

The BackBulb

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

October 2014



October Meeting: AOS Judging

How do our orchids measure up?

Ever since people started growing orchids they have been showing off their orchids (like we do every meeting). Ever since there have been orchid shows, there has probably been some sort of judging to decide who's orchids are best. Everyone who grows orchids would love to be recognized as having or growing the "best" orchid. People have spent greenhouse's full of money, spent years of their lives, to breed, grow, and show the "best" orchids. Now it's our turn, or maybe I should say: It's your turn to see how that favorite orchid of yours measures up against all of the rest. Of course it has to be in bloom, and you have to know it's name (there are exceptions for those unusual Something sp. That may be blooming right now). New or unusual crosses seem to stand a better chance than older crosses mainly because there is less competition. You have to remember that your plants are competing against all the other plants of that cross or species that have been awarded for the past several decades. So don't be shy, make the extra effort of bringing out that big, hard to transport behemoth (Carol, I am talking about your Cattleya's) you never know what might happen. I had only a hunch that my *Cymbidium lancifolium* might do well in judging when I brought it in several years ago and it came out with a CCM. While it would be great to see one of our members come home with "paper" (show slang for an AOS award, since they are paper certificates rather than a ribbon), this event is more about exploring the world of AOS judging than picking up awards. So bring your biggest, most fabulous flowers and we will all win.

This months meeting is on **Monday October 6th, 7PM** at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.

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A judging nightmare. a zillion tiny flowers in a genus where nobody can tell one plant from another.

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Upcoming Events

October

10/4 California Orchids Fall Sale, Bolinas Ca.

10/6 Monday COS meeting. AOS judging.

November

11/1-2 Santa Cruz Orchid Show Sat. 9-5. Sun. 10-4 Soquel High School, 401 Old San Jose Rd. Soquel.

11/1-2 Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall open house

11/3 Monday COS Meeting. Final Preparations for the show.

11/7-8 Friday-Saturday Fall Orchid Festival

P.O. Box 223462
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President's Corner

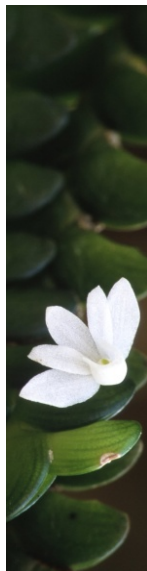
Our September BBQ was great fun, hope you did not miss it. Carol Easton and Daniel Bellam are great hosts. A big shout out to both of them for their hospitality and many thanks to them and all that helped get plants, set up and clean up. The smoked brisket was fabulous and the side dishes, appetizers and desserts were so tasty that no one could possibly have walked away hungry or unsatisfied. There were some unusual as well as showy plants on the opportunity table and lots of camaraderie shown as raffle tickets were picked and winners gave their opportunity plant to someone they knew wanted it more. Our members definitely are a great group!! Speaking of which, we gained 5 new members, all of whom are already signed up to work on the Fall Orchid Festival!!! Thank you new members!

So, what is on the agenda for October? Time to get serious about winterizing our orchid collections: Time to separate warm from cool growing and identify the degree to which each plant should dry out over the winter.

As if that were not enough to occupy us, it also is time to select plants for "show" in the judging arena (see the article on

October AOS Judging program) and get ready for the Fall Orchid Festival.

If you were at the September BBQ you know we are asking for help setting up and working the show. There will be sign-up sheets at the October meeting. If you cannot attend that meeting, please let Carol Easton know when you can help out and what you would like to do (eastonce@aol.com or 831-625-1565). The show will take place at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula on **Friday, November 7th and Saturday, November 8th between 9AM and 4PM**. We need help setting the show on Thursday, November 6th from noon until 5PM. Thursday afternoon is a critical need day. We need to set up tables for vendor booths, set up stations for the Silent Auction, Orchid Display Potting Demonstration, Membership Plant Sales, COS Membership Information and Vendor and Worker Luncheon. In addition to setting up the stations we will need to put out silent auction items, member plants for sale and display plants. Friday and Saturday we will need people to help with providing food for vendors and workers. And, we will need people to work the silent auction, member plant sales, potting demos and membership information table. Saturday from 4 PM until finished we need people to help with clean up. That's it! Whew! A lot to do, but somehow we always pull it together and I know the same will be true again this year. It should be a great show. Last year was



really good, this year should be even better.

We have a wonderful group of orchid vendors coming who will bring a wide range of plants (Asbell Orchids/Bob and Dan Asbell, D & D Flowers/ Dennis Olivas, Orchids and Gardens/Sue Hamilton and Paphiness Orchids/Dean Hung). Dasha and Eileen will be on hand to sell their jewelry and scarves.

So, what does each of us have to do besides signing up to help at the Festival?

To Do List:

1. **Sign up** to work the show.
2. **Select and prepare plants to sell** at the Member Sale Table. Please clean up the plant, price it (COS will get 25% of the sale price), tag it and if you have a picture of the plant in bloom, attach the picture. Bring the plants to the Community Church Thursday afternoon or Friday or Saturday morning. This is a great opportunity to sell divisions and clear out space for new plants.
3. **Select and prepare blooming plants for display**. Make sure they are "polished" and tagged.
4. **Collect/prepare Silent Auction items** and bring to the October or November regular meeting, or to the Church Thursday afternoon before the show. Some of the best silent auction items are dinners at restaurants, movie tickets, concert tickets and wine, items that almost anyone might want, need, or use. Or, perhaps you have a beautiful blooming orchid you wish to donate or an artfully planted group of

succulents. Maybe you love to entertain and would feel good about putting on a dinner or luncheon or tea for 6 guests at a time convenient for you and the auction winner. Maybe you can get a nursery to donate a basket of orchid growing items: fertilizer, bark, etc.

5. **Spread the word** - invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, to the show. Put out our postcards advertising the show in places you frequent where they will pass them

Sell Your Orchids at the Fall Show

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

out or put them on their bulletin board.

We will go over all of this at the October meeting and again at the November meeting which is just a few days before the Festival. Hope to see you at the October meeting. I for one am very interested in learning more about what judges look for when evaluating a plant. Knowing more will help me pick out plants in the future.

Kathie

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, Nov. 6. 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 4:00 on Saturday.

I look forward to finding some real gems to purchase among the member's orchids!

Janette Ford, Member's sales chair

Show Off Your Orchids!

One of the major attractions of an Orchid Show is the members display. As usual this year we will have a special display of many varieties of blooming orchids at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula where we have our meetings. In order to create the splendor of orchids for which the Carmel Orchid Society is famous, we need your contributions!

The display will be assembled on Thursday afternoon in the Hall where we have our meetings. Plants should be brought to the Hall after noon on November 6th . The show opens at 9am on Friday morning, and the display must be in place.

Members are requested to bring their plants in an attractive container or basket. The plants must have the leaves cleaned and free of pests as the volunteers will not be able to do this. The Society volunteers will place a sign on the plant stating its name, lineage, etc. If you cannot bring the plants in yourself, please contact Carol Easton at 595-5254 and we will try to arrange a pickup. Last minute additions may be

accepted before 9am on Friday if space is available.

At the conclusion of the show the display will be disassembled and the plants will be available from where the Display Area tables were located during the show. No plants are available until 4:15 pm on Saturday, November 8 .

The Guidelines that have been adopted for the Carmel Orchid Society Fall Orchid Festival include:

1. All plants are pest and disease free.
2. The leaves are clean and attractive.
3. Plant is blooming to display its special attributes.
4. Pot is provided with an outer container.
5. Plants must be staked and secured appropriately.

Members must pick up their plants promptly at 4:15pm on Saturday, November 8th. We must be out of the Hall early Saturday evening. Nothing can be left at the Church. We urge you to come a little early to help us by assisting with clean up. . Many hands make light work for all! See you there!



Scenes from the Fall BBQ

COS Board Meeting Sep. 15 2014

Members Present: John O'Connell, Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, Daniel Bellem, Carol Easton, Lesley Olsen and Lory Schluenz. Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. at Carol's house.

Previous Minutes: Daniel moved, Carol seconded to approve minutes of August meeting; approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance at the beginning of August was \$9557.49; at the end of the month balance was \$9258.56. John moved, Janette seconded to approve treasurer's report; accepted.

VP Report: AOS judging is to take place at the October meeting. John is to contact other nearby societies that may wish to come. Carol, Daniel, Kathie, Janette and Lesley have offered to purchase orchids from Baybreeze on Thursday, Oct. 2. John is to ask for refreshments in the Backbulb. At the November meeting we will have members of COS give ideas for good growing and showing orchid plants in preparation for the Fall Show.

Other Business:

Kathie has talked to a couple members about being on the board next year.

Fall Show: Kathie is to ask the church if the stage area will be available for the show. John would like to put display there.

- Lesley has offered to help with the food for vendors and volunteers.
- John will write an article in the Backbulb about how to prepare plants for display. We will also have an article about member plants for sale and copy the ID tags for member plants.
- Postcard advertising is being distributed by members; Kathie and Carol have sent email advertising posters to other orchid societies. Daniel and Carol will purchase larger posters as needed for outdoor advertising.
- Tracy (Daniel's daughter-in-law), Terri (Carol's neighbor) and Cammie have offered to help with the Silent Auction. All COS members are requested to procure items for the auction.

The October board meeting will be on the 20th at Kathie's house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.



From the Fall BBQ

BackBulb CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY

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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.

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2014 Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the **Carmel Orchid Society** and mail to: Carmel Orchid Society - Membership c/o Carol Easton, 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 Type	Receive Newsletter	
	Via E-Mail	Via US Mail
Single	\$20 -	\$25 -
Couple	\$30 -	\$35 -
Vendor	\$30 -	\$35 -



Fall Orchid Festival
 presented by the Carmel Orchid Society
Friday Saturday
Nov 7-8
9AM - 4PM

Orchid Sales
Orchid Display
Silent Auction
Orchid Care Classes
Potting Demonstrations

Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula
 4590 Carmel Valley Rd. Carmel CA
www.carmelorchidsociety.org

California Orchids Fall Sale!

Saturday October 4th 9am-4pm



Huge variety of Orchid plants

Seedling to Specimen sizes
Ferns, Tillandsias, Bromeliads
Supplies and Sound Advice

California Orchids 515 Aspen Rd. Bolinas, Ca. 94924
www.californiaorchids.com (415) 868-0203 info@californiaorchids.com

Santa Cruz Orchid Show and Sale

Saturday, November 1, 9AM to 5PM

Sunday, November 2, 10AM to 4PM

At Soquel High School,
401 Old San Jose Road
Soquel

Free parking
Free Admission

Masdevallia
Bella Donna

Photo by
Frank Drake

Presented by the
Santa Cruz Orchid
Society and the Soquel
High School FFA/ROP

email: info@santacruzorchidsociety.org

56th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House

Saturday November 1, 8 AM to 5 PM and Sunday November 2, 9 AM to 4 PM

Summary: Our Fall Open House celebrates Mexican *Laelia* species: diversely colored *anceps*, fragrant *autumnalis*, and vibrant *gouldiana*, and their hybrids. Plus *Cymbidium erythrostylum*, *tracyanum*, and their hybrids. *Stenoglottis* and *Oncidiums*. View plants offered on our 2014 Silent Auction. Search through the \$7.50 specials and the \$15 mid-season *cymbidiums*.

Laelia anceps Parade - The spikes have never been so tall so early so there should be lots of beautiful blooms this November. Enjoy the variations! Lavender, white, tinted, blue, striated, and pink-- spanning bloom times of October to March. Potted, mounted, or in wooden or plastic baskets. Also enjoy many *anceps* hybrids like the splash-petal LC Miss Wonderful, other Mexican *Laelias*, like fragrant *autumnalis*, vivid *gouldiana*, and their hybrids.

Cymbidium Season Kickoff - The year's best selection of *Cymbidiums* and most are showing spikes! Early blooming *Cymbidium* species like fragrant *tracyanum*, *erythrostylum*, *insigne* v *seidenfadenii*, and their hybrids. Some mid-season bloomers will be priced at \$15 for one spike, \$20 for two spikes, and \$25 for three spikes.

\$7.50 Specials - Flats, tables, ladders and buckets full of exciting seedlings, bare-root divisions, and sprouted back-bulbs of *Cymbidiums*, *Cattleya Alliance*, and botanicals.

Other great Fall Bloomers - Stately *Stenoglottis* and earthy *Oncidiums*

Annual Silent Auction - Your chance to bid on rarely offered orchid species and hybrids, first-time releases of recently awarded plants, select clones from our breeding program, and spectacular specimen plants. View the plants in person before and during the Open House. Many plants will also be pictured on our website along with instructions for bidding. The silent auction opens for bidding in mid-October and closes at 4 PM on Sunday, November 2, 2014.

Introduction to Vanilla - Check out Ken Cameron's book "Vanilla Orchids: Natural History and Cultivation" and other examples of his work in preparation for his scheduled visit during our 2015 Summer Open House

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