

# The BackBulb

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

October 2019



## Are You Ready?

Temperatures below 50, fog an almost distant memory, real rain has fallen, the town seems emptier without all the tourists, Yes summer seems to be over and more signs of fall show up every day. Fall is a time to clean up the greenhouse before winter sets in, make sure all your plants are happy and perhaps do last minute re-pots on the ones that just won't wait until spring, bring in plants that have been summering over outdoors soaking in all that lovely fog. Fall is also show time for the Carmel Orchid Society and there is a lot to do before the show (November 8th and 9th). Here are a few things to add to your ToDo list:

- Pick out plants that you want to sell at our member sale table. This is a great time to make room for all of the plants you are going to buy at our show and the winter shows (POE, Santa Barbara etc.). Remember you can sell orchids and companion plants (succulents, bromiliades, carnivorous plants, etc.)
- Keep an eye out for plants that may bloom in time for the show. You will want to baby these plants, clean the leaves, stake the spikes if necessary, and find a nice container for them to be displayed in. Frank will go over everything at Octobers meeting.
- Volunteer your time. There are many jobs that need to be done to have a successful show: Set up tables, take down tables, man the membership table, man the member sales booth, and make food for the vendors (we will be providing lunch both Friday and Saturday), help put up the display and much more. We will be signing people up at the October

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## Fall Orchid Festival

Carmel Orchid Society

Friday - Saturday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>  
9AM - 4PM

Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula  
4590 Carmel Valley Rd. Carmel CA



CarmelOrchidSociety.org

meeting, this is your chance to help the society out with it's biggest event of the year.

In order to provide a selection of treats at our meetings, we are asking members with last names that start with the letter **G thru L** to **bring refreshments** to the next meeting.

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## Upcoming Events

### October

10/5 Peninsula Orchid Society Annual Auction, San Mateo Garden Center

### 10/7 Monday COS October Meeting

### November

### 11/8-9 COS Fall Orchid Festival

## Sell Your Orchids

If your orchid garden or greenhouse is overflowing, dividing and/or selling some of your plants at the fall show is a good way to make room for more orchids! Or if others have envied some of your plants at "show and tell" maybe you could make a little money by dividing that specimen. Members (only members please) of COS are encouraged to bring plants from their collections to sell. Here are a few guidelines for sales:

1. Plants should be disease and pest free.
2. Fill out sales tags as completely as possible (they are included with this newsletter). Plants that have a picture attached and have as much information about the plant as possible sell better. Attach the tag to your plant securely with masking tape or on a stick. If you have several plants, it is always a good idea for you to keep a list of the names and prices of the plants you bring.
3. COS will keep 25% of each sale as a part of our fundraiser. Price your plants accordingly, but remember that affordable plants sell first. Volunteers who will be at the sales table will



If you mount your orchids to trees (Picture from the COS BBQ at Irene and Rudy Patton's house) you are going to have a hard time selling them later.

not change prices on your plants, so if your plant is not selling, you may want to stop by the table during the show to change the price.

4. Plants can be brought to the church (show location) on Thursday afternoon, November 7th. If you cannot bring them until Friday, we

will set them out for sale in the order as they are received. You will need to pick up any unsold plants at 4PM on Saturday.

I look forward to finding some real gems to purchase among the member's orchids!

**Carolyn Salmon**



**Left,** Food and fun at the COS Fall BBQ

**Right,** getting plants to our booth in style at the Monterey County Fair, thanks to Carol and Daniel for providing the plants and manning the booth.



## Progress Report on the Silent Auction Replacement Fund

As we have discussed at our regular meetings and in the Back Bulb, we do not plan to have a silent auction at our November show. We are asking for cash donations instead. In past years we have brought in \$1000 to \$1200 from the auction which helps with regular COS expenses: rent, speakers and plant tables. So far we have received:

### **Dendrobium – up to \$50**

Rosemary Ullman, Nancy Knopp

### **Paphiopedilum – \$50 to \$100**

Norma Walsh, John O'Connell, Pat Landee, Susan Holm, Irene Patton, Janette Ford

### **Cattleya – \$100 and over**

Kathie Ritter, Carol Easton, Carolyn Salmon

Thanks to these members the **total received so far is about \$643**, but we do need more. Please consider the time and money you have donated in the past for the Silent Auction items and make it a cash gift this year.

The category names were chosen because Dendrobiums are one of the largest and varied types of orchids (we welcome any donation), Paphiopedilums are a little harder to grow and of course so lovely, and because Carol Easton believes the Cattleya family is the best of all orchids!



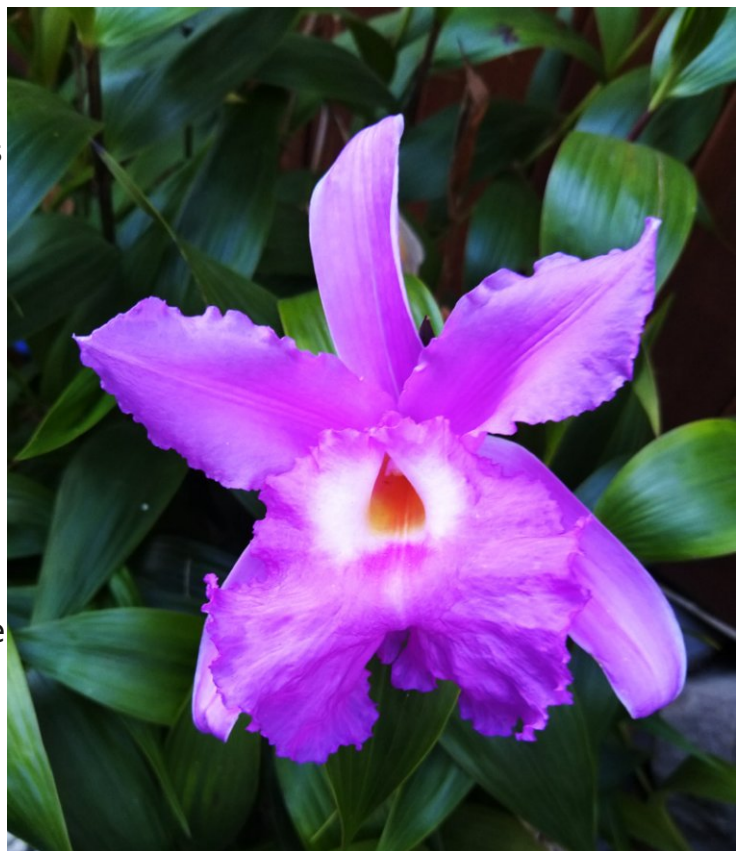
## Show Off Your Orchids!

One of the major attractions of an Orchid Show is the members display. This year Frank Baptista (Remember he spoke at the May meeting) is putting up the display and he has arranged for real ribbon judging. What this means is that all plants will be judged against other similar plants and there are separate awards for novice, intermediate, and advanced, so if this is your first show you will not be competing against that giant Cattleya that Carol brings in. This also means that all plants need to be labeled with the owners name, the category of the plant and the experience level of the owner, don't worry there will be somebody there to assist with this task. Don't be intimidated, we need your plants if we are going to have a spectacular display, it is worth going to some extra trouble to transport that special plant to the show, we want visitors to be wowed and we need your plants to do it.

General Guidelines, ask Carol, Carolyn, or John if you have questions about displaying plants.

- Drop plants off Thursday afternoon before 4PM, if you cannot bring the plants in yourself, please contact Carol Easton at 595-5254 and we will try to arrange a pickup.
- All plants are pest and disease free, your plant can not be displayed if it has bugs!
- The leaves are clean and attractive
- Plant is in full bloom, unless the leaves are the main attraction

- A nice looking pot please, plastic pots are not generally considered "nice". We will have fabric available to cover extra large pots (like giant Cattlyas, or Cymbidiums)
- Plants must be staked and secured appropriately
- All Plants must be registered and display an entry card
- Members must pick up their plants promptly at 4:15pm on Saturday, November 9th. We must be out of the Hall early Saturday evening.



## CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY 2019 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

If you were referred by a current member, please provide

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

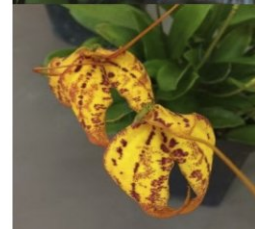
Renewal ☐ New Member ☐

Member of the American Orchid Society ☐

Membership Type	Receive Newsletter	
	Via E-Mail	Via US Mail
Single	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>
Couple	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$40 <input type="checkbox"/>
Vendor	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$40 <input type="checkbox"/>



**Peninsula Orchid Society Auction**  
**Saturday, October 5, 2019**  
**1:00 PM to 5:00 PM ( Preview 12:30 PM )**  
**San Mateo Garden Center**  
**605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94543**



**Entertaining and fun. Open to everyone.**  
**Hundreds of orchids available, often at bargain prices.**  
**Many in bud or bloom.**  
**Rare species, exotic hybrids, fragrant orchids,**  
**some available nowhere else!**  
**Plants for every budget, all growing conditions and all skill levels.**





# Fall Orchid Festival

presented by the  
Carmel Orchid Society

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Saturday  
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Orchid Sales  
Orchid Display  
Orchid Care Classes  
Potting Demonstrations

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Print this page for your CVGS member plant sales tags. Fill out 1 tag per plant and attach to the plant. Use the "plant id" field to give each plant a unique code, so you know what you sold.