

# The BackBulb

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

December 2024



## COS Holiday Party

**What:** Eating, revelry, and orchids

**When:** 1PM Saturday December 7th

**Where:** The Church (Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula)

**Setup:** Starts at 12:30pm

### Bring:

- A side dish, the society will provide Ham
- Your preferred beverage, we will have hot water for tea.
- \$\$ for the special holiday edition plant table.
- White Elephant gift (entirely optional)

The Holiday season is here! Every year we celebrate each other with our Holiday Potluck and an extra special plant opportunity table.

Oh... the food is always wonderful and like last year we will hold a "White Elephant" Gift exchange, a Gift Exchange with a twist. Participation is optional but if you want to have a bit of

fun just bring either a gift with a value of \$10 - \$20 OR a silly White Elephant Gift (in good condition). Gifts should be wrapped (or bagged) and without anyone's name on it. Place your anonymous gift in the designated area and then draw a number. When your number is called, you may either go pick a gift and unwrap it OR you may steal an already unwrapped gift from someone ahead of you. The person whose gift you stole will



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## COS Officers

### President

Amanda Nixon

### VP Program

John OConnell  
Kathie Ritter  
Carolyn Salmon

### Recording Secretary

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### Treasurer

Janette Ford

### Directors

Anna Narvaez-Helms  
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Chris Thomas  
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John OConnell

## Membership

Amanda Nixon

then either pick a new unwrapped gift or steal someone else's gift and so on.

This is really a lot of fun. Don't be afraid to channel your inner Grinch and steal away! The more participants the more fun to be had.

## Upcoming Events

### December

12/7 COS Holiday party

### January

1/11 Saturday 2pm COS January Meeting

### Shows

2/29-3/2 Pacific Orchid Exposition, San Francisco Golden Gate Park.

3/8-10 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Earl Warren Showgrounds

## 2025 COS Events

### Meetings:

Saturday January 11th, 2 pm  
Saturday February 1st, 2 pm  
Saturday March 1st, 2 pm.  
Saturday April 5th, 2 pm  
Monday May 5th, 7 pm  
Monday June 2nd, 7 pm  
Monday August 4th, 7 pm  
Saturday October 4th, 2 pm

### Social Events

July Greenhouse tour: TBD  
BBQ: Saturday September 13th, 1-4pm  
Fall Market: Friday, Saturday November 7-8, set up on 6th  
Holiday Party: Saturday December 6th, 1-3:30pm



John was so inspired by James Shao's talk on Terrestrial Orchids in October he went out and bought a few to try. This is the result, several tubers of *Serapias vomeracea*, a European terrestrial, they are all potted up now and just poking their heads above the soil



## 2024 COS Fall Market



Left: Janette Ford, and a very nice Cattleya (photo Irene)  
Right: Danial, Lisa, and a customer (photo Irene)



Left: Dennis Olivas, very pleased about something (photo Irene)  
Right: There were plants other than orchids too (photo Carolyn)





Top: The COS display (photo Irene)

Bottom: The exhibit from the other side (photo John)





Left Top: Dennis explains (photo Irene)

Right Top: Display flower (photo John)

Bottom Left: The Ikebana demonstration (photo Carolyn)

Bottom Right: Display flower (photo John)



## 2025 COS Board Nominations

The COS Board has nominated the following people for the 2025 board:

**President:** Amanda Nixon

**Vice Presidents:** Carolyn Salmon, John O'Connell

**Treasurer:** Janette Ford

**Secretary:** Irene Patton

**Directors:** Kathie Ritter, Anna Narvaez-Helms, Sonya Weininneger, Chris Thomas, Albert Satterfield, Cathy Walmsley, Peter Janik

During the December Holiday Party we will be accepting nominations from the floor and then vote on the 2025 board.

## COS Board Meeting Minutes 11-21-2024

Amanda Nixon called the Zoom meeting to order on November 21, 2024, at 7 pm. Attending besides Amanda were: Carolyn Salmon, John O'Connell, Janette Ford, Kathie Ritter, Cathy Walmsley, Anna Narvarez-Helms, Irene Patton and Chris Thomas (who set up the Zoom meeting).

The minutes from the October Board meeting were read and approved.

Carolyn gave the VP report. The January meeting will be held on the 11th at the church at 2 pm. Our speaker will be Dave Sorokowsky from Paph Paradise. He is a hybridizer of Paph orchids and uses his award winning plants to make those for sale on paphparadise.com. He speaks on all things Paph and will be providing a plant table.

Carolyn and Kathie also mentioned that we would like to have Bruce Rogers speak and bring plants of Sobralias at a

Photo  
Carolyn



future date. Mitch may speak to us again when he has his talk ready around October. We would like to have some in-house meetings such as a panel of members telling how they grow specific plants. Chris has several power points available including "10 orchids worth your time" that she can present. John said he could give a program on several topics. Our goal is to have 4 meetings with speakers out of house for 2025.

The treasurer's report was \$5,770.75 in the checking account in addition to 2 CD's. One CD was just renewed with interest of \$187 added back; the other will be renewed in February with interest at approximately 3.5%. Janette has renewed our AOS affiliation membership.

The question was raised if the club should take more than 25% on the sale of individual orchids at the Fall Market. Carolyn said no and suggested we have a broader number of people participating in the sales.

Kathie reviewed the Fall Market and said it went well. The vendors were happy with their sales and many said they wanted to return. We are hoping for a couple more vendors in 2025. She said they all expressed how much they liked our social community and the way we treat them. The demos went well but attendance was not as great as could be.

We sold more orchids as a society than last year with Cymbidiums being the big seller. Our net for the Market was within a few dollars of 2023. Chris thought we should have more media coverage for the event and that there

could be more structure in the time and jobs for the two days for the members who volunteered. Kathie explained how members should mingle during the sale and encourage sales with the vendors.

The Christmas Party is being held at the church on December 7 from 1-3 pm. Set up is at 12:30. Terri will cook the meat, Cathy has plates, Janette has tablecloths. Carolyn will have blooming orchids for each table. Anna will lead the popular "Dirty Santa" game and John will publish the instructions in the December Back Bulb.

We voted to contribute \$200 to the AOS Conservation (of orchids) Fund.

Reminder that dues for 2025 can be paid now.

We set a budget for \$350 for our graphic designer with the idea that members would perform as many of the

technical chores as possible. There was a lengthy discussion about making our website better with more Back Bulbs listed and a calendar of our meetings.

There will be no Board meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 13th, 7pm on ZOOM,

The following officers and Board members will be voted on at the December meeting:

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**Irene Patton, Secretary**

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

### 2024 Membership Application

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