

# The BackBulb

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## Orchid Happy Hour

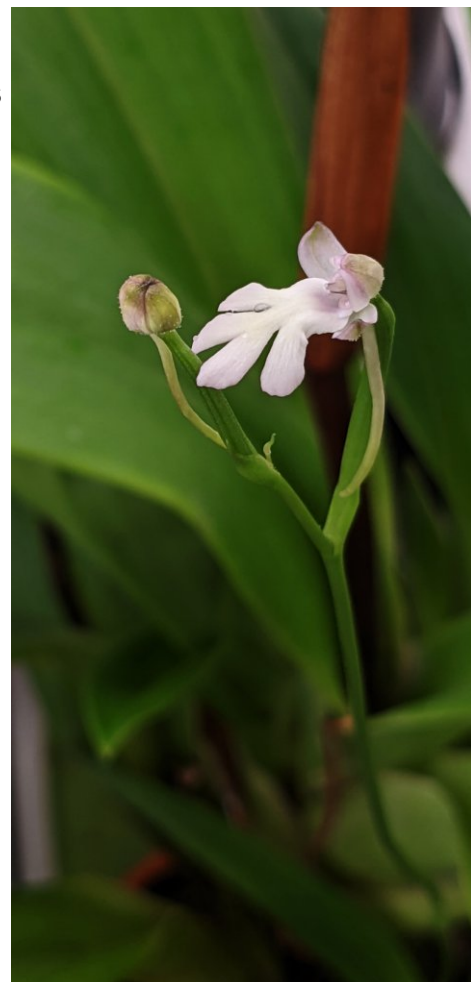
**When:** Friday September 10, 5-6PM

**Where:** John's house 1697 Luzern St. Seaside (on the corner of Luzern and Mingo, North of Broadway).

**Bring:** Yourself, and any orchid loving friends.

**Food:** Just cheese, crackers and wine, of course, it is a happy hour.

It has been a long time since we have had an in person Friday Orchid Happy Hour. Pre COVID-19 I sporadically hosted these social events, during the lock-down the happy hours became more regular and were hosted virtually on Zoom. Now with life returning to something close to normal (we are definitely not out of the woods yet) I think it's time to try holding an in person Orchid Happy Hour. Come catch up with other society members and see what is blooming in the greenhouse (there is always something).



**Left:** *Cattleya intermedia* in John's greenhouse. **Right:** Sometimes you get something extra, a *Cynorkis fastigiata* that showed up in a pot with a Phragmapedium

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A nice Angraecum(?) grown by Carolyn.

## Upcoming Events

### September

No regular meeting in September

9/10 5PM Friday Afternoon Orchid Happy Hour

### October

No regular meeting in October

10/16 11AM-2PM Saturday COS Open House

### November

11/1 Monday 7PM COS November meeting

11/12,13 COS Fall Orchid Market

## John's Rules of Orchid Growing

Call them rules (like rules of thumb), laws (like Murphy's), or guidelines (like the pirate code, argh!), these are just a few things I mostly find to be true:

- If it doesn't bloom give it more light.  
Corollary: You will probably burn a few leaves.
- Really spectacular plants are impossible to move (to a show or across the greenhouse).
- The flowers you desire most will be the ones you just can't grow.  
Corollary 1: If you can grow them, you can't bloom them.  
Corollary 2: You will spend a lot of money trying.
- You will grow to love the plants you grow best.
- Orchids love to linger before dying.
- There is always room for one more orchid.  
Corollary: Your significant other will always think you have too many.
- A plant that won't bloom for you will bloom for the person you give it to.
- If you are crazy about orchids, you are probably crazy about other plants too.  
Corollary: Your significant other will think you have too many of them too.
- The best time to repot a plant was a month ago.
- A greenhouse is the mother of invention.
- The first bloom is the best.



*Epidendrum falcatum* blooming in John's greenhouse. The plant and the flower look very similar to *Epidendrum parkinsonianum* (left)



Carol and Maria at our West End Celebration booth.



## WHEN & WHERE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

11AM-2PM

AT THE CHURCH OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA

4590 CARMEL VALLEY RD, CARMEL, CA

## WHAT TO EXPECT

We'll have tables dedicated to all things orchids, including:

- How to re-bloom common store-bought orchids
- How to repot Cymbidiums
- Different potting mediums for different purposes
- How to mount orchids
- Different fertilizers and pests
- Cattleya orchid care

Additionally, there will be orchids available for purchase.

# Fall Orchid Market

presented by the  
Carmel Orchid Society

Friday, Saturday  
November  
12 & 13  
9am - 4pm

Orchids  
Succulents  
Carnivores  
Natives  
& Exotics

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

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More plants grown by Carolyn

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