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# Newsletter

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## Our Next Meeting

This month we will be having a joint meeting with Santa Maria Orchid Society on Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> starts at 7:00 PM (**NOTE: earlier start time**) and will feature guest speaker Harry Phillips, brother of and partner with Andy of Andy's Orchids in Encinitas. Andy sells the largest and most varied selection of species orchids on the planet. Their strength is not that they sell such an incredible array, but that they have done exhaustive research into the best way to grow each species.

Harry's program will be focusing on miniature species, highlighting some good choices for growing locally, and providing cultural guidance. If you have never attended one of Harry's presentations you do not want to miss this one. His talks are very informative for all orchid growers no matter what their experience.

Andy's will be providing the plant table and may have some orchids for sale. If you wish to order plants to pick up at the meeting, they can be contacted at: [www.andy'sorchids.com](http://www.andy'sorchids.com). Their mailing address is 734 Ocean View Ave, Encinitas, CA 92024. Their phone number is (888) 514-2639. If you have not already checked out the nursery's website, you should take the time to do so.

If you would like to attend the no-host dinner with Harry before the meeting it will be held at the Central City Broiler, on the corner of Donovan and Broadway at 5 pm. Please call Eric at 929-5749 at least by the night before to reserve a seat.

Our volunteer Treat Fairies for August will be Dick and Peggy Ford and Rose Dorreboom.

## President's Corner - Chris Ehrler

The 2007 show theme chosen by the show committee is "ORCHID TREASURES". Edie Schneider won the \$50 gift certificate donated by SLO Gardens Orchids in AG by suggested the winning theme name. The SLO Gardens Orchids owner Rudy Bachmann, an FCOS member, donated this certificate for the second year in a row. THANKS AGAIN RUDY. If you are interested in visiting his nursery give him a call at 489-3319 or at least check out his website at [www.slogardens.com](http://www.slogardens.com) to get an idea of his wide selection of great plants.

On Saturday September 16 the Coastal Valley Orchid Society (CVOS) in Lompoc will hold the central coast's first "Orchid Expo". Unlike most AOS judging, this event is primarily educational in focus and will allow those in attendance to observe accredited AOS judges in action with docents available to answer your questions about

the actual judging process. The expo will be held at the Lompoc Public Library in the Grossman Gallery, at the corner of "D" and "North" Streets. Admission is free. Since the expo will be educational in nature CVOS chose the theme name "The ABCs of Orchids". Please contact either Eric or Larry if you have plant(s) you think are award quality and you would like it put in the FCOS tabletop display. Please plan to attend if you have time as it should be a very good learning experience for everyone in attendance.

Christina Holenda wanted me to let everyone know that they have a large number of tree frog tadpoles that are looking for a good home. She said you would have less trouble with pests in your greenhouse once the tadpoles become frogs. Please call her at 929-5749 for more detail (their computer is out for repair so do not try to reach them via e-mail).

## Orchids 101 - Danny Stocks

Due to the joint meeting with the SMOS Orchids 101 will not begin until our October meeting Jeffrey Thompson has volunteered to discuss growing media at that meeting and then will discuss watering at the November meeting. I can assure you that no matter how many days, months, or years you have been growing orchids you will learn something new during both of Jeffrey's classes.

## Editor's Corner - Chris Ehrler

FCOS is still looking for someone to become the new newsletter editor so if you have some expertise with the compute and are willing to help please contact Chris. It is actually easy but we need someone that has some time to help the society out.

## Membership Renewal Notice

June was our annual membership renewal month. If you have not already paid for your membership renewal please bring a check or cash (\$20 per family) to cover your annual membership dues and give it to Peggy Bozem or Christina Holenda at our next meeting. If you can't attend, please mail in your dues to the society's PO Box. If you joined FCOS at this year's show, your dues are current until June 2007.

## Summary of the FCOS August meeting - Chris Ehrler

At the August meeting we co-hosted Michael Glikbarg from Orchids of Los Osos with the Cabrillo Society of San Luis Obispo. You can check out the nursery website at <http://orchidsoflosos.com/>. Michael discussed the care and culture of Paphiopedilum's. He mentioned that multi-floral Paphs generally bloom during the summer and fall but some

can bloom at anytime of the year. Some also bloom more than one time per year. They can make withstand direct morning sun in an east window, but limit the time they are exposed to direct sun. He said they are EASY to grow and are quite tolerant and can take some abuse. SOUNDS LIKE MY TYPE OF ORCHID. He stated that mealybugs seem to be the most persistent pest on Paphs, and they mainly attach the flowers and leaves and not the pseudobulbs. He showed a number of

good slides of Paphs and Phragmepediums, including some photos of his FCC awarded P. Dollgoldii "Oso Grande", those bloom can measure up to eight (8) inches across. He said to not divide the Paphs too soon as it will lead to death of the plant. He has found you need at least five (5) growths before you should consider dividing a Paph.

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### Orchid Calendar

Dates	Event	Location	Comments
Wednesday September 6 7:00pm	FCOS Meeting	Santa Maria Veterans Hall Corner of Pine and Tunnell Santa Maria	FCOS and the Santa Maria Orchid Society will be co-hosting Harry Phillips from Andy's Orchids. His presentation will be about miniature species.
Sat., Sept 16, 2006	The ABC of Orchids.	Lompoc, CA	The first Orchid Expo on the Central Coast. Learn about what AOS judges are looking for during their judging process. Hours 10am-4pm with AOS judging starting at 1pm.
Sat. & Sun. Sept 16-17, 2006	Orchid Forum of Sacramento Annual Show and Sale	Sacramento Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, CA	Theme: "You Can Grow Orchids in Sacramento". Orchid Lectures and demonstrations, plus plant sale. Saturday 10:30-5:30 and Sunday 10-4.
Fri - Sun Oct 13-15, 2006	San Diego International Orchid Fair	Quail Gardens, Encinitas, CA	Hundreds of species and hybrids, exhibits and sales, lectures and AOS and ribbon judging. Orchids from China, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Philippines, and Australia, will be on display and for sale.
Fri - Sun Oct 20 -22, 2006	All Hallowed Orchids, Southland Orchid Show	Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA	Exhibits by southern California orchid societies and international orchid growers. Lectures and show and tell on Saturday and Sunday included with Huntington admission. For information: at <a href="http://www.orchidshow.org">www.orchidshow.org</a>
March 30-April 1	FCOS 2007 Show	South County Regional Center, Arroyo Grande	The show theme is "Orchid Treasures".