



March 2010 Newsletter

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Our Next Meeting (Eric Holenda)

Our March speaker will be Dan Asbell. Dan and his father Bob have grown Cymbidiums commercially for decades, and in recent years have been experimenting with different types of orchids other than Cymbidiums to see if they can successfully be grown outdoors here on the Central Coast. Dan will share with us the results of their trials. Asbell Orchids will supply the plant table. At this point, it is undecided if there will be a dinner with Dan and Bob beforehand. Check with Eric (929 5749) a couple days before the meeting to confirm.

President's Message (Danny Stocks)

If you did not make it to the open house at Rudy's and Bob's, you missed a good time. It is always so nice to visit without having to worry about a meeting and staying on schedule. The weather was cooperative and turned out to be quite pleasant. People from four different societies were there. Besides Lompoc, Santa Maria and Five Cities there were people from Ventura. Chris went down to their society to speak and while there he invited them up to join us. Chris got the plant table from Rudy for his presentation and the members of Ventura society were so impressed they made the drive up here to meet Rudy, tour his greenhouses and do some shopping. I do not know if it is a requirement to be a nice person to grow orchids but it sure seems that orchid growers are the nicest people I know. I personally would like to thank Rudy, Anne, Bob, and Dan for their hospitality and opening up their greenhouses for us. Also for being such strong supporters of our club.

We are making progress with T-Shirts. We found a vendor that will sell us shirts for under \$6 each. They will also do the silk screen for \$25 to \$30 per color. The next step is to get a design. Art is not a strong point of mine so any one interested in designing a shirt let me know.

Our show is here. This will be our last meeting before the show. We need everyone's help. There are posters to put up. Tickets for the preview to sell. We sent around show sign-up sheets last meeting and there are still some places that need to be filled. Lastly, we will need plants to show. Eric did a good job last meeting showing us how to get our plants ready for the show. Now it is up to all of us to bring our blooming plants. If you haven't been a part of the show in the past, it is a blast. If you have been a part of the show, then you know what I mean and what is needed. We are a small club and we

put on a magnificent show. Like I said earlier orchid growers are the nicest people I know, so come out and spend the weekend with us. I guarantee it will be rewarding and you will have a good time.

February Meeting Summary (Chris Ehrlert)

Eric spoke about needing plants for the Santa Barbara Orchid Show and the Five Cities Orchid Show and what needs to be done to prepare the orchids.

- 1) Stake your bloom spikes early in their growth period so that the open blooms will present themselves well to those looking at the display.
- 2) Clean the leaves of your orchids so that they will not have water spots or dust on them. Do not use a product that will make the leaves shiny.
- 3) Do not bring along plants that might have disease or bugs.
- 4) Call Eric (929-5749) or Danny (481-7511) if you have plants that can be used in the Santa Barbara display. You will need to make arrangements to get your plants to them by Tuesday March 9 so they can make it to the show on Wednesday. If you would like to help with the display setup it is always appreciated. You can talk to Eric or Danny about when they will be leaving.

Upcoming Events (Eric Holenda)

Santa Barbara Show -- Santa Maria and FCOS will be putting a display in the show. Setup will be Wednesday, March 10, the day before our meeting so there shouldn't be a lot of plants for Show and Tell. If you have plants for the display call Eric by Monday.

Five Cities Show -- As at last meeting, we continue our Show preparations. Pick up some posters and handouts to publicize the show. We will also have tickets available for the Friday Night Preview party. If you missed last month meeting, we will be passing around the show volunteer schedule for those who wish to sign up to help with the show. Blooming Plants -- we'll need them for our display. Check your plants now to see what will be open for the show and give those plants extra care and protection.

Items of Interest

Chris recently exchanged emails with CalWest Tropical an orchid supply house (no plants) based in California. Ryan

Wicks their sales manager stated that they will waive handling fees for anyone that calls in an order to them and lets the person at CalWest know they belong to the orchid society. If you order on their website it will automatically add the handling fee so call in your order at 800-301-9009 after figuring out what you want to order by looking at their website. Their website is www.CalWestTropical.com. I have had great service from them on past orders and usually get my order within 4-5 days. You will probably find they have everything you need except the orchids.

Santa Maria and Five Cities Orchid societies. Known for his expertise in orchid growing, he and Peggy kindly opened their home and greenhouse to members on past greenhouse tours...a real treat. There will be no funeral.

Lastly, we need to remind everyone who has not paid their dues, that it is time. Annual dues is \$20. Members who are unable to attend the meeting may mail your dues to Peggy Bozem, 111 Karen Way, Pismo Beach, CA 93449. Our address book, similar to the previous one, will have only the names of paid members so we encourage everyone to pay their dues before the printing of the address book.

Sadly, we learned that Peggy Ford, wife of Dick Ford, died March 2nd of Pulmonary causes. Dick is a member of both

Orchid Calendar

Dates	Event	Location	Comments
03/11/10	FCOS Monthly Meeting	AG Women's Club, Arroyo Grande	7:30 p.m.
03/12-14/10	Santa Barbara Int'l Orchid Show	Earl Warren Showgrounds Santa Barbara Fair Grounds	9-5 pm www.sborchidshow.com
03/26-28/10	Five Cities Orchid Society 2010 Orchid Show	South County Regional Center 800 West Branch, AG	Fri, 26 th Preview Reception Sat 27 th 9-5pm Sun 28 th 10-5pm
04/01/10	Santa Maria Society Tour	Chisan Orchid Company Lompoc	01:00:00 PM
07/10-11/10	Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Show	Earl Warren Showgrounds Santa Barbara Fair Grounds	