

The BackBulb

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

February 2020



Cattleya Alliance in Mexico with Ron McHatton

Everyone loved the webinar on the Orchids of Madagascar, so we are bringing Ron McHatton back, so to speak, to learn about the orchids of the Cattleya alliance of Mexico, including my favorite genus *Laelia* (not those Brazilian *Laelias* they are in the genus *Cattleya* now).



OK we didn't manage to get Ron McHatton to come give this program, this is a prerecorded webinar that he gave a few years ago. But the subject is still fascinating Mexico has a large assortment of Cattleya alliance species including many that grow outdoors in the Monterey area.

Laelia gouldiana (native to Mexico) in John's greenhouse

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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February

2/2 Sunday 4PM Orchid Happy Hour. John's house (and greenhouse) 1697 Luzern St Seaside

2/3 Monday 7PM, COS February Meeting

2/20 POE Preview Party 6-9:30PM

2/21-23 POE (Pacific Orchid Exhibition) 10AM-5PM County Fair Building 9th Ave. at Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

March

3/2 Monday 7PM, COS March Meeting

3/13-15 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show Earl Warren Showgrounds Santa Barbara.

3/13-15 Open houses at both Santa Barbara Orchid Estate and Cal-Orchid (they are across the street from each other).

April

4/4-5 Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show and Sale. Cabrillo Horticulture Center. Saturday 9-5 Sunday 10-4

4/16-18 Spring AOS Members meeting, Sacramento



Orchid Rescue

All of us have had friends, co-workers, acquaintances, and even complete strangers offer out of bloom, maybe struggling, or legacy orchids to us. What to do? We love orchids, but.... Well, most of these plants are just so...ordinary, and we only have so much room for orchids. So if you have room, a rarity, or you feel sorry for the person or the plant, take it and give it a shot, even ordinary orchids are beautiful when the bloom.

The society gets a lot of requests to rescue orchids. People are moving and can't take them with them, a relative passed away,

or they have a bunch of plants that are struggling and don't want to have their lives on their conscience. The struggling plants are easy, saints are hard to find and you have to be a saint to nurse a sick rescue plant back to health. Of the rest, many are ordinary and are hard to place with a good home, and then there are some gems. Many of the gems are big old Cymbidiums, and one huge Zygopetalum last year. Large outdoor plants are certainly easier to place than large greenhouse plants, and we in fact manage to sell many of these plants.

Occasionally the orchid world loses one of its own. In the aftermath of these traumatic events whole collections are sometimes lost through

oversight or ignorance. Sometimes friends and relatives know about the plants and the owners love for them and care for them during the first tough weeks so that good homes may be found for them when things settle down. I hope all of you with large collections make your wishes for the collection known to your friends and heirs so that in the event of your passing or incapacitation, long illnesses can also devastate a collection, your precious plants will be cared for.

John

While we are on the subject of orchid rescue. We were recently contacted about a number of large, very large, Cymbidiums from a local orchid grower's estate that need homes. Kathie Ritter, Carolyn Salmon, Richard Demming, and Daniel Bellum organized and transported the plants to Kathie's house. Most of them are between 5'4" tall and 6' in diameter, one is a little smaller. They can be adopted for a \$50 (large), \$30 (the one smaller version) donation to the Society. They are in spike, just coming into bloom. The colors are yellows and pinks and a very dark ruby. Kathie will help anyone who wants a plant to find transport, hopefully we won't need a forklift. See Kathie at the February meeting or send an email to John (johnnoconnell19@att.net).



Cymbidium Death Wish, from Carolyn Salmon

The Carol Easton Memorial Speakers Fund

The COS board has established the Carol Easton Memorial Speakers Fund to remember Carol and to enable the society to continue to have quality speakers from out of the area. Bringing in speakers is an increasingly expensive proposition, it can cost from \$100 to almost \$400 to bring someone down from the bay area or further afield. We have several good speakers locally, but we all love the programs from people like Mary Gerritsen, Ron Parsons, Tanya Lam, Dan Newman, Ken Jacobsen, and others. So this fund will ensure that we can continue to bring in quality speakers in the future.

If you would like to donate to this fund to ensure quality speakers at future meetings, either see Daniel at the meeting or mail a check to: Carmel Orchid Society P.O. Box 223462 Carmel CA 93922-3462



Laeliocattleya. Canaryensis in Carolyn's greenhouse. This is a very old cross between L. anceps and C. harpophylla registered in 1906, of course C. harpophylla was a Laelia back then...



A division of Carol's C. Porcia, blooming for Irene Patton

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