

# The BackBulb

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

November 2024



## 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 ten vendors, several educational talks, not 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, and add to their orchid collection, there is always room for one more orchid.

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 society exhibit. This is when you need to find that extra room in your growing area to 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.



Cattleya bowringiana, grown and photo by Carolyn

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## Upcoming Events

### November

There is no regular COS meeting in November

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

### December

12/7 COS Holiday party

## Notes From the October COS Meeting

Nineteen members enjoyed hearing about terrestrial (ground growing) orchids from James Shao on October 5th. James works with Dennis Olivas and is one of our Fall Market vendors. He says terrestrials are not as showy as other orchid species. We have Coastal terrestrials; the Sierra has *Epipactis gigantea* which are easy to find in Yosemite in the Spring. It is invasive in Carmel, growing even between street cracks. James said Central CA Orchid Society leads tours in the Spring to the Sierra where they can be seen right by the road.

We learned about other terrestrials from Asia, Australia and the Med. Orchids from the Med mimic bees and wasps and grow in small pots. *Ophrus lutea* (bee orchid) native to the UK and Greece, is under 1 foot in height. Many are tuberous perennials and bloom in the Spring.

Terrestrials can be purchased from James, from Brookside, at POE and Peninsula Orchids. In Florida, Tarzain Group and Top Tropicals. He recommends purchasing from Northern hemisphere sources to keep the blooming schedule. James' soil mix is 70-80% mineral and the rest peat moss. He likes ProMix for the peat since it is cleaner to use. He sifts out the fines and re-uses them for succulents and bulbs.

Society business: Carolyn asked members to bring plants to sell at the Market, on Thursday, November 7th between 1-4 at the Church. Plant tags are available to print on the last page of the Back Bulb. A nice plant table with lots of variety was provided by James, our speaker. We also enjoyed Show and Tell with members' blooming orchids. Irene demonstrated potting semi-hydroponic orchids in pots with holes 1" up from the bottom and clay balls. Anna had a sale table with anything related to growing on it. We enjoyed meeting in the afternoon with plenty of daylight.

**Irene Patton**



# 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 Market

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, Ikebana Society of Monterey Peninsula, SLO Gardens and Orchids, New Earth Orchids, and Organic First and COS Member Plant Sales

## 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.



## 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 10-16-2024

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Nixon, President, at 5 pm, at the home of Rudy and Irene Patton. In addition to Amanda, present were: Irene Patton, Carolyn Salmon, Kathie Ritter, Cathy Walmsley, Albert Satterfield, Anna Narvaez-Helms, Sonya Weininneger, Janette Ford and Chris Thomas

The minutes were read and approved from last month's board meeting. The

treasurer reported \$155 was received for the raffle orchid table and \$50 for Anna's sale table at the October meeting. The balance in the checkbook was \$4,757. The CD will be renewed this coming week.

The meeting was turned over to Kathie Ritter who described in detail our assignments as volunteers for the November Market to be held at the Community Church on Nov. 8 and 9. Set up is to be at noon on Thursday, Nov. 7th. Only able bodies to move tables are to be there at noon, the rest to come after tables are set up to put

on tablecloths, bring orchids for sale and show.

Kathie discussed logistics, food, orchid display, membership and greeting table, potting demo and speakers, marketing, sales, and hobby bag sales.

Rudy mentioned where he and Albert would mount the new banners on posts. Carolyn requested 5 tables for the member sales. She and Irene are arranging for some donated Cymbidiums to be sold. Albert volunteered to demo mounting orchids. Cathy went over the food assignments. We voted to spend \$25 for the Carmel

Pine Cone calendar listing and not do the display ad this year. Cathy suggested we list on the KSQD radio calendar. Irene requested we have a workable wifi from the church out in the breezeway for cc sales. Amanda is getting this done. Kathie discussed the social events for the vendors and the volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 and everyone who could stay enjoyed a happy hour inside with wine and conversation.

**Irene Patton, Secretary**

## 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.

It's not an orchid, but it's still one of the most dramatic flowers I grow. ***Epiphyllum oxypetalum*** produces large, extremely fragrant flowers that open for one night only. I usually set an alarm for 9pm when the buds are ready to open so I don't miss them, but I caught this one early in the morning before the flower wilted. If you want to enjoy this amazing plant I will have one for sale on the member sales table and it should be almost big enough to bloom.

Grown and photo by John







Right: *Brassavola nodosa* 'Mas Major.'  
 Left: Miltassia Golden Spider 'Copius.'  
 Grown and photo by Chris Thomas

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 2024 Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the Carmel Orchid Society and mail to: Carmel Orchid Society -  
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 Vendor **\$50** \_\_\_\_\_

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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.