos to please everyone.

Weegie's first interest in orchids came as a young girl in the fifties when one of her weekend chores to earn allowance money came from watering her mother's orchids. When she and her now ex-husband returned to her family home in 1976, most of the Cymbidiums were still alive. Weegie took over their care and started reading all the books she could find.

By 1980, curiosity had turned to passion. By 1990, Weegie had become "a fiercely, out of control, noncommercial, Cymbidium hobbyist", and still is! Her first love was Cym. tracyanum and the other Cymbidium species. She learned early that she had an eye for award quality and began submitting plants for AOS judging. Weegie is currently a fully accredited judge with the AOS and the CSA. She currently has about 1,500 cymbidiums, including approximately 500 small seedlings and does selective hybridizing for the show bench.

Weegie has won numerous AOS and CSA awards, several CSA yearly trophies and many Best in Show and Best Cymbidium in Show awards in local shows. She was also fortunate to have won five Grand Champion awards and four Reserve Champion awards at the prestigious Santa Barbara International Orchid Show since 1994. She says her most exciting award was with her own cross of Cym. Tower of Fire 'Sunset Flame'



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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 **A thru F** to **bring refreshments** to the next meeting.

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AM/AOS, B/CSA which won the prestigious Ernest Hetherington Award for Best Cymbidium of 2013. Three other cultivars from this cross have also been awarded.

Weegie currently lives in Los Altos Hills, CA sharing her historic, colonial saltbox with two adopted champion Great Danes.

Return of the Plant Doctor

We are planning to have short "Plant Doctor" sessions at our monthly meetings. If you have a question about one of your orchid plants, bring it to the meeting and one of our esteemed experts (John OConnell or Carolyn Salmon or other knowledgeable members of the group) will try to answer your question.

Dracula hirtzii v. *zanthina* 'New Zealand' AM/AOS A rare yellow clone.



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Upcoming Events

March

3/4-5 Santa Cruz Orchid Society
Show & Sale Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4
Soquel High School 401 Soquel
San Jose Rd., Soquel

3/4-5 Golden Gate Cymbidium
Society "Cymbidium Fiesta" 10-5
Lakeside Garden Center 666
Bellevue Ave, Oakland

3/6 Monday COS March Meeting

3/11-12 Napa Valley Orchid Society Show: "Exquisite Orchids"
10 - 4 Napa Senior Activity Center, 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

3/17-19 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Earl Warren
Showgrounds, Santa Barbara

April

4/ -2 Sonoma County Orchid Society "Orchids in Wonderland"
Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4 Santa Rosa Veterans' Memorial Building
1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa

4/3 Monday April COS Meeting

BackBulb Editor & Webmaster

John OConnell

Carol's Commentary

We would like to again thank Dr. Wang for his informative presentation at our February 6, 2017 Society Meeting. I would also like to thank Carolyn Salmon for providing some of her orchids for the opportunity Plant Table .

Speaking of an opportunity, check out the books being offered for sale by Mary Gerritsen entitled "A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture" for only \$15.00 (regularly \$20.00). The photos by Ron Parsons are beautiful. Reply to John O'Connell soon to take advantage of this offering.

At our last Board of Directors meeting we continued discussions for the 2017 Fall Orchid Festival. All of our Subcommittee Chairpersons from 2016 agreed to serve again in 2017. We are still looking for an overall Chairperson for the Show. If you would like to get involved with the 2017 Fall Orchid Festival, please contact Carol Easton. We value your ideas and support to make the show successful. All of the Orchid and Craft vendors will be returning for the 2017 Show. We need your Orchids for the Member Plant Sales. You will receive 75% and the Society will receive 25% of the price for your Orchids. We need your support of donated raffle or silent auctions items. Your attendance at the 2017 Show is very important to the vendors and the society members that donate their time as volunteers to make the show a success.

Lastly, your attendance at our regularly scheduled monthly meetings is important to show your support for our guest speakers. We strive to have a

plant table at the monthly meetings, which are raffled, so that we can offset the speakers expense and you can build your personal orchid collections. We would like to start an Orchid Doctor segment, so you can bring an orchid or two that is in need of help. The "show and tell" portion of the meeting still allows members to showcase their successful growing techniques of their best Orchids. Our next regular meeting is Monday, March 6, 2017, at 7:00 PM at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, bring a friend that may consider becoming a new member. See you there.

Carol



Vanda Tokyo Blue 'Sapphire' AM/AOS

COS Board Meeting

February 13, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:05 at Carolyn's house.

Members Present: Jerry Loomis, Janette Ford, Daniel Bellem, Carolyn Salmon, Susan Holm, Frances Richardson, Lesley Olsen and John OConnell.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the January 16 meeting were accepted by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report: Daniel reported that at the beginning of January we had a balance of \$10,050.41, at the end of the month it was \$9906.49.

V.P. Report: Weegie Caughlan is scheduled to be our speaker in March. She is a cymbidium specialist and will bring plants for the raffle table. John OConnell has offered to be the speaker in April.

Old Business: Carol has worked on the membership form and will try to finish up the layout soon.

Carol and Carolyn made a presentation at the Monterey Civic Club which seemed to be well received.

We will send out an announcement with the Backbulb for members to bring plants for a short session with the "Plant Doctor" at the meetings.

John is to send an email

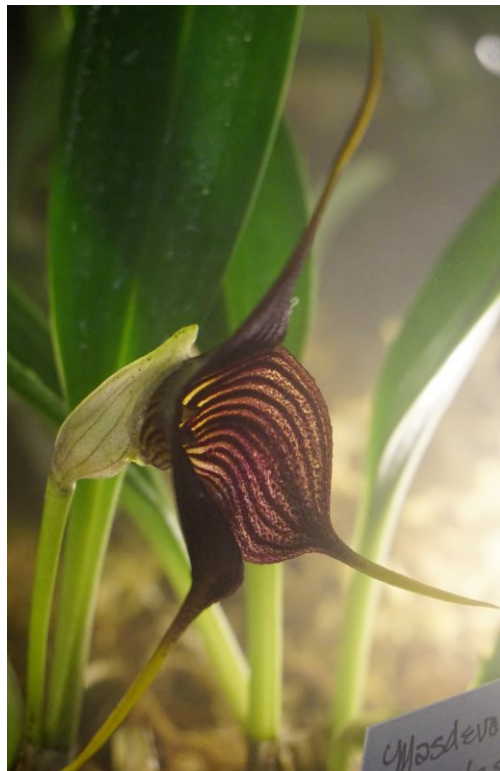
telling members that if they want to purchase Mary Gerritsen's book for a cost of \$15.00 they need to bring the money to the next meeting and Carolyn will order the books.

New Business:

Carol and Daniel have contacted a wholesaler in Gilroy who can provide us with Orchiata bark. We will also mention this in an email and hopefully enough members will want to purchase it at \$25.00 per bag so that we can get a full pallet.

Daniel received a notification from Botanical Greenhouse Builders, a company that might be interested in being a sponsor for our show. We may look into it.

Carol has sticky name tags to use at our meetings. Janette and Lesley offered to encourage people to use them.



We still need to find a director for the fall show, but most of the board members present offered to help in the same assignments as they did last year.

The next meeting will be March 20 at Carol's house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Janette Ford

BackBulb CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY



Medicalcar decorata this huge (at least a foot across, dozens of blooms got a AOS CCE 96 points!



Andy's Orchids display

CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY 2017 Membership Application

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Saturday, March 25th

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9 AM - 5 PM

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