

# The BackBulb

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

October 2024

The October Meeting is on **Saturday October 5th, 2PM** at the Church

**October**

**Speaker: James Shao**

**How I Grow Selected Terrestrial Orchids Outdoors**

Besides *Bletilla striata* very few of us grow terrestrial orchids. One could argue that Cymbidiums and Paphs are terrestrial, but we grow both like epiphytes. James will cover species from Australia, South Africa, California and the Mediterranean including habits, growing seasons and growing mediums.

James has been in the nursery industry for 25 years from production through retail and has been growing orchids off and on since he was 13. He has had a wide range of orchids over

the years, changing plants as his growing space changed. He is currently working with Dennis Olivas at D&D Flowers and he always brings very interesting terrestrial plants to the shows, including many very cool South African bulbs.

The plant table will



*Bletilla striata*, taken by Cammie

be provided by D&D Flowers (Dennis Olivas).

There will be a semi-hydro potting demonstration before the meeting at 6:30pm.

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

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## Upcoming Events

### October

**10/5 Saturday 2pm**, October COS Meeting

### November

There is no regular COS meeting in November

**11/8-9 COS Fall Orchid Marketplace**

### December

12/7 COS Holiday party

## Donations Please

In January 2020 the COS board established the **Carol Easton Memorial Speakers Fund** to remember Carol Easton (see the January 2020 BB for a remembrance) and to enable the society to continue to have quality speakers from out of the area.

Bringing in speakers is an increasingly expensive proposition, it can cost from \$200 to \$500 to bring someone down from the bay area or further afield. We have several good speakers locally, but we all love the programs from people like Mary Gerritsen, Ron Parsons, Tanya Lam, Dan Newman, Ken Jacobsen, and others. So this fund will ensure that we can continue to bring in quality speakers in the future.

Donations of any size are welcome (see Janette Ford at the meetings) but we would like to introduce a "market table" at our October meeting. Everyone is welcome to bring any garden or orchid related items to be donated to the table. Example: I have a few too many pumpkins in my garden so I will bring one or two for the table to "sell" for any amount you want to give. Other items may be gently used garden equipment, plants, pots, seeds, clippers, tags, or anything that you think is useful. Please have an estimated value so we can have a general idea of its worth but we will be accepting any amount as donation. All money will go directly into the Carol Easton Memorial Speakers Fund. So bring a little more cash to the meeting and if all goes well we will have another market table in the spring where you can bring seedlings! Remember, we will have a members sale table at our Fall Market so if you have an outstanding plant save it for then.



# FALL ORCHID MARKET

presented by the Carmel Orchid Society

ORCHIDS • SUCCULENTS • CARNIVORES • IKEBANA • TILLANDSIA

Friday - Saturday  
Nov. 8th & 9th, 2024  
9am-4pm

CULTURE TALKS • POTTING DEMONSTRATIONS

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



## COS Fall Orchid Marketplace

A perfect opportunity to shop and ask questions about orchids!

**When:** Friday & Saturday, Nov 8 & 9 from 9am-4pm

**Where:** 4590 Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel, CA

**Presentations:** At 11am and 1pm: Potting demonstrations, Ikebana floral arranging, Orchids 101.

**Vendors:** D&D Flowers, Orchids and Gardens, Lisa Humphreys Orchids, River Road Succulents, Orchids of Los Osos, Ikebana Society of Monterey Peninsula, Mesa Exotics, New Earth Orchids, Organic First, Cacti & Exotica

## Volunteer

We need volunteers to help with the show:

- \* Setup on Thursday afternoon
- \* Tear down late Saturday afternoon
- \* Member plant sales
- \* Membership table
- \* Provide Lunch for the vendors

Kathie would like to hear from you at 831-917-6591 or sign up at the October meeting.



## 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. 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**



## 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 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.



## COS Board Meeting Minutes 9-20-2024

President Amanda Nixon called the meeting to order at Carolyn Salmon's home. Present were: Amanda, Irene Patton, Janette Ford, Chris Thomas, Albert Satterfield, Carolyn Salmon, Anna Narvaez-Helms, John O'Connell, Sonya Weininger, Cathy Walmsley.

The minutes from the August meeting were read and approved unanimously.

Cathy announced the Marina Garden Club Seed and Bulb Exchange on

October 20, 10-2.

Amanda requested Cutting Day be added to the list of amended dates for 2025.

The treasurer reported that one CD is up for renewal and she will renew. Seven month rates are 3.92% and 15 months are 4%. We made \$125 interest on the last term. The second CD will renew in February. The board approved taking the best interest.

Irene prepared a comparison list of income and expenses based on 2022 and 2023 budget totals. We will come up with a proposed budget in January

after 2024 data is available. Chris, Janette and Irene will work on this. We are to include dollar amounts for better understanding.

Carolyn stressed the importance of group activity for the VP position. She and John announced James Shao as speaker for October 7 at 2pm at the church. We are paying him \$250 for a speaker's fee and \$250 for the plant table. His topic is terrestrial orchids.

Irene requested we spend more on speakers and the plant table, as Janette mentioned in an earlier meeting.

Sonya suggested Vicki from the Santa Cruz Society as a speaker. She also described their auction bid procedure for excitement over special orchids.

Amanda moved that we have a sales table in October from members for donations to the society. Anna agreed to write something we could put in the Back Bulb.

We discussed the Christmas Party for December 7th at 12:30 at the church. Cathy will organize the food.

Irene will do a demo at the October meeting at 6:30 on semi-hydro potting of orchids. Anyone with semi-hydro success should bring theirs to Show and Tell.

There was a long discussion of payment of dues and membership. We decided to follow the established route of dues paid in November are good for the following year, and if not paid by spring, members are dropped from the list. Amanda said we would revise the membership list at the beginning of the year. We will call older members for renewal.

Amanda said we would like to encourage cash donations from members.

Everyone on the present BOD agreed to return for 2025. We are inviting Peter Janik to join us on the Board and hope he will attend a meeting to see how we work. John said everyone who is a member is invited to board meetings. The Slate of Officers will be sent to the Back Bulb for publication.

The next meeting of the Board is October 16th at Irene's home at 5 pm. Earlier meetings will help driving home in the dark.

We gathered after the meeting adjourned to discuss how to use Facebook and Instagram to show photos of our orchids on the Society page. Amanda coached us.

Amanda thanked everyone who brought cookies and candy to the meeting.

**Irene Patton, Secretary**



Buying tickets for the raffle at the Fall BBQ, Photo by Cammie

## Free to a Good Home...

2 aquariums I have used to grow orchids. The larger one (on the left) is 36.5" wide X 15" deep X 20" high, with the stand it is 45" high. The smaller one (on the right) is 20" wide X 10.5" deep X 24" high.

Just add an ultrasonic mister of some sort, maybe a light or two (I have a light for the larger one you can have), some wire to hang plants on and supports to keep pots out of the water that accumulates on the bottom and you have your own living room orchid growing environment.



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

### 2024 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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