



# The Backbulb

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## January Speaker

# Ron Parsons

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.

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.

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## Cultural tips for Bulbophyllum

Most BULBOPHYLLUMS, including the CIRRHOPETALUMS, are easier to grow mounted and present a more natural appearance. Most are rambling growers and resent being disturbed; however, they do not seem to mind an occasional clipping of a few unruly leads to keep them neat.

In growing most Bulbos, we have found sphagnum moss pads mounted on the back side of cork slabs to be an excellent growing method. The recurved shape of the cork retains more moisture in the moss pad, which the Bulbos love. The easiest method is to tie the plant with 6 lb test nylon fishing line. There are almost as many ways of mounting Bulbos as there are Bulbonuts.

After the plant has recovered from its self imposed pout and the new roots have gained a foothold, the fishing line can be removed. The fishing line does seem to injure the Bulbos, and is not usually left in place. Other mounting materials are wood slabs, driftwood, cactus wood, tree fern plaques, TF pots, TF totems, and TF balls. Wood baskets with moss or osmunda pads are a close second choice.

If a potted Bulbo is your choice, they will enjoy any loose well drained media. The bulk of Bulbos have numerous short roots which do not penetrate the media deeply, so shallow media is a must to avoid root rots.

Most Bulbos are in continual growth, except for a brief rest in the cool of the winter. They usually bloom on the matured new growth. If there is a peak bloom period it would probably be spring and early fall.

The majority of Bulbos are comfortable in a temperature range of 45F to 95F. Some

of the higher elevation Bulbos, such as those from the Himalayas and New Guinean mountains prefer cool temperatures for part of the year and can be a little difficult in warmer areas.

Preferred light conditions are bright shade. If adjusted slowly, full morning sun up to noon is enjoyed by most Bulbos. If you can comfortably read a newspaper without squinting or straining to see then you have the right light.

Bulbos prefer to be evenly moist, except a slight drying in the winter. During growth period, the Bulbos should be given heavy waterings, so they are never dry.

Because of the wet conditions loved by the Bulbos, fungus can be a problem. A monthly preventative spray of your favorite fungicide is desirable to ward off problems.

Good air movement is a must to keep leaf fungus down, because of the heavy watering regime.

Fertilization is simple - Bulbos love to eat. 1/4 strength at each watering is sure to keep them happy. Organic fertilizers, such as fish emulsion, cow manure teas are enjoyed as well as salt based fertilizers. If you use the salt based fertilizers ensure no salt residue are left in the roots. Always flush, with clear water, monthly to protect the short tender roots from fertilizer burn.

While not insect resistant, bulbos seem to rarely be bothered by insects other than an occasional scale or mealy bug infestation, which can be easily handled by a 70% isopropyl alcohol and soap drench, or your favorite insecticide.



## 2008 Dues

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

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

## Christmas Party

A brief report on the Christmas Party: 74 people paid, 2 dinners were free (Bill & Ida), 5 people paid but didn't attend and 76 dinners were reserved and charged to COS. Plants cost (inc. tickets & mileage) \$933.33, raffle generated \$560.00, net cost = \$372.33. Total cost to COS \$1,254.22.

## Treasurer's Report November, 2007

Checkbook Balance on Nov. 1	<b>\$4,290.79</b>
Nov. Income	3,089.00
Nov. Expense	(782.03)
Checkbook Balance on Nov. 30	<b>\$6,597.76</b>
 MM balance on Nov. 30 was	 <b>\$10,368.35</b>

**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	<b>\$20.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>\$25.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Couple	<b>\$30.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>\$35.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Vendor	<b>\$30.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>\$35.00</b> <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 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 28, 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.

#### 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.

**19th World Orchid Conference: January 23-27, 2008** Sheraton Miami Mart Hotel, Exhibition Center, Miami, FL. Info: [www.19woc.com](http://www.19woc.com)

**Sonoma County Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale: Santa Rosa: February 2-3** Sat: 10 AM – 5 PM, Sun: 10 AM – 4 PM. Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa (across from the Fairgrounds). Visit [www.sonomaorchids.com](http://www.sonomaorchids.com).

**63rd Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show: February 29-March 2, 2008**, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9 am – 5 pm. Earl Warren Showground's, 3400 Calle Real, This year's theme is 'Orchid Fever'

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

**San Francisco Orchid Society—Pacific Orchid Exposition, February 28—March 2:** Ft. Mason Center Festival Pavilion, San Francisco, CA. <http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/poe.html>

## Upcoming Changes to Society Meetings

After much deliberation, your Board of Directors has voted to make several changes to our monthly meeting calendar.

Starting with our January meeting we will no longer be using the kitchen facilities and refreshments will consist of easily served finger food and bottled water.

We will no longer have a June Birthday Party Potluck Dinner but will have a regular meeting instead.

The September event will combine the Greenhouse Tour / BBQ and the Birthday Party Potluck, the event will be called "Orchid Summer

Fest".

We will also be implementing a new twist on the show and tell segment of our regular meetings. Since Bill and Ida won't be participating we will need to encourage members to bring in their plants for show and tell.

The new Show, Tell and Sell will give people a chance to sell their orchids when they are in bloom and show them off at the same time. They will be then obligated to donate ten percent to the society. They can sell the plant during the raffle time of the meeting if there is any interest.



## 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.

## From Our President

I hope that everyone is looking forward to the New Year as much as your 2008 Board of Directors is.

Page 4 outlines changes that the Board has approved. These changes were made in an effort to reduce our operating costs. The extra charge for the use of the kitchen at the church was \$50.00 per meeting and the June Pot-Luck was \$180.00. These few changes should save the Society \$580.00 this year. The "Orchid Summer Fest" should prove to be an event that the entire membership can enjoy.

I would like to thank Sharon Ashton for organizing the Christmas party that I think we all consider a success.

Sharon has asked me to thank all those who helped with the preparation as well as those who were so helpful that night.

*Carol Easton*

President

## January Goodies Providers

Goodies for the January meeting will be provided by:

- Your 2008 Officers and Board of Directors



Thank You to all those who provided goodies last year.

## Proposed 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.



## 2008 Officers of the Carmel Orchid Society

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## 2007 Christmas Party



