

The BackBulb

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

November 2025

Show Time!

If it's November then it's time for our annual show, the COS Fall Orchid Market. This is your opportunity to attend a show in your own backyard.

The orchid world revolves around its shows. It's where orchid people from all over meet to show off their best and rarest plants, see other people's 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.

Details

When: Friday &
Saturday, Nov 7th &



CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY

FALL ORCHID MARKET

Friday - Saturday Nov. 7th & 8th, 9am-4pm



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Upcoming Events

There is no Regular November Meeting

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8th from 9am-4pm

Where: 4590 Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel, CA

Vendors: D&D Flowers, Lisa Humphreys Orchids, River Road Succulents, Ikebana Society of Monterey Peninsula, Cacti & Exotica, Sorella Orchids, Alejandro's Flora

Volunteer

We need volunteers to help with the show:

- * Setup on Thursday afternoon 2:00 – whenever - Check with Kathie Ritter
- * Tear down late Saturday afternoon 3:30 – 5:00 - Check with Kathie Ritter
- * Provide Lunch for the vendors - Check with Cathy Walmsley

Upcoming Events

November

11/6 Thursday Fall Orchid Market setup

11/7-8 Friday-Saturday COS Fall Orchid Market

December

12/6 COS Holiday Party



This is John's first orchid, **Cattleya [C. Bob Bets 'White Lightning' X C. Summer Stars]**. He got it as a house warming gift from his sister in '93. It was in bloom and was around 6 inches tall. It took him 12 years and a visit to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens Orchid clinic (not enough light they said) to get it to bloom again. It has bloomed once or twice a year since then.

Show Off Your Plants

Shows are the time to really show off your plants. I know that early November isn't the best time for orchid blooms but hopefully we can scrounge up enough for a good display.

- * 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.



The COS Exhibit at last years Market

Sell Your Plants

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. Please fill out the COS Member Plant List in duplicate with each of the plants you are bringing,
 - 2a. Put your name in the box for "Seller ID", if you are donating your plants to COS, put COS in the "Seller ID" column.
 - 2b. Ignore the "Seller Code" at the top of the page.
3. For each plant, fill out the Plant Tags. Attach it to the orchid mount or pot with tape.
4. Give us a copy of your plant list on Thursday when you bring your orchids and we will check them in. You keep your copy.

5. 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.

6. Plants can be brought to the church (show location) on Thursday afternoon, November 6th. 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.
7. 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! For questions please feel free to contact Irene at 831-521-0511



Learn Something

In addition to beautiful plants to admire – and purchase! – the annual Show & Sale always features some short, informative workshops to increase your orchid knowledge and appreciation. Some are provided by Carmel Orchid Society members; others by our vendors. This year's lineup includes:

Friday, Nov. 7

10:00 AM – Ten Easy Orchids to Try – Want to branch out and buy something other than a Phalaenopsis, but not sure what you can grow? This is the discussion for you.

11:30 AM – Repotting Phals – When it's done blooming, don't throw it out! We'll show you how to refresh the bark, examine the roots and keep your Phalaenopsis healthy so it'll bloom again.

1:00 PM – How to Keep Orchids Alive – Expert grower Dennis Olivas shares his wealth of orchid care knowledge in this general presentation about keeping plants thriving.

Saturday, Nov. 8

10:00 AM – Dividing and Repotting Cymbidiums – Cyms grow so well here that they can become massive. Then what? Well, you can make more than one plant out of 'em! We'll show you how.

11:00 AM – Displaying and Mounting Orchids – Not everything belongs in a pot! There are lots of ways to mount plants on bark, cork or other interesting surfaces, and we'll show you how easy it is to be creative and show off your orchids.



1:00 PM – Ikebana Society – Watch and learn about this traditional Japanese art of floral arrangement from local Ikebana Society members who have studied it for years.

Dennis Olivas giving his Orchids 101 class last year

Minutes of the COS BOD meeting October 20, 2025

Amanda Nixon, president, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm on Zoom. In attendance besides Amanda were: Carolyn Salmon, John Oconnell, Kathie Ritter, Cathy Walmsley, Sonya Weinenger, Albert Satterfield, Anna Narvaez-Helms, Chris Thomas, Peter Janick and Irene Patton.

Amanda gave condolences for Janette Ford's husband who died this week from a long illness. We will send cards to her now and more when we find out the funeral arrangements.

Amanda gave the Treasurer's report. There were expenses for October's speaker and plant table and income from Anna's sale table, our opportunity table. We have one new member and one renewal this month.

The minutes for September's Board meeting were read and approved.

Carolyn gave the VP report and does not yet have a speaker for January.

We discussed dates for the 2026 Market and the first and second weekends were considered. Kathie recommends we

keep it at the 2nd weekend of November. Cathy W. will submit 2 dates to Carol at the church and we will firm up one by the deadline. Kathie will ask vendors which weekend they prefer.

In other Market discussion, Kathie said she is still working on one more vendor. Brandon from Santa Cruz is joining our society and instead of being a vendor will sell his plants at our Society table and help with sales on the second day.

Irene read the work schedule for both Market days for our society sales table, the cashiers and receipt writers. She mentioned the forms for plants and inventories to hand in on Thursday when we bring in our plants for sale. Carolyn said to be sure the plants are priced ahead of delivery.

Carolyn has connections with Mitch in Southern CA to obtain wholesale plants that he has received from his mentor, Ron Midjette, in AZ. Peter can pick them up on a trip he is making and deliver to us. There are 80-100 plants, including Catts in sheath and windowsill Catts in 4" pots as well as some bare root Laelias. John commented that our society really likes Laelias and that Ken Jacobsen sold out when he came last year. A motion passed to spend \$1200 on plants to sell at the Fall Market and would include plants for our December plant table. Several of us will "sit" plants for December.

Cathy has the food organized for the vendors and volunteers and will contact John Poseidon about bringing Baklava and paying dues.

Chris read the schedule for the demonstrations for Friday and Saturday.



John's Phrags, have been blooming including this **Phragmipedium Mem. Dick Clements 'Monterey Bay'**

Carolyn mentioned the church needed to provide a quiet space for our inside demos.

Kathie reminded us that tables would be set up by 1 on Thursday, Nov. 6th, for us to bring in plants and help with the vendors setting up. James Nicholson is helping her set up tables.

Peter and Amanda have been working hard on marketing. 500 fliers have been distributed and contacts made. Rudy and Albert will be putting up 4 banners and Irene is making a collage from old banners to hang over the gate to help block the wind near Susan Holm's greeting table. Amanda is bringing plastic tablecloths and vendor signs. John is asking for nice plants to display in bloom.

In new business, Anna asked for the sale table of donations to be put on the permanent calendar for March and October so folks could be saving their

donated goods to sell.

The Board meeting to re-cap the Market will be November 17th at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

The meeting was ended at 7:15.

Irene Patton, Secretary

2026 Board Nominations

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Peter Janick (Membership)

Anna Narvaez-Helms

Amanda Nixon

Kathie Ritter (Show chairman)

Albert Satterfield

Sonya Weininger

C A R M E L O R C H I D S O C I E T Y 2025 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** _____

Student **\$15** _____

Add an additional **\$10** to
receive the newsletter via
USPS



FALL ORCHID MARKET

SEE, BUY, & LEARN ABOUT:
Orchids • Succulents • Carnivores
Ikebana • Tillandsia

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SPECIAL EVENTS:
Culture Talks
Potting Demonstrations

presented by the
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Member Sales Plant Tags

Plant Name: Flower Color: Notes/Fragrance:				Price:
Light:	High	Intermediate	Low	
Temp:	Warm	Intermediate	Cool	Hardy
Water:	Dry Between Watering		Moist	Dry Rest Period
Seller's Name:			Code:	

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COS Member Sale Plant List

Seller Code

Check in

Check out

SELLER NAME:

Please bring 2 copies of your completed form
Price in whole dollar amounts only

Check in & check out columns filled in by Sales Committee at the Show and Sale

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