

# The BackBulb

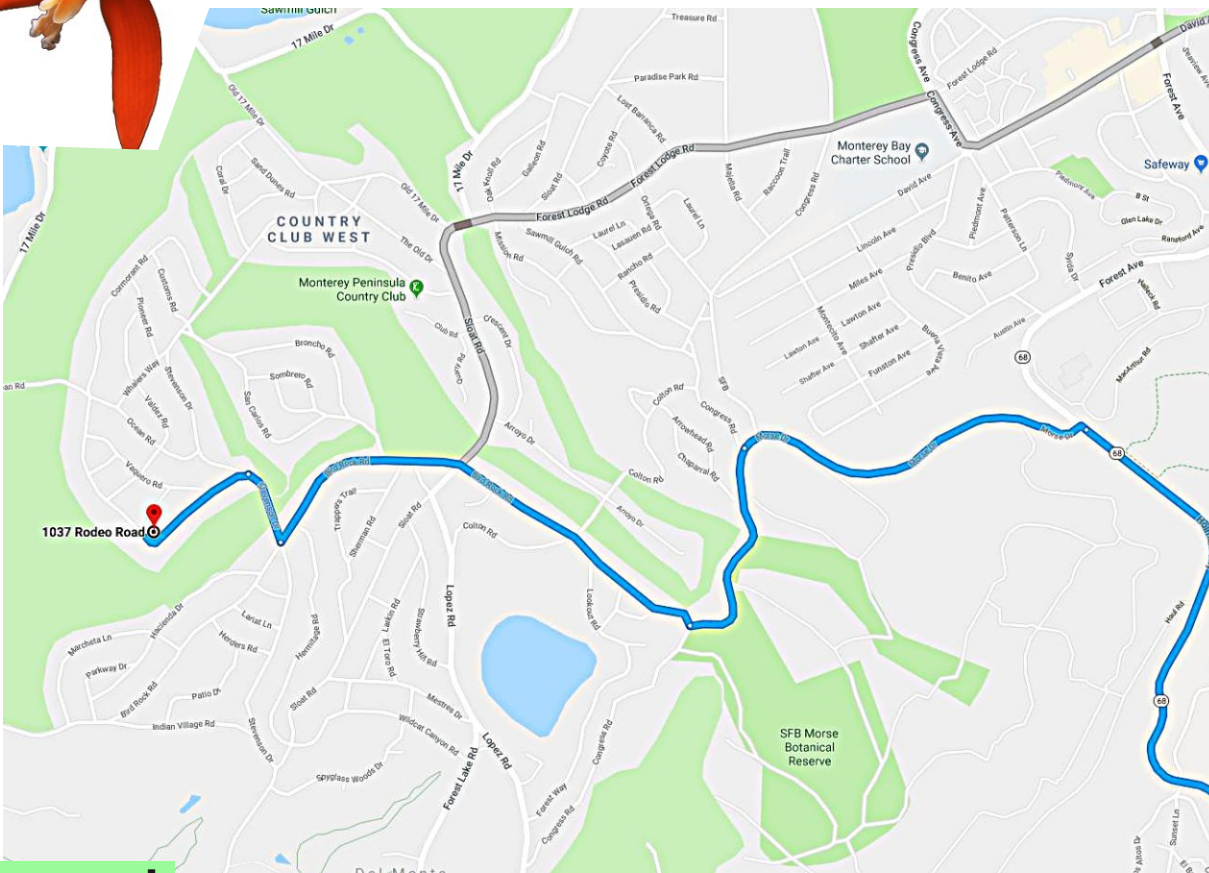
CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY

December 2019



## COS Holiday Party

This years Holiday Party will be held at Pat Landee's home from 12noon to 3PM December 14th. The society will provide the meat (Ham probably), members should bring a side dish, their choice of beverage, and some cash for the special holiday plant (direct from Hawaii) table. Pat's house is in Pebble Beach (1037 Rodeo Road, Pebble Beach CA 93953) and as you probably know, Pebble is a bit difficult to navigate. So be prepared.



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## COS Officers

### President

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John OConnell

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## Upcoming Events

### December

**12/14 Saturday 12-3 PM COS Holiday Party**

### January

**1/5 Monday 7PM, COS January Meeting**

1/25-26 Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale, Redwood City

### February

**2/2 Monday 7PM, COS February Meeting**

2/20 POE Preview Party 6-9:30PM

2/21-23 POE (Pacific Orchid Exhibition) 10AM-5PM County Fair  
Building 9th Ave. at Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, San  
Francisco

## 2019, The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Well 2019 wasn't all bad, there were a few bright spots, but many challenges await in the new year.

### The Good:

- \* We had new non-members at most every meeting this year.
- \* A few meetings had very good turnout, considering we have around 45 members.
- \* We decreased our expenditures on meetings by booking fewer outside speakers and using more Member speakers (they tend to work for free).



John's orchid #1, a gift from his sister in 1993

## The Bad:

- \* The treasury continues to shrink a bit every year. Our expenses, mostly speakers and plant tables exceed our income, mostly from the show and a little in dues.
- \* We had to cancel the Fall Orchid Festival, two weeks before the event when we ran into a scheduling conflict with the church. Alternatives were either too expensive or too much work to change everything on such short notice.



Carolyn and Frank at the October meeting, working on a plant.

have its limitations, but other venues are costly.

- \* Should we move the show date to the spring or summer? A June show has been discussed.

- \* Should we keep having our meetings on Monday nights? It has been pointed out that our membership is mostly older and many don't like to drive at night. Some organizations are meeting on the weekend during the day (the Monterey

Bay Area Cactus and Succulent Society meets Sunday at 12:30).

## The Ugly:

- \* The board is down to six members, the smallest number in the past 18 years. Of the six four have been on the board for more than 5 years. We desperately need new board members.
- \* Membership continues to hover in the forties. We get visitors, but few new members.

Next year the board (John OConnell, president; Carolyn Salmon, VP; Daniel Bellem, treasurer; Carol Easton, secretary; Norma Walch, director; Patricia Clark Gray, director) the board will tackle, or maybe discuss to death, the following issues:

- \* Should we move the show to another venue? The church has proven to

- \* What is the best balance between home grown speakers and outside speakers? We all like hearing from speakers like Ron Parsons and Mary Gerritsen, but they tend to be quite expensive. We will probably utilize the AOS webinars more this year to supplement our local speakers.

- \* Is there any way to increase our membership?

If you have insights or opinions on any of these burning questions the board would love to hear from you. In the absence of any such insight or opinion we will just have to figure them out on our own.

**John**



## CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY 2020 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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If you were referred by a current member, please provide

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

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Membership Type	Receive Newsletter	
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Couple	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$40 <input type="checkbox"/>
Vendor	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$40 <input type="checkbox"/>



Left: an Odont. hybrid at the November meeting.

Right: **Cattleya dormeniana** in Carolyn's greenhouse.

