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Newsletter

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Our Next Meeting **MARCH 8**

This month's ORCHIDS 101 will start at 7:PM and will feature Larry Vieheilig speaking about temperature and humidity and their effect on your orchids. Come listen to Larry and learn from his years of growing experience. You will learn some new info that should help you to be a better grower.

Our general meeting will begin at 7:30 PM and the presentation will be by Chris Ehrler. I will a series of slides of Draculas, Masdevallias and other Pleurothallids that you can grow on the Central Coast. Besides slides of individual flowers, I will discuss cultural requirements of these interesting orchids. The plants on the raffle table will be from Asbell Orchids, which is owned by Bob Asbell an FCOS member. The treat fairies for the March meeting will be Linda Kipe and Peggy Bozem.

President Corner – Chris Ehrler

First of all we need your help with our upcoming show. It will be the 12th annual show and from what I have seen so far is stacking up to be the best yet. Details about how you can help are listed below in Eric's show update. But I would appreciate it everyone would get some Preview night tickets from Bonnie and sell them to your friends. Remember all the profit from this evening goes to the California Central Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. More details about the preview follow in the show update.

If you are interested in helping with ribbon judging at our show on Friday afternoon please let either Eric or myself know.

The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show will be held from March 16-18. If you have blooming orchids we can use for our joint display with the Santa Maria Orchid Society please either email or call Larry or myself or let us know at the March meeting. If you are interested in helping with the display set up on Wednesday March 14th we would love to have your help. Admission price are the door is \$10 but you can buy entrance tickets for \$5 from me at the Mach meeting. Check out the list of other orchid shows in the near future in our Orchid Calendar.

The speaker at our April meeting will be Bryce Augustine who will be one of the AOS judges at our show. There will be more info about his presentation topic in the April newsletter.

Show Update - Eric Holenda

Our 12th Annual Orchid Show and Sale is just around the corner and we need everyone's help. If you have not

been able to help in the past I guarantee you have missed a great time. I encourage all of you to step forward and find out why we're willing year after year to come out and make this show happen.

TASKS WE NEED HELP WITH

A) **Volunteers** -- We need volunteers for the following tasks at the show: people to help set up on Thursday, March 29, work at the Preview party, ribbon judging, and work at the actual show on Saturday and Sunday. We'll have a signup sheet at the March meeting, or call Chris in advance to make sure you get your favorite job. If you have not worked at the show in the past, I will make sure you get a job that is easy (here is a secret: they all are easy). The jobs during the show include working at or as the following: floor hosts, plant hotel, admissions, FCOS table, and the entrance and exit door.

B) **Publicity** – We will have posters at the meeting that we need everyone to put up where you work, shop, etc. You might also consider hanging one or two in your car windows, then wherever you go people will see them.

C) **Preview Tickets** – Our Orchid Show Preview Reception Benefit for the Alzheimer's Association, California Central Coast Chapter, Inc. will take place on Friday March 30 from 6:30-9:30 PM. Tickets for this evening are only \$35, with the profit going to the Alzheimer's Association to further their efforts in research, education, and quality care for those affected by the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. This delightful, elegant affair will include Central coast wines, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, live music, a silent auction, and first shot at purchasing the best orchids the vendors have brought with them for sale. You can purchase tickets for the preview from Bonnie Werring (805-481-5749). NOTE: The person that selling the most preview tickets will receive a blooming orchid.

D) **Plants** – Let's see – if no one bring blooming orchids for our display it will be quite boring. So it time to start tuning up your plants for the show. This means training and staking flower spikes upright, controlling pests (snails too), protecting from getting knocked over or frostbit, etc. Bonnie and her crew will be arranging these plants in another artful display at your show. We'll also need plants for the Santa Barbara Show two weeks earlier in case your orchids are blooming before the FCOS show.

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Orchid Calendar

Dates	Event	Location	Comments
Thursday March 8, 2007	FCOS Monthly Meeting	AG Woman's Club 211 Vernon Street Arroyo Grande	Our regular meeting will begin at 7:30 pm, and Chris will be discussing Draculas, Masdevallias and other Pleurothallids that you can grow on the Central Coast. Orchids 101 will be about temperature and humidity.
Saturday-Sunday March 10-11, 2007	Central Coast Orchid Society Show and Sale	Sierra Vista Mall at Shaw and Clovis Avenues in Clovis	Their Spring Show and Sale. Theme: " <u>Wild World of Orchids</u> " FREE ADMISSION and raffle prizes.
Friday-Sunday March 16-18, 2007.	62 nd Santa Barbara International Orchid Show	Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara	FCOS will have display at this show. Lots of plants will be on display and many US and international vendors will be selling a wide variety of orchids and supplies. Show theme " <u>Orchids Gone Wild</u> ".
Saturday-Sunday March 30-April 1 2007	FCOS 2007 Show	South County Regional Center, Arroyo Grande	The show theme is " <u>Orchid Treasures</u> ". Show will be judged by judges from the American Orchid Society (AOS) and the Cymbidium Society of America (CSA)
Saturday-Sunday April 21-22, 2007	Sacramento OS Orchid Show and Plant Sale	Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H St., Sacramento CA	The show theme is " <u>Orchid Jewels</u> ". Admission is \$5 for adult with kid's admission being free. There will be exhibits, classes and vendors. Saturday from 10AM-5PM and Sunday 10AM-4PM.
Friday-Saturday May 4-5, 2007	Conejo Orchid Society Orchid Show	Newbury Park Library 2331 Borchard Road Newbury Park, CA 91320	Show theme " <u>Orchid Dreams</u> ". Friday, May 4, 11:00 AM - 6 PM and Saturday, May 5, 10:00 AM - 5 PM. FREE ADMISSION. For more information call Janna 805-278-2205 or Marian 818-889-1895
Saturday-Sunday May 5-6, 2007	Carmel Orchid Society Show & Sale	American Tin Cannery, 125 Ocean View Blvd., Pacific Grove	May Faire Orchid Show & Sale. Open Sat 9am-6pm and Sun 9am-4pm. Free admission, 22 vendors, potting demos, Orchid display, and supplies. Contact Ida Hale for more info at 831-646-8784 or visit their website at www.carmelorchidsociety.com