

# The BackBulb

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

November 2011



## November Speaker: Joe Parker

### Draculas

Joe Parker has been growing orchids for over 13 years, specifically Draculas. These small, exotic, sometimes bizarre orchids whose name translates to “little dragon” have replaced an academic math and high tech career in Joe’s life. His greenhouse in Pacifica is his workshop now, a cauldron for ever more interesting “dragons”. We were lucky to see him at work repotting when we visited Dan’s greenhouse on the bus tour this year (his greenhouse is down the hill from Dan’s). Need it be said, he will regale us with reasons to grow that very special orchid, the Dracula.

Joe has colaberrated with John Leathers to provid a plant table, so expect Draculas, Masdevalias, and other assorted cool growers.

The next meeting is on **Monday November 7th, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.

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In order to provide a better selection of treats at our meetings, the board is asking members with last names that start with the letter **M thru R to bring refreshments** to our November 7th meeting. There is a raffle ticket in it for you, buy the way.

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## Upcoming Events

### November

11/5-6 Orchid Society of California November Show & Sale.  
Lakeside Garden Center, Oakland CA.

11/5-6 Orchid Society of California Fall Show and Sale, Lakeside  
Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Drive, Lake Merritt, Oakland.  
10AM to 5PM.

11/5-6 53rd Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open  
House. Saturday 8AM to 5PM, Sunday 9AM to 4PM.

11/12-13 - Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show and Sale. Soquel  
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9AM to 5PM, Sunday 10AM to 4PM.

11/26-27, 2011 Santa Barbara Orchid Society Show "Orchids:  
Nature's Masterpieces" Santa Barbara, CA

Saturdays through 11/19 and possibly longer. 30% Discount on  
Pottery by Marni Turkel.

### December

12/2 7PM Monday **COS Holiday Potluck.**



John's Laelia kennedyi that he bought at POE this year.

## Society Business

2011 is winding down, it's been an interesting year that I will review next month. But before I can reflect on 2011 there is some important business and planning to do for 2012.

The first order of business is next years board. Unfortunately we are losing several longtime board members: Ken and Sharon Ashton, who have been on the board forever, and Joanie Linaris (likewise) will not be back next year. New volunteers are Daniel Bellem and Jeanette Brown, making the official slate:

- ✿ John OConnell - President
- ✿ Kathie Ritter - Vice president
- ✿ Daniel Bellem - Treasurer (new)
- ✿ Janette Ford - Secretary
- ✿ Evelyne Anzini - director
- ✿ Carol Easton - director
- ✿ Leslie Olsen - director
- ✿ Jeanette Brown - director (new)
- ✿ Maybe you? - There is still time to volunteer for the board, you don't need to be an orchid expert, you just need to be willing to come to board meetings and pitch in to help with our various events. Call John 394-8419 for details.

That makes 8 (unless you volunteer), one less than last year, which was a couple less than the year before. A shrinking board means more work for

fewer people. It also introduces some procedural problems since the by-laws for the society were setup for 12 board members, which means quorum issues when we have one or two board members absent for a meeting. We want to comply with the by-laws and since we can't seem to interest more people in being on the board, we are recommending several by-law changes to give the society a bit more flexibility



John finally got his Cymbidium lancifolium 'Cammie' to bloom again!

in the size and make up of the board (see the exact changes letter in the BB).

The next order of business is next years program. Kathie did a great job finding speakers for this years meetings and I am confident that she will find some great speakers for next year. In addition to our regular meetings we will once again have a summer greenhouse visit, a fall BBQ, a holiday potluck, and as many small social events (orchid happy hours and such) as I can find time and hosts for.

One part of the program that will not be back in a recognizable form is the Carmel Valley Garden Show. This was not an easy decision to make, the show was relatively successful, but the board decided that the enormous cost in time and effort was unsustainable and not worth the modest publicity and financial gains. We still may participate in CVGS next year, but in a much more limited way. We are also looking at other options to

make back the \$3000 that the show netted us last year, including:

- ✿ Budget cuts. Everyone is cutting costs including us. Savings will come mainly from reduced expenditures on speakers and plant tables. Note, if we can replace that \$3k then we can keep the current plant table size. Your ideas and efforts can help us keep this popular membership benefit intact.
- ✿ Plant sales. Use the CVGS, Master Gardener Fair, or some other event to sell orchids.
- ✿ Have an idea? Let's hear it, talk to any board member or email any of us (email addresses on the website [carmelorchidsociety.org/membership.html](http://carmelorchidsociety.org/membership.html)).

Another challenge is membership and publicity. We increased our membership last year, probably because of the publicity person we hired for the show (Wendy Brickman). But with the loss of the show income, hiring out our publicity is impossible next year, so it will be another task that the board will have to take on, unless one of you is willing and able...

Next year will be a challenging year, we need to: keep the publicity going to attract new members, replace the income from the CVGS, provide a good program to keep you, our current members happy, and do it all without overextending ourselves.

**John**

## Proposed Changes to COS Bylaws

We propose to make several changes to the by-laws:

- 1 Eliminate the requirement to print an annual roster. This has gotten too expensive to print and a little out of date, an email list would be better, but people frequently object to having their emails widely distributed.
- 2 Eliminate the position of AOS representative. We will continue to be affiliated with the AOS and have an AOS representative, but the representative doesn't need to be a board member.
- 3 Simplify the list of officers and offices. It just seems simpler to specify the officers as: President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer and let the board decide what other jobs to give to what people. I will continue to be BackBulb editor and webmaster, but show chairman may turn into several people as we decide on a new direction for the show. We also will have someone in charge of publicity.
- 4 Specify a range for the number of directors. You used to need to read between the lines to determine that they intended for there to be 12 directors. Now the number is set as a range.
- 5 Make the quorum a percentage of the number of directors. Makes sense if there isn't a set number of board members.

## **ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP**

Strike section 9 **ANNUAL ROSTER**

## **ARTICLE IV. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

Strike Sections 2 (THE FOUR ELECTED DIRECTORS) and 4 (AOS REPRESENTATIVE). Retain unchanged sections 6 and 7. Change sections 1, 3, and 5. Then renumber giving:

**Section 1. THE BUSINESS OF THE SOCIETY** shall be transacted by the Board of Directors. Which is composed of four officers: President, Vice-President, Recording/Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, and up to 5 directors.

**Section 2. TERMS OF OFFICERS and DIRECTORS** shall be limited to three consecutive terms of two years each in the same office.

**Section 3. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS** shall be as follows:

- \* President is responsible for conducting the general business of the Society.
- \* Vice-President is responsible for the non-event regular monthly programs of the Society and shall preside in the absence of the President and succeed in that office if it becomes vacant.
- \* Recording/Corresponding Secretary is responsible for the keeping of the minutes of the Board meetings and handling the Society's official correspondence.
- \* Treasurer is responsible for conducting the financial business and keeping the financial records of the Society.

All other positions: Membership, BackBulb editor, web-master, show chairman, etc. Shall be appointed by the board and may be filled by any current member.

**Section 4. SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE OFFICERS** (unchanged)

**Section 5. DISBURSEMENT OF MONEY** (unchanged)

## **ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

**Section 1. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS** shall be held at approximately monthly intervals at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall determine. ~~No meeting is to be scheduled on a legal holiday.~~ Notice of these meetings shall be included in the Backbulb, the bulletin of the Society, as well as posted on the Carmel Orchid Society web site and may either be mailed to all members or downloaded from the web site by the members.

**Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD** shall be held at least ~~eight (8)~~ six (6) times a year or more often if necessary. A quorum shall consist of ~~seven~~ half the board members plus one.

No changes to the rest of the sections.

## Orchid Talk

This morning the fog is on the ground and the air is much cooler. Rain is due in a few days. This change in weather will require some adjustments to our orchid collections. It is the beginning of the winter rest period from now till Valentine's Day. Many orchids such as



The second blooming of John's *Coelogyne barbata*.

nobile dendrobiums, barkerias, and cycnoches live in habitats that have wet and dry seasons we associate with summer and winter. You can move these plants to a high corner or turn the pot on its side to avoid over watering. Our orchids survive the cold of winter if they are kept much drier perhaps watering the bigger cattleyas about every three weeks. Your biggest enemy is cold, wet, stagnant conditions where bacterias and fungi can flourish. One strategy is to add Ivory soap to your water solution to help keep plants clean. For those orchids in our homes, humidity can be too low as we turn on

our heat. Be sure to mist or put them on a gravel tray, or find spots in the kitchen or bathroom where they can winter over. Pull off all old stems and yellowing leaves. Some orchids like dendrobiums and stenoglottises are deciduous as they go dormant. If you have any miltoniopsises, they are best repotted now. I keep feeding my masdevallias with very dilute fertilizer throughout winter. They add new growths as the temps cool. Check for cymbidium spikes as they seem plentiful this fall. Protect from rain when possible and bait for slugs and snails. One trick is to attach a wad of cotton below the first flower as slugs and snails don't like to climb over it. Stake your spikes beginning at the bottom if you prefer a more upright flower. Enjoy the winter blooming season with all the cymbidiums, paphs and cattleyas, laelias and more!

## Carolyn



Joanie's *Restrepia cuprea*.

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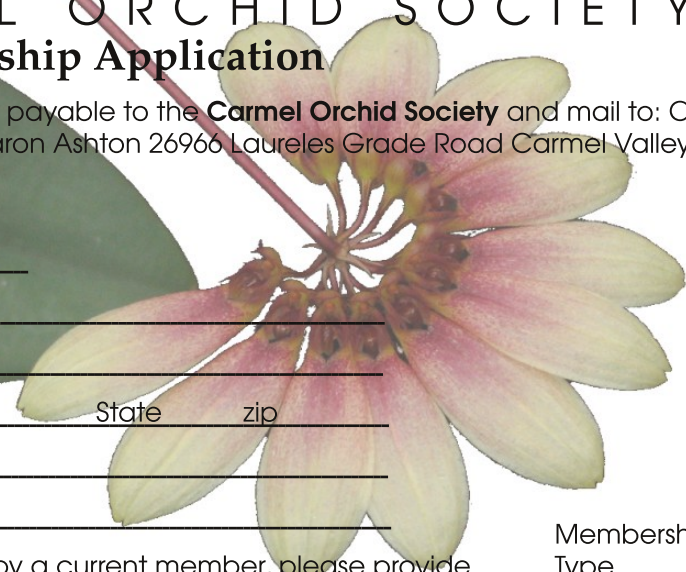
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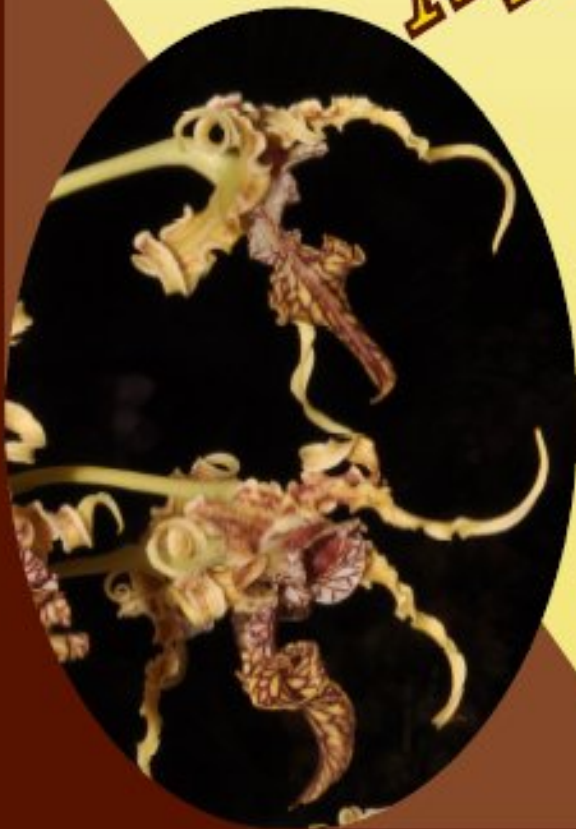
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