

The BackBulb

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

October 2021



COS Open House

When: Saturday October 16th 11-2

Where: The breezeway of the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Rd.

Learn: Orchid demonstrations including:

How to rebloom store bought orchids - Marilyn

Mounting orchids - John

Fertilizers and pest control - Irene

Different potting mediums - Carolyn

Repotting neofinitias - Amanda

Repotting cymbidiums - Norma

Buy: There will be orchids for sale from Lico Orchids and member sales.

Sell: If you have a few orchids you would like to sell bring them down between 10 and 11AM. Use the same tags as for our Fall Orchid Market. The society gets 25% of each sale, so price accordingly.

Volunteer: We will need some help with greeting arriving guests, answering membership questions, plant sales, cleaning up and setting up small refreshments. Setup starts at 10 and cleanup will be over by 3. Please contact

Amanda if you would like to help.
Pyromanda2@aol.com
m 831-920-1486.



Vanda falcata (was *Neofinetia falcata*) grown by Amanda

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Upcoming Events

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

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Carmel, CA
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What a lip! photo by Amanda

Attend a Show

Orchid shows are back. There is of course our show/market in November, then the Peninsula Orchid Society show in January, POE in February and Santa Barbara in March. All of these are great shows, and if you have never been to either POE or Santa Barbara, you should try to make it to at least on of them, they are both big shows with dozens of exhibits and dozens of vendors, including a fair number of international vendors.

COS Fall Orchid Market, November 12-13 Friday and Saturday

Peninsula Orchid Society Show, Jan 28-30 (if they can find a show chairman)

POE (Pacific Orchid Exposition), February 25-27 with the gala on the evening of the 24th.

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, March 11-13

Sell Your Orchids

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 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, November 11th. 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 4PM on Saturday.
5. You can sell orchids, bromeliads, succulents, carnivorous plants, or other exotics that you may have around.

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

Carolyn Salmon, Member’s sales chair



Carolyn at member sales, 2017



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.

Show Off Your Plants

We will have a display at the Fall Orchid Market this year, but it will be a bit different from years past.

Most of the guidelines from the past still apply:

* Plants must be free of pests. It is particularly embarrassing to bring a nice plant to the show but to have it turned away due to the presence of bugs that you didn't see at home.

* Plants should be in bloom, or be

varieties known for their foliage (Neofinetias, Jewel orchids etc.). Stake the blooms if needed, clean the leaves if needed. Basically make them presentable.

* Make the pot (if it has one) presentable. Put plants in plastic pots in a decorative container, clay pots are OK if they are not covered with water scale, algae or otherwise unsightly.

* Plants don't have to have a tag, but it is much better if they do.

* Bring the plants to the show/market on Thursday afternoon, before 4PM.

* We have less space than usual so please limit yourself to a few plants.

This year I would like to ask a bit more of you. We always have nice plants on our display, but this year I would like to tell people a bit more than just the plant's name. For one of your plants, if you could write down and send me what you would say about the plant if you were telling us about it at a regular meetings show and tell, I will print this information out and display it along

HELP!

Organizations, like ours, rely on volunteers to organize the meetings and events, write the checks, record the minutes of the board meetings, write and send out the newsletter, update the website...the list goes on, but the number of people willing to dedicate the time to doing those tasks does not. In most every small organization I have been a part of 80% of the work is done by 20% of the members. Inevitably the most heavily involved eventually burn out and some times leave the organization. It is a constant struggle to recruit new board members, fortunately we were able to convince Irene and Amanda to join us this year. But there is no rest for the weary, this year we need to fill the Treasurer position since Daniel is moving on after an amazing 10 year run. Treasurer is a tough job to fill given the need for attention to detail, timeliness and honesty (Don't want what happened to SFOS to happen here). The bottom line here is, if you

with the plant. Suggestions if you have writers block:

* How long you have had the plant.

* What you like about it.

* Where you got it from.

* Some interesting cultural or other tid-bit about the plant.

John OConnell



Miltonia candida
from
Carolyn

have some time you are willing to give to the society, we can put you to work, many of the things that need to be done do not require an expert or even a novices knowledge of orchids, just time and a willingness to work. Please think about it. I don't want to see this organization go under because there is nobody to run it.

John

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

CarmelOrchidSociety.org

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Left: Masdevalia hybrid Right: ***Cattleya velutina***, both grown by Carolyn

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

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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.