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Our Next Meeting

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THE FCOS JANUARY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **JANUARY 24** STARTING AT 7:30 pm. NOTE THE DIFFERENT TIME! The program will be GETTING MORE OUT OF YOUR ORCHIDS. We will show you how, with just a little time and care, to take your blooming orchids to the next level and create a stunning eye catching display. With our show quickly coming up, now is the time to start using the tips we will present to show off the blooms you have so patiently nurtured to their fullest. Often at shows the difference between getting overlooked and receiving a ribbon is the final grooming and staking an owner has given to his plant.

Show Committee Update

With our show so early this year (March 7th), we are finding it a challenge to get everything together. Among the many preparations are printing (posters, mailers, handouts), securing judges and vendors, asking businesses for auction donations, and many more arrangements. Fortunately we have someone on the show committee who enjoys doing each one of these (but some tasks could use some help). The point being, there is always some effort that each person does well and enjoys. We'd like to see each of you in the general membership step forward and help the show in a way that you find rewarding. Our February general meeting especially will be devoted to volunteering, but there is plenty to do before.

President Corner – Danny Stocks

Lets start off this month with a story. I am telling it here in the newsletter because hopefully there are people out there that can relate to it. Everyone knows what orchid fever is. If you see an orchid plant you must stop and check it out. Maybe drool a little before you can go on with what you were doing. I must say that is me. There I was driving east on Grand Ave. I stopped behind this white van at the stoplight at Halcyon. Looking in the back window of the van I see a beautiful Cymbidium spike. I am thinking it is a delivery van and someone is going to get a nice Cymbidium for Christmas. As the van drives away from the stoplight I notice a large Paphiopedalum spike next to the Cymbidium. My mindset now changes. Now I am thinking this van is probably going to Miners to drop off some plants. I am going to have to follow it to see what it has to offer. Well, the van turns right on Traffic Way like it is going to Miners. As it is turning the corner I notice the licensee plate on the van has the letters to spell out orchid man. My mindset changes again. This person does not only deliver orchids they must love orchids to have a licensee

plate like that. Now I am thinking who is driving the van? They have to join our club. I cannot see who is driving and if I know them or not. All I know is this person needs to belong in our club. I must follow them and ask them to come to the next meeting. Well, they buzz past the turn off to Miners. Maybe they are going to Cherry Lane? They don't stop there either. They turn left on Traffic Way Extension then it dawns on me. I probably do know the driver. It is our own Bob or Dan Asbell. They are probably just going home. I chuckle to myself and continue onto the freeway. As I am driving down the freeway I wonder if there is a cure.

Did everyone have as much fun as I did at the December potluck? It was nice visiting with everyone. It was so nice to see Sally there. The food was excellent as usual. The auction went awesome. We raised over \$500 thanks to everyone's generosity. Thank you to everyone that came and especially that that donated orchids and other items for the raffle.

The holidays are quickly coming to a close. I hope everyone had joyous Christmas. I got to have all my children over at the same time on Christmas. It was the best. Now it is time to look forward to the show. It will be here before you know it. We are going to need lots of help to pull it off. The show committee is working hard to have the most successful show ever. With all of their planning it still won't happen unless we all pitch in and help. I am a firm believer in the saying: many hands make light work. Please help in some way. The dates of the show are March 7, 8 and 9. Mark your calendar. It is work but is also fun. It gives everyone a chance to mingle with one another for the weekend.

One last note: the meeting dates have changed for our next to meetings. The January meeting will be on January 24. It is the fourth Thursday in January. It will be held at the same time 7:30 at the Women's Club. We did not want the February meeting to be on Valentine's Day so it is moved to February 21. It will be at 7:30 but it will not be at the Women's Club. The Women's Club is always reserved on Thursdays in February for talent show rehearsals.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Aloha, Danny
Note from our treasurer—Christina Holenda

For the record AND for Chris's illustrious newsletter...we made \$542.50 on the December Silent auction. A very good amount of money, and your polite treasurer probably only took in about \$5.00 of 'forced' donations (those showing up without the correct change)!!!

A couple of photos from the December Potluck.



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Orchid Calendar

Dates	Event	Location	Comments
Thursday, January 24 7:30 PM	FCOS Monthly Meeting	AG Woman's Club 211 Vernon Street Arroyo Grande	Program will be GETTING MORE OUT OF YOUR ORCHIDS. Info on how to take your blooming orchids to the next level and create a stunning eye catching display. Presentation of tips to get your orchids ready for the upcoming show.
Sat & Sun, January 5-6, 2008, 10am-5pm each day	Peninsula OS Annual Show and Sale	Community Activity Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave, Redwood City, CA	Admission \$5, Seniors \$3 and children and disabled folks are no charge. 10 vendors. More info at http://penorchidsos.org .
Saturday – Sunday Jan 26-27, 2008	Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show and Sale	Soquel High School 401 Old San Jose Road Soquel, California	Saturday 9 am – 5 pm, Sunday 10 am – 4 pm. AOS judged show with lots of orchids to purchase. Demonstration and Raffles. Cultural info will be available.
March 8-9, 2008	FCOS Show and Sale	South County Regional Center	Show Theme is "Orchid Carnival". More details in next newsletters. Don't forget the Friday night preview with proceeds to the AI