



March 2008 Newsletter

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Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on March 13 at the Women's Club. FCOS and the Santa Maria Orchid Society will be co-hosting our speaker, Joe Griener of Baron's Orchids in Morro Bay. Joe is relatively new to Baron's, and brings a youthful enthusiasm to his presentations. His talk, "What is an Orchid?" will discuss what makes an orchid an orchid, followed by some of the orchid world's extreme species. His talk will be suitable for both beginning and advanced orchidists, and should be a great intro for all the new people expected after the show. Baron's will be supplying the plant table, with a variety of genera and size, some near or in bloom.

Joe will be our dinner guest at The Quarterdeck, 1500 W. Branch, AG, 5:30. If you wish to join us for a no host dinner please call Eric at 929-5749 by Wednesday evening.

News from the Show Chair – Eric Holenda

The response to our call for volunteers has been great -- thank you all who have stepped forward. The buzz on the street is that the word on our show is getting spread, by posters, public announcements, mailings, and word of mouth. Thank you all again. The one thing we still need is, of course, blooming orchids for our display. Reports are that it seems to be a lean year, so it is even more imperative for you all to bring in the blooms. As always, clean them up and PLACE YOUR NAME ON THE POT.

Our treasurer Christina has been setting an example and selling the heck out of Preview tickets. I encourage you all to keep talking up the tickets. You never know who is going to want to join us. Have them mail a check to 1690 Primavera, Nipomo 93444 and we'll hold tickets at Will Call.

See you at the Show!

President's Message

One of the chores I do this time of year is collect rain water. It is so much better for my plants than tap water. The problem with living here and rain is that it does not happen very often. I save all large containers so that when it rains I can put them around the eaves of my house. No matter how many containers I have, I still can only collect enough water for a week or two. There never seems to be enough containers. I have thought about using the pots and pans in the kitchen but my wife just would not understand. This morning as I was going out to work I kicked over a full bucket of water. I forgot that I had put it just outside the door. What a waste of good water. Maybe next year I will get rain gutters and barrels.

THE SHOW IS ALMOST HERE! I am so looking forward to it. The planning is done and now is the time for action. The show committee has put together another fantastic show. To make it happen it is going to take the rest of us to help. Please, please, please help.

We need help selling tickets to the preview. Invite friends. Have your boss buy some tickets for the employees. It is going to a good time. If you do not go you will only get to hear about Chris's and Eric's costumes. With a theme like Orchid Carnival I sure they will not let us down. Bring a camera.

We need plants. Even if you are not able to attend. Please let your blooming plants attend. There will not be a show if there are not any plants. They do not need to be AOS prize winners, just in bloom. You can drop them off at the Regional Center on Thursday around noon. Feel free to stay and help set up.

Eric has sign up lists for everyone to help. It was great to see so many people at the last meeting. With the bad weather I thought there might not be a

good turnout. Even though we did not have a speaker, it was great to get together one last time before the show. If you did not get to attend the meeting give Eric a call to get on the sign up lists. Just because you are not signed up on the list do not think you cannot help. We need everyone.

See everyone at the show. Aloha Danny



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Orchid Calendar

Dates	Event	Location	Comments
Thursday, March 7:30 PM	FCOS Monthly Meeting	AG Women's Club, Arroyo Grande	FCOS and SMOS will be co-hosting Joe Griener from Baron's Orchids. He will speak on "What is an Orchid?"
March 8-9, 2008	FCOS Show and Sale	South County Regional Center	Our Show Theme is "Orchid Carnival". More details above. Don't forget the Friday night preview with proceeds to the Alzheimer's Association of the Central Coast.
March 28-30, 2008	Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale	Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose	57 th Annual Show and Sale. Free Admission