

The BackBulb

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

August 2020



On and On...

As the COVID-19 situation continues to drag on with no end in site, events postponed from the spring are canceled and fall events are starting to join them. Our own event the Fall Orchid Festival scheduled for November 12-14 is increasingly uncertain. We will wait until mid September to make a final decision, but if the current level of restrictions persist, then the church and the board will likely cancel it as well. I noticed that the San Francisco Orchid Society is starting to think about what a "socially distanced" POE would look like, maybe we should do the same. My sister went to an event (a gun show not an orchid show) recently and said that it took up twice the space since all the sales tables were quite far apart. We don't have more inside space but we do have outdoor space which, given the time of year, is risky to use since the weather may be cold or rainy, we have been lucky past years but you can not count on early November being nice.

The board has officially canceled the August meeting since the

church has told us that the earliest that we can use the room would be September if the current restrictions are relaxed by then. If they are we need to decide whether to hold a regular meeting, which would be on Labor Day, or hold the traditional BBQ. There are pluses and minuses for each: a BBQ would be mostly



Angraecum magdalenae in Carolyn's greenhouse, via Instagram

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outside, a plus; people eat and drink with mouths uncovered at a BBQ, a minus; a meeting is inside, a minus; not as much talking at a regular meeting, a plus. See, a difficult decision. We could always modify either the meeting, hold it outside, or the BBQ, just have snacks rather than a full meal. If it looks like the show will not happen then I think we should have a member plant sale, I need to get rid of some plants to make room in the greenhouse. Anyways, let me know if you have any preferences or ideas, we really need some fresh ideas right now.

In the meantime while we are betwixt and between normalcy and shelter in place, I am continuing to hold the Friday afternoon, 5PM, Orchid Happy Hour on Zoom. There are usually about 10 of us and we share our blooming plants and conversation, everyone is welcome, show up late, we don't even care if you don't imbibe. A few of us are also posting plants, orchids and some non-orchids (yes, most of us grow things other than orchids and we are proud of them when we get them to bloom) on Instagram. Unfortunately mid summer is not the best time for blooming orchids so things are a bit slow on the #carmelorchidsociety hash tag, but if you have something in bloom and have a Facebook or Instagram account, please post a picture with the #carmelorchidsociety hash tag and we can all oh and ah over them.

John



Angraecum longiscot in Carolyn's greenhouse, via Instagram

August

8/7 Friday 5PM Orchid Happy Hour on Zoom

8/21 Friday 5PM Orchid Happy Hour on Zoom

September

9/4 Friday 5PM Orchid Happy Hour on Zoom (Maybe)

Fall BBQ or Meeting (Perhaps)

Carmel Orchid Society

Board of Directors Meeting 7/5/2020

Members Present: John O'Connell, Janette Ford, Carolyn Salmon and Norma Walch. Others present: Kathie Ritter and Irene Patton. Meeting called to order at 2:30 at Kathie's house.

This was an informal meeting mainly to discuss plans for the Fall Show. Norma was unable to take minutes so Janette made a few notes. Daniel was not present so we did not have a treasurer's report.

We discussed when we might have a meeting for members. We decided August would be too soon since there is still concern about the corona virus. Our BBQ is usually held in September, but we concurred that it would probably be better to have a regular meeting around the middle of the month. We will make a decision at August board meeting.

Fall Show: Kathie has continued to work with Jeannette Brown to contact vendors. They have tried to contact about ten vendors and at least six are interested in coming. Some of the vendors would have orchid companion and/or garden plants. She has also contacted and designated members of COS to help with vendor sales, refreshments, demonstrations and talks, set-up and marketing. Kathie and Irene have done some research into having a credit card availability for member sales. Kathie said there is a nominal cost for the hardware and Irene said there is a 2.75% charge for each transaction plus any amount our

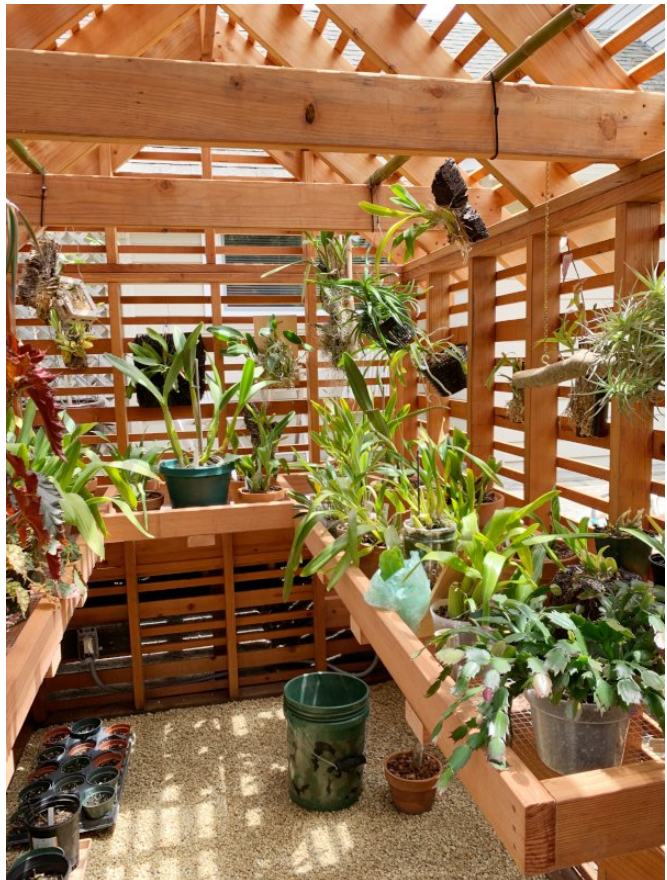
bank would charge. They will check with our bank to see how much they charge. We agreed that having a credit card option available would increase member sales. Kathie asked if COS would be able to pay for some marketing expenses. She was thinking especially about advertising in the Carmel weekly paper or the Weekly available in Monterey. She will check on the costs.

New Business: The board will plan to meet again in August. Date, time and place to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30

Respectfully submitted,

Janette Ford



The Patton's new lath house, very nice, we look forward to seeing more of it in the future.



Diplocaulobium tentaculatum in John's greenhouse.
This one blooms for only one day and it's gone.

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