

The BackBulb

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

November 2023



Show Time!

If it's November then it's time for our annual show, the COS Fall Orchid Market. You may give POE a pass since it is a crime ridden big city, or miss the peninsula show because it's kind of small, or blow off Santa Barbara because it's too far to do in a single day. Well no excuses for our show, it's in your own back yard and there are eleven vendors, several educational talks, and real orchid judging this year, not to mention all the interesting plants for sale and all the beautiful blooming orchids on display. The orchid world revolves around it's shows. It's where orchid people from all over meet to show off their best and rarest plants, see other peoples best and rarest plants, meet other orchid addicts, add to their orchid collection, and get their plants evaluated by the closest thing we have to high priests: AOS judges. It takes at least 6 years to become an AOS judge,

you can probably attend a seminary and get a Doctor of Divinity in less time. If one of your plants receive their blessing (an AOS award) it will probably be a highlight of your orchid growing career.

This is your show. This is when you need to pull out all the stops to get your blooming plants to the show on Thursday so they can be included in the societiy exhibit and hopefully be judged and found exceptional. This is when you need to find that extra room in your growing area to

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Our exhibit at last years Fall Orchid Market

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accommodate the really beautiful, or interesting (some of us are suckers for weird) plants you are going to buy. This is also the time to unload a few of the plants you have become disenchanted with. And remember, it's a good time to support the Carmel Orchid Society by showing up and support the vendors who support us.

An unknown Barkeria in John's greenhouse

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2024 COS Board of Directors Nominations

BackBulb Editor & Webmaster
John OConnell
Membership
Amanda Nixon

President: Amanda Nixon

VP Program: John OConnell, Kathie Ritter, Carolyn Salmon

Recording Secretary: Irene Patton

Treasurer: Janette Ford

Directors: Cathie Walmsley, Anna Narvaez-Helms, Chris Thomas (new), Sonya Weininger (new), Albert Satterfield (new)

We will vote on the new board at the December Holiday Party.

Upcoming Events

November

There is no regular November meeting planned. See you at the Fall Market!

11/10-11 COS Fall Orchid Market

December

12/4 COS Holiday Party (tentative)



FALL ORCHID MARKET

presented by the Carmel Orchid Society

ORCHIDS • SUCCULENTS • CARNIVORES • IKEBANA • TILLANDSIA

Friday - Saturday
Nov. 10th & 11th, 2023
9am-4pm

AOS JUDGING • CULTURE TALKS • POTTING DEMONSTRATIONS

Located at 4590 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel, CA
CarmelOrchidSociety.org/Events
(831) 626-1120

**Friday, Nov. 10th & Saturday,
Nov. 11th, 2023**

A perfect opportunity to shop and ask questions about orchids!

When: Friday & Saturday, Nov 10 & 11 from 9am-4pm

Where: 4590 Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel, CA

Presentations

Potting demonstrations, 11:30 on

Friday and Saturday

Dennis Olivas at 10:30 Saturday

Ikebana floral arrangement demonstration, 1PM on Saturday

Vendors: D&D Flowers, Ikebana Society of the Monterey Peninsula, Member Plant Table, New Earth Orchids, Orchids and Gardens, Orchids of Los Osos, Organic First, River Road Succulents, SLO Orchids, Tanya Lam Orchids & Supplies

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 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 9th. 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.

5. You can sell orchids, bromeliads, succulents, carnivorous plants, or other exotics that you may have around.

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

Carolyn Salmon



A Paph that will be on the Member sales table in a couple of weeks

Show Off Your Plants

We will have a display at the Fall Orchid Market this year, but it will be a bit different from years past.

Most of the guidelines from the past still apply:

- * Plants must be free of pests. It is particularly embarrassing to bring a nice plant to the show but to have it turned away due to the presence of bugs that you didn't see at home.
- * Plants should be in bloom, or be varieties known for their foliage (Neofinetias, Jewel orchids etc.). Stake the blooms if needed, clean the leaves if needed. Basically make them presentable.
- * Make the pot (if it has one) presentable. Put

A Phrag in John's greenhouse that may still be in bloom for the show.



plants in plastic pots in a decorative container, clay pots are OK if they are not covered with water scale, algae or otherwise unsightly.

- * Plants don't have to have a tag, but it is much better if they do.
- * Bring the plants to the show/market on Thursday afternoon, before 3:30PM. If you can't make Thursday afternoon, be there by 8:30 on Friday morning.
- * Pick your plants up at 4PM on Saturday.

AOS Judging

For the first time in decades, this year's Market features AOS (American Orchid Society) judging. This is a great opportunity to see how your blooming orchid stacks up against orchids of the same species or hybridization that have been judged before. Members and non-members are welcome to bring plants for judges to choose from. To have your orchid judged it must be clean and free of pests or infections and have a tag. All plants for judging will be placed in our

display and the judges will pull plants for judging from there. So don't worry if it's good enough for judging, just if it's good enough for you to show to the world. Any plants winning awards will be placed back in the exhibit with a certificate of award. Note that for an award to be registered and be official you must pay the AOS \$35, for members, or \$55, for non-members. If you have a problem with this then place a note with your plant saying it is "not for judging".

COS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, 10/23/2023

The meeting was called to order on Zoom by Amanda Nixon and those present besides Amanda were Kathie Ritter, Carolyn Salmon, Irene Patton, John OConnell, Cathy Walmsley and Janette Ford.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the October Back Bulb.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$4,311.45 less approximately \$225 for expenses to be paid. She renewed AOS membership, paid the October speaker #325, \$25 to the Pine Cone. She reported income of \$265 for the plant raffle plus 2 new memberships in October. There was also income and expense from the church event that Amanda sponsored listed in next paragraphs. The Pine Cone ad for the Market is arranged and paid.

Amanda asked if John could do the Back Bulb early and he said he thought it coming out just before our event would be a better plan.

We discussed people joining the Society late in the year, whether we should pro-rate the dues or not and the consensus was to let it stand as the By-Laws state. A suggestion of free raffle tickets could go to those who join late in the year.

The Church Event that Amanda chaired last weekend raised \$335 in orchid sales. Expenses were \$225 for orchids and \$45 for the booth, netting \$65.

There are a few orchids left to sell at the Market. People were interested in our November Market, Amanda reported. Kathie suggested that members donate plants instead of our purchasing them. Janette noted we owe 9.5% in sales tax as well.

Irene mentioned she had checked the By-Laws for how we could add another category of membership (students at \$15 as was discussed in September) and we decided to address that in the coming year with other changed to the By-Laws. Irene and Janette will put together a list of changes to be considered by the membership in 2024.

John asked for nominations for the 2024 Board which must be decided in October. Everyone will keep the same positions with several new members asked to join the Board. John will publish the slate in the November Back Bulb to be voted on at the Christmas meeting.

Everyone enjoyed our fabulous speaker and his plant table at Pebble Beach. We had a long discussion about changing the meetings to a weekend afternoon either at PB or at the Church. Amanda will see if dates for 2024 are available at both places and check on the fee from the church for Saturday afternoon. We all agreed that driving to PB is not a challenge in the day time.

Kathie discussed the details of the November Market. John needs someone to write up the plant descriptions who has good handwriting and Carolyn volunteered. She gave us the schedule for set up on Thursday and Thursday night and we talked

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about food arrangements (Cathy Walmsley is coordinating) for the two days. Kathie Ritter and Christine Thomas will make up the hobby bags of bark to be sold. Carolyn got a list of who is bringing plants for sale. John will help set up the orchid display table that Kathie has designed and Rudy and Irene have produced. The new credit card system is in place and Kathie announced good weather for the event! Janette suggested we pay more attention to our speakers in the coming

year, four or five speakers that might cost more but would be attractive to our membership.

We will discuss the Christmas Party at the November BOD meeting. Everyone is hoping Anna will coordinate the Christmas games again. Next meeting for the Board is November 20, 7 PM by Zoom.

See you at the Market!

Irene Patton, Secretary

CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY

2023 Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the Carmel Orchid Society and mail to: Carmel Orchid Society - Membership, 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	
Single	\$35 _____
Couple	\$50 _____
Vendor	\$50 _____
Add an additional \$10 to receive the newsletter via USPS	

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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.