

# The BackBulb

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

December 2008 ■



## Christmas Party (Last Chance!)

**Sunday December 14, 5-10PM**

- ◆ All reservations must be in to Sharon Ashton (831-659-7387) by December 1st.
- ◆ The party will be held at the Rancho Canada Golf Club on Carmel Valley Road. About 1 mile from Hwy. 1 on the right.
- ◆ You must have paid your 2008 COS dues to be eligible for the member price. In addition, if you pay your 2009 dues by December 1st you will be eligible for a very nice plant to be given away in a special drawing at the party.
- ◆ There will be a big plant raffle table. We are working on a mixture of hybrids and species.
- ◆ Holiday attire.
- ◆ No-Host Bar from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- ◆ Buffet Dinner 6:00 PM

### Menu

*Napa Cabbage Salad - Shredded Savoy Cabbage, Gruyere Cheese, Ripe Olives, Diced Red Onions, Chopped Bacon and Garlic Dressing*

*Roasted Beet, Red Onion and Feta Cheese Salad*

*Toasted Mediterranean Cous Cous Salad with Grilled Eggplant and Roasted Red Peppers*

*Salad Caprice - Fresh Mozzarella, Basil and Fine Ripe Tomatoes*

*Carving Station: Prime Rib of Beef with Horseradish Sauce and Au Jus*

*Chicken Strudel - Chicken Breast, Wild Mushrooms, Leeks and Boursin Cheese Baked in a Flaky Pastry with Ginger Beurre Blanc Sauce*

*Whole Sides of Fresh Salmon Baked with Herbal Dijon Aioli*

*Saffron Rice, Vegetable Medley and Roasted New Potatoes Rosemary*

*Assorted Rolls and Butter*

*Holiday Dessert Display*

*Coffee and Tea*



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## Christmas Party Sign-up Coupon

Please sign me up for the COS Christmas Party on December 14th, 5:00pm - 10:00pm at the Rancho Canada Golf Club on Carmel Valley Road.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members @ \$30 each \_\_\_\_\_

Number of non-members @ \$45 each \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member name \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this coupon with a check made payable to the Carmel Orchid Society no later than December 1, 2008 to:

Sharon Ashton

The Carmel Orchid Society

26966 Laureles Grade Road

Carmel Valley, CA 93924-9244

P.O. Box 2454  
Monterey, CA 93942

## Upcoming Events

**12/14 Sunday COS Christmas Party** at the Rancho Canada Golf Club. See page 1 for details.

**1/5 Monday COS January Meeting**, 7PM First Presbyterian Church of Monterey. Dan Newman of Hanging Gardens will speak about miniature orchids.

1/24-25 Santa Cruz Orchid Society, Show & Sale. Soquel High School 9-5 Saturday, 10-4 Sunday.

2/20-22 Santa Clara Orchid Society, Show & Sale. ■

## **May Faire's Future**

The society has always relied on May Faire to provide income and publicity. May Faire was a time to show our orchids to the public, and give the public a chance to learn about, buy, and hopefully get hooked themselves. May Faire has provided the society with most of it's income and through the society's booth allowed many of us to sell plants that were in the way of new acquisitions.

Like many societies, we have been having a hard time finding a good venue for our show. Big shows with many exhibits and vendors draw big crowds and can charge admission that allows them to rent a place. The rest of us face the challenge of finding a place that will charge us next to nothing while providing us with the space, parking and amenities it takes to put on a show.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to find a place for 2009, so it is unlikely that May Faire can go on as it has in the past. The board is looking into a variety of ways to replace the income, get out our message, give vendors a chance to sell, and us a chance to buy the plants we all love. Some of the ideas under consideration are:

- ◆ One day shows, fewer vendors smaller space.
- ◆ Renting space at farmers markets.
- ◆ Exhibiting at the county fair in August.
- ◆ Garage sales at members's houses.
- ◆ Partnering with a Garden club in their show.

We need your ideas. If you have fund raising ideas, especially ones that would give us exposure to the general public, we would love to hear them. If you know of a venue that would be suitable for a 1 or 2 day show (we would like to bring back May Faire in 2010) let us know. What we need in a venue is:

- ◆ Size; large enough to hold about 10 vendor booths for a 2 day show and 3-5 for a 1 day show.
- ◆ Cost; cheap to free. Rental fees are money that we can't spend elsewhere.
- ◆ Availability; An extra half a day is needed for setup.
- ◆ Location; somewhere in the Monterey area.
- ◆ Parking; there needs to be enough, and it needs to be free.

Send your ideas to: Carolyn Salmon [cargie@yahoo.com](mailto:cargie@yahoo.com) ■

## Raffles, Going Green

To reduce the number of disposable tickets, and to generally simplify our lives, starting with the Christmas party, all raffle tickets will be \$1 each. The odds of winning still will depend on how much you spend. ■

## From the November Meeting: Program

Gary Meyer gave a wonderful talk on the genus *Dracula*. He supplied the plants for a great raffle table. The two businesses Gary is involved with are:

- ◆ <http://www.colombianorchidimports.com/> which imports numerous species from Columbia several times a year.
- ◆ <http://www.hawkhillorchids.com/> which specializes in *Masdevallia* species and hybrids, as well as *Draculas* and other *Pleurothallids*.

## Announcements

- ◆ John OConnell will be taking over the BackBulb and the COS website from Ken.
- ◆ We are having trouble finding a venue for the May Faire. If anyone has 1st hand knowledge of a place large enough that won't cost us an arm and a leg, let anybody on the board know.
- ◆ A discussion was held about refreshments at the meetings. The general consensus was against an elaborate layout and for light snacks. ■



Gary's raffle table was well stocked with *Draculas* and *Masdevallias*.



Some of the plants from the show and tell table.

## 2009 Dues Are Due

If you pay your dues before December 1st, you will be eligible for a special drawing of an especially nice plant at the Christmas Party. Another benefit of paying your dues early: if you receive you BackBulb via U.S. Mail, as of January 1st your dues will increase by an additional \$5. This increase is due to the high cost of printing and mailing the BackBulb. ■

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

#### 2009 Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the **Carmel Orchid Society** and mail to: Carmel Orchid Society - Membership c/o Jaclyn Kinney 1381 Boles Ct. Seaside, CA 93955

Please print

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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Member of the American Orchid Society ☐

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"/>

As of 1/09 US Mail will cost an additional \$5.