

# The BackBulb

## CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY

December 2014



### COS Holiday Pot-Luck

Every year we get together to celebrate the holidays, this year we are again having a pot-luck with a big plant table.

The idea is simple, **bring a dish and any preferred beverage**, the society will provide a ham. After we eat and socialize we will raffle off the plants and everyone will go home stuffed and with an extra orchid or two for their collection. The board promises to pick out a **special plant table** (from Baybreeze Orchids) with a variety of blooming plants, including Cymbidiums. **Come early, setup starts at 6:30!**

This month's meeting is on **Monday December 1st, 6:30PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.



In the land of OZ not all slippers are ruby slippers. Some have spots and stripes (top) or are golden (bottom). What ever the color, there are thousands of them.

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But there is more to OZ than just slippers, Way in the back, is a greenhouse stuffed with the most amazing huge Cattleys and Laelias. This beast (*Laelia autumnalis*) and 3 other Laelias of similar size went home with four COS members for an amazing price. The four spirited their prizes away to their greenhouses but before we left OZ we made a sacred pact to gather again when the days once again get longer to divide and share this amazing wealth.

## Upcoming Events

### December

**12/1 Monday COS Holiday Party**

### January

**1/5 Monday COS January Meeting**

1/16 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Auction

1/24-25 Peninsula Orchid Society 2015 Show & Sale Redwood City

### February

**2/2 Monday COS February Meeting**

2/19 Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE) Gala

2/20-23 POE Fort Mason Center San Francisco

## President's Corner

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, let me say thank you to all of our members who participated in so many different ways to make our Fall Orchid Festival a success. The nature of our meetings does not make it easy to strike up strong friendships. We come together once a month for a couple of hours to learn a little more about orchids and maybe take a new one home. For most of us, that is extent of our knowledge of each other. We have varying degrees of interest in orchids and varying appetites for talking about them. We laugh about each other's predilections toward one or another species or hybrid. We marvel at and envy the ability of some in our midst to raise show quality plants. And yet, we are a cohesive group. That becomes so very apparent whenever we put on an event. A few people do the planning and then,



Another huge, overgrown, Laelia from the back greenhouse at OZ.

magically, everyone turns out to make the event a success.

And by all accounts, this year's show was a success. While so many people contributed to that success, I would like to especially thank Carol and Daniel for organizing and putting the show together. Without them, it would not have happened.

With two years under our belt now, it seems like a good time to take stock and figure out what we have done well and what we can do better next year. I hope all of you will give the last two years show experience some thought and bring those thoughts to the January meeting when we can share our ideas about how to make the 2015 Fall Orchid Festival an even better event.

Our December meeting is on the 1st this year! Wowie! Zowie! Time for our Holiday Party -- probably the first any of us will attend this year. The Society will provide a ham. Please bring a dish to share -- whatever strikes your fancy -- and your favorite beverage. We will have utensils, plates, napkins etc. on hand as well as the usual assortment of teas. And, we will have a great plant table. Hope to see all of you there.

Wishing all a wonderful holiday season,

**Kathie**



## COS Board of Directors Meeting Nov. 16, 2014

**Members Present:** John O'Connell, Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, and Jeannette Brown. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. at Kathie's house.

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes from October meeting accepted by acclamation.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report was presented by Kathie who had a copy from Daniel. Balance at the beginning of October was \$8949.64. At the end of October it was \$8819.14. Report accepted by acclamation. Kathie reported that we spent \$136.00 on plants sold at the Home and Garden show at the fairgrounds. We received from the sales \$235.00. Net received was \$129.00 and a lot of advertising for the November show.

**VP Report:** For December we have the Christmas potluck dinner planned with a raffle. In February we are planning to share a speaker with other societies in the area. No plans for January meeting as yet.

### Fall Show:

Numbers are not conclusive at this point. Kathie reported that we took in about \$1330.00 from the silent auction, \$600.00 from vendor fees, and about

\$270.00 from member sales (net). Expenses were about \$900.00, so net gain for the show about \$1250.00.

Other show feedback:

- We got six new members.
- Vendors seemed to be happy.
- Don Gibeson suggested we have better signage for individual booths.
- Jeanette Brown suggested we have more 8 x 11 size posters and fewer postcards next year.
- Kathie suggested we ask members at the January meeting for other suggestions.

**Christmas Dinner Meeting:** Lory has volunteered to cook the ham. Kathie will get table cloths, utensils, etc. Members will be asked to bring a potluck side dish or dessert and their own drink. We will begin meeting at 6:30 rather than 7:00. Kathie and Janette will go to Baybreeze on Monday morning, Dec. 1.

**New Business:** Kathie said a friend from the Carmel Foundation has asked a COS member to speak at their meeting on Dec. 18 at 2:30. John has offered to go and give a talk on repotting. Kathie will also check to see if Carol would like to go.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

**Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford**



The display at the Fall Orchid Festival, courtesy of Carolyn Salmon

## CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY 2015 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

his/her name \_\_\_\_\_

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Peninsula Orchid Society  
2015 Show & Sale



Saturday, January 24th  
Sunday, January 25th  
10 am - 5 pm

Community Activities Building  
1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA

Admission \$5 Adults, \$3 Senior, \$3 Children 12-16, Free for accompanied children under 12

Fabulous Orchids competing for ribbons  
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**Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers**

## **Cymbidium Orchid Auction**



**Friday, January 16, 2015**

**Auction 7:00 PM**

**Registration & Preview 6:30 - 7:00 PM**

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