

The BackBulb

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

November 2018



November Speaker: Mary Gerritsen

Mediterranean Bee Orchids

The buzz about this talk is that it is full of sex, deception, and a bunch sadly deluded bees. The genus *Ophrys* (the bee orchids) includes about 200 species of terrestrial orchids that use sexual deception to lure male bees into pollinating them.

Mary Gerritsen, Ph.D. is an independent biotechnology consultant who has been growing orchids (mostly species) on and off for more than 30 years, and since relocating to the San Francisco Bay area in 1997 started to a collection of small cool growing miniature species such as *Masdevallias*, *Porroglossums*, *Lepanthes* and other assorted tiny gems. She also has a second intermediate greenhouse, filled with 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 (and

other flora as well) in Canada, many parts of the USA and Mexico, and countries in Central America, South America, South East Asia, western Australia, Europe as well as South Africa and Madagascar. She is the co-author of several botanical books: [Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World](#), [Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives](#), [A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species](#), and [a Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture](#), with fellow San Francisco Orchid Society Member and well known photographer, Ron Parsons. Mary



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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.

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frequently lectures to orchid societies in the San Francisco Bay area, and on occasion Southern California, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona and sometimes even further afield. She is on the board of directors of the Orchid Digest, the COO and treasurer of the Orchid Conservation Alliance, and is also a member of the American Orchid Society, the San Francisco Orchid Society, the Peninsula Orchid Society and the Pleurothallid Alliance. Currently she is the treasurer of the San Francisco Orchid Society.



The display at our Fall Orchid Festival

Upcoming Events

November

11/3-4 Cal Orchid, Open House, Santa Barbara, CA, 9 am - 5 pm

11/3-4 D&D Flowers & Tiny Jungle Fall Sale, 9am to 3pm 169 1st Avenue Daly City, CA 94014

11/5 Monday COS November meeting

11/17-18 Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Show and Sale, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

December

12/8 Saturday COS Holiday Party 12pm to 3pm

Tying up Some Loose Ends

Our annual show is now behind us, thank you to everyone who made it happen, especially Carol Easton our show chairman for the past few years. The crowds didn't show up this year, probably because we were competing with several Halloween events. But I heard at least one vendor say he had a good show, so maybe everyone came out OK.

We have also found a few new ~~victims~~ people for the board next year, we welcome: Norma, Robert and Frank.

2019 Board of Directors:

John OConnell – President, BackBulb editor, webmaster

Carol Easton – Vice President, membership

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Rossioglossum grande that John bought at the show.

COS Board of Directors Meeting 10/15/18

Meeting called to order at 7:10 at Carol's house.

Members Present: John O'Connell, Jerry Loomis, Carol Easton, Daniel Bellem, Janette Ford, Carolyn Salmon and Susan Holm.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the September 17 meeting were presented. Jerry moved and Susan seconded to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Daniel reported that the balance at the beginning of September was \$8562.48 and at the end of the month was \$8361.21. Jerry moved and Susan seconded to accept the minutes.

V.P. Report: Jerry reported that Mary Gerritsen will be with us in November. Dan Newman is scheduled to be with us in January.

Old Business:

We talked about board slate. Carolyn offered to be in charge of setting up

vendors for the show next year to help Carol with that job. We plan to talk to members at the show this year to establish the slate of nominees for the 2019 board.

Overall plans for the fall show are made. It is now up to individual chairpersons to make sure details are taken care of. Daniel showed the roadside signs that can be put out the week before the show.

We reviewed plans for Christmas party. Carolyn and Carol plan to work with Pat Landee to help set up. The society will provide for the meat dish. Other dishes will be pot luck. The party will be from 12:00 to 3:00 on Dec. 8 at Pat Landee's home. Carol has made arrangements with Sue Hamilton to see provide the raffle table.

New Business:

We did not schedule a board meeting for November or December. Any necessary business can be taken care of through email.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford

BackBulb CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY

Free Greenhouses!

One of our members is moving next year and needs to find a new home for these greenhouses. The one on the right is 9 feet 8 inches long, 8 feet 1 inch wide and 7 feet 10 inches tall, made by Gardener's Supply Company. The one on the left is 8 feet 1 inch long, 6 feet inch wide and 6 feet 8 inches tall, and is from Costco. I have the original instruction from both greenhouses, both are 20 years old. The catch is you have to take them down and take them away. Contact Alan Rossing (831)372-8858 alan1060rr@juno.com



CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY

2018 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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his/her name _____

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Membership Type	Receive Newsletter	
	Via E-Mail	Via US Mail
Single	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>
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**D & D Flowers & Tiny Jungle Fall Sale
November 3rd & 4th, 2018
9am to 3pm**

169 1st Avenue Daly City, CA 94014

Directions, from I280 going North: Take the Pacifica/Eastmoore Avenue exit and veer to the right to the Eastmoore Avenue exit. At the stop light, you would like to be on the 2nd lane to the left. Turn left onto Junipero Serra Blvd and at the stop light; make a right turn onto San Pedro Road. Then continue through Mission Street between Bank of America and Wendy's. At the stop sign, make a left onto 1st Avenue. Greenhouse is on the right hand side of the 3rd house with the red garage and a sign reading Demattei Nursery. Enter the gate of the chain link fence with red lattice on the left hand side of the red garage.

Please drive safely. Limited street parking so please car pool. Do not park within the chain link fence.

Mahalo for your cooperation!!!!!!

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara presents

Orchid Safari Show & Sale

Santa Barbara Museum
of Natural History
2559 Puesta del Sol Road,
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Saturday Nov. 17
10 am - 5 pm
Sunday Nov. 18
10 am - 3 pm

Vendors:
Orchid Design
Marcel's Orchids
Orchids of Los Osos
Ambriz Kingdom of Plants

info: <http://orchidsb.org/>



Museum admission:
Adult (18-64 years) \$12
Senior (65+ years) \$8
Teen (13-17 years) \$8
Child (2-12 years) \$7
Child (under 2 years) Free
Sunday is FREE!

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