

The BackBulb

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

August 2013



COS Summer BBQ and Potluck

What: Food, Fellowship, and Orchids

When: Saturday August 24, 12-?

Where: Imogene Speicer's home, 25489 Flanders Drive, Carmel, CA

Directions: South on Hwy1 past the light at Ocean Ave. Left on Morse Dr. Left on Flanders Dr. Her house is on the right

Bring: Food (to share), beverage of choice (if your choice isn't water), serving utensil for the food, cash for the raffle. The Society is providing Carol's excellent smoked brisket

Take: Orchids from the raffle table, and leftovers (yumm!)

Visitors: \$5 to defray the cost of the raffle table.

There is no regular Meeting in August, the next meeting will be Monday Sep. 2nd



A Stanhopia from Bay Breeze. Bay Breeze is where we get our raffle table from when we don't purchase it from a speaker.

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Shamless Advertisement

Yes, please, spread the word (did I say advertise) about our upcoming Fall Orchid Festival. If you are on Facebook or if you Tweet or if you talk to people, let them know that there will be a great orchid show November 9th at the Community Church located on Carmel Valley Road. Let them know it's a:

- Great time to start an orchid collection.
- Great time to buy orchids to spruce up holiday décor.
- Great time to buy an orchid for a holiday gift.
- Great event to learn more about orchids.
- Great time to find out how to repot and divide an orchid.
- Great time to learn about orchids that will grow outside next to cymbidiums.
- Or, it's a Great time to grab a holiday gift at the silent auction and wine barrel raffle.

You can go on and on about one of your favorite topics with teasers about orchids. For example, the connection between orchids and vanilla and why vanilla is so expensive. Or the connection between Darwin and a very special orchid. Or the orchid that is disappearing because it is the main ingredient in a very popular ice cream -- one that does not melt easily. Or what orchids have to do with thieves and movies.

If you don't know the answer to any of these implied questions, come to the BBQ and learn more, then spread the word so we can get more people to partake in the joys of raising an orchid or two by coming to the show.

Yes, the idea is to get the word out and the date, November 9th, on peoples calendars.

Thanks for your help.



Ooh... Fuzzy flowers! John's *Eria pannea* blooms for the 1st time.

Upcoming Events

August

8/3-4 John's Greenhouse Raising 1-? each day.

8/3 9AM-5PM California Sierra Nevada Judging Center Speakers Day. Sacramento.

8/24 Saturday COS BBQ 12-4

September

9/2 Monday COS September Meeting

9/28-29 Orchids in the Park, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

November

11/9 Fall Orchid Festival

John's Greenhouse Raising Party

The greenhouse has arrived, and I have made progress on the foundation, but I could really use some help. So if you want to lend a hand, or if you are just curious about what a greenhouse kit looks like, drop by from 1 to 5, Saturday or Sunday (August 3 or 4). Observers are welcome to bring their beverage of choice, workers will be treated after we knock off for the day. The address is: 1697 Luzern St. Seaside, go through the gate on the left side of the driveway, call 770-617-1058 if you get lost.

Thanks, John



Diplocaulobium tentaculatum flowers only last a day, but when it blooms...



The boxes

Greenhouse Construction, Part 1

I finally bought it, a 13' x 13' "Grow Smart" from Earthcare. It cost \$2500 plus a couple of automatic vent openers, shipping was included.

Some features:

- 13' x 13' by 9' high
- 10mm twin-wall polycarbonate
- Aluminum frame.
- Double doors front and back.
- 4 roof vents.



Lots of parts, above, the aluminum frame, below, the connectors.

I ordered it on Saturday, it shipped on Monday and arrived on Friday (my birthday coincidentally). 7 boxes 380 pounds, I am glad that the shipping was included in the price. Un-boxing revealed dozens if not a couple of hundred parts, after organizing and inventorying, I was missing 2 parts, they should be here next week in time for a construction party on August 3rd or 4th.



I have moved the old greenhouse around the corner and have cleared the place for the new one. As you can see from the picture, it takes up a lot more space than the old one. Now I just need to lay the foundation of 4x6s and I will be ready to begin putting it up.

John



Left, the outline of the old 8'x8' greenhouse. Right the outline of the new 13'x13' greenhouse.

COS Board of Directors Meeting July 15, 2013

Board Members Present: John O'Connell, Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, Carol Easton, Daniel Bellem, Jeanette Brown, Lesley Olsen and Lory Schluez. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. at Kathie's house.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the June meeting were read and accepted by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report: The balance at beginning of June was \$9,020.97, at the end of June was \$8,500.04. Accepted by acclamation.

Vice President's Report: The BBQ will be at Imogene Speicer's home on Saturday, August 24, beginning at noon. COS will provide meat (Carol will be cooking it) and a \$250.00 raffle table. COS members are asked to bring beverages of their choice. Guests of COS members are asked to pay \$5.00 each. Carol, Kathie and Janette plan to go to Baybreeze on Thursday, the 22nd, to purchase orchids for the raffle table.

Fall Show: Carol has confirmed the date of Nov. 9 with the church where we meet, and she has received confirmation from two orchid vendors so far. The board decided the name for the show will be the Fall Orchid Festival. Carol had prepared a project plan for the show. We reviewed and discussed each item as follows.

- Co-chairs: Carol Easton & Daniel Bellem
- Vendors: D & D Flowers, and Orchids and Gardens are planning to come. Carol has contacted several other orchid vendors; so far no commitments. Jeanette Brown has suggested that a friend of hers who is a jewelry vendor might come.
- Orchid judging: The board decided it would be too expensive to try to get COS judging for this show.
- Orchid Display: Carol will see if Carolyn and Amanda would be able to prepare the display of member orchids.
- Potting Demonstrations: Names suggested were Carolyn, Emelita and Francis.
- Public Relations/Advertising: Kathie and Carol agreed to meet and work on this together. Kathie has checked costs of large banners. John agreed to work up pictures and format for banner, postcards, etc.
- Set up and tear down; logistics: Daniel agreed to be in charge of this job.
- COS recruitment at the orchid show: Carol said that Dan & Rubylynn Gibberson have offered to help at the show. She will ask if they would be willing to work on this.
- Cocktail party for show volunteers: Carol and Daniel would like to host this.
- Plant hotel: Carol has asked Marilyn Uribe to work on this.
- Wine and Beer Barrels for Raffle: Joanie has agreed to work on this. John

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suggested that Cammie may have contacts for wine donors or sellers.

- Silent Auction: Jeanette Brown and Lesley have agreed to work on this.
- Member orchid sales: Janette Ford and Lory have agreed to work on this.
- Volunteer coordinator: No chair yet.

We also discussed whether or not to have food at the show. Kathie had talked to the Carmel Kiwanis's Club, and Evelyn's husband is in the Carmel Valley group. But we decided not to have a booth for the purpose of selling food since we could not guarantee how many people might be purchasing food. Instead, we decided that we might try to have something prepared for the vendors and COS volunteers (Carol thought Elizabeth would be able to help with this). Jeanette Brown has offered to coordinate purchasing individually packaged snacks (chips, etc. and beverages) that we can sell at the show and then keep any leftovers for later use.

Next board meeting is scheduled for August 19, 7:00 p.m. at Janette Ford's house. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford

C A R M E L O R C H I D S O C I E T Y 2013 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 _____

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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	
	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"/>

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SIERRA
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Presents

California Sierra Nevada
Speaker's Day

Saturday, August 3, 2013

9AM to 5PM

Odd Fellows Building
1831 Howe Ave. at Alta Arden
Sacramento, CA 95838

Featuring

Greg Allikas,

AOS Webmaster & Orchid Photographer

Four Pairs, Eight of a Kind: The Confused Bifoliate Cattleyas

Sam Tsui, Orchid Inn

Latest Breeding on Brachypetalum

Nick Burnett, *Presenter of "How to Kill a Phal"*

Susan Wedegaertner, Hobbist

Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids

All You Wanted to Know About Phalaenopsis (panel discussion)

Vendors

Orchid Inn

The best paphiopedilums - (pre-order for a 15% discount)

Greg Allikas

Selling gorgeous orchid photography.

Gold Country Orchids

Mini-cattleyas that bloom 2-3 times a year.

D & D Flowers

Dennis will have whatever the others don't.

\$10 advance

\$20 at the door for Sponsoring Societies & AOS members

\$25 general admission



California Orchids Fall Sale! Saturday, September 14th 9am-4pm

- * Lots of ORCHIDS: from the usual to the really unusual, small to specimen sizes
- * Ferns, Tillandsias, Cut orchid flowers
- * Eco Pots made from rice hulls in great colors and shapes
- * Tree fern pots, cork slabs, and other mounting supplies
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- * Potting supplies
- * Fertilizer
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