



# Five Cities Orchid Society

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Greg Doudna

## Next Meeting

Thursday  
 June 8th  
 6:30pm

## Treat Fairies

N/A

## Affiliations

American Orchid Society  
 &  
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## Our Next Meeting

June is our annual FCOS BBQ Potluck and Silent Auction. Setup is at 6:30pm with dining commencing at 7:00pm.

FCOS will provide Chicken and Beef Tri-Tip BBQ'd to perfection. Members bring a salad, hors d'oeuvre, side dish, or dessert to share. Attendees should provide their own table service and beverages. The Woman's Club tells us No Alcohol, please.

After the dinner, between snacks and seconds on dessert, members bid upon orchids, other plants, curios, and any other objects members donate for the auction. Now is a good time to divide and repot your healthy plants, bringing the divisions for sale. It's also a good time to expand your orchid collection by being the highest bidder on choice plants you don't currently own.

Remember if you bid on items, you should stick around for the bidding to close and you are expected to collect and pay for all plants or items where you are the successful bidder. Our treasurer prefers checks, but will accept cash payments.

If you donate plants or other items that are not bid upon, please collect those items prior to departing the Woman's Club.

We will not have time for Show & Tell, but you are encouraged to bring your bloomers and put them on the dining tables as center pieces. They of course are not for sale unless you move them to the auction area.

## Our Last Meeting

George Hatfield of Hatfield Orchids presented a photographic visit of the Tokyo Dome 2006 orchid show. George is an AOS and CSA judge and was again invited to judge this year's show. He shared with us the grandeur of this large show and told us of the different approach for showing and judging in Japan. It was a very enjoyable presentation.

George also provided the marvelous plant table full of very well grown Cymbidiums. Additionally other members

provided more plants to really fill out the table. Ticket sales were brisk and we had many happy winners with new plants to take home. The treasurer reported that ticket sales last month covered the speaker's and plant table fee, which means we sold a lot of tickets.

Additionally Greg Doudna donated a Cattleya Irene Holguin in full bloom with 8 glorious blossoms, which was auctioned off to the members. Alice Swope won the bidding on this great plant.



## Members News & Notes

Annual FCOS membership fee is now due. Membership fees are \$20 per family. Please see Larry Vierheilg (Treasurer) or Peggy Bozem (Membership Chairperson) to pay your dues. Dues payment, separate from your auction payment, would be helpful as it helps us track what fees were collected for what purpose.

If you have joined FCOS since January of this year your dues are current; otherwise, please submit your dues at the next meeting or mail your checks to the FCOS post office box.

Members also have to volunteer and vote for new officers. President, Vice President, Secretary, and 3 Directors at Large are all up for replacement. All current officers have held their positions as long as

allowed under society bylaws and must be replaced.

FCOS also needs volunteers to take on Newsletter publication, web site updates, maintaining the membership database, and publishing the annual Members Directory. Greg Doudna has done this for 4 years now and has resigned those responsibilities effective this month.

Members interested in any of the above positions should contact any of the current officers or Directors at Large to learn more about the positions.

### **Editor's Corner - Greg Doudna**

It has been my pleasure to act as editor for the newsletter, assist with show publicity, maintain web site content, and numerous other FCOS activities over the last 4 years. Many of you helped me with contributions of content and photographs, which I greatly appreciated.

I believe that I successfully upgraded our newsletter

production, even though I did not win any Pulitzers. It was as much about the challenge of the technology as it was about being involved and supporting the FCOS and its membership. I enjoy challenges and have never shied away from responsibilities whether voluntary or compensated. I truly benefited from the experience.

I want to thank all of you for your kind and generous words of support for my efforts. It was good to know that you enjoyed the newsletter and missed it when it did not show up for some reason. Many of you also have said very kind things about my photography and I encourage you to visit my personal web site periodically as I continue to add more orchid photographs. Ron Parsons, I'm not, but I'm working on it and having a great time doing so.

Again thanks to everyone and I encourage all of you to get involved in FCOS by actively volunteering.

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### **Orchid Calendar**

Date	Event	Location	Comments
Thursday June 8 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm	FCOS Meeting	AG Women's Club 211 Vernon Street Arroyo Grande, CA	Annual BBQ Potluck and Silent Auction. Setup starts at 6:30pm, dinner commences at 7pm. Silent Auction follows dinner and general meeting.
Friday—Sunday June 9 <sup>th</sup> —11 <sup>th</sup>	3rd Annual Westminster Orchid & Tropical Plant Sale	Westminster Mall Golden West @ Bolsa Westminster, CA	30 Top California & Hawaii commercial growers participate in this sale. Show open Mall hours. Fri. 9am—10pm, Sat. 10am—9pm, Sun. 11am—5pm. Attendance is Free.
Saturday June 24, 2006 12pm—8pm	4th Orchid Digest Speakers Day	Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens San Marino, CA	Expert lecturers, Flower Displays, Orchid Sales, Dinner. Tickets \$60. Contact Simone Friend, 4349 Dogwood Ave., Seal Beach, CA. 90740, Phone (562)431-1247, Email: orchidsimonef@aol.com.