

The BackBulb

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

November 2022



The Times They Are A-Changin'

The Society is getting some new officers next year. John is stepping down as president after a too long six year run. Irene is taking over the Secretary post and John, Carolyn and Kathie will be tackling the VP job which includes meeting programs and plant tables, and speakers and plants for plant tables have been getting harder to find the last couple of years.

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Other changes in the new year:

- Dues are going up, after many years at \$25 (for a single membership), they will go up to \$35. Dues paid after November 1st are good for the next year, so don't wait, pay now.
- The society will hold two meeting at the community room in Pebble Beach (in the fire station complex somewhere).
- Expect more webinars and remote speakers via Zoom. In person speakers are getting harder to find and much more expensive.
- Plants for the plant tables will continue to get smaller and

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there may be fewer of them. You may know that the Society buys the plants for the plant tables, frequently from the speakers. We have been trying to get plants for \$10-\$13 per plant for a total of \$180-\$200. If you have bought orchids lately you know that you can't get much for \$10 and most of our local sources (for when the speaker can not supply a plant table) have retired and gone out of business. We will need to get creative, so plant tables may look a little different in the future.

In other news, Both POE and The Santa Barbara International Orchid Shows are happening next year. If you have not been to a big orchid show, it can be a transcendent experience, all the wild blooms, all the huge(or tiny) specimens, the enormous variety of plants for sale, one day may not be enough!



**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

Upcoming Events

November

No regular November meeting

11/11-12 COS Fall Orchid Market

December

12/5 Monday COS Holiday party 6PM at the Church

Fall Orchid Market

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.**



Carolyn at Member Sales at our 2017 show

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

Plants like this: ***Cattleya bowringiana cuerulea*** (in Carolyn's greenhouse) are perfect for the display, or they sell fast at member sales

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 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.



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

Perfect for the membersales table!
Howeara Lava Burst grown by Irene Patton

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



COS Board of Directors Minutes October 19, 2022

The meeting was held by Zoom at 4 pm and lasted 2 hours. Attending were: John, president; Carolyn, VP; Janette, treasurer; Irene, acting secretary; Kathie Ritter, Market chair; Amanda, board member and Cathie Wolmsey, prospective board member, sitting in. Anna Navares-Helms is also interested in joining the BOD but was unable to attend.

The minutes from September were accepted at the last meeting and published in the September BB.

We are working on clearing up the 501C-3 (5) confusion with the IRS regarding our status. Amanda and Janette are calling and submitting needed documents. We think it can take 1-2 months to get cleared.

Carolyn asked John to renew our AOS membership for the Society. The group talked about the benefits of membership. We have a membership number; Janette said she would do the renewal.

The dues will be increased starting at the November Market for 2023. We are slightly off the By-Laws for the couples renewal but decided that in the New Year, we would upgrade the By-Laws. New dues will be: Single, \$35; Couples, \$50; mailed BB, \$45. The mailed couples BB is to be determined.

The Vice President's report, given by Carolyn, described the trip to the Santa Clara Valley Society plant sale 2 weeks ago that she, Irene and Jeff made. She said we made good contact with

members there, invited them to our Market and got some good ideas for obtaining plants for resale. We met Audrey Young whose website sincerelyyours.com (Ed. Site does not exist) lists all the shows and sales in our area. John also has a lead on some compots that members would grow out for a couple of years before using them on plant tables. Carolyn mentioned sharing some events with other societies and specifically, the Santa Clara sale in the spring at Filoli. Irene will get dates for this.

Carolyn also again stated that we may want to meet on weekends due to night driving to Carmel Valley.

Carolyn and John discussed sharing the VP position with Kathie to help. We again stated that we need good internet to use the AOS webinars and speakers. Kathie said she would contact the church to see if they would respond to the letter Amanda wrote and confirm our rent paid and dates requested. She said she would also pursue the internet connection problem. We talked about ways to provide a connection with auxiliary equipment, expensive to purchase. Amanda reminded us that the Pebble Beach location for 2 meetings next year has fully equipped internet and lighting, projector and sound.

The treasurer's report was furnished by Janette before the meeting and gave a breakdown of income and expenses by month on an excel sheet. Irene asked John if he would put in a suggestion in the October BB that members make a donation to the Carol Easton Speaker's Fund as the year is coming to an end.

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Kathie discussed the arrangements for the fall Market. Advertising has been arranged in the Carmel Pine Cone and free listings where available. Cathy said she would check into getting a listing in the Thursday Weekly. Mail Chimp via Amanda has sent out invitations to orchid societies and other groups. All retirement groups in our area have been personally invited. Set up day is Thursday at noon, November 10th. Kathie detailed the overnight vendors and where they would stay; how many tables we need, who was doing demonstrations. The Ikebana Club is doing demos this year along with others from our Society. Rudy will help Kathy put up banners as Daniel has done in the past with some additions. Kathie mentioned we would have an extra sales table of Christmas decorations that members could contribute to in addition to the

members orchid table.

The new officers for 2023 were announced: Amanda Nixon, president; John O'Connell/Carolyn Salmon, VP; Janette Ford, treasurer; Irene Patton, secretary. Board members, Cathie, Anna, Kathie Ritter; others who may be interested.

The December Holiday Party is set for Dec. 5 at 6 pm at the Church in Carmel Valley. It is BYOB; the society will pay for a ham again. Janette is bringing her themed tablecloths. It will be pot luck. Carolyn is doing the plant table from plants obtained from the vendors in November.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17.

Irene Patton, acting secretary



Left: A NOID Cattleya blooming for Chris Thomas, in Boise ID, originally from Carol Easton's collection

Right: SLC Candy Sparks in Carolyn's greenhouse

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CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY 2023 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
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Date _____

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City _____ State _____ zip _____

Telephone _____

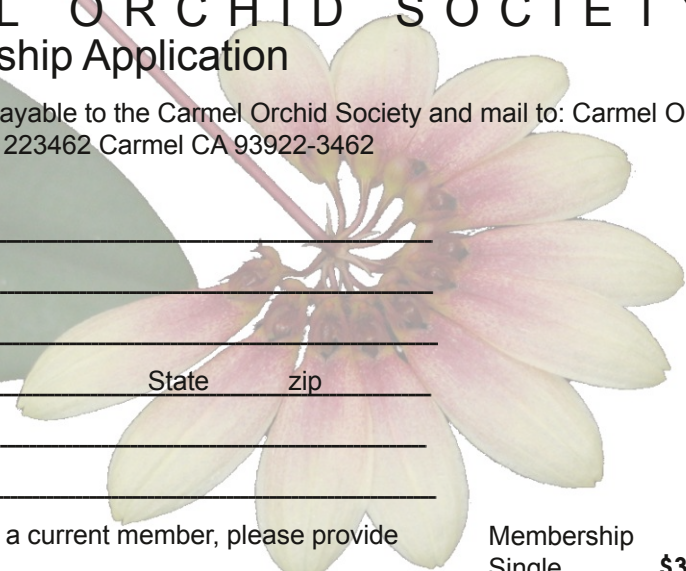
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If you were referred by a current member, please provide
his/her name _____

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Membership
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Couple **\$50** _____
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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.

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