

The BackBulb

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

January 2018



January Speaker: Ed Nazzal

Orchids On the Inca Trail Near Machu Picchu

The Inca trail is a trail system stretching for about 25,000 miles between Ecuador and Peru. It was used by the Inca for a variety of reason including decimation of information from the various parts of the Empire by runners who could run the whole length of the trail in a week to deliver information to the officials in the Capitals. The part of the trail mostly hiked involves a 4 day hike that takes the hikers through many terrains including desert like and cloud forest and to an altitude of almost 14,000 ft. Orchids grow along most of the trail, especially on the Eastern side where orchids grow at altitudes up to 13,000 ft. Many orchids grow along the rout and depending on the time of the year few are in bloom. We encountered many orchids growing in situ epiphytically and lithiophatically. On Machu Picchu itself many orchids grow and should not be missed including Masd. veitchanna. Picture of many orchid will be shown some are still unidentified.



Ed, a retired chemist, has been growing orchids since 1984. His primary interests are in Paphs and Phrags and cool growing orchids. Ed has a small greenhouse where he grows mostly species and primary Paph and Phrag hybrids. He also grows a large variety of cool growing orchids outdoors. Ed is very interested in native orchid species of the Bay area and California. Whenever he travels, he looks for orchids. He is also very interested in orchid seed germination, has made few hybrids and developed a technique for orchid seed germination without the use of sophisticated lab equipment.

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In order to provide a selection of treats at our meetings, we are asking members with last names that start with the letter **M thru R** to **bring refreshments** to the next meeting.

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Upcoming Events

January

1/8 Monday 7PM COS January Meeting

27-28 Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale, Redwood City

February

2/5 Monday 7PM COS February Meeting

2/23-25 POE (Pacific Orchid Exposition) Golden Gate Park San Francisco

March

3/9-11 Santa Barbara international Orchid Show, Earl Warren Fair Grounds



It's a New Year

2017 is finally over, Good riddance! I think popular opinion has deemed it a lousy year, with fires, hurricanes, political news that you could mistake for tabloid news, and I fought a running battle with mealy bugs in my greenhouse... Well, with any luck at all, it's over and 2018 will be better. Not that I expect the news to be readable with out depressing me, but maybe I will get the mealy bugs under control. I have been trying some new insecticides, with some success, but I still find the little critters crawling around, just ones and twos, no massive infestation but enough to annoy me.

On a positive note, it is prime time for orchid shows with a bunch of great shows in the next three months: The Peninsula Show January 27-28, POE (San Francisco) Feb 23-25, the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show March 9-11, and smaller shows in Sonoma, Napa, and all around the Bay area. There really isn't any excuse not to attend one of these shows, see some fantastic orchids and buy something that you may have been searching for, or something you have never seen before.

The new year also brings some changes to the Society, the new board of directors contains some old faces, one new face, Jeanie Sturges, who will help us with publicity, and some job reassignments. Carol Easton steps down from President and I am taking over that job. Jerry Loomis continues as VP, Daniel Bellem as Treasurer, Janette Ford as Secretary, I am still doing the BackBulb and web site. I expect next years program to look much like this

years with our monthly meetings, September BBQ, the Orchid Festival in November, and the December Holiday party. In addition to the usual activities I hope to see the return of a July Greenhouse tour and some less formal social and educational events. If anybody out there has any opinions on what they would like to see in the way of activities, just contact me or any board member either by email or at one of our meetings.



Now back to the greenhouse, most of my Mexican Laelias are blooming and I need to keep an eye out for those pesky mealy bugs.

John

accept the minutes. Janette reported that there were twenty four

COS Board of Directors Meeting

December 11, 2017

Meeting called to order at Carol's home at 7:11.

Members Present: Carol Easton, Daniel Bellem, Janette Ford, Carolyn Salmon, Jerry Loomis, John O Connell and Susan Holm.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were presented. Daniel moved, Jerry seconded to

members present at the December general meeting on December 5 and that the slate for the 2018 board of directors was elected: John O Connell, president; Jerry Loomis, vice-president; Daniel Bellem, treasurer; Janette Ford, secretary; Carol Easton, director of 2018 Orchid Show; Jeannie Sturges, director of publicity; Leslie Olsen, Susan Holm and Carolyn Salmon, directors.

Treasurer's Report: Daniel reported that the balance at the beginning of November was \$7408.11, and \$9666.11 at the end of the month.

Income and expenses were from the Fall Show. Janette moved and Carolyn seconded to accept the report.

V.P. Report: Jerry said Ed Nazzel will be our speaker in January. He will talk about orchids on the Inca trail. He will charge \$375.00 which will include the plant table. For February Jerry has arranged to have Dan Newman. Jerry said that Jeannie Sturgis would like to prepare a logo to use for publicity of our monthly meetings.

Old Business:

We reviewed the November show and talked briefly about what went well and what didn't. Daniel will have a more detailed report of the show finances at the January meeting.

New Business:

Next meeting will be a dinner meeting on January 22 at 6:00 at John's house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Janette Ford



A Barkeria in John's greenhouse

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Show and Sale February 23-25, 2018
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