

The BackBulb

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

July 2023



July Greenhouse Tour

Our society traditionally forgoes a general members meeting in July. Instead we plan a day trip to an orchid show or commercial orchid vendor. This year we have chosen BROOKSIDE ORCHIDS in Portola Valley. It is an easy 1.5 hr drive at 2718 Alpine Rd. Portola Valley. They are off Hwy 280 using Alpine Rd exit. They have a great website from which you can browse now and even pre-order and pay for Orchids you wish to pick up on July 8. Their website is brookside-orchids.com. We expect both drivers and folks needing a ride. We will meet at 10am SHARP at the Best Buy parking lot in Marina. We leave by 10:15 AM. SHARP! We have a time slot beginning at 12 noon to 12:30 PM. Carolyn Salmon is taking the RSVP reservations. My cell phone is 831-917-3386 by call or text. My email is cargie@yahoo.com. We promise an enjoyable day, where you can come home with some new Orchids. Feel free to pack a snack for yourself if you feel you'll get hungry or thirsty before you return home.



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A previous visit to Brookside, back in 2012

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Epidendrum falcatum blooming in John's greenhouse

Upcoming Events

July

There is no regular July COS Meeting.

7/8 Saturday 10AM to carpool up to Brookside Orchids

August

8/7 7PM MondayCOS August meeting.

COS Board of Directors meeting June 19, 2023

Attending the Zoom meeting were: Amanda, Carolyn, Janette, Kathie Ritter, Cathy Walmsley and Irene.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with a \$25 correction for our last speaker, Mitch Schneider.

The Treasurer reported \$10,326.20 with expenses last month of \$400 for our speaker (gas and raffle ticket included), Church rent of \$50. Income included \$151 for the raffle tickets, 2 members' donations and a \$100 donation by a member. Irene will write a thank you note.

We discussed at length checking accounts and CD deposits for our balance of funds. Janette and Irene will work on credit card options and banking details.

Amanda thanked John for the nice cocktail party and the greenhouse tour.

We discussed meeting dates: The August meeting will be held at the church on 8-7-23 and we will do the plant table. The Chan brothers will do organic fertilizer and pesticide presentation. Amanda said she would be out for surgery for the September pot luck.

Amanda is doing the Mail Chimp notifications and we discussed how to get more members to join so that they

could attend special events such as our upcoming greenhouse tour. She requested John to get the Back Bulb out by the end of the month for directions and meeting for the greenhouse tour at 10 a.m. at Best Buy in Marina parking lot, July 8th. We are scheduled to be at the greenhouse by 12N.

Carolyn needs RSVP's from members so that the carpools are set up and the greenhouse can know how many to expect. Members should refer to the website and the Back Bulb.

Amanda reported that the West End Celebration needs volunteers and Cathy and Irene raised hands. On August 26 we are to be set up by 10 a.m.; August 27 by 11 a.m. with all cars moved. Everything must be down by 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Kathie updated the Fall Market by saying she and Irene would do a mock up of the plant table for others to see. The artwork should be to Amanda after her busy time of July 4th. We discussed selling orchid supplies from our society table and we agreed to contact Mitch Schneider for Orchidata and smaller bags of pre-mixed medium.

Kathie reported that the Barnyard venue she previewed appeared to be too small for 30 people if we should grow to that amount at meetings. She asked that Janette renew our AOS membership by September so that we would be clear for the judging at the Market.

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John and *Vanda falcata* in his greenhouse at the June Orchid Happy Hour. If you missed it, well there is always next year...

Photo by Rudy Patton

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A visit to a vendors greenhouse is always an adventure. There are plants for sale, specimens for showing, the owners personnel collection (don't ask the price if there is only one!), all there for your enjoyment. This is the greenhouse of Edgar who runs Windswept in Time Orchids in Cleveland Ohio, which John visited on a recent trip back east

CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY 2023 Membership Application

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