

# The BackBulb

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

November 2012



## October Speaker: Ed Nazzal

### Orchids Encountered while Traveling in Central America

Ed has been growing orchids since 1984. He grows most of his collection outdoors, but he has a small greenhouse for species and primary hybrids of paphs, phrags and other tropical species.

The next meeting is on **Monday November 5th, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.

Besides the exotics, Ed travels locally and internationally to see and photograph orchids. Local hikes takes him to the natives of the Bay Area and California while trips to Central America expose him to hundreds of orchids in their native habitats.

Ed is also interested in the orchid propagation, and has been making a variety of hybrids, taking them from flask, to compot, to bloom.

In order to provide a better selection of treats at our meetings, the board is asking members with last names that start with the letter **S thru Z** to **bring refreshments** to our November meeting.



Carolyn showing off a Maxillaria.

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## Upcoming Events

### November

11/3-4, Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show and Sale, Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4. Soquel High School, 401 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA 95073 <http://santacruzorchidsociety.org>

11/3-4 The Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Annual Fall Open House

### 11/5 COS November Meeting

11/17-18 D&D Flowers Fall Open House. Food & Fun from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Really good deals... priced to sell.

### December

12/3 COS Holiday Potluck.



A typical board meeting...

## COS 2013 Board of Directors Nominations

**John OConnell** – President, BackBulb editor, Website editor.

**Kathie Ritter** – Vice President.

**Janette Ford** – Recording Secretary

**Daniel Bellem** – Treasurer

**Carol Easton** – Director, membership and publicity

**Lesley Olsen, Jeanette Brown, Lori Schluenz** – Directors

## Fall Chores

Fall is here, we have had the first real rain in months, darkness is encroaching on my mornings and evenings, and the night time temperatures have dropped into the upper 40's a few times. With these sure signs of fall come a bunch of fall chores: last minute repotting, bringing in the intermediate growers into the house, and most of the outdoor



An unidentified Pleurothallis in Johns collection.

growers into the greenhouse, put down a few poor plants that are still struggling, put out the rain barrels to harvest some of the rain (manna from heaven). The hardest fall chore is cutting back on the watering. I am almost obsessive with watering and it is difficult to cut back. I keep on working on it though, keep on trying to water more thoroughly, but less often. It works for a while, but then the weather warms up and I'm back to my old habits. I just have this unreasonable fear of that the plants will suffer from being too dry. Experience and most of our speakers would beg to differ, the orchids seem to do better with a little neglect, but reason seems to have little to do with it. Now maybe if I could just get a real greenhouse where I could keep the humidity above the 35% I saw today...Of course that just might make the over watering that much worse.

## John



Joanie with one of her Cattleyas.

## C A R M E L O R C H I D S O C I E T Y 2013 Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the **Carmel Orchid Society** and mail to: Carmel Orchid Society - Membership c/o Carol Easton, P.O. Box 223462 Carmel CA 93922-3462

Please print

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If you were referred by a current member, please provide

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Membership Type	Receive Newsletter	
	Via E-Mail	Via US Mail
Single	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>
Couple	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>
Vendor	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>



Left: A cool Pleurothallid in Dan Newman's greenhouse.

Right: Phragmipedium schlimii in John's collection, originally bought from Dan.

## Advertise in the BackBulb

If you have a business, or just want to advertise your yard sale, this may be the place. The COS is now accepting advertising in the BackBulb. Circulation is mainly to our members and visitors, around 100 copies per month. The rates are: \$5 quarter page, \$10 half page, and \$20 for a full page. If you are interested contact the BackBulb editor, John OConnell johnoconnell19@att.net.

**Santa Cruz Orchid Show and Sale**  
**Saturday, November 3, 9AM to 5PM**  
**Sunday, November 4, 10AM to 4 PM**

**At Soquel High School,  
401 Old San Jose Road  
Soquel**

**Free Parking  
Free Admission**

-- *Laelia tenebrosa*  
Photo by Frank Drake

**For information, go to:  
[santacruzorchidsociety.org](http://santacruzorchidsociety.org)**

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