

# The BackBulb

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

December 2020



## December Speaker: Edgar Stehli

### Angraecums

Sorry, no Holiday party this year. Instead we will have a Zoom meeting on Monday December 7th, the first Monday as usual, at 7PM Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89062726079?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89062726079?pwd=eUVHSWpZNU1Ra3VYTVlhZ2dnVjBnUT09)

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Meeting ID: 890 6272 6079 Passcode: 208485 I will start the meeting at 6:30 for people to socialize and work out technical difficulties.

The Angraecoid Alliance is a fascinating group of orchids from Africa and that terribly exotic island of Madagascar. They may not have the largest or the most colorful flowers, but they make up for it in many other ways. Edgar talk is an introduction to this incredible group of orchids.

Edgar's interest in orchids began when he was just six or seven years old. He found a plant growing in the roadside ditch near his house in Northeast Ohio. When his father got home from work, he dragged him over to see his discovery. He said "Oh! That's an orchid." Edgar's first orchid find was a *Spiranthes* (probably *cernua*). A few years later his family drove to Alaska

and back. On that trip, he found a *Calypso bulbosa* in Wyoming, and several other orchids in Alaska and Canada.

While in high school, he began growing some tropical orchids, and soon had a small collection. While in his final year at Case Western Reserve University his orchid collection moved to Florida with his parents. Sadly, he never saw them again (the



*Angraecum leonis* in John's greenhouse

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*Angraecum didieri* in John's greenhouse

orchids that is!). Also in his last year, he met Kim Sante who was working at the Cleveland Garden Center, now known as the Cleveland Botanical Garden.

Eventually he and Kim were married in Kenya in Africa. Shortly after they were married, they built a sun room on the corner of their house. This of course allowed his orchid collection to get a little out of hand. Finally in 1999 they began selling plants to area florists, then through the orchid shows.

They called their new business Windswept in Time Orchids. Except this year, they now attend close to fifteen shows a year, where their plants and exhibits have won many awards. <https://windsweptorchids.com/>



I am sorry that I don't remember who these came from (Carolyn maybe?) but nice flowers.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **December**

12/7 Monday 7PM, COS December meeting.

12/18 Friday 5PM Orchid Happy Hour on Zoom

### **January**

1/4 Monday 7PM, COS January meeting.

## 2021 Membership Raffle

It has been 8 months since our March meeting and our last raffle. It is time for another raffle, but since we won't be having any in person meetings for the foreseeable future I thought I would steal an idea that my sister's orchid society is trying. Instead of selling tickets for a dollar a piece we will be entering everybody that sends in their dues. Instead of drawing winners from a hat, everyone will get a plant, the people that send in their dues first get first pick. The rules are:

- Eligibility: New and renewing members who send in their dues from the time of the show, Nov. 13th, to the 1st of February.
- Your dues postmark will determine your place in the picking order. Ties will be decided by coin flip, dice throw or drawing raffle tickets depending on the number of people involved.
- Everybody will get a plant, or a gift certificate from a well known nursery, I am thinking of Andy's Orchids right now. Many of the plants will come from Carol Easton's collection via Carolyn Salmon.
- I will post photos and anything else we know about the plants online, in late January, to make it possible for members to choose their plants.
- Pickup arrangements are TBD.

So send in those dues and get a plant! Do it now or you may not have much of a choice.



The Fall Orchid Market, outside under the breezeway

## 2020 Fall Orchid Market

The Fall Orchid Market came off without a hitch. The weather was great, the vendors sold a bunch of plants and had a good time, member sales were hot and a number of us didn't have to bring much home. **I would like to especially thank Kathie Ritter for her work as show director.** Despite the uncertainty she pulled everything together for a successful two days.



Top: best dressed member, **Amanda Nixon**  
Bottom: **Norma** giving a potting demonstration

Kathie would like to thank:

**John**, for being there at beck and call to come up with yet another poster or form and taking on the distribution of posters by email to orchid societies, garden clubs and all of our mailing lists plus working the show.

**Daniel**, for getting the sellers permit and tax forms, correcting and putting up banners, going through the bureaucratic work of getting the credit card machine, taking care of cash boxes, banking and all things treasurer-wise plus working the show.

**Pat**, for putting the lunches together as well as donating the cost of the sandwiches.

**Irene**, for being a sounding board as well as taking on at least half of the onerous marketing chores and working the show.

**Carolyn**, for coordinating the member table and stocking it, plus working the show.

**Janette Ford**, for working with Dennis and Scott to provide us with talks, contributing to the lunches plus working the show.

**Susan**, for hosting a vendor plus working the show.

**Jeanette Brown**, for making initial contact with vendors and contributing to the lunches plus working the show.

**Norma** for taking on the potting demonstrations and contributing to the lunches, getting the masks and hand sanitizers plus working the show.

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**Amanda**, for contributing to the lunches, bringing her cart, looking like a field of orchids plus working the show.

**Imo**, for contributing to the lunches plus working the show.

**Rudy, Tom, Pat and Jeff**, for working the show.

**Amanda and Carolyn**, for doing some heavy lifting with marketing.

## 2021 Board of Directors Nominations

To be voted on at the December meeting.

President, BackBulb Editor, Web master, and Membership): **John OConnell**

Vice President: **Carolyn Salmon**  
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Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	New Member <input type="checkbox"/>
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Membership	
Single	<b>\$25</b> _____
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Add an additional <b>\$5</b> to receive the newsletter via USPS	