

The BackBulb

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

July 2025

There is no regular July meeting

July Excursion: Orchids in the Park, San Francisco

If you missed POE (Pacific Orchid Exposition) you have another chance for a big orchid show in San Francisco. OITP has 23 vendors this year so it will be well worth the trip up. OITP is mainly a sale, but the vendors do put up small table top exhibits that feature a lot of flowers that are not in bloom for the winter shows. **We will carpool up on Saturday morning July 26th.** Meet near the bus stop in front of Best Buy in Marina **at 7:50am so we can leave by 8** and make the opening of the show at 10. You can buy tickets online for a discount price and avoid the line to purchase them on site. There are many options for lunch, within a block of the venue. We should be ready to leave some time after 1pm so we can be home later in the afternoon.

If you have questions contact John: email johnoconnell19@gmail.com or text 770-617-1058.

Meeting place: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/V14pYa1yA2NuzHyz5>

OITP venu: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/oF9ELqn6im2JYr9q6>

John OConnell



Left: Orchids in the Park vendors

Above: *Anguloa clowesii* at OITP

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Upcoming Events

July

7/26 Saturday 7:50am, meet to carpool to Orchids in the Park

Shows

7/26-27 Orchids in the Park.
County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park San Francisco

2025 COS Events

Meetings:

Monday August 4th, 7 pm
Saturday October 4th, 2 pm

Social Events

Orchids in the Park: July 26
BBQ: Sat. Sep. 13th, 1-4pm
Fall Market: Friday, Sat. Nov. 7-8
Holiday Party: Sat. Dec. 6th

All meetings are at the
Community Church of the

Monterey Peninsula
next to Palo Corona
park, Carmel Valley
Road

John cam home from a trip and found his *Encyclia adenocaula ssp. guadalupeae* had finally opened up.



We Need Member Grown Orchids for the Fall Market!

Begin thinking of how you can edit your collection, sell some of your orchids and buy new ones! We need your orchids for our Member's Sale Table in November! You get to price them, take 75% and the Society gets 25% of the sale price. We also take donations of orchids, epiphyllums, succulents, tillandsias. If you need help with repotting, pots, potting materials and mounts, see a Board Member. Spring and early summer are good times to repot and divide.

Irene

COS BOD Meeting Minutes June 18, 2025



The meeting at Irene and Rudy's home was called to order at 4:15.

Present were: Amanda, Irene, Kathie Ritter, Cathy Walmsley, Chris, John, Albert, Sonya, Carolyn, Peter, and guest member Denise Estrella.

Amanda read the treasurer's report. This month we spent \$70 for the church rent and \$280 for the plant table. We received \$173 from plant table tickets. We have one new member. The minutes from May were read and approved.

The VP report was that there is no greenhouse tour for July due to vacations by Santa Cruz OS members. Several other options were discussed including a field trip to see wild orchids blooming in July. This is an option for some members and Denise will write up the time and place.

John mentioned the Orchids in the Park show in SF on July 26-27 and we agreed that it would be our field trip opportunity. We will carpool and more notice will be sent to members.

John said the Back Bulb will be late for July since he is traveling and arriving back July 1st. He is always looking for interesting articles and photos to publish.

The August meeting will be at 7 pm at the Church on August 4th. There is no meeting for July and no Board of Directors meeting for July.

Carolyn said that Brandon from Santa Cruz will speak to us in October. She and Irene will work on a program for August, possibly the talk given by Roberta Fox for



A couple of slipper orchids that John saw on his trip to Isle Royal national Park. Yellow Lady Slipper **Cypripedium parviflorum** (Top) and Pink Lady Slipper, **Cypripedium acaule** (Bottom)

the Five Cities Orchid Society in April. Cathy W. reported the visit she and Denise made to the SCOS. They liked having the Show and Tell early in their meeting. Member Brandon did a repotting demo.

Denise gave a presentation of the new Instagram account for Carmel Orchid Society. It is active and many people from the orchid community are posting pictures and following it. She will do a 5 minute explanation at the potluck meeting in September for the Instagram account. We have this account to attract younger members and so that current members can share photos or not. It is possible if you send info to Denise she can leave out your name when posting for the Society.

The Society website was discussed again with on going problems mentioned. John has been in charge and explained the coding for maintenance comes with our site charges.

Peter is working with Amanda on membership. He offered to set up Zoom for meetings and to work on marketing for the November Market, meeting with Amanda and Irene.

Kathie is having a meeting of the heads of committees for the November Market at her house on the 21st.

We talked about the member potluck meeting for September 13th at Patton's. Carolyn is hoping for an exceptional plant table.

Amanda said we are looking for volunteers for August 23 and 24 for the West End Celebration table for our Society to do our community outreach.

Sonya will be doing more recruiting by phone for various events in addition to food for meetings. She said members enjoy being called personally. Amanda requested Peter to text any updates to Sonya and Sonya to report any contact info needing to be changed to Peter.

Chris Thomas will present at the Marina Tree and Garden Club on July 17th.

Irene will send out information for members to attend. She and Irene will be on the program for the Ikibana Society meeting in November.

Irene mentioned an opportunity for us to display blooming orchids at the County Fair, August 28-31st. She will be in touch with entry information for members with blooming plants.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be on August 20th at Kathie Ritter's home, 4 pm.

Irene Patton, Secretary



Rossioglossum Bob Hamilton from Mitch bought at the COS November market. Flower grown and photo by Irene

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ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

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