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October 2016



October Speaker: Mary Gerritsen

Miniature Orchids and How to Grow Them

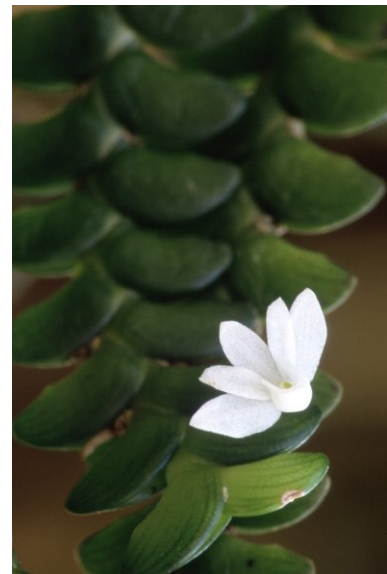
Miniature orchids are defined as orchids whose individual growths (i.e. bulb, leaf) are less than 6 inches. The variety of epiphytic and lithophytic orchids circumscribed by this definition is incredible, with over 3500 species meeting these criteria. Mary's talk focuses on habitats where you might find these orchids in the wild, and provides detailed cultural information about how to grow these gems to perfection. This is followed by some true "eye candy", a selection of some of Mary's favorite miniatures. For those of you who have run out of room, like to grow on a windowsill or terrarium, learning more about miniature orchids is for you!

Mary is an independent biotechnology consultant who has been growing orchids (mostly species) for more than 30 years. She likes to grow miniature species and has a large collection of small, cool growing pleurothallids (e.g. Masdevallias, Porroglossums, Lepanthes) as well as other assorted tiny gems, and in a second intermediate greenhouse, larger species such as Angraecoids, Dendrobiums, Oncidiums, Laelias, Phalaenopsis and Bulbophyllums.

She loves to see orchids growing in situ and has made it her mission over the last few years to see as many as possible with trips to see and photograph orchids in a wide variety of countries.

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

This month's meeting is on **Monday October 3rd, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.



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She is the co-author (with friend and well known photographer, Ron Parsons) of several botanical books: Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World, the two volume Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species, and Calochortus: Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives. She is also currently working on a new book: A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture. This book should be available by late December, 2016.

Mary is past president of the Peninsula Orchid Society (San Mateo), and the San Francisco Orchid Society (SFOS) and is currently vice-president of SFOS. She serves on the board of directors of the Orchid Conservation Alliance and the Orchid Digest.



Our Fall BBQ host, Imogene Speiser
in her greenhouse

Upcoming Events

October

10/3 Monday, October COS meeting

10/21-23 The Huntington Library, Art Collections & Botanical Gardens International Orchid Show. In conjunction with the AOS Fall Members Meeting, "Elegant Orchids" the 2nd Annual International Orchid Show & Sale at the Huntington.

November

11-12 Friday & Saturday COS Fall Orchid Festival

Carol's Commentary

Our Annual BBQ in September 26, 2016 at Imogene Speiser's home was a huge success and I want to personally thank Imogene for sharing her home, greenhouse and gardens with the Society.

The next event the Society will be participating in is the Inspired Home and Garden Show Expo at the Monterey County Fairgrounds on Saturday October 15 and October 16 Friday afternoon from 12 noon to 5 will be accepting plants for our Orchid Display. We need your blooming plants to create a memorable display. We will not be selling any plants. We will hand out flyers advertising our 2016 Fall Orchid Festival in November. We will need volunteer support for both days of the show, so show your true membership commitment and come help support the Society at this event. If you can participate, please see me at the October 3rd meeting.

The Society's Vice President, Jerry Loomis, has invited Mary Gerritsen, from the San Francisco Orchid Society as our guest speaker for the October 3, 2016 monthly meeting of the Society. Mary will be talking about successfully growing various varieties of Orchids along the coastal zones in central California. Mary will be providing a very nice

opportunity table. Mary has asked the Board of Director's for a donation for advertising in her new book, which the Board has approved at the September 2016 meeting.

The Society's annual fundraising event, the 2016 Fall Orchid Festival is scheduled for November 12 & 13, 2016 at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula. Kathie Ritter, Past President, is the show Chairperson and has been extremely busy in preparations. The Board has also appointed key Board members as chairs for the various key components of the show to help make it a success. This is a very important event. This will finance the Societies education efforts, primarily to pay for the guest speakers at the Society's monthly meetings. I am asking for ALL of the current membership to give maximum volunteer support for the show.

Cammie Jones and Rising International, will be assisting with our advertising campaign They will also have a booth

in which their members will describe their Association to the show attendees.. In addition, we will have 5 Orchid Vendors, 4 Arts and Craft vendors. Kathie has been busy with a new concept to replace the old silent auction portion of our show. She will tell you all about this at our October 3rd meeting. See you there.

Carol



C. gaskelliana from Carol's greenhouse

Count Down to: FALL ORCHID FESTIVAL

The Carmel Orchid Society's Fall Orchid Festival is about six weeks away. Members, it is time to:

- Pull or solicit your contribution to the Trinkets and Treasures tables. We need wonderful items that people will want to take home immediately – so much so that they will make a donation to COS. When you bring the item(s) please tag it with a value. AND/OR Solicit from restaurants and wine tasting rooms (or similar) gift certificates for the “raffle” table. Each certificate will have a box next to it. People will be able to purchase a raffle ticket(s) and deposit them in the boxes next to the certificates they hope to win. We will pick a ticket from each box at the end of the show Saturday and send the certificates to the winners. **Your help getting items or certificates for the show is needed. Please take the time to find or solicit at least one item and bring it Thursday afternoon of the 10th . Let Kathie know if you need help getting something to the Church on Thursday.**
- Check your orchids and **pull those you want to sell**. See the info provided by Janette Ford on how to prepare your plant
- Let Lesley Olson or Jeannette Brown know if you can **bring a lunch dish** for vendors and volunteers Friday or Saturday
- Let Daniel Bellam know if you can

volunteer to set up Thursday the 10th between noon and 5PM.

- As we get closer, pull and clean and tag the **blooming orchids you want to display**. You must bring your orchids in by 3PM on Thursday the 10th and pick them up at 4PM on Saturday the 12th.
- Let Kathie Ritter know if you can **work Friday or Saturday**
- Vendors and show volunteers are invited to **Carol's Thursday evening for a cocktail party** 5ish (when we finish setting up.)



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The Carmel Orchid Society is grateful to our advertising Sponsor



Rising International Global Pop-Up Crafts from Burkina Faso and Thailand. The non-profit Carmel Orchid Society seeks to inspire the preservation of orchids in their natural habitats through education and promoting orchid hobbyist. **Rising International** is a local non-profit dedicated to providing girls and women with the tools to reduce their risk of childhood marriage, pregnancy and slavery.

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Print this page for your CVGS member plant sales tags. Fill out 1 tag per plant and attach to the plant. Use the "plant id" field to give each plant a unique code, so you know what you sold.

Fall Orchid Festival

Presented by the Carmel Orchid Society

Friday & Saturday
Nov 11 & 12 9AM - 4PM

Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula
4590 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA

Orchid Sales
Orchid Displays
Potting Demonstrations
Trinkets & Treasures Raffle
Local and Global Craft Sales

Carmel Orchid Society member plant sales
Orchid vendors: Asbell Orchids, D & D Flowers, Marcel's,
Orchids & Gardens, and Kuramura's Orchids

Local craft artisans: Eileen Bezouska's hand painted scarves (profits go to
Alzheimers research), and Kathy Smith's & Joanie Linares's beaded jewelry

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Faso, Thailand and more. Rising International is a local non-
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COS Board of Directors Meeting September 19, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:07 at Carolyn's house.

Members Present: Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, Daniel Bellem, Carol Easton, Carolyn Salmon, Lory Schluenz, Jeanette Brown, Jerry Loomis, Susan Holm, and Frances Richardson.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the August 22 meeting were presented. Daniel moved, Lory seconded to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Daniel mistakenly left the current treasurer's report at home. He said the expenses for August were the usual: speaker's fee and raffle table and church rent. Income from the raffle was low, and he also received another \$65.00 from bus trip checks. Jerry moved and Susan

seconded to accept Daniel's report. After the meeting Daniel forwarded these balances to be included in the minutes: Balance at the beginning of August was \$9052.86, at the end of August it was \$8486.31. Besides above mentioned expenses, there was also check written for the Quickbooks software that we discussed last month.

V.P. Report: Jerry has contacted Mary Gerretsen to be our speaker for October. She will be speaking about miniature orchids and will provide the raffle table. She is finishing a booklet about orchid growing in the central coastal area of California and is willing to list in the booklet any societies that donate to her publishing fees. Carolyn moved that we donate \$100.00 to help with the publication. Carol seconded the motion. Passed.

Old Business: Fall Show

Kathie reported about the fall show:

- * John O'Connell has agreed to do the display set up.
- * There are five orchid vendors planning to come, and three non-orchid vendors.
- * Kathie talked to members of Rising International about how and what they would like to present at the show. They would like to do a "Pop Up", which includes selling crafts made by the communities and people they serve. Although this may take away some business from other vendors and from our silent auction items, we decided to let them set up a sales booth because it will no doubt bring more foot traffic to the show.



An unidentified Sobralia from Carol's collection.

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- * Kathie also said she is in the process of getting advertising about the show to Event Brite.
- * Daniel said he will begin contacting authorities to get permission to post banners about the show.

New Business:

Carol has made preparations for the Home Show at the Fairgrounds Oct. 15 and 16, and will have flyers about our

fall show ready to hand out.

Carol is planning to have a light dinner/cocktail time on Thursday November 10 after we have set up for the fall show.

The next board meeting will be on October 17 at Carol's house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford

C A R M E L O R C H I D S O C I E T Y 2016 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

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ zip _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

If you were referred by a current member, please provide

his/her name _____

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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"/>

Go to the AOS Fall Members' Meeting in October!

By Chaunie Langland, POS AOS Representative

The AOS (American Orchid Society) holds a members' meeting twice yearly. The meeting is organized by a sponsoring group anywhere in the country and varies in it's format. This years Fall the meeting is organized by The Huntington and it is one that will be remembered for years.

The 2016 Fall Member's Meeting will take place October 19 - 23 (you probably want to start on Friday, or Thursday evening, rather than Wednesday) at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California. You can drive there in 5 to 6 hours, or fly there in an hour and a quarter.

Detail and registration at <https://www.aosfall2016.com>

Why should you go? Because they have put together an incredible program of speakers, there will be an amazing orchid show, and the international selection of vendors is mouth-watering. In my opinion, you are nuts if you miss this fantastic opportunity so close to home.

The show opens to the public at noon on Friday, October 21 and runs through Sunday. Presentations (for registered participants) begin at noon on Friday, October 21 and run through Saturday. Vendors will be available during the show and during the preview party. Fifteen speakers are scheduled. Thirty vendors have signed up - the main space is full but they are planning to open up an overflow area. Vendors will be there from the U.S., Taiwan, Malaysia, Brazil, Peru, Columbia, Ecuador, and Germany.

There is a preview and pre-sales party on Thursday evening, October 20.

For \$99: All-inclusive pass includes access to all speakers' presentations, orchid displays and sales, Thursday's Preview Party, and Vendor Presale and shuttle services between the Double Tree Hotel Monrovia, CA and **admission to The Huntington Library**, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens from Thursday October 20 - 23, 2016 is **included in this package (a \$100 value)**. **Admittance to the Orchid Show is also included in this package.**

For \$45: one day pass includes access to all speakers' presentations, orchid displays and sales, for one (1) day of your choice (Friday, Saturday, or Sunday). Also **includes admittance to The Huntington Library**, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens for that same day. Access to shuttle services between the Double Tree hotel Monrovia, CA and the Huntington. (Does not include pre-view party, which can be purchased separately.)

There are additional items you can purchase - special meal meetings. The International Phalaenopsis Alliance will be meeting here and will have a lunch with an auction.

I went to the one in Portland two years ago and had a fabulous time.

BE THERE!!