

# The BackBulb

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August 2022



## August Speaker: Joe Parker

### Draculas: Cool Growing, or just Cool?

Joe Parker has a BS from Stanford and a PhD from Caltech in Mathematics, an education which left him totally unprepared to grow orchids. As a result, Joe was forced to earn a living in academia and the high tech world. Joe started growing orchids over 20 years ago, on a challenge from his wife, Kathy. Refusing to settle for less than the best, Joe grows Draculas, and only Draculas. He started growing in Los Gatos, CA and then shifted to Pacifica, just south of San Francisco. His collection is now over 300 Draculas, representing at least 100 species. Joe is Past President of the Pleurothallid Alliance, a worldwide organization devoted to not only Draculas, but also the lesser Pleurothallids (Masdevallias, Restrepias, etc.).

The Plant table will be provided by Joe and John Leathers, so expect lots Draculas, and other small cool growing orchids.



A great Dracula, from the Bay Area Pleurothallid Alliance exhibit at POE a few of years back. Probably grown by Joe Parker or John Leathers.

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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 **S thru Z** to **bring refreshments** to the meeting.

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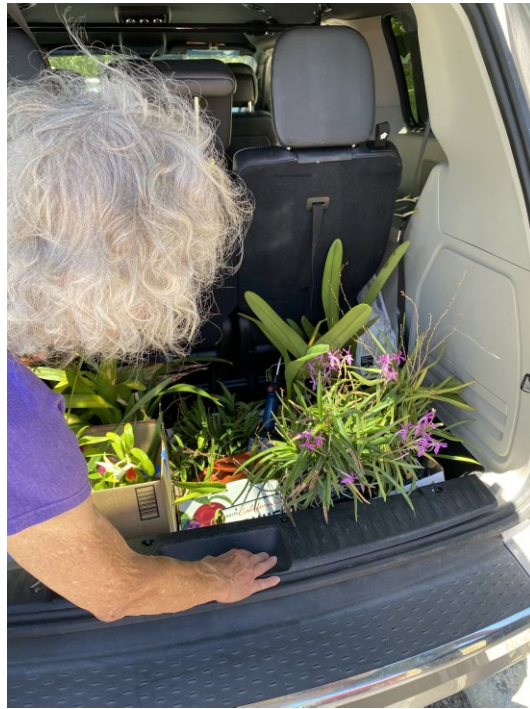
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Scenes from the July Tanya Lam greenhouse visit. Left and below: plants galore. Above: Serious rainwater storage.



## Upcoming Events

### August

**8/1 Monday 7PM COS August Meeting, Joe Parker is speaking about Draculas.**

### September

9/17 Saturday, COS Fall Potluck, more details later.

## Classifieds

For sale: Small baskets wood and plastic. Also small terra cotta pots. See photos. Wood baskets \$4 each, plastic baskets and terra cotta pots \$2 each. John OConnell johnoconnell19@gmail.com



**Have your Classifieds posted here,** send them to: johnoconnell19@gmail.com

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