

The BackBulb

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

March 2018



March Speaker: Carolyn Salmon

Orchids 911

Are some of your orchids looking a little peaked? In decline? Just plain old dead? We have all been there, some orchids just don't seem to like you, they sulk like a teenager when repotted, refuse to thrive despite all of your attention, or the ungrateful things will mangle for months or years before giving up the ghost. Carolyn has plenty of experience with such cases, She will lead an informal discussion on orchid culture featuring some of her tips, tricks, products and medium that she has used and will discuss how she brought back some orchids from deaths door. Bring a plant (in a bag to prevent bugs and other cooties from escaping) in need of resurrection, Carolyn may try the "laying on of hands" technique.

Carolyn joined the Carmel Orchid Society in 1981 and was fortunate to have exceptional mentors in Bill and Ida Hale and Jim Nybakken. They had huge collections with thousands or orchids and several nursery sized greenhouses, they were great teachers. Jim instilled his love the Pleurothallis family and Bill his Cattleyas. Carolyn has been raising her orchids in a greenhouse for 13 years along with a variety of orchids growing outdoors.



Do your plants look like this? Maybe worse? Maybe less wine, I don't think orchids appreciate vino, though Isopropyl alcohol does a fair job killing bugs.

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

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Upcoming Events

March

3/5 Monday 7PM COS March Meeting

3/9-11 Santa Barbara international Orchid Show, Earl Warren Fair Grounds

3/17-18 Malihini Orchid Society Orchid Sale, Town Square 19419 Stevens Cr. Blvd. Cupertino CA

3/31-4/1 Sonoma County Orchid Society Orchid Show & Sale, Santa Rosa Veterans Bldg. 1351 Maple Av. Santa Rosa CA

April

4/2 Monday 7PM COS April Meeting

4/14-15 Sacramento Orchid Show, Scottish Rite Temple, Sacramento, CA

POE 2018



POE is over, I hope you had went and if not I hope you will get there next year. Big orchid shows, like POE, are amazing events with a lot of different things going on. Here are a few things that caught my eye.

John

Big orchid shows have a lot of vendors. After you have spent decent number of years going to shows you develop your favorite vendors and you go to them first. In my case I need to start out by searching for Dan Newman's booth, to see what interesting and unusual species he has. Next comes Andy's Orchids and more interesting species. After that I cruise the floor and peruse any booth with interesting species, including the member's sales, this usually leads to another few purchases. Last I look at the non-orchid plant booths for my favorite non-orchids: Tillandsias, carnivores, ant plants, and anything else weird and unusual. This is what I ended up with.



After two hours of shopping and socializing, it was on to lunch, Paxie's Pizza just a block from the show. After filling up on delicious Chicago style pizza (right) I headed back to the show to take in the exhibits. After criticism of the exhibit space last year, this year POE put all of the vendors in one hall and all of the exhibits in another. The exhibit space seemed larger, but many of the exhibits were still table top size

and the lighting in the exhibit hall was fair at best. When looking at exhibits I look for 3 things: unusual or striking plants, spectacular specimens and awards. The plant at right falls under the unusual and striking category.



Awards fall into two categories: show ribbons and AOS (American Orchid Society) awards. AOS judges are fairly free with the show ribbons, there are lots of categories (large white Cattleyas etc.) and each category rolls up into a larger category (best Cattleya alliance) and then there are cultural awards (best specimen) and exhibit awards (best exhibit under 500 sq. ft.). The exhibit above left has a bunch of show ribbons, and the best exhibit award as well. I count 8 show



ribbons, 5 category awards, including best exhibit, and 2 AOS awards. The AOS awards are special, I only saw half a dozen in all while there may have been 60 show ribbons awarded.

I was quite impressed with Dan Newman's exhibit, despite it's lack of ribbons and awards. Interesting plants beautifully arranged. The poor hall lighting almost demanded that exhibits have their own lighting and Dan's LED lighting made the exhibit much easier to see.

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And what would we do without a little controversy. The plant at left won Best Plant in Show and you can see a few category ribbons to go with it. While the plant below left won an AOS FCC award. The FCC is the highest flower quality award given by the AOS and there are usually a dozen or so given in the whole US in a given year. I think John Lethers was robbed. The last time I saw an FCC (2014) at POE it was draped in ribbons and awards, including best of show, of course it was another slipper (Phragmipedium kovachii) like this years winner.



(bellow) The 2014 Best of Show winner, demonstrating the slipper orchid magic.



COS Board of Directors Meeting Feb. 19, 2018

The regular meeting started at 7:15 pm

Members present: J. O'Connell; C. Easton; D. Bellem; C. Salmon; S. Holm

The Secretary's Board Minutes for January 22, 2018 meeting were accepted without any changes.

The Treasurer's report as of January 31, 2018 was accepted as outlined below:

Beginning Balance for January 1, 2018 was \$9,915.00, with checks for Rent, Speakers Meal, Guest Speaker fees, Plant Table Plants, Lighting Equipment. The Deposit included: Memberships, and the proceeds of the Raffle; with an Ending Balance for January 31, 2018 of \$9,430.29

The Vice President's report announced the Guest Speaker for March 2018 regularly scheduled meeting will be Carolyn Salmon.

Old Business:

The President reviewed the input from all Board of Directors concerning the Rent increase to the church and it was decided not to provide an increase in Rent to the church at this time.

Director Carolyn Salmon presented a proposal to use the old Rancho Canada building for our future meeting and annual Fall Orchid Festival. The property is currently being managed by the Monterey County Regional Park District. After considerable discussion it was decided that the Vice President should contact the Regional Park District to begin negotiations for future use of the facility.

The President asked the Board of Directors present if a greenhouse tour in July 2018 would be acceptable to the general membership. John stated that he has a contact for a commercial driver to drive at least a 12-15 passenger van. The proposed greenhouses for the tour are Brookside, Dennis Olivas, Daly City, and or Dean Hung, Morgan Hill. The date of the greenhouse tour has not yet been determined.

New Business:

Director Carol Easton notified the Directors present that the upcoming Inspired Home & Garden Expo for 2018 will be April 20, set up, April 21, 22, show days. We will need volunteers for setup and to run the booth for two days of the show. We will need help to tear down and cleanup the afternoon of April 22, 2018. Carol has had a new Banner printed for the 2018 Fall Orchid Festival, which will be the purpose for our participation in the Inspired Home & Garden Expo for 2018. We will need members blooming Orchids for the Display.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Bellem

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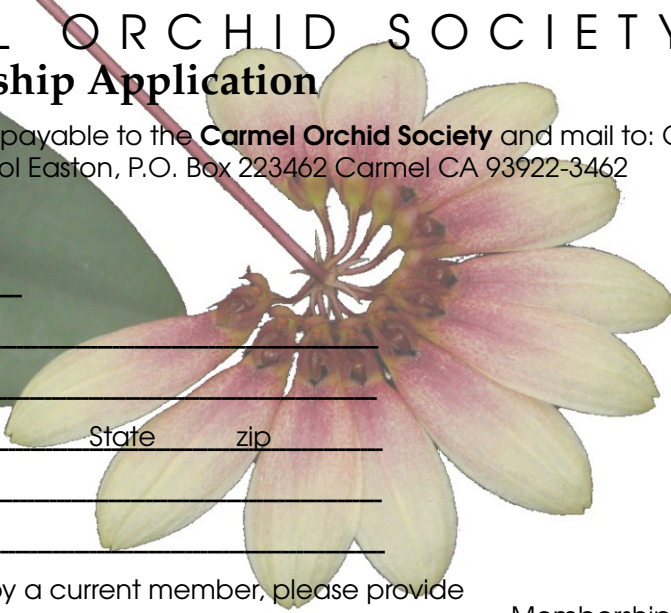
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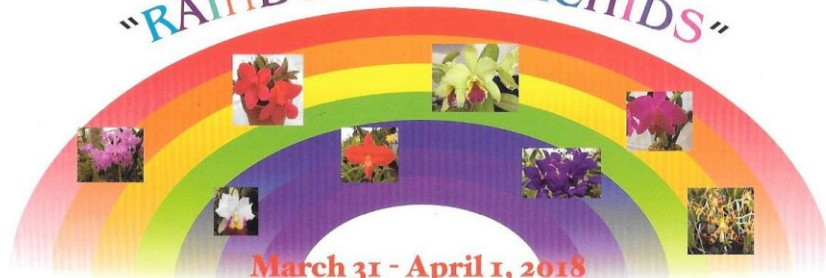
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