

The BackBulb

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May 2023



May Speaker: Deric Wenzler

The Great Variety of Orchids That Can Be Grown Outside in Our Area

Not everyone has the space, money, or time to build and take care of a greenhouse. Very few of us has as much indoor space as we like, let alone enough to dedicate to a bunch of orchids, and then there is the extra complication of how to water without making a mess of the house. That leaves outdoors. Most of us have a porch, patio, deck, or some yard space, that space can be used to grow orchids, because despite the common perception of orchids being tropical divas, quite a few will tolerate or even thrive in our cool, but not freezing, climate. Deric has been growing orchids outside and in an unheated greenhouse for many years and knows what will survive and what will not.



Having grown up in the landscaping and nursery business, Deric became familiar with cymbidiums as garden plants, but little else. Then with a happenstance rescue of an abandon Odontoglossum, his interest was piqued. He joined both the American Orchid Society (AOS) and the Carmel Orchid Society and started the latter's

An outdoor Sarcochilus grown by Carolyn, even though she has a perfectly good greenhouse.

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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 **M** thru **R** to bring refreshments to the meeting.

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first Orchid May Fair Show in 1982. Deric still maintains his collection of mostly species in some 50+ genera at his Carmel Highlands home. He continues to do professional in-home orchid repotting and greenhouse consulting.

The May meeting will take place in Pebble Beach at the Community Room of the Pebble Beach Community Services District building next to the Pebble Beach Fire House, **3101 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach** We will hang the club banner to help people find it. Come early to find your way the first time.

Directions:

- * Take Highway 68 towards Pacific Grove
- * Take a left on David. Take a right on Congress. See the Pebble Beach Country Club Gate to your left at the first stop sign.
- * Come through the Country Club Gate. Just tell them you are going to the Carmel Orchid Club meeting at the PB Community Services Building. No cost. You are now on Forest Lodge.
- * Bear left at the fork. You are now on Sloat.
- * Take a left on Lopez.
- * Lopez and Forest Lake come together where the fire house and offices are located.
- * Stay on Lopez past Forest Lake Rd. Take the first right entrance and you will be facing the door to the meeting room. Parking available.

If this stresses you too much please let Amanda (831-920-1486) know and a club member will meet you at Starbucks or Rite Aid at the corner of



Cymbidiums are usually a sure bet outdoor plant. This is Cymbidium Blue River "Thunder" grown by Carolyn

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David and Forest in Pacific Grove at 6:45 pm. Coming from the direction of Carmel coming through the forest is more difficult.

same address as above. I suggest you take the easy route the first time unless you know Pebble Beach well, and know where the Fire House is.



Left: The Best Specimen Orchid at the San Diego Orchid Show. Photo by Irene Patton

Below: Cute little jewel orchid terrarium at the San Diego Orchid Show. Photo by Irene Patton



Upcoming Events

May

5/1 Monday 7PM COS May Meeting at the community room of the Pebble Beach Community Services District building next to the Fire Station. 3101 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach.

5/13-14 Carmel Valley Garden Show, Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley Village

June

6/5 Monday 7PM COS June Birthday Celebration. At the usual place: The Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula

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The Carmel Valley Garden Club is having a competitive flower and plant exhibition May 13-14 at the Hidden Valley location of their Garden Show this year. There is a category for Orchids: Phals, Cyms and all others in 12" or less pots. Registration and drop off is the Friday before, May 12 from 3:30 to 6:30. If you have an orchid in bloom and want to exhibit it, there is a good chance you will get an award. It will also promote our Carmel Orchid Society. Information at www.cvgardenclub.org. Irene will drop off your entry if you bring it to her house Friday morning with the entry cards made out.

A promotional poster for the Carmel Valley Garden Club's Garden Show & Plant Sale. The title 'GARDEN SHOW & PLANT SALE' is in large, bold, green letters. Below it, the subtitle 'Spring After the Rains' is written in a cursive font. The poster features a stylized illustration of rolling green hills with a sun and trees. Text on the poster includes 'Free', '10AM - 4PM', '\$1 parking', and 'Fun'. The dates 'May 13th & 14th' are prominently displayed. A list of activities is provided in red text, and the website 'https://www.cvgardenclub.org' is listed at the bottom.

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&
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May 13th & 14th

at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley Village

- **Large plant, flower and veggie sale**
- **Garden Art & Essentials**
- **Multi-category flower competition**
- **Photography competition**
- **Silent auction**
- **Many gardening & craft vendors**
- **Food, children's garden**

Info: <https://www.cvgardenclub.org>

COS Board of Directors meeting April 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order on Zoom by Amanda Nixon, president. Attending were: Amanda Nixon, Irene Patton, Carolyn Salmon, John O'Connell, Janette Ford, Anna Narvaez-Helms, Cathy Walmsley and Kathie Ritter.

The meeting started with praise for the April meeting with John and Carolyn doing repotting demos. Anna's hospitality report was: name tags, culture sheets, letter of welcome, magazines and fertilizer packet all in an envelope for new members.

The minutes were approved as published in the April Back Bulb.



Paph Lowii "Tall Fella" grown by Irene Patton

The treasure's report was provided before the meeting as an Excel document. Janette stated that the IRS has cashed our \$550 check for the application of the 501 C-3 status but has not given us any info yet. The ending balance for April was \$10,106.00. Amanda told us that Sam's bill for \$226 was for 5 months work. We paid \$166 for a post office box.

The May meeting at Pebble Beach Community Center was discussed. A group will meet early on April 26th to go over logistics of the room. Amanda and Irene have listed the meeting in various publications and on line and an ad was taken in the Carmel Pine Cone; Amanda has invited the Ikebana members. A "Plant Doctor" was discussed and it was agreed that this is a good idea going forward and we will try to work it into meetings. John is the doctor for the May meeting. We are encouraged to bring plants that do well in this climate to show and tell.

Deric will be our speaker for the May meeting focusing on outdoor orchids for our area. Carolyn will supplement visuals with her slides. We believe Deric has Power Point for the presentation.

Kathie and Carolyn reported on the SLO Orchid Show where most of the vendors were local.

Kathie is moving ahead with the Fall Market plans with one more vendor than last year in addition to the ones returning. She has sent in \$60 for the judging by AOS. There will be a 9:30 judging on the Friday of the Market. She mentioned Mitch from SF will join us.

We reviewed making the webinars

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more interesting to the members. The chairs will be arranged closer and in a semi-circle; room more comfortable and well lighted. Irene suggested the presenter introduce the webinar with points to look for and any particularly interesting topics for our group to notice. Then a synopsis could be given with time for questions afterwards. Hopefully, plants will be provided that are the same topic as the webinar. Future meetings will be: June, Birthday

Month with the Orchid Doctor featured; July, Greenhouse Tour; September, BBQ with possibly a workshop on the AOS judging for members.

Next meeting of the Board by Zoom is May 15th at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned slightly after 8 pm.

Irene Patton, secretary

Free to a Good Home! (if you pick them up)

A heavy blue plastic barrel with lid, over 30 gallons, good for storing orchid mix, soil or water.



The wire rack is two sided each measuring 24" wide by 8' tall, on wheels at bottom so it can be stable and moved. Good for mounted orchids, baskets, small planters, etc..

Please text Carolyn at 831-917-3386



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And now for something **ORANGE!**
This Cattleya hybrid brought to you
by Carolyn

CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY 2023 Membership Application

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