



October 2008 Newsletter

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Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday October 9th at 7:30pm at the AG Women's Club. **WE WILL BE BACK AT OUR NORMAL MEETING PLACE!** One of our stated goals as an orchid society is to help people learn to grow orchids. To that end, we periodically have meetings devoted purely to orchid growing issues, as this month's meeting will be. The presentation will focus on bloom development. Topics covered will be methods to initiate flowering, training of developing bloom stalks, and protecting them from harm. As usual, we'll answer any questions you have about care of your own plants. Please bring in any plants you'd like our club experts to examine.

Our plant table will be provided by either Carmela's of Hawaii, SLO Gardens Orchids (member Rudy Bachmann), our own members, or a combination of the three.

The October treat fairies will be Geneva Beck and Laurie Vierheilig.

President's Message

This month has gone by so fast. How come the older I get, the faster time seems to go by. Having the meeting a week later this last month has really thrown me. Yesterday I noticed some of my cymbidiums are starting to put up spikes. You know what that means- it's time to start getting your plants ready for this year's show. Like Weegie said in her presentation we need to start getting our plants ready for shows months before the actual weekend of the show. I am suprised that any of the cymbidiums I have would actually put up spikes this year because most of them were just repotted. It just goes to show how resilient cymbidiums are. We cannot have a successful show without plants. I would like to urge everyone to start thinking about this year's show and having plants in it.

The other thing I noticed this week is that stores are advertising for Christmas. It is still September and there Christmas items in stores. Well that means it also time to start thinking about our Christmas potluck and silent auction. It is good time divide plants for the silent auction. I should have several cymbidiums for the auction.

Can everyone that has not paid dues please pay at the next meeting. I would like to get the new phone list out by November or by the December potluck at the latest. I will see everyone at the next meeting. Aloha, Danny

September meeting summary (by Chris Ehrler)

At the September meeting we had the pleasure of hearing from Peter Tobias the current president of the Orchid

Conservation Alliance (OCA). Peter stated that there are three organizations that are working toward conservation of orchid growing areas but OCA is more active in generating funds to foster orchid habitat protections and preservation. They are soliciting memberships both nationally and internationally. They are currently trying to generate \$50,000 for projects they have identified. They currently hav at least 239 members and are endorsed by the American Orchid Society, the Orchid Digest and 19 societies or organizations. They have sent funds to Fundacion Ecominga in Ecuador (www.ecominga.com) for the purchase and caretaking of a 100 acre river canyon which has an astonishing biodiversity of orchids. They are helping with funds for a reserve in Rio Zunac on the Amazon River sides of the Andes. There are 50 species of a genus of orchids known as Teaguias that grow nowhere else but there. The species composition changes as the elevation changes. They are also working with the Ceiba Foundation for Tropical Conservation (www.ceiba.com) is setting up two additional reserves. They have connections with the Lima Family about an hour away from Quito in Ecuador who have set up a 1,500 acre reserve that is visited by about 400 ecotourists each month. There are at least 178 species of orchids living on this reserve. They are also working with a Dry Forest Habitat area on the Pacific side of the Andes. They are trying to set up a Pacific Coast Biological Corridor that would link a number of smaller reserves in the area. One long reserve would work better than many small ones that are not interconnected. They are also working in Brazil in the Rio das Flores Valley (www.rockboat.co.uk/riotrust) with the current landowners whose property as a high diversity of orchids.

You can help this great organization by becoming a member. An individual membership is only \$25 with a family membership being only \$75. If you are feeling generous they have other levels of support including becoming a "Champion of Conservation" for \$10,000. Any donations are highly appreciated. All money received are used directly toward conservation. They can be reached at www.orchidconservationalliance.org or by mail at Orchid Conservation Alliance, 564Arden Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024.

Note from the newsletter editor

I will be retiring from the newsletter editor position after producing the December 2008 newsletter. So if you are interested in taking over this position please contact Danny or Eric.

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Orchid Calendar

Dates	Event	Location	Comments
Thursday, October 9 , 7:30pm	FCOS Monthly Meeting	AG Women's Club, Arroyo Grande Arroyo Grande	The presentation will focus on bloom development. Topics covered will be methods to initiate flowering, training of developing bloom stalks, and protecting them from harm.
October 3 – 5, 2008	San Diego International Orchid Fair	Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Garden Dr., Encinitas, CA	For more info contact Jamie Werner, (760) 943-2333, jamie@szpr.com
October 16 – 19, 2008	Southland Orchid Show	Huntington Botanical Gardens, 11511 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA.	For more info contact Robert Lauri, 4290 Van Dyke Pl., San Diego, CA 92116; (619) 742-0741; bklauri@yahoo.com
October 25, 2008	Third Annual CVOS Orchid Expo & Sale	Grossman Gallery at the Lompoc Library	More info on this event in future newsletters
November 1 – 2, 2008	Santa Barbara Orchid Estates Fall Open House	Santa Barbara Orchid Estate	http://www.sborchid.com/events.php
November 22 - 23, 2008	Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show	Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History	This year's theme is "Galaxies of Orchids".