

# The BackBulb

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

December 2011



## Holiday Party & Pot Luck

Like last year, this year's holiday party will be a pot luck, which will take place on our regular night: Monday, Dec.

5th, regular time: 7PM (come at 6:30 to setup), and regular place (the church). The society will provide a ham, a few beverages, and utensils. You need to Bring:

- ✿ A dish to share and any serving utensil that you need.
- ✿ That special beverage.
- ✿ Your spouse or a friend.
- ✿ Plants for show and tell.

There will be a short business meeting where we will vote on the 2012 board and the by-law changes announced last month. Per tradition, we will have an extra special and large raffle table. We are buying plants from Bay Breeze and Dan Newman (for us species lovers) so bring your mad money or check book. And while on the subject of check books.... This is a perfect time to pay your 2012 dues. They are the same ridiculously low level as past years, they haven't gone up in the 4 years I have been here, just \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family. That is about what you will pay for a good orchid, or for raffle tickets this month. That \$20 helps pay for all our great speakers and all the wonderful raffle tables that you all enjoy so much. So bring the checkbook and write a check for dues at the same time you are buying those raffle tickets.

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

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Ooh... stripes! A "Had to have it" purchase for John from White Oak Orchids on the Bus trip. (Trichoglottis pusilla)

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## Upcoming Events

Saturdays through 11/19 and possibly longer. 30% Discount on Pottery by Marni Turkel.

## December

**12/5 7PM Monday COS Holiday Potluck**, Come at 6:30 to setup.

## January

**1/2 Monday 7PM COS January Meeting**

1/7-8 "Orchids Under The Oaks" at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, CA

1/28-29 Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale, Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave, Redwood City.

## February

2/23-26 Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE) Fort Mason Center, San Francisco



Carolyn, showing and telling.

## 2011 Board of Directors Nominations

John OConnell - President  
Kathie Ritter - Vice president

Daniel Bellem - Treasurer  
Janette Ford - Secretary  
Evelyn Anzini - director  
Carol Easton - director  
Leslie Olsen - director  
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## C A R M E L O R C H I D S O C I E T Y 2012 Membership Application

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## Membership Time!

It's that time again, time for your otherwise nice, friendly society board members to nag you about paying your membership dues. As much as we would like to have your money to pay for our fabulous monthly speakers, what we really want is for you to come hear the speakers, buy the raffle tickets and take home all the interesting plants on our monthly raffle tables. None of that will happen if you are not interested enough to pay the pittance we ask for or yearly dues. Most orchids that we will kill in less than a year cost more than a years membership! So all we ask is that you pay your dues, come to the meetings and have a wonderful time!

Janette: "This is smaller than most of John's".





## 2011 Review

This time of year is full of traditions: holidays, family, parties, and reflections of the past year. In keeping with tradition here are some reflections on 2011:

- ✿ We had 8 speaker this year and none of them could beat Paul Grip's stories or the specimen orchids he brought to the April meeting.
- ✿ I have never met anyone more enthusiastic about one genus of orchids then Joe Parker, who truly is crazy about Draculas
- ✿ Disaster was narrowly avoided at this years CVGS when the early morning rain just dampened a few silent auction bid sheets, it could have been much worse.
- ✿ CVGS was modestly successful financially.
- ✿ CVGS took a huge amount of work.
- ✿ CVGS burned out everyone who we might have prevailed upon to organize it next year.
- ✿ Pacifica's greenhouses are more enticing if you travel by bus.
- ✿ Carol is our "go to" for small events. She hosted several board meetings, a potting party, a cocktail party, and the BBQ.
- ✿ Orchid re-potting draws more people to an event than free wine.

I think the last item says volumes about us. A lot of people want help with orchid culture, but only a few come for the socializing. I need to remember this for next year.

**John**



Above: Jackie's neat Neofinetia hybrid.  
Below: Joanie's neat Maxillaria hybrid.





Greetings from Paradise Village in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico! Where Carol and Daniel were celebrating Carol's birthday and their commitment ceremony.

Above: Ripening Vanilla beans.

Below: Lalia rubesence





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