

# The BackBulb

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

January 2016



## January Speaker: Bruce Davidson

### Basic Orchid Culture, Outdoors and In

Bruce has been growing plants ever since he could walk. His grandparents owned a successful fertilizer and insecticide business and were responsible for instilling an appreciation for gardening which started with annuals and later turned into a passion for orchids. Bruce has been heavily involved in the Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society and has spent time studying in the AOS Orchid judging program.

Bruce will be talking about orchid culture on windowsills, outdoors, or balconies either sheltered or fully exposed. He has many interesting ideas on non-traditional potting and mounting techniques. His favorite orchids include several hardy Laelia and Dendrobium species. Which, with 1500 of their friends and relatives, he grows on windowsills, under lights, on balconies, sheltered and fully exposed outdoor locations.



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

### 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



John's *Laelia autumnalis* blooming for the first time. This is a division of one of the big L. autumnalis's that several members bought last year at OZ.

## Carol's Comentary

First, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year. I sincerely hope that Santa was good to you, and that you will have a wonderful New Year.

Second, I want to thank each of you for your participation and support of our Third Annual Fall Orchid Festival. The Board worked hard to make the show a success. Of course, many members who are not on the Board worked hard too and I will attempt to remember all of you: Evelyne Anzini, Cammie Jones, Terri Wolfson, Carolyn & Jeff Salmon, Susan Phillips, Richard Deming. If I have not mentioned you, please excuse me, it was not intentional. Daniel Bellem, our Treasurer, has



One crazy flower! John actually got a Bulbophyllum to bloom, this one is ***Bulbophyllum fascinator***

been busy tallying the bottom line and will have an answer after all the expenses are in .

Congratulations to the new Board of Directors for 2016. The Board and myself will begin planning for 2016 at our first meeting on January 18, 2016. If you have any suggestions for improvements to the monthly meetings , please contact anyone of the Board or myself. I hope to see more of you at our monthly meetings in 2016.

One of my resolutions for the New Year is to take better care of my orchids. More re-potting and dividing, my cymbidiums are screaming and my cattleyas are crying for more space. What are your orchid growing resolutions? Let me know and we will make a list, so that we can share our good growing techniques.

**Carol**

## 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**



## 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!

Carolyn shows something little

## CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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"/>

## June in Southwest China

### **June 17- 30, 2016 – A Botanical Study Tour to North Sichuan with the Orchid Conservation Alliance**

The highlight of this tour will be the richest temperate flora in Asia. Southwest China is the global epicenter of several plant genera of great horticultural value; Primula, rhododendron, and Cypripedium. The tour takes place in the mountains of Aba Tibetan Qiang Autonomous Prefecture where we will visit some of the most spectacular nature reserves in the northern hemisphere. In addition to the orchids, which are of course the focus of the trip, the area has spectacular scenery, huge travertine formations, and is home to Tibetan and Qiang ethnic groups with their colorful culture. Holger and Wenqing Perner have led many successful trips to this and other areas of China. They also operate the only orchid nursery in China which can legally export native orchids. The trip will be led by the Perners and Mary Gerritsen, one of the directors of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. The price of this 14 day trip is \$3600 per person double occupancy with a \$460 per person single supplement. Price includes hotels, guides, food, bus transportation, entrance to parks and reserves. Round trip airfare (the trip begins in Chengdu China) is not included. For details please see the full prospectus here: [http://www.orchidconservationalliance.org/OCA/OCA\\_Trips\\_files/OCA%20China%20Tour%202016.pdf](http://www.orchidconservationalliance.org/OCA/OCA_Trips_files/OCA%20China%20Tour%202016.pdf)

A portion of the trip cost will be a tax deductible donation to the Orchid Conservation Alliance, helping to preserve orchid habitats.

*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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Information: <http://penorchidsoc.org>



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## A Legacy of Orchids

SAN FRANCISCO  
ORCHID SOCIETY  
64TH ANNUAL  
PACIFIC ORCHID  
EXPOSITION

FESTIVAL PAVILION  
Fort Mason Center, San Francisco

SHOW & PLANT SALE  
February 26–28, 2016

9:00am–6:00pm (Fri/Sat)  
10:00am–5:00pm (Sun)

TICKETS  
& INFORMATION

[orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://orchidsanfrancisco.org)  
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## 64th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition Explores History, Tradition and Folklore with "A Legacy of Orchids"

### February 26-28 at Fort Mason in San Francisco

Orchids are one of the oldest plant species and date back thousands of years. Their legacy and importance in society throughout history have been noted on the Ara Pacis of Ancient Rome and in the Materia Medica, which is the oldest known Chinese pharmaceutical text.

The plant has long been a symbol of refinement, wildness and exotic discoveries, but it also represents more than just an object of beauty. For many, orchids hold special memories while others can be remnants of places and native ecosystems which sadly have been lost.

The historical significance of orchids can be further depicted in the *Angraceum sesquipedale* (pictured above) which is the official image of the 2016 show. This remarkable plant's roots are traced back to naturalist Charles Darwin, who discovered ties between its extremely long spur and a pollinator moth with a proboscis, or a head appendage, long enough to reach the nectar.

The Pacific Orchid Exposition boasts over 150,000 beautiful orchids from around the world and features docent tours, orchid potting demonstrations, cultivation tips and a diverse array of orchids for sale.

The event showcases intricate exhibits from local, national and international orchid growers, as well as vibrant displays from Orchid Societies around California. Plus, throughout the weekend there is a silent auction featuring fabulous items to bid on like wine, art, trips, and more.

The Pacific Orchid Exposition, which is the largest orchid show in the United States, is hosted by the San Francisco Orchid Society (SFOS), a 501 (c) (3) organization whose mission is to foster the culture and cultivation of orchids and to promote orchid education to its members and the public. The SFOS proudly supports local horticultural conservation efforts, including research and preservation efforts at the Conservatory of Flowers, the U.C. Botanical Garden at Berkeley and many other orchid conservation groups.

Who: San Francisco Orchid Society  
What: 64th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition, "A Legacy of Orchids"  
When: February 26-28, 2016 Fri.& Sat.: 9am-6pm, Sun.: 10am-5pm  
Where: Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion, San Francisco, Calif.  
Tickets: General Admission: \$14 advance online/\$15 at the door,  
Seniors (65+): \$11 advance online/\$12 at the door  
3 Day Pass: \$25  
Children 16 and under are free  
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