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# Newsletter

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<b>Newsletter Editor:</b> Chris Ehrler	

### Our Next Meeting

Our regular meeting will be held on Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> starts at 7:30 PM and will feature guest speaker Brian Gerhardt from Australia. We are co-hosting Brian with the Cabrillo Orchid Society of San Luis Obispo and will be held at the Women's Club in AG. Brian's lecture is on Australian Orchids. Brian and his wife Phena own Down Under Native Orchids in Australia. They specialize in breeding select species and quality hybrids Dendrobiums from Australia, Papua, and New Guinea and orchids in the Sarcanthidae group (Sarcophilus). For more information about their nursery and plants check out their website at [www.duno.com.au](http://www.duno.com.au).

FCOS will host Brian and Phena for dinner, 5:30pm on July 13 at the Quarterdeck in Pismo Beach. Members are encouraged to attend the No-Host dinner. Call Eric at 929-5749 at least 24 hours ahead to reserve your seat.

Brian will supply the plant table and possibly have plants for sale, unless he sells out at the Santa Barbara Orchid Fair. Brian always brings great plants so do not forget to bring along some money to purchase your winning raffle tickets

Our volunteer Treat Fairies for July will be Sally Mellen and Jenny and Mike Harvan

### President's Corner – Chris Ehrler

I would like to start by saying THANKS to all those that took part in the June BBQ and silent auction. The food that you brought was great as usual. Thanks again to Larry for doing such a good job with cooking the meat. Also a special thanks to all those that so generously donated plants for the auction. FCOS took in a total of \$714.50 from the sale of those plants and related items.

For those of you that missed the evening, I just wanted to let you know that the no one stepped forward to fill the president and vice president positions so there was a motion to have myself and Eric Holenda keep our positions for an additional year. BUT, we cannot fill these positions a fourth year in a row. The other elected officers are as follows: treasurer – Christina Holenda, Secretary – Linda Kipe, and the three Directors at Large will be Frank Madrid, Scot St. Clair, and Danny Stocks. If you should have any comments or questions about the society, please contact one of us. I want to thank the nominating committee (Peggy Bozem, Len Hoskins and Frank Madrid) for finding some new folks to fill some of the board positions. A SPECIAL THANKS to the outgoing board members who held their positions over the last two years. They were Larry Vierheilg, Rosemary Bradshaw, Greg Doudna, and Barb Walsh,

Your new FCOS Board has already meet once. I will give an update in next month's newsletter, but one thing they accomplished was shortening the list of 42 possible show theme names that were submitted by the members to a list of only 12. The Show Committee will decide on the winning name at their July meeting. To make it fair I am the only one that knows who submitted which theme names (I did not submit any). All of the remaining names have good potential so it will be interesting to see which name wins. The winning name will be announced at our August meeting. The person who suggested the winning theme name will get a \$50 gift certificate supplied by SLO Gardens Orchids in AG. I personally would like to THANK Rudy Bachmann the nursery owner and an FCOS member for donating this certificate for the second year in a row. If you get a chance give Rudy a call at 489-3319 and plan to visit him at the nursery or check out his website at [www.slogardens.com](http://www.slogardens.com) to acquire some new additions to your collection.

Your 2007 show committee has been begun preparing for next year's show. As with the 2006 show, the show committee tasks would be divided between three people. The overall show coordinator is Eric Holenda, the operations coordinator is Rosemary Bradshaw, and the preview event coordinator is Bonnie Werring. If you are interested in learning more about the show and are willing to help in the planning, please contact Eric.

**I NEED YOUR HELP!** I am looking for someone to either help with or take over the raffle ticket sales at our FCOS meeting. The task takes about 10-15 minutes each month and you have the benefit of getting to talk to everyone that buys tickets. So if you like to meet everyone in the society this is the job for you.

---Chris

### Membership Renewal Notice

June was our annual membership renewal month. If you have not already paid for your membership renewal please bring a check or cash (\$20 per family) to cover your annual membership dues and give it to Peggy Bozem or Christina Holenda at our next meeting. If you can't attend, please mail in your dues to the society's PO Box. If you joined FCOS at this year's show, your dues are current until June 2007.

### Editor's Corner – Chris Ehrler

For those of you familiar with the past newsletter format you will see a change. That's right no one stepped forward to replace Greg Doudna as newsletter editor so I have taken over for hopefully just a short period until someone volunteers to

help with bringing the newsletter back to what Greg built it to. We all owe Greg a great big THANKS for his years of dedication to the production and refinement of our great newsletter.

**Orchids 101**

As you might recall we held a number of 'classes' entitled Orchids 101 beginning last year. They will begin again starting at our August meeting. Danny Stocks volunteered to be the coordinator for these classes so let him know if there are subjects or topics you would like to have discussed at these gathers. As in the past they will start about 7 PM and end

slightly before the start of the general meeting. I would like to thank Greg for his efforts last year in getting this new program started and making sure we had interesting speakers for each month.

**Show Committee – Eric Holenda**

FCOS Show Committee will meet July 24 to kick off the 2007 Show arrangements. That evening we will choose our Show theme, and one lucky member will pick up a \$50 gift certificate from SLO Gardens for suggesting the winning theme name.

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**Orchid Calendar**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Thursday July 13th 7:30pm	FCOS Meeting	AG Woman's Club 211 Vernon Street Arroyo Grande	Joint meeting with the Cabrillo Orchid Society of San Luis Obispo. The evening speaker will be Brian Gerhardt from "Down Under Native Orchids" of Australia. If you get a chance check out his website at <a href="http://www.duno.com.au/">www.duno.com.au/</a> .
Fri, Sat, Sun July 7 – 9	SBOE 265th International Orchid Fair	Earl Warren Show Grounds Los Positas @ Hwy 101 Santa Barbara	Sponsored by Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. Admission is Free and parking is only \$5.00. At least 44 international and domestic orchid vendors will be selling a large variety of species and hybrid orchids at the show grounds. Most of the local orchid nurseries hold open houses, in conjunction with this event. Hours are Fri & Sat 9am – 5pm, Sun 10am – 4pm.
Sat., Sept 18, 2006	The ABC of Orchids.	Lompoc, CA	The first Orchid Expo on the Central Coast. Learn about what AOS judges are looking for during their judging process.
Fri - Sun Oct 20 -22, 2006	All Hallowed Orchids, the Southland Orchid Show	Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA	Exhibits by southern California orchid societies and international orchid growers displaying tropical collections. Lectures and show and tell on Saturday and Sunday included with Huntington admission. For information: at <a href="http://www.orchidshow.org">www.orchidshow.org</a>