

# The BackBulb

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

August 2017



## August Speaker: Mary Gerritsen

### Slippery Tales

Description of talk: Slipper orchids (Selenipedium, Cyripedium, Phragmipedium, and Paphiopedilum) have been and continue to be some of the most prized orchid species. Over the past 15 years, Mary has traveled to many different countries to see orchids in the wild. Curiously, whenever there has been a slipper orchid involved, the trip has often involved some type of misadventure, so much so that Mary now calls it "The curse of the slipper orchid". Join Mary for a hilarious recap of her trials and tribulations involving this enchanting group of orchids.

Mary Gerritsen has been interested in orchids for over 30 years since her post-doctoral days in the late 70's in San Diego. She has worked in the biotechnology industry for many years, developing drugs for autoimmune disease, cardiovascular disease and cancer. Now semi-retired, she works as an independent biotechnology consultant and in her spare time, travels as much as she can to see orchids in habitat. In the past 15 years she has gone on orchid trips/treks to various parts of the US and Canada, as well as Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, Brazil, Borneo, Western Australia, Thailand and southern and western China. She has also traveling to various islands in the Mediterranean to photograph the terrestrial orchids. Mary enjoys writing about orchids, and is a co-author



Phragmipedium Mem. Dick Clements 'Monterey Bay'

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Upcoming Events

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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## This is John's 100th

## BackBulb for the

Society. He started

producing the BB in

December of 2008

and except for a

few summer months

has put one out

every month since.

NOTE that July will

be one of those

skipped months.

(with Ron Parsons) of two books (Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World, and A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species). Recently she completed her third orchid book, A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and Their Culture. She has also written articles for orchid magazines including Orchids, Orchid Digest and the Orchid Review. She has a collection of mostly miniature, cool growing species. Mary is past-president and currently the treasurer of the San Francisco Orchid Society and serves on the board of directors of the Orchid Conservation Alliance.



Left: Cat. summer spots 'carmela' grown by Carolyn Salmon

Right: Cymbidium lancifolium grown by John OConnell

## Upcoming Events

### August

8/7 Moday, August COS meeting

8/18-20 San Jose Orchid Exposition, Wesley United Methodist Church 566 N. 5th St. San Jose CA.

### September

There will be no regular meeting in September

9/9 Saturday COS BBQ at Carol & Daniel's home at 27525 Loma Del Rey.

## Carol's Commentary

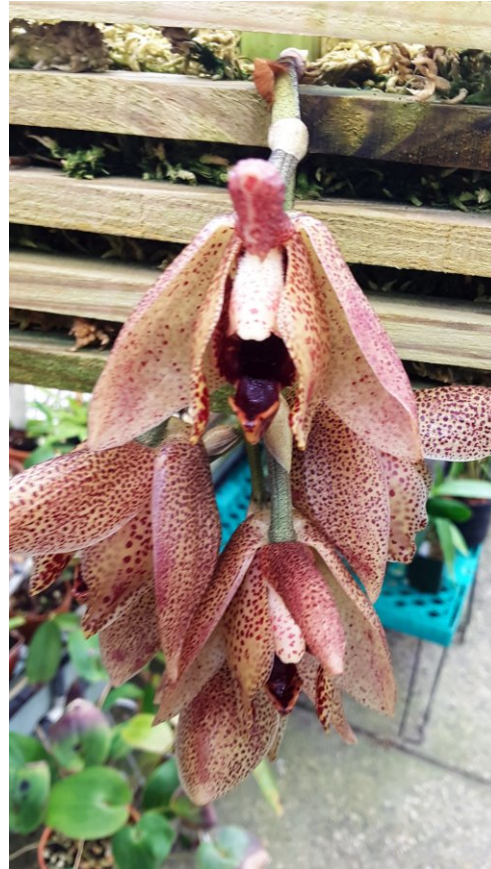
The Board of Director's and the membership would like to thank Mary Gerritsen for agreeing to be our guest speaker at our August 7, 2017 meeting. We can expect a generous plant table, so come prepared to purchase raffle tickets for the opportunity to own some very special Orchids for your collections.

The Carmel Orchid Society has been invited by the Marina Coast Water District, Water Awareness Committee, to share some booth space at the 2017 Monterey County Fair, Saturday, September 2, 2017. We would like to set up a member plant table display to attract people to the booth. Please let the Treasurer know if you have some blooming Orchids for the display. We will have the opportunity to display our banner for the 2017 Fall Orchid Festival, which will be great advertising opportunity for our Festival.

On Saturday, September 9, 2017 the Society will have the Annual BBQ at Carol & Daniel's home at 27525 Loma Del Rey, off of Carmel Valley Road. Directions will be in the September BB. There will be NO regular meeting of the Society on Monday, September 4, 2017 at the Community Church. You will be asked to bring a potluck dish to share, don't forget the serving utensil. Please bring your own beverage of choice. The Society will provide the BBQ meat as the main dish. The Board will also provide a very generous plant table, so

come prepared to purchase raffle tickets for another wonderful opportunity to own some fantastic Orchids for your collections.

## Carol



More spots from Carolyn Salmons

## COS Board of Directors Meeting

June 5, 2017

Meeting called to order after the regular monthly COS meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Members Present: Carol Easton, Daniel Bellem, Janette Ford, Carolyn Salmon, Jerry Loomis, Lesley Olsen and John OConnell.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the April 17 meeting were accepted by acclamation. There was not a board meeting in May.

Treasurer's Report: Daniel reported that the balance at the beginning of April was \$8627.49 and \$8141.49 at the end of the month. Besides regular monthly expenses, the society made a purchase of bark which will be reimbursed by members. At the end of May the balance was \$8213.49. Treasurer's reports were accepted by acclamation.

V.P. Report: Jerry has scheduled Ron Parsons and Mary Gerretson for our August meeting. There will not be a regular COS meeting in July. Carol is planning to host the BBQ at her house in September. There is not a speaker scheduled yet for October or November.

### Old Business:

There are still only three orchid vendors that are planning to come to our show in November. Carol will contact Scott Collins, Dean Haas and Yuriko (from Bay Breeze) to see if they would like to come. Carolyn will check with Brookside Orchids.

### New Business:

We talked briefly about purchasing orchids for the September BBQ. Jerry will check with McClellan, but we will probably purchase most of the plants from Matsui.

John does not plan to send out a Back Bulb in June, but he will send an email to members about upcoming shows and events.

Our next board meeting will held on August 21 at Carol Easton's house at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janette Ford



*Epidendrum parkinsonianum* or *falcatum*, I can't remember which, from John's visit to Dan Newman's greenhouse in July.

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