



August 2007 Newsletter

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Our Next Meeting

Our next FCOS meeting will be on Thursday August 9th starting at 7:30 PM. The presentation that evening will be by Norito Hasegawa an AOS certified judge who lives in southern California. He will be speaking on *Phalaenopsis* species and how they influence their hybrids. Come learn about these interested orchids that many of us have in our collection. Norito will also be supplying the plant table for the evening.

We will be hosting Norito at dinner at the Quarterdeck Seafood Restaurant prior to meeting. If you are interested in attending this no host dinner please contact Chris Ehrler (489-9046) by Wednesday evening (August 8) so he can make arrangements.

Orchids 101 – Danny Stocks

Orchids 101 will begin at 7PM (30 minutes before the start of the main meeting) with Jeffrey Thompson showing how to divide plants. I have several plants that are doing weird things. Putting out new growths in strange places. I asked him to show how to divide these kinds of plants. Not plants needing dividing because they have out grown their present pot. He has some at home that are doing the same thing. What he said he would do is bring his plants and I would bring mine. He would ask the people in attendance which one they would like to see divided then do it. I don't know if he will have enough time to divide it. But if we run short on time he will at least talk about how to divide the plants.

President Corner – Danny Stocks

It was a close election. But after recounting the ballots many times, I did get elected as President of our club. Thank you to everyone for showing support for making me president. I am kind of nervous because I am not exactly sure what to do. If everyone could continue supporting the club the way they have done in the past I will do my best to move the club in a positive direction. I would like to thank Chris for all the work he has gone in the past three years to make our meetings enjoyable. I will be leaning on him heavily at first for help. He has agreed to continue putting out the newsletter, something I do not believe I could do.

The election or should I say reelection of the Vice President Eric for another year was even a closer race. Sorry Christina. I hope everyone realizes how lucky we are to have him agree to continue as the Vice President. He does an awesome job of getting us interesting speakers every month. We were talking after the last meeting and Eric was saying

we pretty much have heard all the speakers he knows. If anyone knows or has ideas for speakers let Eric know. Thanks also to Anne Bachmann for taking over as our new secretary and Kathy Phelan for filling the open Director at Large position.

For everyone that did not make it to the potluck you missed out on a really good time. Thank you Chris and Larry for cooking the tri-tip and chicken to perfection, as always. A special thanks to Alice for setting up. It always amazes me how the potlucks work. Chris just says bring something and everyone pitches in and it happens. There was so much food. I was wondering, is it in poor taste to bring a doggie bag to a potluck? I really thought there were some awesome casseroles. I did not have a doggie bag so I ate until I couldn't eat another bite. Then there were the desserts so I had to eat even more. Awe gluttony.

Thank you to everyone that brought plants to the silent auction. Especially Rudy for all the nice blooming plants he brought. On the other hand he was totally bidding against me on a *Psychopsis* that Larry donated. I did come out victorious in the end and anyway it is all for a good cause, us. We ended up raising \$485 at the auction that evening.

Speaking of money, remember it is time to pay to be a member of our fine organization. We had somewhere in the twenties for number of people who paid their membership dues last meeting. Looking at the membership directory for last year we had somewhere in the fifties for the number of paid members. Please pay you dues as soon as you can. We would like to get everyone signed up by the end of summer so we can get the new directory out. By the way we are always in the market for new members. If you know someone that has an orchid send them an invitation. It only takes one orchid to be hooked on this hobby or passion for some of us. So if you see someone coming out of Trader Joe's with a Phalaenopsis in their hands ask them to come to a meeting. We have something to offer for everyone.

I am excited and looking forward to the coming year. Aloha, Danny

New native orchid found in California

In 1923 a botanist found a bog orchid in Yosemite National Park. The location of this plant was lost until it was re-discovered in 1993 by USGS botanist. But, it identify remained a mystery until recently. A team of three botanists recently determined it was indeed a new, undescribed species and was recently named the Yosemite bog orchid (*Platanthera yosemitensis*). It is currently only known from

nine sites, all in the Park, all on the granitic upland area south of the Valley. It is thought to be the only orchid species unique to the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It is described as having an inconspicuous wand-like growth form and tiny flowers. But, its bouquet is said to have a strong musk component, that various observers have

described as being similar to one of the following: horse corral, strong cheese, human feet, sweaty clothes, or simply disagreeable. Sounds delightful, but probably would not have it in your house.

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Orchid Calendar

Dates	Event	Location	Comments
Thursday August 9, 2007	FCOS Monthly Meeting	AG Woman's Club 211 Vernon Street, AG	FCOS Meeting with Orchids 101 at 7 PM with Jeffrey Thompson talking about repotting and the 7:30 PM presentation by Norito Hasegawa on <i>Phalaenopsis</i> species and how they influence their hybrids
Saturday September 22, 2007	Coastal Valley Orchid Society Orchid Expo and Sale	Lompoc Public Library Lompoc, CA	This year's theme is "Orchids: Natures Masterpieces". Displays by local orchid societies and local growers. Orchids for sale. Judging by AOS judges starts at 1 PM and the public is invited to observe the entire judging process. .