

# The BackBulb

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

December 2016



## COS Holiday Party

When: Monday December 5th, 6PM

Where: The Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula

What: Potluck, The society will provide the main entrée.

Bring Food: A dish to share, a serving utensil and beverage of your choice

Bring Cash: We will have a special plant table.

Bring Blooming Orchids: We will be having a Show and Tell



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## Upcoming Events

### December

12/5 Monday COS Holiday Party

### January

1/9 Monday NOTE this is a week later than usual due to the New Years Holiday!



A nice Cattleya from the orchid display COS Fall Orchid Festival

## Carol's Commentary

As we come to the end of 2016, I would like to thank the members for their support as President of the Society. A very special thank you to Kathie Ritter for chairing the 2016 Fall Orchid Festival. I would personally like to thank all of the members who gave so generously of their time and donations to make the Festival a huge success.

The 2016 Fall Orchid Festival was our 4th Fall Festival Show and was the most successful due to our members participation, our loyal orchid vendors, our craft vendors and special association with Rising International that was introduced by Cammie Jones. We look forward to further collaboration with Rising International...

We are looking forward to 2017 to be more interesting with the guest speakers that the Vice-President, Jerry Loomis, has been busy lining up for the New Year. We hope to encourage your renewed membership in the Society and the support of the monthly meetings.

We would like to remind our members that the Christmas Party is December 5th . As in past years we will have a generous plant table, the Society will provide the main entre and we ask you to bring a dish to share, with serving utensil, and a beverage of your choice. Don't forget – the revelry starts at 6PM, not 7PM.

We will also conduct an election for the 2017 Board of Directors at the December 5th meeting. Your

vote is important to ensure that your ideas are fairly represented. There is still time for you to become involved. If you would like to be on the Board please see myself or another Board member at the meeting. Currently the proposed slate of officers is as follows:

Carol Easton, president; Jerry Loomis, vice-president; Daniel Bellem, treasurer; Janette Ford, secretary; BackBulb Editor & Webmaster is John O'Connell; Directors are: Lesley Olsen, Carolyn Salmon, Susan Holm, Frances Richardson and Lory Schluenz. Carol will present the slate for election at the December meeting .

As a reminder and as previously announced, the membership dues for 2017 are as follows. Single membership is \$25.00, Family membership is \$35.00. If you wish to receive your BackBulb by snail mail rather than email, please add \$5.00. I will happily take your 2017 membership dues at the December meeting.

See you on December 5th at 6PM.

**Carol**



Dosn't look like Carol is in Monterey

## COS Board of Directors Meeting Nov. 14, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:09 at Carolyn's house.

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

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the October 17 meeting were presented. Daniel moved, Lory seconded to accept the minutes.

V.P. Report: Jerry has contacted Ken Jacobsen to be our speaker for January. We had talked about taking a bus to go to the San Francisco show in February, but decided since some members prefer to go on Friday and others on Saturday it would not be a good idea to rent a bus for only one of those days. Jerry will plan another activity or speaker for the February meeting. He has scheduled Weegie Coughlan for March. For the December dinner meeting, we will meet at 6:00 on Dec. 5. Lory has offered to prepare ham, the other food and beverage items will be pot luck. Kathie

will contact Orchid Zone or Yuriko (from Bay Breeze) about plants for the December raffle. She is planning to get the plants on Thursday, Dec. 1.

At the fall show, the owner of Asbell Orchids mentioned that their local orchid society sometimes has one person who is knowledgeable about orchids present the show and tell orchids. As he or she presents, suggestions about growing conditions, etc. are made. We thought that was a good idea; kind of a "plant doctor," and will try to incorporate something like that in our meetings. Along that same line of thought, Carolyn mentioned that she used to write some orchid growing tips for the Back Bulb and would be willing to do that again.

### Old Business:

We reviewed the fall orchid show with thanks to all involved and suggestions for the next show:

- Kathie did a terrific job of organizing the show.
- Susan said that Imo was a great hostess at the front of the hall.
- Joyce was a hard worker in helping with preparations, Jerry thought we should give her a job putting out information/publicity for our society.
- It was suggested that the raffle table and the other items for donations should separated more.



John likes this one just for the psudobulbs

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Some visitors thought more items were in the raffle.

- Since two vendors were unable to come at the last minute, we thought perhaps we should set up some kind of non-refundable deposit plan. We were fortunate that Dr. Wang was willing and able to fill in for one of the vendors

Board for next calendar year: So far our slate includes Carol Easton, president; Jerry Loomis, vice-president, Daniel Bellem, treasurer; Janette Ford, secretary; members at large are John O Connell, Lesley Olsen, Carolyn Salmon, Susan Holm, Frances Richardson and

Lory Schluenz. Carol will present the slate for election at the December meeting and she will invite anyone else who would like to serve on the board to be placed in nomination.

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 16 at Carol's house at 7:00. We talked about having some of our board meetings during the daytime since it is difficult for some members to drive at night. January 16 is Martin Luther King Day, so we may have an afternoon meeting if that time is agreeable for all.

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 2017 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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**Orchid Conservation Alliance**  
**Benefit Dinner**  
**To Expand the Dracula Reserve**  
**Speaker: Lou Jost**  
**Discovering, Studying, Conserving**  
**Ecuador's Orchids**

Please join us during the Pacific Orchid Exposition

Friday, February 24, 2017, 6 – 10 PM

Conservatory of Flowers, 100 John F. Kennedy Dr., San Francisco

For an evening of good company, delicious food, a private tour of the conservatory, a silent auction, and

**A Most Excellent Talk by Lou Jost.**



Lou Jost, conservationist, population geneticist and mathematical ecologist, is also the director and treasurer of Ecuador's Fundación EcoMinga. Originally from Wisconsin, Lou has lived on the side of the active Tungurahua volcano in Baños, Ecuador, for many years. His love of nature, particularly plants and birds, and his observation of their habitat's degradation in Ecuador led to his active interest in conservation. Jost has been instrumental in promoting a variety of conservation strategies, principally the creation of nature reserves. Reserva Rio Anzu was the first reserve, created with seed funding by the Orchid Conservation Alliance. Fundación EcoMinga's recent Dracula reserve was funded by a consortium of the Orchid Conservation Alliance, the University of Basel, and the RainForest Trust. Beyond providing safe harbor to the flora and fauna of the tropical rainforest, Fundación EcoMinga's reserves have yielded up many species of orchids, trees, frogs, and insects new to science.



**Tickets limited -- \$115**  
**Purchase before February 14, 2017**  
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