

# The BackBulb

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

August 2025

The next meeting is on **Monday August 4th, 7PM** at the Church



## August Speaker: Roberta Fox

### Building an Outdoor Orchid Collection

Roberta Fox began growing orchids nearly 23 years ago, when she received a Cymbidium plant from a co-worker. She went to the New Otani show that year, and was completely captivated. She was so overwhelmed by the variety, she did not buy anything — the last time THAT happened! She joined several societies, and one orchid followed another. As her collection increased in size and variety, the process of learning how to care for the plants led to an interest in their origins and relationships. This in turn led to a focus on orchid species, since she found that the best way to understand the needs of a hybrid was to learn about the natural growing conditions of the underlying species.

Her current collection is about half hybrids and half species. She has a small greenhouse, but nearly 90% of the orchids (around 1800 at last count) live outside, about 5 miles from the coast. Of

those, perhaps 25% are Cymbidiums, the balance is a large range



If you remember this backyard you have been a member for over 10 years. The society visited Emelita's great backyard growing space in Marina in 2013

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

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8/4 Monday 7pm, COS August meeting

## **2025 COS Events**

### **Meetings:**

Saturday October 4th, 2 pm

### **Other Events**

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

## **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**

of other genera. She gravitates toward those orchids that can handle the southern California temperature range, because greenhouse space is very limited, but there is "always room for one more" in the back yard.

Over the years, Roberta has served as President for the Southern California Orchid Species Society, but has mostly held Secretary and Treasurer roles, and, especially, Newsletter Editor. She created the newsletter of the Cool Growing Orchid Society. In addition, she served as Cochair for the Fascination of Orchids show for 23 years. At one point, she reports, she was on the boards of four different clubs in addition to Fascination of Orchids.

This meeting will be via Zoom. The plant table is from Krull-Smith Orchids, a major Florida orchid nursery, known for it's hybridizing program and over 2000 flower quality awards from the AOS.



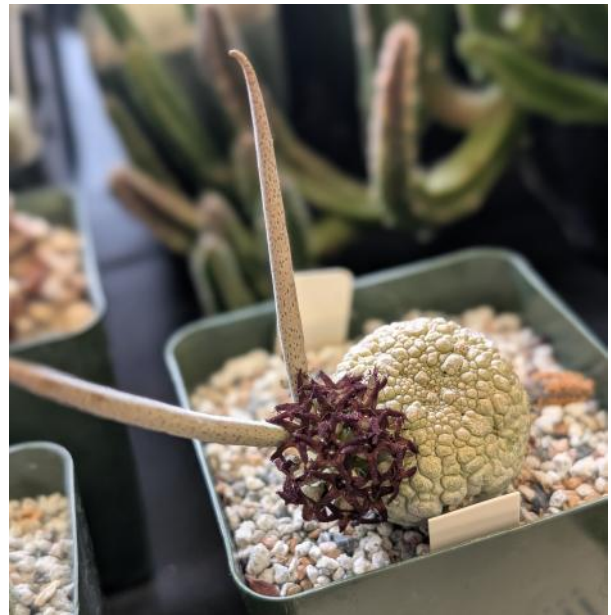
## Orchids in the Park 2025



**Top:** OITP was quite crowded when we got there late Saturday morning

**Bottom left:** There were some very nice Disas displayed.

**Bottom right:**  
*Pseudolithos migiurtinus* displayed by the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory



## COS Fall BBQ

With all this sunshine in PG, we are looking forward to a warm afternoon for the annual COS BBQ. Please come and talk orchids and all things growing with us and enjoy everyone's best dishes for the potluck.

The BBQ is **September 13th, 1-4** at the Patton home, 1188 Jewell Ave, Pacific Grove. Park on the street, bring your favorite beverage and your best pot luck dish. We will have a nice plant table and lots of orchid talk. Stay for wine around the firepit afterwards. Show and Tell items always welcomed. If you are bringing a guest or a new member, they are also welcome. Irene's phone: 831-521-0511.



Last years potluck.





**Encyclia Kruger Rock (*Encyclia pyriformis* X *Encyclia mooreana*)** John bought this as a bare root "orchid in a bag" at POE in February, these are frequently high risk plants having been imported into the country just like you see them, but he took a risk on a couple of Encyclias and they are both growing and this one even bloomed in it's first year.

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