

# The BackBulb

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

January 2015



## January Speaker: Ed Nazzal

### Growing Orchid outdoor in Central California

Orchids grow on all continents except Antarctica. Not all need hot and steamy tropical jungle to grow well. Many orchids grow on the foothills of the Himalayas and the Andes Mountains, where temperature regularly plummets below freezing. Besides temperatures, our unique Mediterranean weather patterns present a challenge to growing outdoors in Central California, which can be easily overcome once you know the natural habitats of your specific orchids and their natural requirements. Approximating the natural weather patterns of any orchid is the road to success in growing many varieties outdoors in our own backyards.

Ed is a retired chemist, and has been growing orchids since 1984. His primary interests are in Paphs and Phrags and cool growing orchids. Ed has a small greenhouse where he grows mostly species and primary Paphs and Phrags hybrids. He also grows a large variety of cool growing orchids outdoors. Ed is very interested in native orchid species of the Bay area and California. He has many pictures of local orchid species that he encounters during weekly hikes. Whenever he travels, he looks for orchids. He has thousands of pictures of orchids in their native habitats in Central America. Ed is also very interested in orchid seed germination, has made few hybrids and developed a technique for orchid seed germination without the use of sophisticated lab equipment.

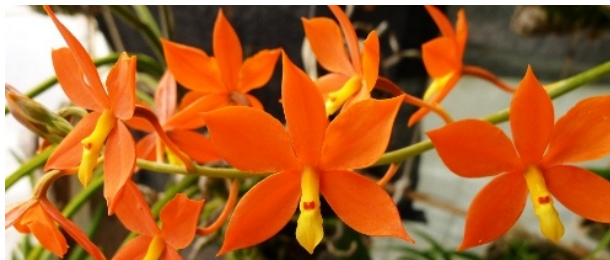
This month's meeting is on **Monday January 5th, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.

In order to provide a selection of treats at our meetings, we are asking members with last names that start with the letter **A thru F** to **bring refreshments** to the next meeting.

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## Upcoming Events

### January

#### 1/5 Monday COS January Meeting

1/12 COS Board meeting, Kathie's house

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



Leptotes unicolor, less known and smaller cousin of Leptotes bicolor.

## **President's Corner**

2014 has been a good year for the Carmel Orchid Society. We have gained new members: **WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU!**

We did a lot of shows this year: Each was a great success due to all the members who pitched in with their time and expertise. Thanks all!

We had lots of opportunities to learn: Multiple speakers, greenhouse tours and culture workshops. Kudos to John O'Connell!

We had lots of opportunities to build our collections: Mixed blessing perhaps!

We gained two new Board Members: Frances Richardson and Susan Holm. Hooray!

We miss the long-time members who for various reasons have not been able to attend this year: Take care all! Drop on by when you have a chance!

My hope is that COS plays a positive role in your life. I hope you look forward to our monthly meetings. I hope being a member of COS gives you incentive to expand your orchid horizons, hone your growing skills and deepen your knowledge of the ubiquitous orchid family.

John already has scheduled a number of great programs for 2015. If you have any suggestions for making the meetings more interesting, informative, enjoyable or relevant, please speak up – tell a Board Member.

May 2015 become a “blooming” year for all of us.

**Kathie**



Scott and one of his incredible  
Lycastes



## 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

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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"/>

### Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Cymbidium Orchid Auction



**Friday, January 16, 2015**

**Auction 7:00 PM**

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

**Beautiful Cymbidiums and their Companions, Including In Spike, Rarely Available, and Show & Award Winners!**

- 200 Plant Entries
- No Buyers Premium
- Absentee Bids Accepted

**San Mateo Garden Center  
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San Mateo, CA 94403**



*Cym. Tower of Fire 'Flambe'*

**Catalog & Photos will be Available after January 5, 2015 at:**

**[www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com](http://www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com)**

**Email Questions or Inquiries to [bacyms@yahoo.com](mailto:bacyms@yahoo.com) or call (510) 582-5896**

*Orchids - Nature's Beauties*  
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  
and trophies

Informative Seminars and  
Demonstrations

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Information: <http://penorchidsoc.org>



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PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION

**GALA BENEFIT PREVIEW THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 6:30 - 10:00 PM**

**SHOW & PLANT SALE: FEBRUARY 20 - 22, 2015**

**FRIDAY 10AM - 6PM • SATURDAY 9AM - 6PM • SUNDAY 10AM - 5PM**

**WHERE: FORT MASON CENTER'S FESTIVAL PAVILION, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.**

**TICKETS:** Gala Benefit Preview: \$43 online; \$50 at the door. General Show: \$14 online/\$15 at door, Seniors(65+) \$11 online/\$12 at door, 16 years & under free accompanied w/adult (except Gala). WEEKEND Pass with Gala \$60; Weekend Pass without Gala \$25

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