

The BackBulb

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January 2019



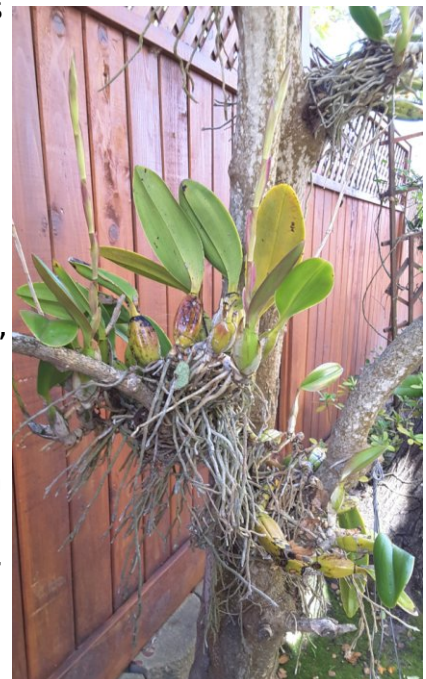
January Speaker: John OConnell & Carolyn Salmon

Why be Normal?

Scared of not being “normal”? Dread being part of the “normal” crowd? Both emotions are completely “normal”. There is safety in numbers, but we all want to be unique or stand out. In the orchid world “normal” is growing Phals, Cats, Paphs, and even Dendrobiums (no catchy nickname yet) in plastic pots with a bark mix. You can’t go wrong, most of the cultural advice you see is aimed at the same four groups of plants being grown in the same kind of pot and mix. If you want to be a little adventurous opt for clear pots and grow a Phrag or two. A couple of generations ago, this was all there was. But as the orchid market switched from cut flowers to a hobbyist clientele diversity followed. Now you can get hundreds of different genera and many vendors even sell mounted plants. Not being normal takes a bit more work nowadays but is well worth the effort. There are numerous cool, non-normal plants for sale and many different things to fill our pots with, and then there is a whole world of mounting plants to explore.

John and Carolyn have been experimenting with orchids, mixes, post, mounts and such for many years. They have found some things that work and some things that don’t. This talk is a discussion on what has worked for them and why, long on live examples and short on PowerPoint slides (Zero), come, brake away from the crowd, who want’s to be normal anyways.

Mounting orchid on your trees. Not Normal!



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Why be Normal

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Upcomming Events

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

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Upcoming Events

January

1/7 Monday COS January Meeting, Dan Newman will be speaking

1/26-27 Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale, 1400 Rosevelt Ave. Redwood City

February

2/3 Monday COS February Meeting

2/21 Thursday POE Gala

2/22-24 POE! Pacific Orchid Exposition, County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park 9th Av. at Lincoln Way.



The plant table from our Holiday Party last month

Resolutions and Goals (It Must be New Years)

New Years day is almost here, so it must be time to reflect on last year and make some plans, set some goals. I guess I could say make some resolutions but nobody ever keeps their New Years resolutions. All the 'experts' tell us to set goals and plan for the future, and then turn around and tell us not to make New Years resolutions, aren't they the same thing? The same or not, here are some things I would like to get done this year and a few things that I would like to see the society get done this year.

- I bought a data logger last summer and I now have 6 months of temperature and humidity data for my greenhouse. So far I have very pretty graphs, but I would like to analyze this data so I can make better decisions about when to water.
- In addition to the temperature and humidity logging I would like to log light intensity measurements in the greenhouse and possibly tie them to the temperature and humidity readings.
- Fungus and nutritional issues are difficult, I need to work harder on solving these issues.
- Ask for more help when I just can't figure it out. It should be easy, but it's not.
- Work harder on publicity for meetings and the show.
- Hold some smaller social events, I

intend to bring back the Orchid Happy Hour in some form and maybe do some potting or dividing workshops.

This should be enough to keep me busy next year, Hope you have a few orchid goals to work towards this new year.

John



From Carolyn's collection



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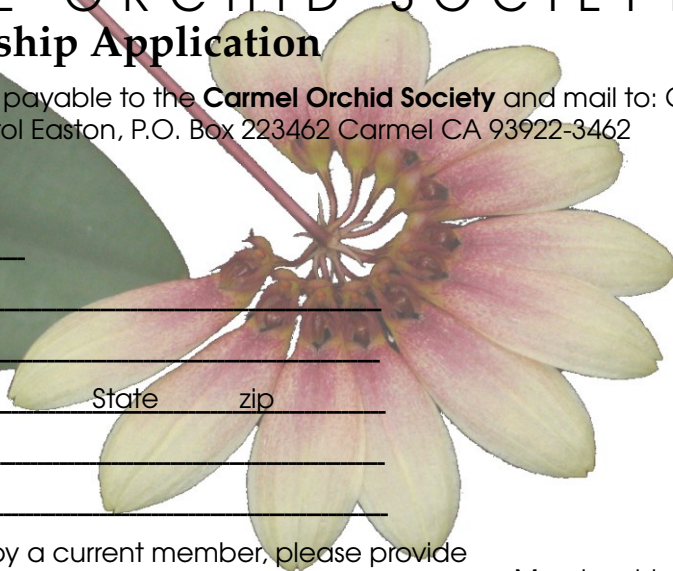
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Member of the American Orchid Society



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Orchid Show & Sale



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Peninsula
Orchid Society
presents

Orchids

♥ Selfies

January

26-27

Saturday &
Sunday

Bring your
orchid growing
questions!

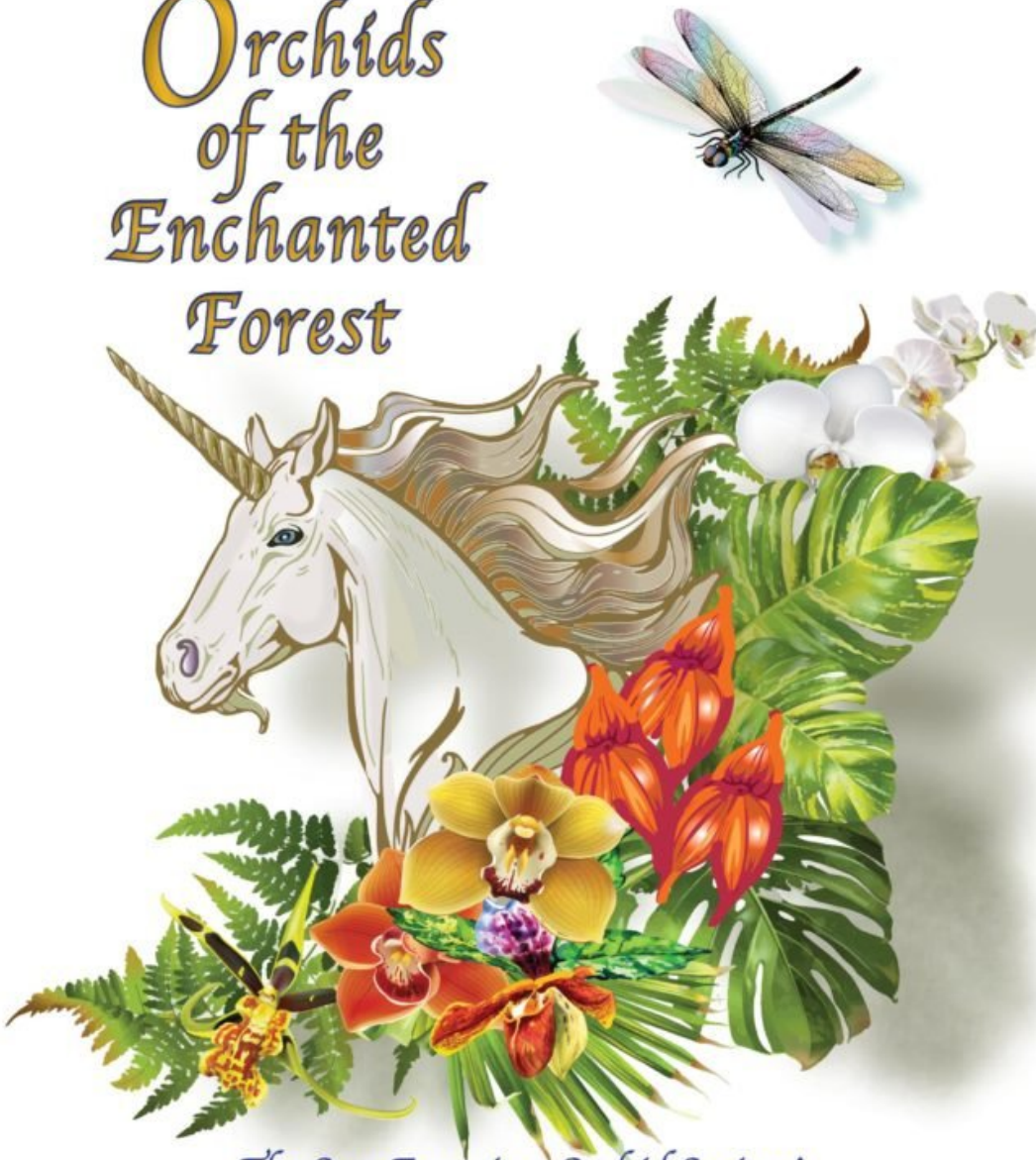


1400
Roosevelt
Ave.
Redwood
City

10AM
- 5PM

Admission \$7
12 & under free

Orchids
of the
Enchanted
Forest



*The San Francisco Orchid Society's
67th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition*

Gala Preview

February 21, 2019, 6:00 - 9:30 pm (*Must be 21 or over*)

Show & Plant Sale

February 22 & 23, 2019 † 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
February 24, 2019 † 10:00 am - 5:00 pm San Francisco

County Fair Building "Hall of Flowers"
9th Ave. at Lincoln Way
Golden Gate Park, San Francisco