

The BackBulb

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

December 2015



December Meeting

Party, Party, Party...

December means it's time for our traditional Holiday party and potluck. No program, just food, socializing, show off your plants that didn't open in time for the show and buy tickets for a special plant raffle. The Society will provide nam and utensils, you provide the rest, bring: desert, a side dish, veggies, casserole, whatever you want, it always works out. We have never had all deserts or all veggies so go wild. Also bring a beverage to drink, the society will have hot tea and water. Don't forget to bring orchids for show and tell, we all have a few that opened too late for the show. And there will be a raffle to finish up the evening.

When: Monday Dec. 7th, Come at 6:30 to setup.

What to Bring:

- Food
- Drink
- A serving spoon, or fork for your dish.
- Cash for the raffle



Jerry with a very nice Cattleya

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Upcoming Events

December

12/7 Monday COS Holiday Party

January

1/4 Monday COS January Meeting

1/18 Monday COS Board Meeting, Carol's house.

1/23,24 Peninsula Orchid Society 2016 Show and Sale
Community Activities Bldg. 1400 Rosevelt Av. Redwood City

February

2/1 Monday COS February Meeting

2/12-14 Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show & Sale

2/26-28 Pacific Orchid Exhibition (**POE**) Ft. Mason Center, San Francisco



The display at the COS Fall Orchid Festival

January Board Meeting

The January 18th Board Meeting will be a dinner at Carol & Daniel's house and it will start at 6PM. If you have never been there before, please call 625-1565. Spouses and/or Significant Others of current and new Board members are invited. Please call or email me whether you are coming and the number in your party. Looking forward to seeing you.

Carol



Silent auction items at the COS Fall Orchid Festival

President's Corner

The 2015 Fall Orchid Festival was a success due to the hard work of so many members. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and energy. We are still evaluating what went well and where we need to improve. The Board would love to have any and all of your thoughts on how we might improve the show next year.

As the year draws to a close and we prepare for the last meeting of 2015, I want to express my gratitude to all of the Board members who do so much work for the Society. Without their commitment we would be hard pressed to exist. By taking part in the Society as a Board member I have gained more friends and a greater knowledge of orchids than I would have otherwise. I know that we all have busy schedules and are reluctant to get involved with the being on a board, but I can tell you that you will get more out of it than you will be required to give. Plus, we have fun at the meetings. Please think about joining the Board in 2017.

Finally, I have enjoyed serving as your President for the past two years. It has been a privilege and a great pleasure. Thank you for the opportunity.

Hope to see you at the December 7th meeting. Lory is bringing a ham (Thank you Lory) -- you bring the side dishes, dessert and good cheer,

Kathie

Membership Time!

It's that time again, time for your otherwise nice, friendly society board members to nag you about paying your membership dues. As much as we would like to have your money to pay for our fabulous monthly speakers, what we really want is for you to come hear the speakers, buy the raffle tickets and take home all the interesting plants on our monthly raffle tables. None of that will happen if you are not interested enough to pay the pittance we ask for or yearly dues. Most orchids that we will kill in less than a year cost more than a years membership! So all we ask is that you pay your dues, come to the meetings and have a wonderful time!

Orchids on display at the
COS Fall Orchid Festival
Cattleya maxima f. coerulea
'Hector' exhibited by
Hanging Gardens (Dan
Newman)



C A R M E L O R C H I D S O C I E T Y 2016 Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the **Carmel Orchid Society** and mail to: Carmel Orchid Society - Membership c/o Carol Easton, P.O. Box 223462 Carmel CA 93922-3462

Please print

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ zip _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

If you were referred by a current member, please provide

his/her name _____

Renewal New Member

Member of the American Orchid Society

Membership Type	Receive Newsletter	
	Via E-Mail	Via US Mail
Single	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>
Couple	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>
Vendor	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>

COS Board of Directors Meeting

November 16, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:05 at Carol's house.

Members Present: Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, Daniel Bellem, Carol Easton, Jeannette Brown, Susan Holm, Lesley Olson and John O'Connell.
Visitors Present: Jerry Loomis, Sue Hamillton.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the October 19 meeting were presented. Janette had added to the October minutes that at the Nov. 2 regular meeting the slate of board members for 2016 was elected as presented: Carol Easton, President; Jerry Loomis, Vice-president; Daniel Bellem, treasurer; Janette Ford, secretary; Jeannette Brown, Susan Holm, Lesley Olson,

Frances Richardson, Kathie Ritter, Carolyn Salmon and Lory Schluenz as directors. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report: Balance at the beginning of October was \$8922.38; at the end of the month it was \$8624.33. Expenses were for the speaker and plants for the regular meeting, and plants for the Home Show. Income was from the Home Show sales, raffle sales, and vendor fees for the fall show. Treasurer's report accepted.

V.P. Report: The Christmas potluck dinner, raffle and show-and-tell is scheduled for our December meeting.

Old Business: Reports from fall show:

- Daniel reported that there was a total of \$723.00 collected from member orchid sales; \$181.00 of that will go to the club. Other income was \$500.00 from vendors and \$1086.00 so far from the silent auction.

Expenses totaled \$913.50 so far. A large amount of expenses was for advertising. We discussed some possibilities to reduce the advertising costs.

- Kathie will try to analyze the silent auction sales to see what kinds of things sold and price range of items sold.
- We were delighted that Tracy provided the table cloths for the show.



Orchids on display at the COS Fall Orchid Festival
A wonderful Laelia hybrid

They were much neater – and easier – than the plastic covers we have used in the past.

- Sue Hamilton suggested that to make more room, we have the potting demonstrations outside, weather permitting. She also said when asked that her sales were down.
- Susan Holm had comments from visitors about position of signs/banners advertising the show. They were not always real visible.
- Another visitor suggested using political type (smaller signs) staked along the road.

New Business:

- Kathie reported that Lory Schluenz is willing to cook the ham for the Christmas meeting/dinner.
- Jerry Loomis asked for suggestions

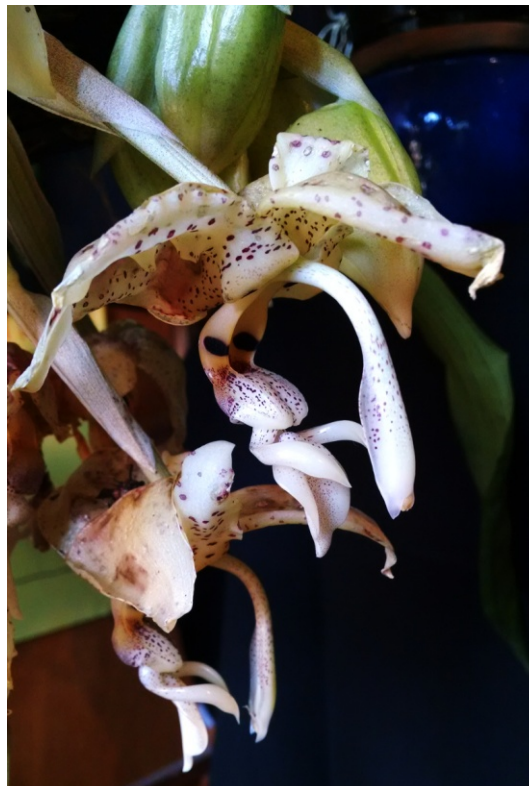
for a speaker for the January meeting. John had given him a list of possible speakers and we suggested two or three possibilities.

- Sue Hamilton suggested we look into a local “Share Card” program. It is used in the Sacramento Society and includes stores such as Lucky, Food Maxx and Safeway. The participating stores will donate a portion of members’ sales to the society. She also offered to order plants for us to use for the December plant table. She has a vendor who has good plants for sale at a good price. We decided to check and see what they had available.

Next meeting will be at Carol’s house on January 18.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford



Orchids on display at the COS Fall Orchid Festival

Left: A Zygopetalum

Right: A Stanhopea exhibited by Lesley Olsen

Moving Sale

Andy Hattori is moving and some of the orchid collection has to go! Put in your dibs now, call 601-9349 or email: toxodes50@sbcglobal.net Andy will bring the plants to the December meeting to sell what's left.

Bulbophyllum bicolor - ~9" mount, amazing umbel of flowers

Bulbophyllum intersitum - many divisions, will bring whole plant and cut pieces on the spot; super easy grower, thrives on a windowsill!

Bulbophyllum nymphopolitanum - ~8" cork mount, nice plant, interesting flowers!

Bulbophyllum wendlandianum - busting out all over in 4" basket outrageous complex flowers, full of tassels/feather boa fringing

Coelogyne mamarota - 6"

Dendrobium kingianum - 2 monster 6" and 8" pots, way overgrown, needs dividing badly! solid purple flowers

Diplocaulobium arachnoideum - year round bloomer, but flowers last only a day, smells like fresh cut watermelon!

Epidendrum diffusum - "mosquito orchid", in bloom; fun, hardy plant

Laelia Canariensis "golden glow" HCC/AOS - 6"

Laelia sincorana - 6" (pic below)

Laelia gouldiana - 8"

Masdevallia caesia - 4" bskt.

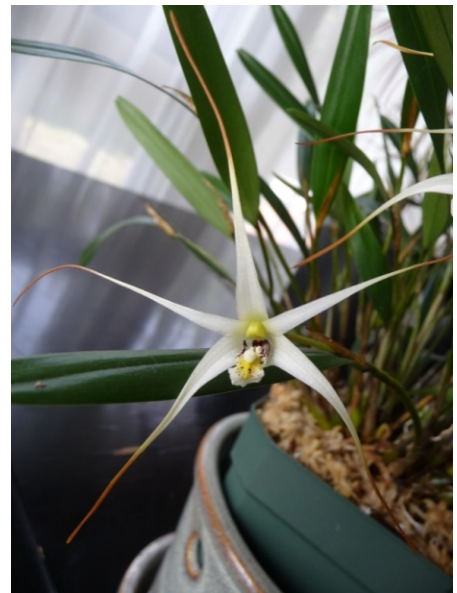
Masdevallia(?) pachyura - 2 x 4"

Masdevallia herradurae - big in 4"

Maxillaria ? - plant is built like *variabilis*, bigger elongate Pseudobulbs

Osmoglossum pulchellum - (2) 4", big plants, need clean-up and dividing, cool flowers!

Pleurothallis sp. - 3 x 4" pots A large flower for this genus, 3/4"- 1", deep purple-red, semi-translucent, similar to *marthae* with the upper sepal really ballooned out



Left: *sincorana* Right: *Maxillaria* sp. Above: *Diplocaulobium arachnoideum*

Orchids Around the World
Peninsula Orchid Society
2016 Show & Sale



Saturday, January 23rd
Sunday, January 24th
10 am - 5 pm

Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA

Admission \$5 Adults, \$3 Senior (62+), \$3 Children 12-16, Free for accompanied children under 12

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D&D Flowers, Dennis Olivas

In Situ Orchids, Jeff Tyler

Paph Paradise, Dave Sorokowsky

Gold Country Orchids, Alan Koch

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