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# Newsletter

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## Our Next Meeting

Our April meeting will take place on April 12 start at 7:00 PM with ORCHIDS 101. Frank Madrid will speak about growing Cymbidiums outdoors.

Our general meeting will begin at 7:30 PM and the presentation will be by Bryce Augustine. His will be talking about general orchid culture with emphasize on the slipper orchids Paphiopediums and Phragmipediums. The raffle table will be some of Bryce's plants, plus some donated to FCOS by Blossoming Orchid Nursery at the conclusion of our show. Bryce will also be bringing along some additional plants for sale so do not forget to bring along you wallet or checkbook to purchase some great plants.

Bryce purchased his first orchid (a pink Phalaenopsis) at Zuma Canyon Orchids from Amado Vasquez back in 1975. At the time, he was more interested in carnivorous plants and actually had a rooftop "bog" to hold his pitcher plants, Venus flytraps and sundews. The orchid bug really bit while he was attending UCSB studying Botany in the mid to late 1970s. Since that time, orchids have become a lifetime obsession going from a part time hobby to a full time (and more) business. Bryce now owns and operates Monsoon Flora Orchids where he produces primarily Paphs and Phrags for sale in flasks and compots. He is an accredited AOS judge and has been in the judging system since 1991. He was one of the AOS judges that helped with the judging at our show last weekend.

With all the fun we were having during March getting ready for the show no one noticed that the bad fairies hid the treat fairies list so we are not sure who signed up to supply treats for the April meeting. So if you remember signing up for treats please bring them along. If you did not sign up but would like to bring something along to make sure we have lots, you are encouraged to bring something good along. Remember everyone that brings along treats gets five free raffle tickets.

## From our Show Chairman - Eric Holenda

Wow, did we have a great show! All the reports were positive with many people coming up and saying what a wonderful time they had. And the reason it was so successful was all of you. I want to thank all who pitched in and helped -- this show would be impossible without your contributions. As long as everything is positive, we are all willing to go the extra mile. My intention is to keep this a fun event. Again, a thousand thanks to all who stepped up and helped.

## President Corner - Chris Ehrler

In case you missed it, the FCOS display won the AOS AWARD for the MOST OUTSTANDING EXHIBIT. The AOS judges made this decision without even asking for my help. If my information is correct this is the first time we have won this award. The setup of our display was directed by Bonnie Werring and her group so when you see her remember to say GREAT JOB BONNIE. I would like to personally thank everyone that was able to help make the show such a success. There were a lot of members that I saw at least for part of the weekend and many that were there most of the time. I think Barb needs special thanks for spending the most time in attendance. She was generally the first one there in the morning and the last to leave at night. Also thanks to all the folks on the Show Committee for their hours spent prior to the show to ease the setup obstacles and to keep the show moving along smoothly. Show committee members included Eric and Christina Holenda, Bonnie Werring, Barb Walsh, Peggy Bozem, Larry and Laurie Vierheilig, Lisa Hall, and me. In the next newsletter we should have a tally of the number of folks that attended and an estimate of the amount of money FCOS made over the weekend. If you have a receipt for items purchased for the show, please get them to Christina Holenda ASAP or sooner. She has told me she is going to set a date in the near future and any receipts that do not get turned in by then will not be reimbursed.

In case you missed the show, pirates and wenches invaded the show throughout the weekend and they helped add a lot of interest and fun to the show.

I would like to share with you a comment to me by George Hatfield, this year's new vendor at the show. He mentioned during clean up on Sunday afternoon that our show is by far the most friendly of any he has attended. He also complimented us on the overall quality of the show and displays.

This year we had three plants that were awarded Awards of Merit (AM) by the AOS judges and one that received a Bronze Certificate by the Cymbidium Society of America judges. Congratulations to the growers and hopefully there will be more awards next year. I was told there were a number of other orchids that were almost judged so keep up the good growing. We will post photos of the award winning plants on the FCOS website before too long so do not forget to check them out in a few weeks.

One last thought: the Alzheimer Association folks were again extremely happy with our efforts on their behalf to generate much needed funds to help combat this disease.

**Upcoming activity of interest in San Francisco**

The San Francisco Conservatory Of Flowers in Golden Gate Park will have "Orchids of Americas" open from April 3 through June 3. It is a gorgeous display of blooms from

Bolivia to Brazil and beyond. The Conservatory of Flowers is one of only four institutions in the U.S. to feature a HIGHLAND TROPICS display. This unique exhibit is a highlight of any visit to the Conservatory. A primary feature of the highland tropics display is the Conservatory's large and renowned collection of delicate high-altitude orchids.

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**Orchid Calendar**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Thursday April 12, 2007	FCOS Monthly Meeting	AG Woman's Club 211 Vernon Street, AG	Frank Madrid will discuss outdoor growing of Cymbidiums at 7PM at Orchids 101. Bryce Augustine will be talking about general orchid culture with emphasize on the slipper orchids Paphiopediums and Phragmipediums starting at 7:30.
Saturday-Sunday April 21-22, 2007	Sacramento OS Orchid Show and Plant Sale	Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H St., Sacramento CA	The show theme is " <u>Orchid Jewels</u> ". Admission is \$5 for adult with kid's admission being free. There will be exhibits, classes and vendors. Saturday from 10AM-5PM and Sunday 10AM-4PM.
Friday-Saturday May 4-5, 2007	Conejo Orchid Society Orchid Show	Newbury Park Library 2331 Borchard Road Newbury Park, CA 91320	Show theme " <u>Orchid Dreams</u> ". Friday, May 4, 11:00 AM - 6 PM and Saturday, May 5, 10:00 AM - 5 PM. FREE ADMISSION. For more information call Janna 805-278-2205 or Marian 818-889-1895
Saturday-Sunday May 5-6, 2007	Carmel Orchid Society Show & Sale	American Tin Cannery, 125 Ocean View Blvd., Pacific Grove	May Faire Orchid Show & Sale. Open Sat 9am-6pm and Sun 9am-4pm. Free admission, 22 vendors, potting demos, Orchid display, and supplies. Contact Ida Hale for more info at 831-646-8784 or visit their website at <a href="http://www.carmelorchidsociety.com">www.carmelorchidsociety.com</a>
April 3 – June 3 2007	"Orchids of America" exhibit	Conservatory of Flowers JFK Drive, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco	See info in newsletter and see the Conservatory of Flowers website
July 13-15, 2007	Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Orchid Fair	Earl Warren Show Grounds Santa Barbara	Over 50 orchid vendors from around the world. Admission is FREE but parking costs \$5/vehicle. Fri-Sat from 9AM-5PM and Sun from 10AM-4PM. More info at <a href="http://www.orchidfair.com">www.orchidfair.com</a> or call 1-800-553-3387.