

The BackBulb

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

August 2023



August Speakers: Roland & Leslie Chan

Organic Fertilizer and Pest Control

Fertilizer and pest control are a couple of complex and contentious issues among orchid growers. Conventional wisdom will only take you so far then you will need to delve into the complexities and come up with a plan. Somewhere along the way you will probably have to decide on whether to go organic or conventional, there are a lot of choices on both sides and a lot of opinions too. The Chans will speak on the

basics of organic fertilizers and pesticides.

Leslie and Roland Chan will speak about their organic fertilizers and pesticides which are good for all plants and flowering plants like orchids and roses. They have been in the organic fertilizing business for 7+ years starting with fish emulsions and graduating to the dry fish protein powder. They distribute a number of organic fertilizers and pesticides including: Pure protein, dry fish fertilizer Plant food and Rid-Bugs and Ex-lcute for pest control.

An interesting Oncydium hybrid, Gomea jiaho queen "Jiaho" GM/TOGA' (Taiwan Orchid Growers Association) grown by John OConnell, photo by Cammie Jones



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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 **A thru F** to bring refreshments to the meeting.

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Fall Orchid Market

Friday, Nov. 10th & Saturday, Nov. 11th, 2023

A perfect opportunity to shop and ask questions about orchids!

WHEN: Friday & Saturday, Nov 10 & 11 from 9am-4pm

WHERE: 4590 Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel, CA

WHAT TO EXPECT: Exotic orchid plant varieties to see, buy, and learn how to care for!

MAIN ATTRACTION: Our annual market offers a fantastic array of orchids and other plants. This is an opportunity to begin or add to your orchid collection and pick up gifts for the holidays. The vendors bring a wide assortment of orchids and plants including many suited to growing in cool/temperate climates.

AOS JUDGING: This year's Market features American Orchid Society Judging for the first time in many years. This is a great opportunity to see how your blooming orchid stacks up against orchids of the same species or hybridization that have been judged before. Members and non-members are welcome to bring plants for judges to choose from to judge. To have your orchid judged: It must be in bloom, be free of any bugs or pests and brought to 4590 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA (Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula) by 3:30pm on Thursday the 9th or by 8:30am on Friday the 10th. Judging will begin at 9:30 on Friday the 10th. Plants must be picked up on Saturday by 3:30 pm.

VENDORS: D&D Flowers, Ikebana Society of the Monterey Peninsula, Member Plant Table, New Earth Orchids, Orchids and Gardens, Orchids of Los Osos, Organic First, River Road Succulents, SLO Orchids, Tanya Lam Orchids & Supplies



This outdoor event is free to attend and will have easy parking. Come join us!

The 2022 Fall Orchid Market. Photo by Mikael Garrett

Upcoming Events

August

8/7 7PM Monday COS August meeting.

8/5 & 19 Monterey Bay Iris Society Sale. Deer Park Shopping Center, Aptos CA

September

There will be no regular COS meeting in September

9/16, Saturday, COS Fall BBQ



Left: Cymbidium Little Beauty 'Black Shower':, Cym. Cricket x Cym. canaliculatum, Cricket is: Cym. devonianum x Cym. madidum, Grown and photographed by Irene Patton

Right: Cymbidium Alcor 'Embers': Cym. simulans X Cym. canaliculatum B/CSA, Grown by John OConnell, photo by Cammie Jones

Two warm growing Cym. canaliculatum crosses, lots of little dark flowers.



Minutes of the COS Board Meeting, July 17, 2023

The Carmel Orchid Society Board of Directors met via Zoom on July 17, 2023. Present were Irene Patton, Amanda Nixon, John O'Connell, Carolyn Salmon, Anna Narvaez-Helms, Janette Ford, Kathie Ritter.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the Back Bulb for July.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$10,242.20. She paid out \$78 total for raffle tickets, the Secretary of State, and mailing expenses. Two CD's will be purchased for 15 and 19 months each at the 4.9% rate. Janette and Irene are working with the bank weekly to get all accounts set up with updated information and signatures.

The 501C-3 discussion was reviewed. Our \$550 application fund is in process and will take 4-6 weeks. We decided not to pursue the new status but to stay with our 501C-5 status which does not allow us to receive tax exempt donations. This passed with a majority vote with some members not in favor and one abstaining.

September 16th is the date for our BBQ at the Patton's house in Pacific Grove, 12-3 pm.

Kathie Ritter reported on updates for the fall market to be held November 10-11. Societies and Assisted Living Centers will be emailed and Sam is helping with the ads for the Pine Cone and the post card to be sent out. Our Facebook page has information on the event. We discussed the banners,

where to put them; Kathie and Rudy will determine this. Rudy is updating the dates and condition of the existing banners.

The August meeting, August 7th, will be about organic fertilizers and pest control. We will have a \$25 ad in the Pine Cone announcing it the Friday before the meeting. Invitations are out to all garden clubs. Carolyn has the plant table arrangements made.

We are looking for an October speaker.

Anna suggested we have a plant swap table where members could bring other than orchids to exchange such as iris and succulents, equipment, etc.

Amanda will set up a sign up for the West End booth for August at the August meeting.

There was a short review of the greenhouse outing.

The next board meeting will be August 24th by Zoom at 7 pm.

Irene Patton, Secretary



Encyclia adenocaula, one of the colorful encyclias. Grown and photo by Carolyn Salmon



FALL ORCHID MARKET






presented by the Carmel Orchid Society

ORCHIDS • SUCCULENTS • CARNIVORES • IKEBANA • TILLANDSIA

Friday - Saturday
Nov. 10th & 11th, 2023
9am-4pm

AOS JUDGING • CULTURE TALKS • POTTING DEMONSTRATIONS

Located at 4590 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel, CA
CarmelOrchidSociety.org/Events
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Monterey Bay Iris Society IRIS SALES

August 5th, 2023 9 am-noon
Red Apple Cafe—Patio Area,
Deer Park Shopping Center,
Aptos, CA

August 12th, 2023 9 am-noon
August 19th, 2023 9 am-noon
Farmer's Market, Cabrillo College

montereybayiris.org

photos by Fred Valentine & Joe Ghig

This is your chance to get beautiful, healthy iris rhizomes. Our annual sale is well-known for its incredible selection of bearded iris. Expert iris growers will be on hand to help you with your selection and answer questions. The rhizomes are \$4.00 each or 20 for \$60.00.

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Myrmecophila Desert Dawn, grown by John OConnell, photo by Cammie Jones

CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY 2023 Membership Application

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