

The BackBulb

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

April 2010



April Speaker: Gerardus Staal

The Orchids in Multiplication

Gerardus will discuss natural and artificial multiplication techniques.

The latter have made orchids affordable for a broad public and have reduced the collecting

pressure on many species endangered in their natural habitat.

Gerardus Staal is a retired entomologist, who has worked on the development of novel insect control agents. The orchid bug bit around 1975 and resulted in a second career in the growing, propagation, and hybridization of rare orchid species.

The specialization soon shifted to cooler growing orchids (especially Pleurothallids, Odonts, Maxillarias, Epidendrums, Dendrobiums and lately Bulbophyllums). Gerardus has also been involved in several local orchid societies and has been a member of the AOS Research Committee and a president of the Pleurothallid Alliance. The introduction of many rare species has resulted in many CBR (Certificate of Botanical Recognition) awards from the AOS. The hybridization work has led to many other awards. Gerardus is the owner of Peninsula Hybrids. A small company with the mission to create novel orchid hybrids, remake desirable hybrids and propagate rare species, primarily of cool and intermediate growing parents in the pleurothallid, odontoglossum, dendrobium and bulbophyllum alliances.

The April meeting is on **Monday April 5th, 7PM** At the **Community Church of Monterey Peninsula**, 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.

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Carol's Commentary

This issue of the BackBulb is devoted to the Carmel Valley Garden Show or our old name: Mayfaire. Whatever the name our annual show has always been the highlight of our year. With all the beautiful flowers, vendors with new alluring plants, old friends and newcomers discovering orchids for the first time, the show has always been a fun and exciting event.

Beyond all the fun and excitement the show is our Society's main fund raiser. The proceeds from it provide for our great speakers, our wonderful plant tables, and it subsidizes our Summer Fest BBQ and Christmas Party.

The Show is just around the corner and many society members have been very busy trying to pull everything together, BUT we need your help. We can't have a great show without your participation. Please sign up with Marilyn as a volunteer, working the show is fun and exciting. After all who doesn't want to talk about their favorite addiction to a willing audience?

I will have our beautiful postcards at the April 5th meeting so that you pick some up to distribute. This is our last meeting before the CVGS (MayFaire), please come to join us so that you can hear the latest on the Show and volunteer if you haven't already.

Carol

Carmel Valley Garden Show

Volunteers Needed

The chairpersons for the show have been working feverishly for months already and NOW it is your time to step up and help out with our only fund raiser of the year. What could be nicer than to be outdoors in Carmel Valley with friends working for a good cause and having fun at the same time? Sign up sheets are circulating at the General Meeting; however, some members do not attend and are missing out. I am providing the shifts below for these folks to study and phone me directly at 659-3260 or e-mail me at marilynuribe@comcast.net. I encourage you to sign up for several 4 hour shifts. WE NEED ALL OF YOU. If I do not hear from members I will be calling you directly so PLEASE get out your personal calendars and write COS in NOW. You will be assigned your duty the day of the shows with particular

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expertise and abilities kept in mind. Thank you in advance.

Set up day - Friday April 30 8:30-12:30 and 12:30-4:30

Show day – Saturday May 1 8:30-12:30 and 12:30-4:30

Gala Set Up - Saturday, special shift 4:00-6:00

Show day – Sunday, May 2 8:30-12:30 and 12:30-4:30

Marilyn Uribe, COS Volunteer Chair

Carmel Valley Garden Show 2010

May 1st is right around the corner and our annual orchid event is gearing up once again. The dates will be **Saturday May 1st** and **Sunday the 2nd** from 9-4. The postcards are done and I have begun to see them all around town. Keep passing them out!

Many of your board members have already been hard at work for the past 7 months attending meetings and preparing for this event. Thank You...Thank You...!!!

- ✿ Our “Summer When it Sizzles” Gala is Saturday night from 6:00 – 8:30. The Gala will be under the expertise of Elizabeth Coelho complete with international food stations, local Carmel Valley wines, and a Flamenco guitarist. Tickets are 25.00 and can be purchased by calling 831-659-3115 (credit card only) or purchase at the door (cash or check only).
- ✿ Carol Easton has been busy with advertising and lining up some of our favorite vendors and a new one...Paphiness Orchids.
- ✿ Mimi Schramm and Janette Ford are coordinating our purchased orchids and member plants. Yes...member sales plants return! Your sales tags are on the last page of this backbulb.

Mimi Schramm has lined up some exciting places to purchase plants this year and is bringing back the frequently requested Miltonias.

- ✿ Amanda McLean is doing another lively raffle so please set aside some things you wish to donate.



POE's theme this year was "Carnaval!"

- ✿ I am coordinating field of flowers again this year and I will be asking any and all members to participate.
- ✿ John O'Connell is creating our orchid exhibit and will need lots of lovely orchids. Jackie Kinney and John will be coordinating ribbon judging for our exhibit so start preparing your plants for the show.
- ✿ John is also doing some wonderful lectures for our event..."Orchids for Brown Thumbs" and "The Wild World of Orchids".

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- ✿ There will be a café with BBQ delights prepared by the local Cachagua volunteer fire department and local beer and wines for sale.
- ✿ Lesley Olsen is coordinating our Plant Hotel and is requesting that everyone save your boxes.
- ✿ Ken Ashton is our logistics person and will need lots of help with setup on Friday.
- ✿ Marilyn Uribe is our volunteer chairperson and she needs everyone to sign up. We are at the Pleading phase!!! We need everyone to participate to make this event

successful and fun.

This is just a sampling of all the fun we are planning and ways to raise money for our society. Please checkout our new website. cvgardenshow.com. Please contact me if you have any questions.

**Joanie Linares winecow@gmail.com
or 595-4456**

Field of Flowers

Calling all artists or anyone that feels creative. It is no secret that our Carmel Valley Garden Show is nearing. Last year we participated in the Field of Flowers event and it was well received and profitable for our society. We are doing the Field of Flowers again this year. We are using the same flower/orchid shape from last year but have upgraded our material to smooth Masonite on BOTH sides. We are also offering the flowers on a 5 foot PVC plastic stalk or without stalk with the ability to hang on

a wall. I urge our members to participate or ask any artists that you may know. It is fun, helps our society raise money, and shows off our member's talents. There are no rules or guidelines... just a creative mind. Since they are outdoor friendly, we

ask you protect your creation with a coat of clear varnish, lacquer, or varathane. We are slotted for 20 flowers this year. I can arrange to get a flower to you or as many as you desire. Just call me...Joanie 595-4456

I have absolutely no artistic talent (not true ed.) and created one using recyclable items.

Joanie



Show Off Your Orchids!

We need your blooming Orchids! Big or small, single beautiful bloom or multiple spikes, strange and unusual or ordinary (if any orchid can be ordinary), we need them all! A few guidelines:

- ✿ Bring plants to the Hidden Valley Institute of the Arts: **Friday, April 30th between 11AM and 5PM.**
- ✿ If you cannot bring the plants in yourself, please contact John OConnell (394-8419) and we will find a way to get the plants there.
- ✿ We need a tag on your plant including your name, and the plant's name (even if it's "unknown").
- ✿ All plants should be pest and disease free.
- ✿ The leaves should be clean and

Divide Your Orchids and Multiply Your Cash

I am excited to have member sales at the show this year. That has always been my favorite booth in the past. Last year we weren't sure how that would fit in with the joint venture with CVGA. Now our member's table will be back. I am looking forward to divisions of plants that have been brought in for "show and tell!"

Just a note to add to the detailed instructions that were provided in last month's Backbulb about selling your orchids at the Carmel Valley Garden Show. The board has decided to keep 25% of the sell price for taxes and income. When you price your plants,

attractive .

- ✿ Plant is in bloom or the leaves are special (like *Ludisia discolor*).
- ✿ Cover ugly pots with an attractive outer container.
- ✿ Plants must be staked and secured appropriately, if needed.
- ✿ All plants must be picked up, at 4:30pm on Sunday, May 2nd.

John OConnell



consider that you will get back 75% of the total and price accordingly. We will be selling COS member orchids at the same tables where we sell plants from vendors who will not be at the show. So if you have a plant that is not in bloom, try to have a picture or describe why it is a "must have."

We do ask that plants be brought in on Friday afternoon as stated in the Backbulb. However, if you cannot bring them in on Friday, bring them on Saturday or Sunday; the sooner, the better. We will have labels at the April COS meeting, at the Garden Show, or you can copy the labels from this Backbulb.

Janette Ford

CVGS Orchid Judging Categories

Cattleyas
Cymbidiums
Dendrobiums
Paphiopedilums & Phragmipediums
Phalaenopsis
Vandaceous & Angraecoids

Oncidium alliance
Masdevallias
Other

Best in show

Best miniature (plant under 6in tall)

Excellence in culture

All may be subdivided into large and small or species and hybrids depending on the number of plants in each category.

Upcoming Events

April

4/17 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers 2010 Orchid Show & Sale, San Mateo Garden

Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403

4/17-18 The Sacramento Orchid Society Show and Sale, Scottish Rite Temple, Sacramento.

May

5/1-2 Carmel Valley Garden Show, It may not say orchids, but this is our show!



Dracula robledorum
'Jim Nybakken'
which was awarded an AM (Award of Merit) by the AOS at POE



The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show's theme was "Nature in Harmony"

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2010 Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the **Carmel Orchid Society** and mail to: Carmel Orchid Society - Membership c/o Sharon Ashton 26966 Laureles Grade Road Carmel Valley, CA 93924

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Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

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Telephone _____

Email address _____

If you were referred by a current member, please provide

his/her name _____

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| Couple | \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> | \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vendor | \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> | \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> |

2010 Memberships Going, Going....

It's almost too late! rejoin for 2010 or no more informative, entertaining speakers, no more social events or auctions and no more newsletters!



Andy's Orchids display of exquisite miniature species at POE



A Carnival dancer made of moss and orchids at POE



Both POE and the Santa Barbara shows showed off a large numbers of very cool species.

Advertise in the BackBulb

If you have a business, or just want to advertise your yard sale, this may be the place. The COS is now accepting advertising in the BackBulb. Circulation is mainly to our members and visitors, around 100 copies per month. The rates are: \$5 quarter page, \$10 half page, and \$20 for a full page. If you are interested contact the BackBulb editor, John OConnell johnoconnell19@att.net.

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Print this page for your CVGS member plant sales tags. Fill out 1 tag per plant and attach to the plant. Use the "plant id" field to give each plant a unique number.

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**NOW A
TWO DAY
EVENT**

With Flower & Orchid Entries Due Friday, April 30



Carmel Valley Garden Show

**May 1 & 2, 2010 9am - 4pm
at Hidden Valley Institute of the Arts**

Judged Flower & Orchid Exhibit

Plant & Orchid Sales Silent Auction & Raffle

Field of Flowers Art Auction

Lectures & Demos Art & Craft Vendors

Volunteer Fire Department BBQ

Children's Discovery Garden

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May 1, 6pm*