



April 2009 Newsletter

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Our Next Meeting (by Eric Holenda)

Our April speaker will be Marni Turkel of Santa Rosa, CA. Marni is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area and has been growing orchids since 1980. She has been an active member of the San Francisco Orchid Society since 1982. A hobbyist grower, she has been growing in two greenhouses at her home in Santa Rosa. In August of 2006, her interest in dry rest plants led to the construction of a third, cold greenhouse intended for plants that benefit from a cool, dry winter. Her main interest is in cool-growing miniature species but plenty of larger plants have crept into the collection as well.

If you have attended the San Francisco Orchid Show, you have probably seen some of the incredible specimen plants she grows, perfectly manicured, many with hundreds of flowers yet some not much bigger than a teacup. She has won many awards for her culture, and also introduced a number of new South American species she has discovered. A working potter for almost 40 years, she owns and manages Stony Point Ceramic Design which is a pottery that produces vases, orchid planters, flower arranging containers, ceramic barrel rims and urns.

Her power point presentation is entitled, "Show Me The Plant", with images of well-grown specimen plants, and advice on how to grow plants up to specimen size.

Marni will provide the plant table from her eclectic personal collection, and may also bring plants to sell. This will be a joint meeting with Cabrillo Orchid Society, so we'll be able to share the cost of Marni's travel. She will also join us for dinner before the meeting at 5:30 at the Quarterdeck in Arroyo Grande. If you would like to join us (dutch treat) for dinner call Eric at 929-5749 by 11AM April 9th.

This will be a rare opportunity to hear this talented person speak, and I encourage you all to come out.

President's Message (Danny Stocks)

This month has just flown by. Hard to believe the show is here. I was talking to Eric today and everything is ready for the show. Sounds like it is going to be a great one. The show

committee has worked all year to make the show a success. With the planning finished you would think all we need to do is let the show unfold. Wrong! What we need now is the society's help to pull it off. The sign ups last meeting did not get filled. We are in desperate need of help especially on Saturday and Sunday morning. I am asking for everyone in the society to re-evaluate his or her commitments for the two mornings and volunteer to help. Please call Eric if you can be available to help. If anyone has plants and cannot get them to the Regional Center, I will be available to pick up plants on Thursday morning. Just let me know if you need a plant taxi. My number is 481-7511. See everyone at the show.

News from the Show Chair – Eric Holenda

Our March meeting was devoted to preparation for the show. First phase was filling out the volunteer schedule for helping at the show. Members signed up for a block of time and those that were not at the meeting will be called to sign up for a slot. Posters were distributed to be delivered throughout the central coast and volunteers were assigned to specific areas. Since the local greenhouse tour will be that Saturday also, it is very important that we get the word out for our show.

Tickets for the \$40 Friday Night Preview Party were available and members were asked to sell additional tickets. There were a limited number of Friday night worker tickets available at a discount price. Members were thanked for ironing tablecloths for the show.

Members were asked to continue nurturing their plants for placement in our society's display. Bonnie Werring will again be the mastermind assembling our stampede theme display. If you have some cowboy type props that you think might be used in the display, contact Bonnie or me. There will not be a plant table, but it's always nice to have blooming orchids. Plants need to be delivered on Thursday, April 2, at the Arroyo Grande Women's Club. If you are not able to deliver your plants, please contact me at 929-5749 and we will arrange to have them picked up.

Five Cities Orchid Society

Orchid Calendar

Dates	Event	Location	Comments
April 4-5	14 th Annual Five Cities Orchid Show and Sale	South County Regional Center, Arroyo Grande	This year's theme is " <i>Orchid Stampede</i> ". That right this is our show. Friday night wine and food Fund Raiser for the Central Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Orchids will be judged by AOS judges. Seven vendors will be bringing along many great plants so bring along your checkbook.
April 9	FCOS Monthly Meeting	AG Women's Club, Arroyo Grande	7:30 p.m.
April 18-19	Sacramento Orchid Society Spring Show	Scottish Rite Center 6151 H St. Sacramento	Their theme is " <i>Welcome to the Jungle.</i> " Show hours are 10 am – 5 pm.
May 8-10	Orchid Society of CA Mother's Day Weekend Show	Lake Merritt Garden Center 666 Bellevue, Oakland	Hours 10 am to 5 pm, Admission is free
May 17	Carmel Orchid Society Annual MayFaire Show & Sale	Hidden Valley Music Seminars 88 W. Carmel Valley Rd Carmel	Sunday 9am – 5 pm, Admission free For more information contact Carolyn Salmon 831-375-3748 or cargie@yahoo.com