

The Backbulb

The Carmel Orchid Society

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Time for the COS Christmas Party!



Dear Friends,

It's that time of year again! Time to come and party with your fellow orchid-loving COS members and friends at the Beautiful Monterey Beach Resort at the end of Canyon del Rey on the beach.

Anyone who has attended these bashs knows about the details that make this a very special party. Bill Hale, our immediate past President, Board Member and a consummate chef, worked at the Resort for decades, and keeps an eye on the feast.

Ida Hale and her team have assembled a plant table with many gorgeous orchids for the grand raffle after dinner. The chances for you to enhance your collection are greater than ever.

The banquet hall, as you know from past parties, overlooks the beach, just a spectacular location for a festive evening.

Considering the feast, the outstanding dessert table, the location and the beautiful plant table, how could you stay away? I won't.

The Menu for the Christmas Party should start you salivating:

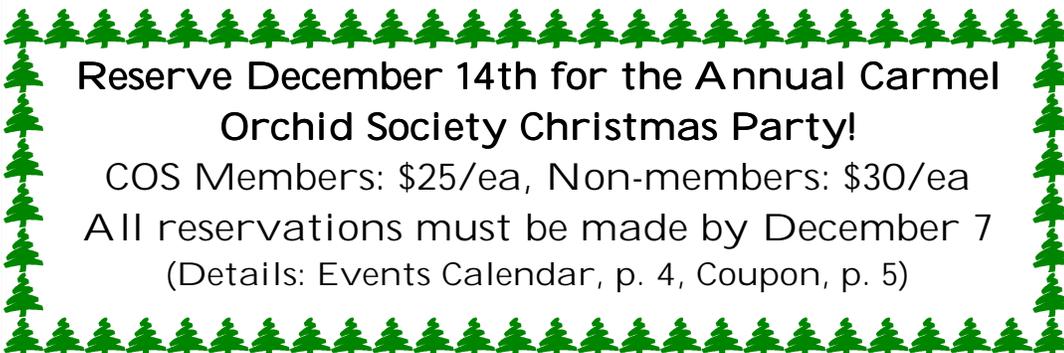
High Tide Buffet

- Mixed Organic Greens w/choice of two dressings
- Chef's Selection of Four Seasonal Salads
- Fresh Seasonal Fruit & Cheese Display
- **Fresh Salmon Filet**, *Ginger Citrus Soy Glaze*
- **Grilled Breast of Chicken**, *Papaya Relish*
- **Charbroiled London Broil**, *Wild Mushroom Demi-Glaze*
- **Chef's Fresh Seasonal Vegetables** and Starch
- Fresh Rolls and Butter
- Assorted Dessert Display
- Coffee & Tea

If you haven't yet made your reservations, use the coupon on page 5 to sign up now, or call Ida Hale at 646-8724. This is a party you don't want to miss!

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Reserve December 14th for the Annual Carmel Orchid Society Christmas Party!

 COS Members: \$25/ea, Non-members: \$30/ea

 All reservations must be made by December 7

 (Details: Events Calendar, p. 4, Coupon, p. 5)



Paph. appletonianum



Paphiopedilum Culture

Paphiopedilums, or slipper orchids, originate from the jungles of the Far East and Indonesia. They are semi-terrestrial, growing in humus and other material on the forest floor, on cliffs in pockets and occasionally in trees. They're easy to grow in the home, under lights or in the greenhouse.

LIGHT is easier to provide for "paphs", as we will call them, than many other types of orchids. They like shady conditions, as in the home in an east or west window, or near a shaded south window. In the greenhouse, heavy shade must be provided — giving them about 1,000 to 1,500 foot-candles. They are often grown under the bench, provided precautions are taken to prevent rot. Fluorescent light is excellent; use two or four tubes just over the leaves.

TEMPERATURES for paphs range considerably. Many growers separate paphs into two groups, the warm growing mottled-leaf types and the cool-growing, green-leaf types. Warm-growing types should be 60 to 65 degrees F at night and 75 to 80 degrees F or more during the day. Cool-growing types should be 50 to 60 degrees F at night, 75 to 80 degrees F during the day. Many growers grow all plants in the same temperature range with excellent results. The plants can stand night temperatures in the 40's if necessary (as when grown outside in mild climates), as well as temperatures to 95 degrees F. Care must be taken to protect the plants from rot when cold (keep humidity low, and do not let water stand on leaves or in the crowns of the plants), and also to protect from burning when hot (shade more heavily and increase humidity and air movement).

WATER must be available at the plant's roots constantly, since they have no pseudobulbs, and therefore store most of their water in their leaves. They need a moist medium — never soggy, but never dry. Water once or twice a week. Humidity for paphs should be moderate, between 40% and 50%, which can be main-

tained in the home by setting the plants on trays of gravel, partially filled with water, so that the plants never sit in water. In dry climates, misting (in the morning only) can help increase humidity. In a greenhouse, average humidity is sufficient; spraying the floor or using an evaporative cooling system in warm climates can increase the humidity. Air movement is essential, especially when humidity is high.

FERTILIZER must be applied on a regular schedule, but care must be taken to avoid burning of the fleshy, hairy roots. High-nitrogen fertilizers (like 30-10-10) are recommended when potted in any fir bark mix. In warm weather, some growers use half-strength applications every two weeks; others use ¼ strength every watering. It's important to flush with clear water monthly to leach excess fertilizer, which can burn roots. In cool weather, fertilizer applications once a month are sufficient.

POTTING should be done about every two years, or as the medium decomposes. Seedlings are often repotted annually. Mixes vary tremendously; most are fine- and/or

medium-grade fir bark, with varying additives — perlite (sponge-rock), coarse sand, sphagnum moss, etc. Moisture retention with excellent drainage is needed. Divide large plants by pulling or cutting the fans of the leaves apart, into clumps of three to five growths. Smaller divisions will grow, but may not bloom as well. Spread the roots over a small amount of medium in the bottom of the pot and fill with medium, so that the junction of roots and stem is buried ½" deep in the center of the pot. Do not overpot; an average plant should have a 4 to 6" pot.

Courtesy of the Education Committee, American Orchid Society, 6000 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33405 (407) 585-8666.



Paph. argus



Photograph courtesy Shirley West



Photograph courtesy Pat Landee

Treasurer's Report, October, 2003

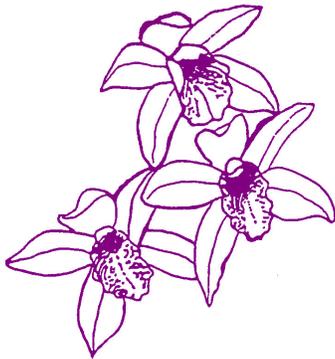


Checkbook Balance on October 1	\$4,613.68
October income	217.00
October expenses	(741.48)
Checkbook Balance on October 31	\$4,089.20
CD balance on October 15 was	\$7,526.79

A Reminder ... If you are enrolling as a new member, or are simply renewing your membership, please make sure that we have your **current** address and telephone number (and email, if you have one). We want to make sure you get your *Backbulb* regularly! Use the form below to make any changes, please.

Carmel Orchid Society, Inc.

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Monthly meetings at 7:30 PM on the first Monday of each month (Except September and December) at the First Presbyterian Church of Monterey, 501 EI Dorado, Monterey. Membership **\$ 15.00** for a single or **\$ 20.00** for two at the same address, **\$ 25.00** Vendor membership. Please make checks payable to the Carmel Orchid Society and mail to:

Carmel Orchid Society—Membership
P. O. Box 2454
Monterey, CA 93942

Application for Membership — Please print

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email address _____

Member of the
American Orchid Society?
Yes No

New Member Renewal



Upcoming Events

Carmel Orchid Society Annual Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14, 2003, 6:00-10:00pm
At the Monterey Beach Hotel, Canyon Del Rey
and Highway 1, Monterey, CA

Our traditional Christmas Party will be held at a familiar and spectacular venue, right on the beach at the end of Canyon Del Rey. A sumptuous buffet, decadent dessert table, gorgeous plant table, spectacular location and excellent fellowship will all be available. Make your reservations early for the Society's "Event of the Year"! COS Members: **\$25/ea**, Non-members: **\$30/ea**. (coupon p.5)

Carmel Orchid Society Monthly Meeting (Note: The Christmas Party takes the place of the December Monthly Meeting)

Monday, January 5, 2003, at 7:30pm

The First Presbyterian Church
510 El Dorado Street
Monterey, CA 93940

Speaker: Douglas B. Pulley. (see bio on page 1)
Bill Hale will be do a potting demonstration before the meeting, at 6:45pm. This month, he will be repotting phalaenopsis. Plan on attending this always educational demonstration.

Monterey Bay Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2003, at 6:30pm
(second Tuesday of every month)

At the Community Bank, Community Room,
6th Floor, 301 Main Street, Salinas, CA. Entrance on Alisal. For more information, call (408) 375 6871.

Carmel Orchid Society January Board of Directors' Meeting

Monday, January 19, 2004 at 7:30pm
At Carolyn and Jeff Salmon's home:
1520 David Avenue, Monterey. Tel: 375 3748

Newly Adopted COS Bylaws

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. THE NAME of this corporation shall be Carmel Orchid Society, Inc., hereafter referred to as the Society.

Section 2. THE PURPOSE of the Society shall be to stimulate interest in the study of plants of the family Orchidaceae, to promote the conservation of native orchids, and to acquire and disseminate to members and the public at large, practical and scientific information regarding the collection, culture, hybridization, propagation, and appreciation of these plants.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP is available to any person interested in the objectives of the Society. It is divided into four classes: 1) Single, 2) Joint, 3) Life, 4) Honorary.

Section 2. SINGLE MEMBERSHIP is open to individuals. Single members may participate in all activities of the Society, shall pay dues, and exercise the membership voting power of the Society.

Section 3. JOINT MEMBERSHIP is available to two or more members of the same household. Each joint member has the same rights and privileges as a single member.

Section 4. LIFE MEMBERSHIP is available to any individual member upon the payment of prescribed dues in one lump sum. This exempts him/her from the payment of any further dues for life.

Section 5. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP is bestowed upon active presidents of other orchid societies that reciprocate the courtesy, or as an expression of the Society's special esteem, upon occasional individuals selected by the Board of Directors for their prominence in the growing or study of orchids, or for some service to the Society. No honorary member may vote or hold office.

Section 6. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP may be made to the treasurer and accompanied by dues for the current year.

Section 7. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP because of conduct deemed prejudicial to the good of the Society may be decreed after a complete hearing before the Board of Directors and on the vote of seven of eight directors of the board. The membership of any person, over three months in arrears in dues shall be terminated automatically.

Section 8. GUESTS are welcome at meetings, but they are expected to apply for membership if they become regular attendees. Individuals are entitled to attend three meetings as guests in any one year.

Section 9. ANNUAL ROSTER Each Member shall receive an annual roster of the society.

ARTICLE III. DUES

Section 1. ANNUAL DUES of the Society shall be for the calendar year. They are payable on the first of January and become delinquent after the date of the May Faire or the first weekend in May.

Section 2. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS is authorized to modify the annual dues as deemed necessary.

Section 3. INITIAL DUES for new members joining the Society between January 1 and June 30 shall be 100% of the normal annual dues; new members joining between July 1 and September 30 shall be 60% of the annual dues; new members joining after September 30 shall pay 40% of the annual dues.

Section 4. DUES FOR JOINT MEMBERSHIP shall be 150% of a single membership dues for the first two members of a family group and another 50% for any additional member.

Section 5. DUES FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP shall be 15 times the annual dues.

Section 6. HONORARY MEMBERS are exempt from payment of dues.

ARTICLE IV. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. THE BUSINESS OF THE SOCIETY shall be transacted by the Board of Directors composed of the president, vice-president, recording secretary, treasurer, four directors, AOS representative and the annual May Faire coordinator. The Back Bulb editor shall be an ex-officio member of the board without a vote.

Section 3. THE FOUR ELECTED DIRECTORS and the Treasurer shall hold office for a term of two years. Two directors will be elected one year and two directors will be elected in the next subsequent election. All other officers shall be elected to a term of one year.

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January Goodies Volunteers

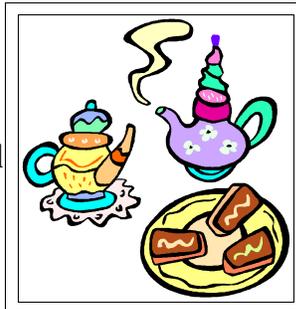
There will be no goodies for December, since the Annual COS Christmas Party will take the place of the regular meeting. Our faithful **Ellie Mamon**, however, tells me that our January Goodies Volunteers will be:

**Sylvia and Linda
Carol Easton
Tom Bremser
Diana Y. Paul
Emelita Harvey**

As always, we are grateful to our nurturing November volunteers,

Elizabeth Coelho, Pat Landee, Frances Richardson, Geva Arcanin and Ellie Mamon who brought treats to our last meeting.

If you haven't volunteered lately, you might think about returning the favor that those who provide do for us. Thanks.



Christmas Party Signup Coupon

Please sign me up for the COS Christmas Party on December 14th, 6:00pm-10:00pm at the Monterey Beach Resort.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Number of Members _____ (\$25 each)

Number of non-members _____ (\$30 each)

Please return this coupon with a check made payable to the Carmel Orchid Society to Ida Hale, The Carmel Orchid Society, P. O. Box 2454, Monterey, CA 93942 no later than December 7, 2003.

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Section 4. TERMS OF OFFICERS and DIRECTORS shall be limited to three consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 5. AOS REPRESENTATIVE shall serve a term of not more than five years.

Section 6. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS shall be as follows: The President is responsible for conducting the general business of the society; the Vice-President is responsible for the regular monthly programs of the Society and shall preside in the absence of the President and succeed in that office if it becomes vacant; the Recording Secretary is responsible for the keeping the minutes of the Board meetings; the Treasurer is responsible for keeping the financial records of the Society; the May Faire Coordinator is responsible for the annual May Faire. All officers and directors may have other duties assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE OFFICERS shall be voluntary and without compensation.

Section 8. DISBURSEMENT OF MONEY shall be by checks in the name of the Society, signed by two of the signatories designated by the board. Business matters which relate to the purchases, sale or encumbrance of property of the Society and involving amounts in excess of \$1,000 must be approved by the general membership at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS shall be held at approximately monthly intervals at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall determine. No meeting is to be scheduled on a legal holiday. Notice of these meetings shall be included in the Backbulb, the bulletin of the Society, as well as posted on the Carmel Orchid Society web site and may either be mailed to all members or downloaded from the web site by the members.

Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD shall be held at least eight (8) times a year or more often if necessary. A quorum shall consist of seven members.

Section 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD may be called at any time and place by the President, Secretary, or any three Board members. Notice of such special meetings shall be given personally or by mail to each Board member at least two days before the meeting.

Section 4. STANDING RULES shall be reviewed and established on an annual basis.

Section 5. INSTANCES OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST shall be stated by a board member and that member shall abstain from voting on the specific matter.

Section 6. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY at all meetings of the members or of the Board of Directors shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

Section 1. A NOMINATING COMMITTEE consisting of two members of the Board and a minimum of two members at large shall be appointed by the President. It shall be the duty of the committee to present a slate of nominees at the October meeting. Additional nominations for any of the elective positions may be made from the floor. Consent must be given prior to presenting a name in nomination.

Section 2. ELECTION OF ALL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS shall be by written ballot or by oral vote with the consent of members present at the November general meeting. Proxies shall not be allowed.

Section 3. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS shall take place at or prior to the January meeting of members.

Section 4. UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE OF DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS which occur during any given year shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The tenure of such appointees shall be until the next annual election of the Society.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Section 1. THE BYLAWS may be adopted, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting provided such action was proposed and read at the previous meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1. In the event of the dissolution of this society all properties will be sold and the monies received donated to another local orchid society or to the American Orchid Society.



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