

The BackBulb

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

April 2025

The next meeting is on **Saturday April 5th, 2PM** at the Church



April Speaker: Bruce Rogers

Sobralias??

The last time Bruce Rogers (AKA. "The Orchid Whisperer") was here was June of 2017 when he had a lot to say about Sobralias, creating amazing orchid gardens in Pebble Beach, and other subjects. If you weren't here for that presentation, all you need to know about Bruce is that he is an expert in many things orchid, has a lot of interesting stories, and is a very entertaining speaker.

In the 1980s Bruce founded Bruce Rogers Orchids, an orchid consulting and management company based in San Francisco. This business continues today and includes many private and commercial accounts. In 2002 he followed his passion and

started growing and hybridizing Sobralia orchids. Today he is known around the world for his unique and popular hybrids, and is the largest supplier of wholesale and retail Sobralias.

Bruce is internationally well known as an orchid expert. He is the author of the best selling orchid book, *The Orchid Whisperer, Expert Secrets for Growing Beautiful Orchids* (Chronicle Books, 2012), as well as numerous articles on orchid culture and design. He is a frequent and popular guest lecturer at orchid societies and



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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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garden clubs. He was formally on the Advisory Council at the San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers and has served as the Ambassador for the San Francisco Orchid Society.

In 2007 the late Dr. Eric Christenson named the magnificent orchid species *Sobralia rogersiana* in Bruce's honor for his work with the genus *Sobralia*.

Upcoming Events

April

4/5 Saturday 2pm COS April Meeting



Shows

4/12-14 Sacramento Orchid Jubilee

5/3-4 Santa Cruz Orchid Show

2025 COS Events

Meetings:

Saturday April 5th, 2 pm

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: Saturday Sep. 13th, 1-4pm

Fall Market: Friday, Saturday Nov. 7-8

Holiday Party: Saturday Dec. 6th

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

John spent some time at the Atlanta Botanical Garden on his recent trip back East. The ABG has an incredible Orchid collection including this *Angraecum*.

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

Society Benifit Table

As you know it takes a good deal of preparation time and **money** to the get the great speakers and marvelous plant tables for our meetings. We will be having a "market table" at our April meeting where everyone is invited to bring any orchid or garden related items to be donated. Example: I have a few too many decorative pots in my collection so I will bring one or two for the table, which will be sold for the benefit of the society. You set the price, if it doesn't sell then you take it home. Other items may be gently used garden

equipment, plants, pots, seeds, clippers, tags, or anything that you think is useful. Please have an estimated value so we can have a general idea of its worth but we will be accepting any amount as donation. All money will go directly to the club! So bring a little more cash to the meeting and if all goes well we will have another market table in the spring where you can bring seedlings! Remember, we will have a members sale table at our Fall Market so if you have an outstanding plant save it for then. Your participation makes our club thrive, thanks everyone!

Norma Walch

Our orchid friend, Norma Walch, passed away at age 79 in late January. She was a member of our club for decades and was an officer and board member. In addition to being our champion repotter of Cymbidiums at our Fall

Market, she took care of the Cymbidiums at Westland House in Monterey. We will remember her wit and humor.

The Pine Cone of March 28 has her complete obituary.

Irene Patton, Secretary





From the Monterey Cutting day in March. Photos by Irene

COS BOD Meeting Minutes March 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Salmon, VP, at 4 pm at the home of Rudy and Irene Patton. In attendance were: Carolyn Salmon, Irene Patton, Albert Satterfield, Kathie Ritter, Cathy Walmsley, Peter Janick, Sonya Weininger, Chris Thomas, Anna Narvaez-Helms. Denise Estrella joined in on Zoom.

The minutes from last month's board meeting were approved and the treasurer's report was sent before the meeting by email.

We discussed moving excess money from the checking account into the CD and all agreed to ask Janette to do this when she renews.

The revised Bylaws will be voted on at the April meeting since the members have had a month's notice to approve them.

April's meeting will be Bruce Rogers speaking on Sobralias with a nice plant table from him.

Anna will have a "for sale" table with all and anything that might interest members. All proceeds will go to the Society. We are encouraged to bring orchids to sell. Anna will remind John to spotlight this in the Back Bulb.

Carolyn will email John to mention in the Back Bulb that this is a big and special meeting.

John will be in charge of the May meeting which will be at the church May 5th at 7 pm. The June and August meetings will be in the evening.



Pleurothallis cyanea, grown and phot by Carolyn

Dates for the Santa Cruz orchid and Bonsai show will be May 3rd and 4th. It is also the date of the Carmel Valley Flower Show at Hidden Valley. We received an invitation to have a table there for two days and Irene is getting the particulars. Everyone agreed it was a good use of our energies. We will try to work out a schedule so that members can do the booth at Hidden Valley and car pool to Santa Cruz both.

The Santa Clara Orchid Show is April 11 and 12.

Amanda, Irene and Cathy were at Cutting Day in Monterey and got 35 people for the Mail Chimp to sign up and gave away lots of information about our Society. Cathy's Laelia was a big conversation starter.

Chris and Irene will go to MPC Horticulture class on April 7 where Chris will give a basic orchid presentation. They will take blooming orchids to show the class.

We discussed orchid vendors in general and Kathie said she would be calling us in April to see if we are committed to working our usual jobs at this year's Market in November.

The Board voted down a \$250 donation to MEarth's Eco day.

The next BOD meeting at 4pm at Kathie Ritter's on Wednesday, April 16th.

Thanks to Peter for the Zoom arrangement. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Irene Patton, Secretary



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6:30 - 9:00PM

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vendors and experts.

\$30 per person includes show
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Bonsai *and* Orchid Show *and* Sale



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Member Sales, Vendors, Demonstrations
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Hosted by
Santa Cruz Orchid Society
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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





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Free Admission

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

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