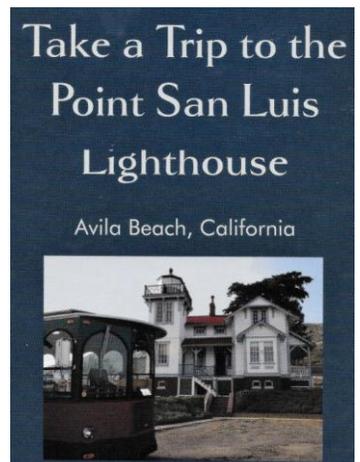




President's Message September, 2017

As I mentioned last month, I want to thank everyone that sent me suggested theme names for our 2018 orchid show. The show committee made two decisions during their last meeting. They decided to change our beneficiary for the Friday night fundraiser and the weekend raffle to the Port San Luis Lighthouse Keepers. This group was formed in 1995 by the Harbor District as a non-profit corporation to help preserve, restore and open this historic site to the public. Legislation for the construction of the lighthouse was passed in 1886, but building did not begin until 1889. It was completed and began operation in 1890 and was operated until 1974. You can tour the lighthouse on docent led tours on Wednesdays and Saturdays. More information about the lighthouse and Lighthouse Keepers can be found at <http://pointsanluislighthouse.org/>. Our members Rojean and Lee Dominquez are docents with the Lighthouse Keepers and they said the group is excited to be chosen as the new beneficiary for the show and being able to participate in the event. Rojean and Lee were also the ones who suggested the show theme name chosen by the Show Committee. They received \$50 worth of orchids which was donated by Rudy and Anne Bachmann of SLO Orchids. The 2018 show theme name is "Sea of Orchids". Hope you are keeping your orchids happy. If not or you have questions about your orchids, please ask for help at the September meeting. Hope to see you there. Chris

Congrats
Rojean and Lee



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Speaker notes form the August, 2017 FCOS meeting.

FCOS was pleased to have Tanya Lam from San Jose show her slides of orchids and the countryside from a trip she took to Northeast Thailand after she attended the 2011 World Orchid Conference in Singapore. She showed many slides of a wide variety of orchids her group was able to see when they visited a number of areas including the Phu Hin Rong National Park and a wild life sanctuary in Loei.

About Sphagnum Moss--- Part 2

For orchids, **AAA New Zealand Sphagnum Moss** or **5 Star Chilean Sphagnum Moss** recommended. The quality of the two is fairly comparable though AAA New Zealand Sphagnum Moss is fluffier. These two products will be labeled as such, the lesser grades of sphagnum will often be labeled as 'moss for orchids', 'organic moss' or simply 'sphagnum moss'.



It is important to clarify the difference between sphagnum moss and sphagnum peat moss, also called just 'peat moss'. Sphagnum peat moss **is not** the same thing as sphagnum moss. In a sphagnum bog the sphagnum moss is the living moss that floats on the top of the bog. Sphagnum peat moss is the dead moss that falls to the bottom of the bog. Upon harvesting, the top layer of live sphagnum moss is taken first and then the bottom layer of peat moss is harvested. Peat moss is then processed into a soil amendment that is also a media used with orchids but it is markedly different in appearance and texture

UpCom ing Events

September 16 - 17: South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale. Sales Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Show Sat. 11-5, Sun. 9-4 South Coast Botanic Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes Info:

<http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com>

September 16: California Orchids Fall Sale. 9am - 4pm. 515 Aspen Rd., Bolinas.

<mailto:info@californiaorchids.com>

September 23 - 24: Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale. South Coast Plaza Village, 1621 W. Sunflower, Santa Ana, CA. For more info visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fascination-of-orchids-international-show-sale-tickets-36911570501>



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Orchids need **natural cues** to let them know it is time to set their bloom spikes. Phals in particular need to experience the **chill in the air** of early fall. Leave the window open a crack in the evening when possible. Many orchids need to experience the **shortening days** and lengthening nights. Beware of night lights and supplemental lighting that we have in our homes as they rob the orchids of this important cue. **Decrease fertilization** back to winter levels (weakly, weekly). These three important signals, changes in temperature, light and food, are beneficial here in October.



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August, 2017