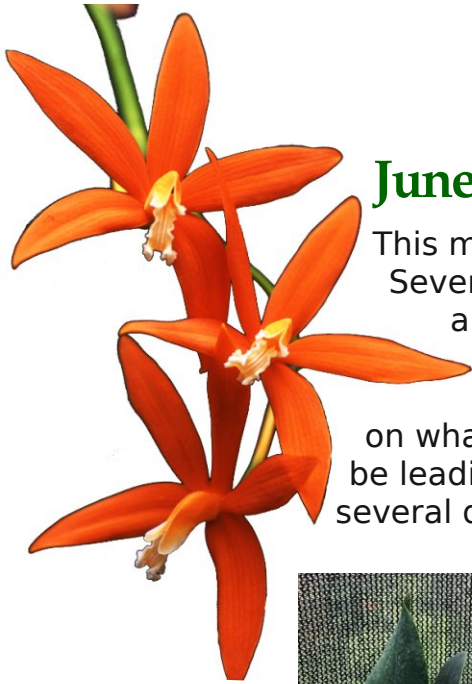


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June 2019



June Repotting Workshop

This month's meeting will feature a repotting workshop. Several members have volunteered plants to be repotted and we will be repotting these plants and discussing how and why we do what we do. Bring your questions and bring a plant or two if you want advice on what to do. Two of our most experienced members will be leading the workshop, John and Carolyn together have several decades of experience with orchids.



A couple of the volunteers. We have room for a couple more.

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 next meeting.



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Upcoming Events

June

6/3 Monday, COS June Meeting

6/8-9 Bromeliad Society of San Francisco Annual Sale in conjunction with the San Francisco Succulent & Cactus Society San Francisco County Fair Building 1199 9th Ave at Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

6/8 17th Orchid Digest Speakers Day Orchids Around the World Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA

July

No regular meeting in July!

7/20-21 Orchids in the Park, San Francisco County Fair Bldg, 9th Ave at Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park San Francisco

7/27 COS Summer Greenhouse Tour. We will be touring Scott Collins and Dennis Riffenbach's greenhouses with lunch at Dona Esther's in San Juan Bautista. More details next month.



Look, John can grow Phalaenopsis! It is cool species of course! **Phal. bastianii**

Veni, Vidi, Vici, Ate Bisket

Carol's Divide and Conquer Party

We came, we saw, we conquered, we ate brisket afterwards. It took about two hours to do the job but we persevered and maybe in a few months we will know how successful we really were.

Before we get to the gory details of how we took this monster apart, a little background. *Cattleya Porcia* is now called *Cattlianthe Porcia* due to the reclassification of one of its parents (*C. bowringiana*) to *Guarianthe*. It has received an AM/AOS and AM/RHS which means an Award of Merit from both the AOS, American Orchid Society, and the RHS, Royal Horticultural Society. It is a cross between *Guarianthe bowringiana* and *C. Armstrongiae* which is a cross between *C. Hardyana* and *C. loddigesii*. There is also a *Cattlianthe Portia* which is *Guarianthe bowringiana* X *C. labiata*. Apparently the two look very similar.



At the start: 24" pot, pseudobulbs 18" to 2' above the pot. Carol has had this plant for 20 years or more and the last 3 repottings involved placing the pot in a new larger pot.

Right: The outer pot came off fairly easily, Daniel and Carol had soaked the plant prior to our arrival so the roots would be softer and more flexible. The white “things” at the bottom of the pot are polystyrene packing peanuts. This plant has a lot of roots!



Left: We cut the roots on the side with least number of them, pulled out as many of the packing peanuts as we could, pulled apart the roots and started cutting the middle pot. We are lucky nobody lost a finger to the lopping shears, cutting the pot was awkward and difficult.

Right: As the middle pot came apart in big chunks, the innermost pot was revealed. This was the most physical part of the operation needing four to eight hands to hold the plant steady and rip the old pot away from the roots.



Left: "I can't watch". The final step, cutting it into pieces. This is where it got interesting with a cleaver, machete and a saw. After much chopping and slicing several large pieces were extracted, including one rather large one that went back into the original pot. We placed all of the pieces in empty pots, waiting to add potting mix for when the new roots start to emerge. Carolyn looks like she is having altogether to much fun, Carol just wants it to be over. It is a bit traumatic to carve up one of these old plants.



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