

The BackBulb

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April 2022



April Speaker: Tanya Lam

Long Lasting and Frequently Blooming Orchid Species

April's topic should be interesting to everyone. We are all trying to create collections with at least a few blossoms to enjoy, no matter the time of year. Many of us are also becoming more interested in growing more of the many fascinating orchid species.

This lecture brings together both of these desires with a talk about long lasting and frequently blooming orchid species. Our speaker is Tanya Lam. Tanya is an accomplished orchid grower and has spoken to many societies on various orchid topics. She lives in San Jose California where she grows many orchid genera both outdoors and in greenhouses. Tanya is juggling every day to work full time, travel frequently for business, take care of family, and tend to her orchid collections. As Tanya has expanded her collections over the past 20 years, she has tried



Many Epidendrums bloom almost continuously. This is Epidendrum ellipticum in John's greenhouse

to have different orchids in bloom every day of the year. She does not want to miss seeing the blooms just because she is on business trips. After seeing plants grow in their habitats in Thailand, Brazil, Ecuador, Australia, and China, she realized that the geographical diversity of orchids

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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 meeting.

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would help her achieve her goals. Tanya has now grown species from every continent and continues to search for long lasting and frequently blooming species to add to her collections.

For her presentation this month, she will share a list of recommended plants including photos and a brief overview of the growing conditions for each. This is a great opportunity to learn about some orchid species that will add diversity and flowers to your collection. Don't miss it!



Cattleya intermedia, a reliable bloomer in John's greenhouse.

Upcoming Events

April

4/4 Monday COS April Meeting

4/30-5/1 Carmel Valley Garden Club, 51st Annual Garden Show
at Hidden Valley Music Seminars

May

5/2 Monday COS May Meeting

Ida Hale

One of our society's lifetime members, Ida M Hale has passed away peacefully at home Friday, Mar 25th. She was 83, and survived by her husband Bill Hale, and their 5 children. They lived in Monterey for over 40 years until they



moved to Hanford Ca. They joined our society in 1970. As a couple, they served on our board for many, many years. They had a huge Orchid collection numbering in the thousands in two commercial sized greenhouses in Carmel Valley and one hobby greenhouse at their home. Through

their dedicated time and efforts, our society grew and hosted our first Orchid show at the Crossroads in 1981. Our show grew to a total of 23 vendors from as far away as Hawaii and Texas with AOS judging. Bill is a retired chef and he cooked for all our vendors and volunteers. I can't say enough about their devotion to our society over so many years. Thank you!

COS Board of Directors meeting Feb. 27, 2022

Members present: John O'Connell, Carolyn Salmon, Amanda Nixon, Irene Patton, Janette Ford

Meeting convened at 4:25 p.m.

Treasurer's report: Balance at the end of January was \$10,543.21. We discussed use of credit card processor already in use by Daniel. Janette will check costs of that compared to "Square" reader suggested by Irene.

Vice-president's report: Carolyn has made arrangements with Scott Collins to be at our March meeting. He will talk about Paphs and provide the plant table. Carolyn has contacted Tanya Lam about being with us in April. Tanya is planning to cut back her orchid collection so Carolyn may check into

purchasing more plants from Tanya for future plant tables. Carolyn has also talked to Pat Landee about dividing some of her plants for the plant table.

We briefly discussed items for a general budget plan. Kathie Ritter has spoken with Irene and Amanda about ways to raise more funds at the November market.

Amanda has been in contact with Samantha Christensen about setting up the COS website so that it is kept up to date and better coordinated with on-line links. Amanda will check with Sam to get a better idea of costs.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford



It may not be big, but *Phragmipedium besseae* is one of John's favorites



Prosthechea vitellina (used to be ***Encyclia vitellina***) is notable for its stunning orange color and its need for cooler temperatures. Photo from POE 2022

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