

The BackBulb

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

September 2022



October Speaker: Mary Gerritsen

Orchids of Madagascar

Mary traveled with a group of Orchid Conservation Alliance “trippers” to Madagascar in September of 2019 on a trip organized by orchid experts Johan and Clare Hermans. The group traveled south from Antananarivo through the highlands and later to the eastern coastal area, visiting a number of different habitats including inselbergs (isolated mountains of mainly granitic rock), spiny forests, dry subtropical forests, moist evergreen rain forests and coastal dunes. Trip participants were able to see over 70 different orchid species in bloom, in addition to enjoying the lemurs, chameleons, geckos, moths and birds. Two years earlier, she also traveled to Madagascar with a tour organized by RedFern Natural History Productions. Join her for a chair side tour of this fascinating country, visiting the different habitats, frolicking with the lemurs, and enjoying the orchids and other plants.



Cynorkis fastigiata, a native to Madagascar, in John's greenhouse.

Mary Gerritsen, Ph.D. is an independent biotechnology consultant who has been growing orchids (mostly species) on and off for more than 30 years, and since relocating to the San Francisco Bay

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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 **S thru Z** to **bring refreshments** to the meeting.

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area in 1997 started to a collection of small cool growing miniature species such as Masdevallias, Porroglossums, Lepanthes and other assorted tiny gems. She also has a second intermediate greenhouse, filled with larger species such as Angraecoids, Dendrobiums, Oncidiums, Laelias, Phalaenopsis and Bulbophyllums. She loves to see orchids growing in situ, and has made it her mission over the last few years to see as many as possible, with trips to see and photograph orchids (and other flora as well) in Canada, many parts of the USA and Mexico, and countries in Central America, South America, South East Asia, western Australia, Europe as well as South Africa and Madagascar. She is the co-author of several botanical books: Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World, Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives, A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species, and a Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture, with fellow San Francisco Orchid Society Member and well known photographer, Ron Parsons. Mary and Ron are authored a basic culture book for the American Orchid Society. Mary frequently lectures to orchid societies in the San Francisco Bay area, and on occasion, nearby Southern California, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona and sometimes even further afield (Missouri, Kansas, Canada). She is on the board of directors of the Orchid Digest, the treasurer of the Orchid Conservation Alliance, and is also a member of the American Orchid Society, the San Francisco Orchid Society, the Peninsula Orchid Society and the Pleurothallid Alliance.

Mary is providing the plant table, look for minatures and cool to intermediate growing orchids

Upcoming Events

October

10/3 Monday, COS October meeting

10/26- 30 AOS fall members meeting, Sacramento

November

No regular November meeting

11/11-12 COS Fall Orchid Market



**Fall
Orchid
Market**

presented by the
Carmel Orchid Society

**Friday, Saturday
November
11 & 12
9am - 4pm**

Orchids
Succulents
Carnivores
Natives
& Exotics

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

CarmelOrchidSociety.org

Volunteer

We need volunteers to help with the show:

- * Setup on Thursday afternoon
- * Tear down late Saturday afternoon
- * Member plant sales
- * Membership table
- * Provide Lunch for the vendors

Kathie would like to hear from you at 831-917-6591 or sign up at the October meeting.

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 10th. 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

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

COS Board meeting Sep. 7th 2022

Four members attended the Zoom meeting on September 7th: Carolyn, Amanda, Janette and Irene.

We discussed getting in touch with Norma; Irene volunteered to take minutes.

The dues will be raised for COS members: \$50 per couple, \$45 for BB to be mailed and \$35 for individual. Costs for operating the Society have increased substantially.

The upcoming BBQ was discussed and Amanda offered to bring hot pork, Janette buns for the pork, Irene a fish dish. All cutlery and paper products have been collated and are being stored at Rudy and Irene's house. The hour from 12-1 will be for a jewelry event by the Pattons and a portion of the sales will go to the speaker's fund for the society.

Janette, the treasurer, reported her work in getting the 501C-3 status updated and banking updates in the

it at a regular meetings show and tell, I will print this information out and display it along 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.

changeover from Daniel as treasurer. Amanda requested sending the IRS tax ID number; form 990 is required.

New Board members are being sought. We will ask Patricia and Tom, Evelyne and Anna, Susan Holmes. Carolyn asked Derek who is unable to serve.

We discussed the importance of being a member of the AOS; presently we are an affiliate member.

Brainstorming was done for the setting up of our plant tables. Carolyn suggested we have bare root cymbidiums and that other things could be brought to the plant tables besides orchids. She reminded us of the book collection belonging to Bill Hale that has been offered.

We should mention the new officers at the October meeting. Mary Gerritsen will be the speaker at the meeting and provide the plant table for \$200. She has an intermediate greenhouse.

Carolyn suggested becoming a member of the 5 Cities Orchid Society (free membership). She likes their newsletter and their overall operation. They

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received a plant donation from the Huntington for their auction from Mr. Lamm, the director of Orchids at the Huntington. This is available to societies who will make arrangements and go to pick up the plants. October 15-16 is the Huntington sale in San Marino.

There will be no meeting in November due to our Market at the Church. For the November Market, Lisa will be there with plants using Sue Hamilton's name. The Ikebana Society will be given a large space at the end of the walk for their booth. Kathie is updating us weekly as to the vendors and who can attend.

The "Plant Doctor" in the Back Bulb is a good idea, we agreed.

Amanda says the Ikebana Society publishes their events a year in advance and features a member in their newsletter, good ideas for us.

Next Board meeting is October 19th at 4 p.m.

Irene Patton

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2022 Membership Application

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Date _____

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If you were referred by a current member, please provide his/her name _____

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Member of the American Orchid Society

Membership	
Single	\$25 _____
Couple	\$35 _____
Vendor	\$35 _____
Add an additional \$5 to receive the newsletter via USPS	

Note: Memberships paid after November 1 are good for the next year. The board is considering raising the price of dues for next year.

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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.