

The BackBulb

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

July 2021



Summer Picnic Time

We don't have a regular meeting in July due to the July 4th holiday. So this year we decided to keep with the emerging theme of 2021 and crash Kathie's deck for a Summer party/picnic on Saturday July 10th at 12:30 PM. We will have a raffle table (so bring some cash) and will have a show and tell (so bring a few blooming plants). The Society will provide chicken and the makings of a shrimp Nicoise salad (Google it, I had to). Please bring a favorite complimentary picnic dish to share as well as your choice of libation.

Kathie's address is 3535 Mesa Court in Carmel. GPS has good directions, but here are Kathie's. Coming from north of Carmel, travel south on Highway 1 past the Ocean Ave exit to Carmel. In about 300 feet take the Mesa Drive exit to the right. Stay on Mesa Drive as you cross Oak Street in a block. After Oak Street you will see a 25 mile per hour sign. Just beyond that sign turn left into Mesa Court. It is clearly marked. As you enter Mesa Court you will see a tall mail box adjacent to a road on your right. Turn down that road. The first house on the left is 3535. There is parking for around 10 cars. You may park in the entry circle as long as you do not block any of the driveways, roads, or mail boxes.

If you are coming from the south take Highway 1 to Ocean Ave. Turn left on Ocean and at the first intersection take a left on Hatton Road. Continue on Hatton until it forks (about 2 blocks). Take the left road of the fork which is Shafter. Drive on Shafter for one long block to Oak. Turn left on Oak and then right on Mesa Drive for about 50 feet until you see the street sign for Mesa Court on the left. See instructions above for finding 3535 in Mesa Court.

1
Summer Picnic Time

2
Upcomming Events
Behind the Scenes

4
Board Meeting
minutes



Show and Tell from the June meeting

COS Officers

President

John OConnell

VP Program

Carolyn Salmon

Recording

Secretary

Norma Walch

Treasurer

Daniel Bellem

Directors

Janette Ford

Amanda Nixon

Irene Patton

P.O. Box 223462
Carmel, CA
93922-3462

**BackBulb Editor &
Webmaster &
Membership**

John OConnell

Upcoming Events

July

7/10 Saturday 1PM COS Summer Picnic

August

8/2 Monday COS August meeting

8/8 Peninsula Orchid Society, Summer Show and Sale



More Show and Tell from the June meeting, and the Masdevalias on the next page too.

Behind the Scenes

The Carmel Orchid Society is a small organization, we have around 30 members, but even so there is a lot of work that goes into running it. Most of that work falls on the seven board members and a few others. I would like to spend a little time to thank them, and when you see them at a meeting in the future please thank them yourself.

Janette Ford, Director, past Recording Secretary. Janette is the eagle eyed detail oriented person who finds discrepancies in our financial reports and mistakes in my draft newsletters.

Amanda Nixon and Irene Patton, Directors, Publicity committee. The newest members of the board and probably the

Continued next page



most enthusiastic too. Proof that boards need new blood. I am so glad that we finally have someone with the talent and initiative to tell the world what we are doing.

Norma Walsh, Recording Secretary. Vital because not many people can listen, write, and think at the same time.

Daniel Bellem, Treasurer. Daniel produces the monthly financial reports and spends untold hours filling in arcane tax forms for us. An important job we are all glad that Daniel keeps doing.

Carolyn Salmon, Vice President. The VP job is one that sound cool, you get to pick put speakers and programs for the society, until you have to do it and realize just how much work it is trying to get speakers who will come here, speak, and bring a plant table for a reasonable

Continued next page

C A R M E L O R C H I D S O C I E T Y 2021 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 **\$25** _____
Couple **\$35** _____
Vendor **\$35** _____
Add an additional **\$5** to receive the newsletter via USPS

cost. And then there is the desire to pick subjects that you like (Ooh, who wants a juicy taxonomy talk?) verses subjects that others might like.

Kathie Ritter, Show Chairperson. Another important, hard to fill job, one that Kathie does beautifully.

John OConnell, President, BackBulb Editor, maintainer of the website and membership list, among other things. I don't want to blow my own horn, but if anybody would like to take one of these on....

COS Board Meeting May 30 2021

Meeting began at 4:35pm

Members Present: John OConnell, Carolyn Salmon, Daniel Bellam, Janette Ford, Irene Patton, Amanda Nixon, Norma Walch.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance was \$9,486.88. Ending balance for May was \$9,538.88. There is \$735.00 in the Speakers' Fund.

Vice President Report:

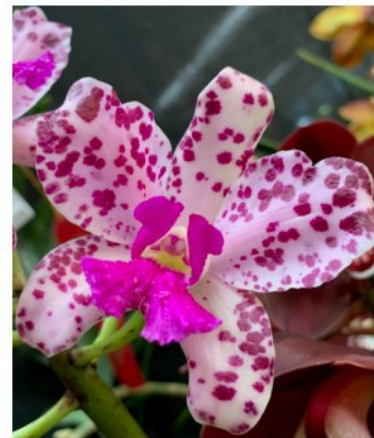
- * Dennis Olivas will be the speaker for the June 7th meeting and will provide plants for the plant table (\$250) plus sales plants.
- * The July Pot Luck Picnic will be held, thanks to Kathie Ritter, in her garden on July 10th.
- * The August meeting will be a webinar.

Promotions Committee (Amanda and Irene) Report:

- * The society will probably have a space at the West End Market in August with business cards promoting the society and contact information.
- * Society aprons, with pockets, will be purchased (12 aprons for \$35) with graphics to be added by Irene.
- * Give always were suggested for the West End Market: orchid magazines, culture sheets, perhaps a sample fertilizer packet along, with membership forms.
- * The Promotions Committee was given a budget of \$150 to work their magic.
- * There was also a discussion of banners for the society's Orchid Market on November 13 and 14.
- * There will be postings on Next Door and social media to generate interest in the society and, hopefully, new members.
- * The October meeting of the society will be an open house (details to be decided) and will include plant sales.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00.

Respectfully Submitted, Norma Walch



Peninsula Orchid Society Summer Show & Sale



Peninsula OS Show & Sale
San Mateo Garden Center
605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA
Sunday, August 8th 2021 10am-4pm

Free admission! Vote for your favorite entry in the show.
Hundreds of orchids for sale by Peninsula OS members. Rare
orchids, easy orchids, outdoor orchids, windowsill orchids.

www.penorchidsoc.org