

The BackBulb

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

December 2023



Annual COS Holiday party

What: Eating, revelry, and orchids

When: 6pm Monday December 4th

Where: The Church (Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula)

Bring:

- * A side dish, the society will provide Ham
- * Your preferred beverage, the society provides basic tea and coffee (you need to heat your own water)
- * \$\$ for the special holiday edition plant table.
- * White Elephant gift (entirely optional)

The Holiday season is here! Every year we celebrate each other with our Holiday Potluck and an extra special plant opportunity table.



Hungry orchid people at last years party

Oh... the food is always wonderful and like last year we will hold a "White Elephant" Gift exchange, a Gift Exchange with a twist. Participation is optional but if you want to have a bit of fun just bring either a gift with a value of \$10 - \$20 OR a silly White Elephant Gift (in good condition). Gifts should be wrapped (or bagged) and without anyone's name on it. Place your anonymous gift in the designated area and then draw a number.

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When your number is called, you may either go pick a gift and unwrap it OR you may steal an already unwrapped gift from someone ahead of you. The person whose gift you stole will then either pick a new unwrapped gift or steal someone else's gift and so on.



This is really a lot of fun. Don't be afraid to channel your inner Grinch and steal away! The more participants the more fun to be had.

Laelia Ian Woodhall (*L. rubescens X L. aurea*) just opened in John's greenhouse

Upcoming Events

December

12/4 COS Holiday Party at the Church 6PM

January

1/8 Monday 7PM COS January Meeting (Note: this is the 2nd Monday of January)

February

2/5 Monday COS February Meeting

2/16-18 POE, County Fair Building Golden Gate Park (and POE is a little early this year)

March

3/4 Monday COS March Meeting

3/8-10 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

3/22-24 Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Display and Sale Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave, San Jose

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COS Fall Orchid Market



Left: The display before we added in the vendors plants. Note the pollinator pictures from the theme

Below: Tanya Lam's
Tanya Lam's Cattlea
Tanya Lam 'Blue Ocean'
HCC/AOS, the largest plant on the display



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It's a wrap! The 2023 Fall Orchid Market came and went under bright sunny days tempered by an early morning crisp fall chill. I think the show went well. We had 11 vendors including our own sale table. We are grateful for our faithful returning vendors and pleased to have added two. There was a good mix of orchids and companion plants. The display table of members' plants attracted pollinators as well as human admirers. There was a cymbidium repotting demo both days, and an orchid talk and 2 Ikebana arrangement demos on Saturday. AOS judges scanned the member plant display for potential AOS awards and found us wanting. We were not surprised. The good news is we learned a lot about how to improve our possibilities of

getting orchids judged next year. We met a lot of people interested in growing orchids, signed up a few as members and hope to nurture their orchid green thumbs.

There are too many people to thank. Everyone who took part in putting together the show this year should take a bow; the vendors, the show chairs, the volunteer helpers and don't forget the plants that bloomed on time.

Most of all I want to thank all of you for the friendships that have bloomed alongside the orchids. The Carmel Orchid Society is filled with people you can count on to get the job done! Along with our wonderful vendors we have developed a special show community.

Kathie



Left: Kathie and Ken Jacobsen (the chief AOS judge)

Right: Carolyn selling plants at member sales



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Left: Mitch the Zygo vendor points out something on the display to a potential customer

Right: Sue Hamilton (long time vendor at our shows) tries to interest Richard in a well grown Encyclia



Membership Time!

It's that time again, time for your otherwise nice, friendly society board members to nag you about paying your membership dues. As much as we would like to have your money to pay for our fabulous monthly speakers, what we really want is for you to come hear the speakers, buy the raffle tickets and take home all the interesting plants on

our monthly raffle tables. None of that will happen if you are not interested enough to pay the pittance we ask for our yearly dues. Most orchids that we will kill in less than a year cost more than a years membership! So all we ask is that you pay your dues, come to the meetings and have a wonderful time!

CARMEL ORCHID SOCIETY 2024 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
Please print

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

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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Member of the American Orchid Society

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

COS Board of Directors Meeting Nov. 20, 2023

Amanda called the Zoom meeting to order at 7 pm with a welcome to our new directors. Attending were: Amanda Nixon, Irene Patton, Carolyn Salmon, John O'Connell, Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, Cathy Walmsley, Chris Thomas, Albert Satterfield and Sonya Weininger.

The minutes from the October meeting were approved as published. The Treasurer gave a report on the Fall Market. The net income was \$1047, similar to last year. The checking account stands at \$5547, counting outstanding checks and pending deposits.

The survey at the entrance to the Fall Market showed the following results of how the attendees heard about the Market:

Highway signs: 27; Pine Cone ad: 18; Word of Mouth: 16; West End: 9; Friends: 6; Facebook: 4; Internet search: 4; Compass Church event: 3; KAZU ad: 3; Santa Cruz orchid Board Members: 2; MPC Hort class: 1.

Albert suggested flyers be distributed for next year. He saw one in his apartment office advertising the event. Irene mentioned we advertised the event on calendars in Coast Weekly and Pine Cone and possibly those were distributed.

Kathie wants to evaluate the Market in person at a later date and will schedule that. We had a suggestion from Mitch for a one time sales tax, reporting

monthly, which would save us money and enable us to buy wholesale. Janette is going to investigate.

Kathie said there were supplies and bark that would be for sale at the December meeting. We will bring the Chan brothers' donation of fertilizer also for sale.

Carolyn was concerned that the plant table would be too large. Irene suggested we have a plant sale table in addition to the plant opportunity table. That was agreed since we have books as well. Instead of Show and Tell we are using member plants in bloom as centerpieces for each table.

New members will get Anna's welcome packet in December. We took an interested 4th grader in as our first student member from the Market. He received a gift plant and a lot of attention from our members.

Meeting dates and times were discussed thoroughly since the church has gone to \$70 per meeting, without improved internet access (they have promised again). We are hoping for some afternoon meetings during the dark months. Amanda will check the schedule for Saturday afternoons with the church and ask costs.

Kathie Ritter said the Santa Cruz society has approached us to see if we are interested in working with them on their April show. After some discussion Kathie was tasked with exploring what they have in mind and to let them know we are not able to take on a major role in putting on the show.

Irene reminded us that the MEarth weekend (2 days) is around Earth Day,

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April 22, 2024. She says we could have our tent up and possibly sell plants as in the West End Celebration event. It is a big horticultural emphasis with native plants and garden demonstrations, with lots of community activity.

We outlined the Christmas Party for December 4 at the Community Church at 6 pm. Set up is at 5:30. Terri is donating a ham (thank you Terri!). Anna is leading the popular "Dirty Santa" game with John to publish the instructions in the Back Bulb for December. It is a potluck for everyone to bring food and their beverage.

It is time to renew dues for 2024.

Amanda asked Cathy W. if she had been glad getting to know about the Board's activities and Cathy said she was so happy to manage the food at the

Market that she would do it again next year. We all agreed it was well done.

Monterey Orchid Society is trying to re-group and we think we should extend an invitation for them to join us.

Irene suggested and Chris supported that we make a donation to an orchid conservation group either through AOS or the Orchid Conservation Alliance (suggested by Carolyn). Since it is the giving season and we have the funds at the end of the year, we agreed to \$200 this year to AOS donations and would research the Alliance for the future.

There will be no Board meeting in December. The January meeting will be at Carolyn's house on the 17th and a Zoom will be set up for those not able to attend.

Irene Patton, Secretary

2024 COS Board of Directors Nominations

President: Amanda Nixon

VP Program: John OConnell, Kathie Ritter, Carolyn Salmon

Recording Secretary: Irene Patton

Treasurer: Janette Ford

Directors: Cathy Walmsley, Anna Narvaez-Helms, Chris Thomas (new), Sonya Weininger (new), Albert Satterfield (new)

We will vote on the new board at the December Holiday Party.

SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW



2024
MARCH 8-10
9 AM - 5 PM

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