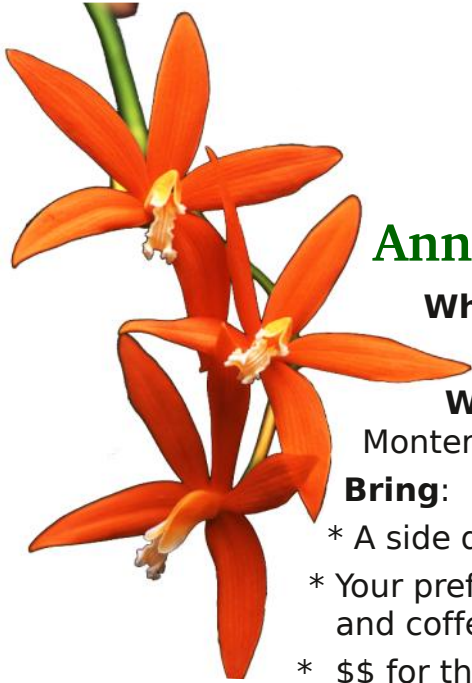


The BackBulb

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

December 2022



Annual COS Holiday party

What: Eating, revelry, and orchids

When: 6pm Monday December 5th

Where: The Church (Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula)

Bring:

- * A side dish, the society will provide Ham
- * Your preferred beverage, the society will provide water, tea and coffee
- * \$\$ for the special holiday edition plant table.
- * White Elephant gift (entirely optional)

The Holiday season is here! Every year we celebrate each other with our Holiday Potluck and an extra special plant opportunity table. This year there will be many paphiopedilums from Scott Collins estate. Some in bud! Plus a variety of plants from several vendors: Dennis Olivas (D&D Orchids), Tanya Lam, Lisa Humphries, Windswept in Time Orchids and New Vision Orchids.

The last two via John's sister Anne in Ohio. Expand your orchid collection by participating, tickets are only a dollar each.

Oh... the food is always wonderful and this year we will hold a "White Elephant" Gift exchange, a Gift Exchange with a twist. Participation is optional but if you want to have a bit of fun just bring either a gift with a value of \$10 - \$20 OR a silly White Elephant Gift (in good condition). Gifts should be wrapped (or bagged) and without anyone's name on it. Place your anonymous



Raffle table plants from Ohio

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gift in the designated area and then draw a number. When your number is called, you may either go pick a gift and unwrap it OR you may steal an already unwrapped gift from someone ahead of you. The person whose gift you stole will then either pick a new unwrapped gift or steal someone else's gift and so on.

This is really a lot of fun. Don't be afraid to channel your inner Grinch and steal away! The more participants the more fun to be had.

Upcoming Events

December

12/5 Monday COS Holiday party 6PM at the Church

January

**1/9 Monday (NOTE: this is the 2nd Monday of January)
COS January Meeting**

1/21-22 Peninsula Orchid Society Show, Community Activities
Building 1400 Roosevelt Avenue Redwood City, CA 94061

February

2/4-5 Gold Coast Cymbidium Society Annual Auction

2/6 Monday COS February Meeting

2/23 Thursday POE Preview Party

2/24-26 Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE), County Fair Building,
1199 9th Ave. Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

March

3/6 Monday COS March Meeting

3/10-12 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Earl Warren
Showgrounds, Santa Barbara

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Scenes from the COS Fall Orchid Marketplace



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Top Left: Vendors in the East breezeway on a chilly Friday morning. Photo: John OConnell

Top Right: Vendor flower. Photo Mikael Garrett

Bottom Left: Carolyn, Irene, and Janette in Member sales, Friday Morning (note the prevalence of warm jackets on the prepared people)



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Top Left: There was much debate about the actual id of John's Epidendrum. The tag, from Dan Newman who should know, said *Epidendrum radicans*, Denis Olivas, a long time AOS Judge who should also know, says it is probably an orange variety of *Epidendrum ellipticum*. John will probably change the tag.

Top Right: A vendor plant. Photo Wanda Garrett

Bottom Left: John being tempted by non-orchids.

Bottom Right: Kathie Ritter, our show chairman

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Top: Vendors in the West Breezeway

Bottom: The membership table, Amanda and Susan



COS Board of Directors meeting, Nov. 15, 2022

The meeting was held by Zoom. Attending were: John OConnell, Carolyn Salmon, Janette Ford, Kathie Ritter, Anna Narvaez-Helms, Cathy Wamsley, Irene Patton. Anna was welcomed as a new board member.

The Vice President reported that Dennis Olivas and Tanya Lam as well as Lisa Humphries contributed plants for our

plant table. Also, there are plants from the Estate of Scott Collins which were donated to our Society by his heirs. Ideas were discussed for programs for our meetings and we are hoping to invite Andy Tao to speak next year about Paphs. January will be a webinar from the AOS. Other ideas were to have AOS judges talk about what the judging process is like and to see if Tanya Lamm could give one of her talks. The Treasurer reported on the Fall Market sales and presented a

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breakdown of income and expenses. The donated plants from Scott Collin's estate were a large portion of total sales. Comparisons to last year were not available but the general feeling of the group was that this year was more profitable.

Kathie Ritter thanked everyone who worked at the Market. A special thanks goes out to Sonia Weinniger, a new member, who helped set up and break down. Much discussion was given to the non-orchid tables and the decision was made to not invite other than orchid related sellers. Kathie reminded us that the advertising for the event is difficult to evaluate but generally it was felt that the outreach and advertising were excellent. We got a boost from the Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society who promoted our Market and several of their members attended. We also noticed many folks attending from retirement groups which we invited especially. Kathie Ritter mentioned that she would like to see us have orchid judging in the future and the idea will be discussed and a committee formed in January.

The Holiday Party is December 5th at 6pm at the church. We hope Evelyne will do tabletop decorations again; Janette is bringing her holiday tablecloths, the Society is supplying plates, cups, etc. It is pot luck and Amanda will send reminders to the members about this. Kathie Ritter is preparing a ham provided by the society. We are planning for about 30 attendees. Anna suggested something new this year for the holiday party: a White Elephant gift exchange (aka

Surprise Santa, Dirty Santa) with purchased gifts not to exceed \$10 for those who wish to participate. Gifts could also include items re-gifted, gag items and anything around the house. Anna will write up the rules for the Back Bulb. John said that the new officers would be voted in at the short business meeting at the December pot luck.

The officers to be elected are: President, Amanda Nixon; VP, shared by Carolyn, Kathie Ritter and John; Treasurer, Janette Ford and Secretary, Irene Patton. Board members are Cathie Walmsly and Anna Narvaez-Helms.

The next board of directors meeting will be by Zoom on January 7th at 4pm.

Irene Patton, acting secretary



Phragmipedium Fritz Schomburg in John's greenhouse. This is a primary hybrid between **Phrag. kovachii** and **Phrag. besseae**

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CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY 2023 Membership Application

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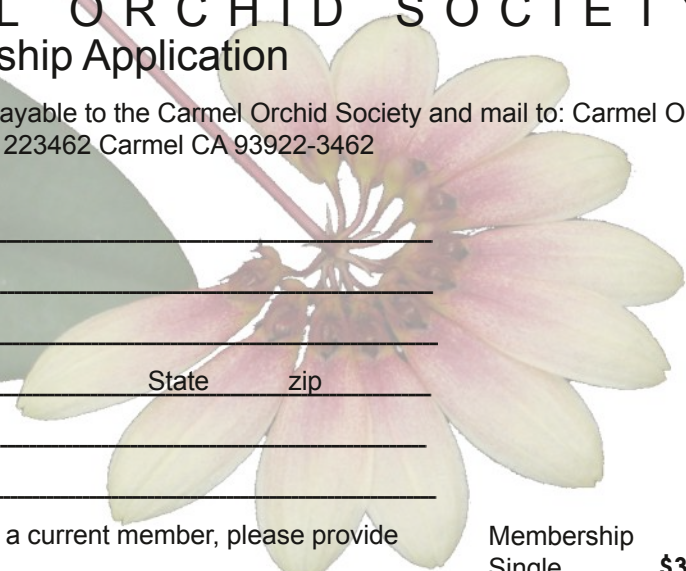
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The poster features a vintage map of Santa Barbara, California, as a background. The map includes labels for 'SANTA BARBARA', 'SIERRA DE SANTA ROSA', and 'ISLAND OF SANTA CRUZ'. A large diamond-shaped graphic contains the number '75TH'. The text 'ORCHIDS - THE ADVENTURE RETURNS' is prominently displayed in a stylized, serif font. Various orchid species are illustrated: a long stem of purple and brown orchids on the left, a cluster of pink and yellow orchids at the bottom left, and a single orchid with a green and white striped sepal and a dark brown lip on the right. A compass rose is located in the lower-left quadrant, and a pair of binoculars is in the lower-center. The entire design is framed by a grid of letters and numbers, typical of a map.

Orchid Show & Sale

Presented by the Peninsula Orchid Society

Saturday and Sunday

10 am - 5 pm, January 21-22

Admission: \$10



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