

The BackBulb

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

July 2024



July Orchid Outing

Orchids in the Park, San Francisco

It's time for the COS July field trip! We have chosen to carpool up to **Orchids in the Park** on **Saturday, July 27th**. We will be meeting at 7:30am sharp at Best Buy's parking lot in Marina. **Please RSVP to Cathy by text or call at 831-224-3913** so we can plan for roomy transportation. And yes, volunteer drivers would be most appreciated.



**Orchids In the Park 2024
Summer Sale**

July 27 10am - 5pm
July 28 10am - 4pm

County Fair Building
1199 9th Ave.
San Francisco, CA

www.orchidsanfrancisco.org
Discounted advance tickets available online

In case you haven't been to Orchids In the Park... It is San Francisco's "little" show, really just a summer orchid sale with some exhibits by the vendors. But if you compare the vendor list below, it looks like it is POE (Pacific Orchid Exposition, their February show) without half of the exhibits.

- 1** July Field trip
- 2** SCOS Greenhouse Visit
- 3** Happenings at the June Meeting

Afri Orchids, Brookside Orchids, Cactus & Exotica, City College of San Francisco – EH&F, Emerald City Orchids, D&D Flowers, Ecuagenera, Gold Country Orchids, Golden Gate Orchids, Kitchai Yarungsee, Las Selvas, Orchid Conservation Alliance, Orchids and Gardens, Orchid Design, Orchids of Los Osos, Orquideas Amazonicas, SFOS Member Sales, Seed Engei, Seed Studio SF,

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Ten Shin Orchids, The Plant Lady SF, Tropical Exotique, Tropicals Plants From South America, ... and more

Like POE the vendor list is impressive and it is a great place to add some special plants to your collection. There are even vendors that sell bromeliads, carnivorous plants and various tropical plants. It costs \$10 (or \$7 in advance, <https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/oitp-2024.html>) to get in.

Upcoming Events

July

There is no regular COS meeting in July

7/27 COS Field trip to OITP, San Francisco

7/27-28 Orchids in the Park San Francisco, Golden Gate Park

P.O. Box 223462
Carmel, CA
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SCOS Greenhouse Visit June 9th

The Santa Cruz Orchid Society visited the Irene's, Carolyn's and John's places to see how their neighbors across the bay grow their orchids.

BackBulb Editor

John OConnell

Membership

Amanda Nixon



Members of the SCOS and COS at John's greenhouse. Photo by Cammie Jones

Happenings at the June Meeting

The June meeting of the COS was held at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula on the evening of Monday June 3rd, about 23 people attended.

Carolyn announced the greenhouse visits by the Santa Cruz Orchid Society members for June 8th at her and John's greenhouses and Irene's lath house. Members of the COS were urged to join the group. We expect about 15 people from SCOS.

Derek brought redwood slabs for mounting to donate to members.

John O'Connell presented a "Wild Housewives Reality TV" (Sex, Deceit,

and Abandonment, the Secret Lives of Orchids Revealed! Was the title ed.) talk about how orchids evolved to diversify by deceit and mimicry, getting pollinators to visit and carry pollen in various methods. His excellent photos and graphs showed the importance of the evolution of epiphytes in the species we enjoy today.

Our plant table was loaded with home grown plants and orchid supplies from our members. At the Show and Tell table, we had Paphs, Senocoryne, Sarcochylis, Coconut Orchid, Laelia superbiens, Zygopedium, Phrags, Encyclia, Cynorchis and Tolumnia.

Refreshments were served and we closed around 9pm.

Irene Patton



Inside John's greenhouse. Photo by Cammie Jones

Minutes For The COS Board Meeting June 26, 2024

The meeting was held at Irene Patton's house and was called to order at 5:15 by President Amanda Nixon. All Board members were present.

The treasurer reported the checkbook balance at \$4944.73 with expenses of \$70 for church rent, plant table \$210, purchase of a new projector \$437. The raffle netted \$198 at the last meeting. Kathie and Carolyn bought a selection of estate orchids for our future plant table use. Everyone was pleased with the plant table supplied by members in June. Also, new members were added from the Santa Cruz Orchid Society, Linda and Gordon Lockett.

The May BOD meeting minutes were

read and updated.

The Santa Cruz Orchid Society Greenhouse Tour was a great success on June 8th. There were about 15 of them and 8 members of our society attending.

We are planning a carpool to San Francisco on Saturday, July 27th. Cathy Walmsley is in charge of RSVP: 831-224-3913. We are not visiting greenhouses in July due to the orchid show in SF.

We set the date for the Fall BBQ for September 14th at Pattons' house from 1-4 pm. More details will follow in August.

Irene gave a report on the Adult Education outreach in Pacific Grove which will be on July 11th. Members who want to join in the hour long orchid demo and talk are welcome to meet in the entrance lobby to the school at 10:30. Hopefully this experience will move on to reaching more gardeners through the Adult Education Program. This session is for adults with disabilities.

We discussed Society meeting times and days for 2025 with suggestions of evening hours in the summer and all others to be afternoon. The discussion for further ideas was tabled.

Kathie reported that Jeanette Brown has broken her hip and that we need to send cards, call and visit our members who cannot travel away from home. Irene will do this.

The repotting demo before the August meeting will be done by Anna with help from Irene. Interest was expressed in demonstrating mounting orchids.

We will be using Peter Lin's offer for a

plant table in August. His presentation will be by ZOOM which will be set up by Amanda and John. The meeting will be at the church at 7 pm with a repotting demo at 6:30. His website DiamondOrchids.com offers a 10% discount to our members.

Amanda reminded us that West End Celebration will be August 24 and 25.

We discussed the banners for the Fall Market. Irene is getting prices. The Board authorized up to \$300 for 3 banners, to be used as best determined. Suggestions were made for where to put additional banners such as at the PG Adult School in addition to present locations. The committee will work on locations. We decided to put more money into updating worn out banners rather than printed materials to advertise the Market.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 with July's meeting date to be determined.

Irene Patton, Secretary



Everyone Oohed and aahed at this **Gunnera** specimen in Irene's garden. Some species of **Gunnera** have leaves that can reach 10 feet across. Irene keeps this one alive by watering it with all of her laundry water



Left top: An *Oncidium* Tiger Hambuhren 'Goldie Locks' at Irene's lath house

Right top: *Encyclia adenocaula* at Carolyn's greenhouses

Left Bottom: This Epi hybrid was putting on quite a show at Irene's

Right bottom: A *Masdevalia* at Carolyn's





A yellow **Vanda falcata** hybrid in John's greenhouse, Note, though many yellow V. faclatas may be labeled "**V. falcata**" the consensus is that none of them are natural and all are hybrids with an **Ascocentrum** somewhere along the line. Photo by Irene

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2024 Membership Application

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

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