

The BackBulb

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

May 2025

The next meeting is on **Monday May 5th, 7PM** at the Church



May Speaker: John OConnell

Variety is the Spice of Life

Orchidaceae may be one of the largest and most diverse plant families, but you should make room for something a little different, something that gets along with your orchids but provides a bit of diversity to your collection, maybe something that is more flexible than your fussy orchids. There are many choices ranging from extreme epiphytes like Tillandsias to terrestrial succulents, odd and unusual to normal looking, rampant growers and shy bloomers, winter or summer dormancy. You really can have it all, just not in one plant!



On the right John's collection of Tillandsia, and on the left John's collection of epiphytic cacti both share space with his orchid in the greenhouse

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May Speaker

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Upcoming Events

In order to provide a selection of treats at our meetings, we are asking members with last names that start with the letter **G thru L** to bring refreshments to the meeting.

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2025 COS Events

Meetings:

Monday May 5th, 7 pm
Monday June 2nd, 7 pm
Monday August 4th, 7 pm
Saturday October 4th, 2 pm

Social Events

July Greenhouse tour: TBD
BBQ: Sat. Sep. 13th, 1-4pm
Fall Market: Friday, Sat. Nov. 7-8
Holiday Party: Sat. Dec. 6th

All meetings are at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula next to Palo Corona park, Carmel Valley Road

Visit our booth at the Carmel Valley Garden Show, May 3-4th, 10am-4pm at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, 104 W Carmel Valley Rd.

Note that the Baum & Blume (4 El Caminito Rd, Carmel Valley Village) will be taking reservations for their Pre-Mother's Day Garden Party on May 10th 3-5 pm. Deric Wenzler will be demonstrating repotting and talking about care of orchids. There will also be poetry readings, informal fashion and accessory modeling. Several vendors will be present and there will be prize drawings. Reservations a must! Tel: 831-659-0400

Dear Members. I would like to give a quick thank you to all the members who assisted with the members sale table during the March meeting. There was a good mix of items at great prices. You all made \$115 for our club. This money will go towards future outstanding speakers and the plants they bring for the plant table.

With appreciation, Anna

2025 Dues Are Past Due!

Bring a check to the next meeting or send one to: COS P.O. Box 223462 Carmel CA 93922-3462

Upcoming Events

May

5/5 Monday 7pm COS May Meeting

5/10 Saturday 3-5pm Baum & Blume's Pre-Mother's Day Garden Party!

Shows

5/3-4 Santa Cruz Orchid Show

5/3-4 Carmel Valley Garden Club Show

COS BOD Meeting Minutes April 16, 2025

Amanda called the meeting to order at 4 pm at Kathie Ritter's home. Attending were: Amanda Nixon, John Oconnell, Carolyn Salmon, Kathie Ritter, Irene Patton, Albert Satterfield, Sonya Weininger, Cathy Walmsley, Peter Janick, Chris Thomas and Janette Ford by Zoom. Society member Denise Estrella also attended.

The minutes were read and approved after correcting to say our May meeting will be on Monday, May 5th at 7 pm at the Community Church.

The Treasurer sent her report before the meeting. She explained there were some donations specifically for the Carol Easton Speakers Fund and other donations for general use. There is a \$2000 yearly budget for speakers and we have used \$500 so far. We decided to use the income from Anna's table for the speakers fund. Copies of the treasurer's report are on file with her and with the secretary.

Carolyn and John reported for Vice Presidents. Carolyn reminded us that all 2026 meetings would be in the afternoon. She is trying for a speaker for June or August, Tim Cutters. John said he would present "Orchid Companions" at the May meeting. We decided members would bring plants for a plant table.

Kathie R is putting together an order for Orchiate and perlite. Text her with your needs. She will go to Gro Generation in Santa Cruz the day of their Orchid Show, May 3rd to get supplies. She will

bring the hobby bags for sale to the meetings that she previously put together for the Fall Market.

Sonya explained the "mock show" that Santa Cruz puts on prior to their show so that people will know about orchid judging and how to present their orchids for display. Chris volunteered to help us with this idea. John is willing to report how to view an orchid show and about ribbons.

Amanda talked about West End Celebration August 23 and 24 and has applied for us to have our tent and table there.

Anna thanked everyone for the donations to her sale table at the April meeting. She took in \$115 and will write up a short article for the Back Bulb for John.

Chris presented her orchid Power Point to the Horticulture class at MPC. It was well

attended and appreciated by a range of students. She will be doing the same in July at the Marina Tree and Garden club and next Monday to the Begonia



Chysis bractescens in John's greenhouse

Society of Monterey.

Irene asked where the amended By Laws should be posted; John said the website.

Irene asked John to make another membership category on the application: Student (\$15)

Irene said she thinks we should have the AOS culture sheets out on the table at the monthly meetings for our members. John says they are easily found on the AOS site. Irene and Anna will get them to the meetings.

We signed up for the Carmel Flower Show table for our Society outreach for the two days of the show, May 3 and May 4. Since it is the same days and time as the Santa Cruz Orchid Show, we will split times and days with volunteers

who want to go to both. We will set up the tent Friday afternoon and take it down Sunday afternoon.

Irene also suggested we make Dennis Riphenburg an honorary member of our Society since he has been a past president and has made his Cattleya collection available to us in downsizing. Members thought it was a good idea and discussed other people who have been long time members.

We continued to discuss keeping past members on the list who are not current with their dues. Kathie, Sonya, Irene and Janette keep in touch with members who cannot attend the meetings. We also like the idea of profiling a new member in the Back Bulb.

We spent time brainstorming how we can involve more Society members. Peter would like to see how to display orchids in your home and at shows; Albert wants more basic info from the group. Any suggestions to get more members involved can be submitted to the BB to John.

The Board meeting for May will be at Carolyn's house on May 21st, at 6 pm.

Irene Patton, Secretary

A recent addition to John's collection: **Cattleya Big Dreams (C. Latonia X C. milleri)** bought at SBOE during the 2024 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show



Carmel Valley Garden Club
**GARDEN SHOW
& PLANT SALE**
"Silhouette of the Valley"

Free

10AM - 4PM

Fun

Donation
Parking

May 3rd & 4th

at Hidden Valley Music Seminars in Carmel Valley Village

- Large plant, flower and veggie sale
- Garden Art & Essentials
- Multi-category flower competition
- Photography competition
- Silent auction on Saturday
- Many gardening & craft vendors
- Food from Woody's
- Buzzy's children's garden

Info: <https://www.cvgardenclub.org>

Bonsai *and* Orchid Show and Sale

Member Sales, Vendors, Demonstrations
American Orchid Society Judged Exhibit

Hosted by
Santa Cruz Orchid Society
Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai

Sat. May 3, 10 a.m - 5 p.m.
Sun. May 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Capitola Mall
(inside the former Sears location)
1855 41st Avenue, Capitola, CA

Free Admission

Santa Cruz Orchid Society is a registered 501c3 non profit organization



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2025 Membership Application

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Membership	
Single	\$35 _____
Couple	\$50 _____
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Student	\$15 _____
Add an additional \$10 to receive the newsletter via USPS	