



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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Christmas Party
6:00 to 10:00 PM, December 9
Monterey Beach Hotel
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January Speaker

Ron Parsons

PHOTOGRAPHER

Ron Parsons is considered by many to be one of the finest flower photographers in the United States. His photography and encyclopedic knowledge of orchids is known both nationally and internationally. He has been photographing orchids, wildflowers, and almost every other kind of plant for over 25 years, and has a slide collection that numbers well over 80,000 slides! Ron loves to travel, photograph orchids and wildflowers *in situ*, visit orchid and other plant enthusiasts collections, and most of all, to take photographs of plants and flowers that he likes.

Ron's photos have been featured in journal articles, [book covers](#), and in several books.

SPEAKER

Ron is a popular speaker, and gives talks frequently on a variety of orchid-related topics, as well as on California wildflowers, cacti and succulents, carnivorous plants, gesneriads and bromeliads. Ron is often asked to present the "show and tell" plants at orchid meetings. He is always full of up to date taxonomic information, culture requirements, and other little known facts about the species and hybrids that members bring in.

Ron's talks feature his beautiful color slides of the subject matter, in-depth information, and first-hand knowledge about the species discussed.

GROWER

Not only does Ron photograph plants, but he has been growing orchids, cacti, and bromeliads for over thirty years, and carnivorous plants for ten. He grows an assortment of cool growing species under lights at his home in South San Francisco and a few more at an unheated greenhouse at his parents home in Burlingame. His collection is beautifully grown, and often the plants featured in his talks are from his own collection. He willingly shares his knowledge about plant habitats and suggestions for culture with all who are interested.

BULBOPHYLLUMS

Although this huge genus of over a thousand species is in a state of taxonomic disarray, most growers can at least identify them in bloom as a *Bulbophyllum* due to the hinged lip (and often malodorous flowers). These plants are popular with many hobbyists due to their fantastic blooms of many shapes, sizes, colors, and textures. *Bulbophyllums* are found on every continent where orchids grow, but the majority are found in tropical Asia. Usually considered to be warm or hot growing, there are many that will grow intermediate and even some that are cool tolerant. This presentation features a nice cross-section of this amazing group of orchids.



2008 Dues

Isn't it amazing how fast the time to pay your dues rolls around.

If you have not yet paid your 2007 dues, it must be paid before you will be able to attend the Christmas Party at the member price.

If you joined the Society during the fourth quarter of 2007, your dues are paid for next year.

Member Passes

Emily Larsen, most recently of Gilroy, passed away while in the hospital following surgery this month. She had been sick for so long, she didn't have any reserves left.

Treasurer's Report October, 2007

Checkbook Balance on Oct. 1	\$5,126.06
Oct. Income	363.00
Oct. Expense	(1,168.27)
Checkbook Balance on Oct. 31	\$4,320.79
 MM balance on Oct. 31 was	 \$10,327.80

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.

2008 Membership Application

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

**Carmel Orchid Society—Membership
c/o Shirley West
P. O. Box 2454, Monterey, CA 93942**

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

Carmel Orchid Society Christmas Party
Sunday **December 9, 2007, 6 to 10pm.** Monterey Beach Hotel, See page 6 for sign-up.

Carmel Orchid Society Monthly Meeting
Monday, **January 7, 2008 at 7:00pm** (First Monday of Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., Jun., Jul., Aug., Oct. & Nov.) The First Presbyterian Church
501 El Dorado Street, Monterey, CA 93940

Carmel Orchid Society Board of Directors Meeting Monday, **January 21, 2008, at 7:00pm**
The meeting will be held at the home of Carol Easton, Loma Del Rey, Carmel-By-the-Sea, CA 93923 (831)625-1565

Monterey Bay Orchid Society Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, **January 8, 2008 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.

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show
December 8-9, 2007 Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2599 Puesta del Sol Rd., show free with museum admission. More info to come in November! www.orchidsb.net

Hale Greenhouse Orchid Sale
December 10 to 15, 2007, 10am to 4pm. See page 5 for details.

Peninsula Orchid Soc. Annual Show & Sale
January 5-6, 2007, 10AM – 5PM, Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City. For More information, visit the POS website: <http://penorchidsoc.org/events/html> or contact Dennis Olivas at 925-969-1246.

Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show: January 23-27 Soquel High School, 401 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel.

March 19 to April 4, 2008 Thailand Tour
(description at www.classicorchid.com) Contact Lee Bredeson, V.P., Deep South Orchid Society, PO Box 21217, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925 lee@classicorchid.com

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 the following retiring board members: Lori Siegmund for her time as our Membership Coordinator and the work that she did on our 2007 Roster, Susan Segal for her outstanding work as MayFaire Coordinator, Ida Hale and Jim Nybakken for their many years of outstanding service to the society. Welcome Marilyn Uribe as our new Treasurer, Geva Arcanin, Jaclyn Kinney and Mimi Schramm as new Directors. Sharon Ashton, Ken Ashton and Shirley West continue on the Board, but with new responsibilities. Elizabeth Coelho, Carol Easton, Joanie Linares and Carolyn Salmon will continue in their current positions. The society thanks all Board Members for their past service and wishes them well in their new posts.

Proposes Changes to Society By-Laws

The following proposed changes to the COS By-laws were presented at the November regular meeting and will be voted on at the January regular meeting on January 7, 2008.

ARTICLE III. DUES

Section 1. ANNUAL DUES of the Society shall be for the calendar year. They are payable from November 1st of the preceding year and become delinquent after March 1st of the current year. If dues are not received by May 1st the membership will be terminated and the member dropped from the roster.



2007 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
 Chief's Seasonal Vegetables & Starch
 Charbroiled London Broil with Forest Mushroom Demi-Glaze
 Penne Pasta Primavera w/Fresh Seasonal Vegetables with a Light Crème Sauce
 Fresh Salmon Filet, Ginger Citrus Soy Glaze
 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 hope that everyone is looking forward to our Christmas Party which will be next Sunday; the menu is above. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible, the sign-up is on page 6.

I would like to thank Carolyn Salmon for filling-in for me at the November meeting. Thank you for your understanding.

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 and Ida Hale & Susan Segal for running our Plant Table Raffle.

Carol Easton

January Goodies Providers

Goodies for the November meeting will be provided by:

- Your 2008 Officers and Board of Directors



Thank You to those who supported last month.

Hale Orchid Sale

Bill and Ida Hale will be selling many of their orchids from their greenhouse which is just off Carmel Valley Road at Meadows Road. They are planning on being at their greenhouse on December 10th through the 15th, between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. They will be at the Christmas Party on the 9th and you can make arrangements with them then or by calling (831) 224-3755.



2008 Officers of the Carmel Orchid Society

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Christmas Party Sign-up Coupon

Please sign me up for the COS Christmas Party on December 9th, 6:00pm - 10:00pm at the Monterey Beach Resort.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Number of Members _____ (\$30 each)

Number of non-members _____ (\$45 each)

Please return this coupon with a check made payable to the Carmel Orchid Society **no later than December 1, 2007** to:

Sharon Ashton
The Carmel Orchid Society
26966 Laureles Grade Road
Carmel Valley, CA 93924-9244



Hale Orchids for Sale

