



The Backbulb

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Christmas Party Parking Details

The Monterey Beach Hotel has erected a gate to control their parking lot. When you enter take the ticket and be sure to bring it with you to the party. At the end of the party a hotel representative will be available to validate your ticket.

You will then need to go to the parking ticket dispenser located on the 2nd floor (Lobby Floor) near the eleva-

tors and next to the ATM machine to complete the second step.

Put your ticket in the machine to be re-validated, and the ticket will be dispensed back to you. Insert this ticket in the gate as you leave, you will not be charged for parking. The ticket will be good for 15 minutes from the time you get it out the machine, so don't chat too much on the way out.

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January Speaker

Scott Collins

[Echo Valley Orchids](#)

Christmas Party
6:00 to 10:00 PM, December 10
Monterey Beach Hotel
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Reed-Stem Epidendrums

These little jewels can be some of the most rewarding of all orchids. In Southern California they will survive outside with very little effort. Sure they will freeze back some when it frosts, but they will branch and come back even stronger for it.

The flowers if looked at carefully are a perfect miniature of the larger Cattleya orchids. The flowers come in bunches on the end of the stems, but the stem keeps getting longer and longer so that flowers are produced almost all year round. Only a frost will stop them.

These grow great in full sun in planter bed with excellent drainage. Beds

are usually raised to provide that extra drainage an orchid needs. The plant grows long and tall and flowers almost every inch of the way. A planter mix that is full of bark and humus will work very well. Foliar feeding will work best, as many of the roots are above the soil. They will take their nutrition from the water as it passes.

Many people grow Reed Stem Epidendrums in a large wooden box or clay tub out on the patio, again in full sun. If you want them to grow strong and healthy, lots of sun will do it. Without strong sun they have a tendency to grow tender and weak. Tying them up is a necessity as they will not stand by themselves if it is too shady. Even in full sun it is a good idea to have a strong

stake in the center of the plant. Most of the time they won't need it, but a strong wind will bend them over without it.

The most common color is orange, but they are found in a wide variety of color

now. You will find in your travels, orange, pink, red, bright red, lavender, etc., if you just ask around a little.

They have been widely hybridized with other compatible orchids and there are many things on the market now capitalizing on the hardiness of these plants. Epi-catt is probably the most prevalent, with some producing flowers two or three inches across. This type of hybrid brings the

plant size down considerably, and also the flower count drops. The flowers however are much bigger and wider color range can be found.

If you visit the San Diego Zoo on the third Friday of any month, you will find several planters filled with these orchids all around the greenhouse area. They are also scattered through out the Zoo here and there. The planters near the greenhouse area have been there for many years and contain just about all the colors available. Flowers can be seen any time of the year with spring through fall being the heaviest flowering time.

For more information on reed-stem epi's go to the [AOS article](#) by Andy Phillips and Cynthia Hill.





2007 Dues

Isn't it amazing how fast the time to pay your dues rolls around. We are going to have the same deal again this year, if you pay your dues before the Christmas Party you will be eligible for a special drawing of a REALLY nice plant at the Christmas Party.

If you joined the Society during the fourth quarter of 2006, your dues are paid for next year.

Treasurer's Report October, 2006



Checkbook Balance on Oct 1	\$ 8,733.54
Oct Income	286.00
Oct Expense	(917.26)
Checkbook Balance on Oct 31	\$ 8,102.28
CD balance on Oct 15 was	\$8,038.56

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.

2007 Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the Carmel Orchid Society and mail to:

Carmel Orchid Society—Membership
c/o Lori Siegmund
180 Alta Mira Court, Aptos, CA 95003-4903

Membership Type	Receive Newsletter via E-Mail	Receive Newsletter via US Mail
Single	\$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Couple	\$30.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Vendor	\$30.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

Application for Membership — Please print

Date _____

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Member of the
American Orchid Society?

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Yes No

Email address _____

New Member Renewal



Upcoming Events

Check Our Website For More Events

Next Regular Carmel Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:30pm

******* (Note that this is the second Monday)*******

(First Monday of every month)

The First Presbyterian Church

501 El Dorado Street, Monterey, CA

93940

Carmel Orchid Society Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2007, at 7:00pm

The meeting will be held at the home of Lori Siegmund.

Monterey Bay Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 7:00pm

(Second Tuesday of every month)

At the Lincoln Ave Presbyterian Church,

536 Lincoln Ave, Salinas, CA. For

more information, call (831) 663-3953.

Carmel Orchid Society Christmas Party

December 10, 2006, 6 to 10 pm. Monterey Beach Hotel See Pages 1 and 6 for more details.

Orchid Mania Open Greenhouse & Clearance Sale

Hundreds of hybrid Cattleya, Paphiopedilums, Oncidium, Miltonia, Phalaenopsis and Cymbidiums available. Hundreds of high-quality hybrid Vanda alliance plants from renowned Thai nursery Suphachadiwong Orchids—many in spike.

And as always—an extensive collection of hard to find species of Masdevallias, Dendrochilums, Dendrobiums, Pleurothallids and many more.

Dec. 10, 2006; 11am-3pm, 717 Paris, cross street Italy, San Francisco, CA (415) 841-1678 (see www.orchids.org for complete driving directions)

Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale



Orchid Roundup January 6-7, 2007

Saturday and Sunday 10 am-5 pm

Community Activities Building

1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Redwood City, CA

Featuring Show Exhibit of Incredible Orchids, Orchid Vendors, Informative Seminars, Member Sales, and Orchid Art

Admission \$5 Adults, \$3 Seniors, Disabled & Children 12-16

Information: <http://penorchidsoc.org>

Telephone: 650-361-8658

New Board of Directors

At the November meeting the New Board of Directors, proposed by the nominating committee was approved by the general membership.

First we would like to thank Pat Landee and Jud Grubbs for their outstanding service to the society and wish them a speedy return to active service. Welcome Joanie Linares as our new Secretary and Elizabeth Coelho as a new Director. Ken Ashton, Carol Easton, Ida Hale, Susan Segal and Lori Siegmund continue on the Board, but with new responsibilities. The society thanks all Board Members for their past service and wishes them well in their new posts.



Orchid Growing Tips

By Carolyn Salmon

It is clear and cold as I write this month's tips column. We have all been told that our cymbidiums are very cold hardy down to 28 degrees. However, if they are in spike and the buds are out of the sheaths, they will not survive that kind of cold. So when it gets down into the thirties, it is a good idea to protect those spiking cym.

As we approach the shortest days of the year, we notice how drastically the sun angle has changed. In my house, the sun is so low that it comes much further into my sun facing windows. I pay attention to this because I find many of my indoor orchids now get direct sun. The sun is so much weaker that this seems to be okay for many plants. Here is the test: Touch those sun drenched leaves, if they remain cool, you are okay. If they feel warm to the touch, the leaf has lost it's ability to regulate it's internal temperature. It will sustain burn damage and cannot be left in direct winter sunshine.

I came across a great orchid website at www.winterview.com. It is loaded with information, culture and articles about Asian cymbidiums, plants for sale too.

Our short days have less than 10 hours of daylight. Many high intensity orchids like Cattleya, Epidendrum, Dendrobiums and Oncidiums like 12 to 14 hours of daylight to continue normal growth. One option is to grow these plants under artificial lights during the winter to make up for the loss of daylight.

Our water gets very chilled in the winter months. If you have a smaller collection, try watering your orchids with water that approaches 76 degrees. Your plants will

love this and you avoid cold water shock.

Once we turn on our heat systems in our homes, chances are that along with cool sunny days, the humidity drops considerable. It is a good time to get creative and provide that extra humidity for your indoor orchids, through humidity trays and anything that puts evaporating water near your plants. I have been known to prowl the thrift shops for bundt pans...plant container in the center surrounded by a moat.

There are so many more if you go exploring the internet. We will have a fabulous plant table for the Christmas party. I hope to see you there. Happy Holidays.

Carolyn Salmon, cargie@yahoo.com

Goodies Providers

Helping Ellie Mamon with the November refreshments were: Geva Arcanin, Elizabeth Coelho, Carol Easton, Ida & Bill Hale and Frances Richardson.

Goodies for the January meeting will be provided by the Board Members. Thank you all for supporting your society.





Christmas Party Menu

The Sea Breeze Buffet

Organic Romaine & Baby Greens x/House Vinaigrette & Ranch Dressings
House-Made Croutons & Assorted Toppings
Chief's Selection of Three Assorted Seasonal Salads
Fresh Seasonal Fruit and Cheese Display
Charbroiled London Broil with Forest Mushroom Demi-Glaze
Chicken Piccata with Lemon Butter Caper Sauce
Penne Pasta Primavera w/Fresh Seasonal Vegetables with a Light Crème Sauce
Chief's Seasonal Vegetables & Starch
Bakery Fresh Rolls and Butter
Assorted Dessert Display
Coffee, Decaf, and Tea

Dinner will be served from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
No Host Bar will operate from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

From Our President

I would like to thank everyone for getting to the November meeting early so we could start by 7:00. I think that everyone will agree that Fred Clarke's presentation was one of the best presentations that we have had in recent history.

I hope that everyone is looking forward to our Christmas Party which will be this Sunday; the menu is on page 6.

Everyone should note that the January meeting will be on the second Monday, January 8th as the first Monday is New Years Day. The speaker will be Scott Collins of Echo Valley Orchids.

As this is my last message as your President, I would like to thank all of the members who attend our regular meetings, most especially those who lend a hand with the setup and cleanup of the hall and supplying our refreshments. A special "thank you" to Ellie Mamon for coordinating our refreshments, Kazuko and John Mockett for running our raffle and Peggy Purchase for taking care of the Cymbidiums at the Hospice Center. Peggy and The Mocketts are retiring their long held positions. And finally my fellow board members for their dedication to the Society; their work goes unseen but is essential.

Ken Ashton, President