



September 2009 Newsletter

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Our Next Meeting (by Eric Holenda)

Our September speaker will be Phil Watt of Goleta, speaking on growing orchids on the South Coast. With his wife Angela, Phil is an avid grower, past president of the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara, current vice president of the Cymbidium Society of America, and is studying to be an AOS judge. He has won awards for the unique displays he has placed in the Santa Barbara Show.

It is becoming less common to see young people who are enthusiastic and committed to the orchid hobby, so Phil is a real breath of fresh air. It will also be good to hear from someone with a different perspective on growing in our area.

We will be having dinner with Phil and Angela before the meeting at 5:30, at the Quarterdeck. Call Eric 929 5749 to join us.

The plant table will be provided by local growers.

President's Message (Danny Stocks)

I felt bad that I missed last month's meeting but that is one of the disadvantages of being a fireman. I was all ready for the meeting on the Tuesday before when I got the phone call, "We need you to go." It is such a good thing to have support so that when I get the call I know everything will be taken care of. I owe so much to my wife who jumps in and takes care of all her things and all of mine when I am gone. We have a remodel project going on and she took care of everything. She also takes care of my plants, which can be very time consuming. I came home to some beautiful Cattleya blossoms. Also, I need to thank Eric for conducting last month's meeting. He got a last minute phone call from me asking for help.

I am out of touch with what has been happening with the club for the last month. I was going to announce the show theme for next year's show at the last meeting. I do not know if Eric did or not so I will not put it in the newsletter at this time.

Just one last note. This is the growing season for most orchids. The care you take now will pay off with blooms this fall and winter. Especially with the heat, extra water and humidity is a must to keep your plants growing at their peak, not too much direct sun that reminds me of a story. I had a contractor

accident a couple of months ago. We were having our house painted so I had to move all my plants out of my makeshift greenhouse. No problem I thought. It will only be a day or two and they will be back safe and sound. I moved most of the plants to the north side of my house so that they would not receive any direct sun. I had to go to work (I work for 2 days at a time). When I came home the contractor had moved all my plants into the sun. Do you know what happens when your plants live under 50% shade cloth and get moved into direct July sun? Let me tell you it is not pretty. My Phrags, Paphs and many Cattleyas got pretty burned. I do not have the heart to throw the plants out so they are slowly dying one by one. On the bright side I have room now in my greenhouse. Maybe next year will be better.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Additional Information

The FCOS site now has a PDF membership form (home page - "Become A Member") for people to download and mail in with their dues to the FCOS PO Box. We hope that this will be more convenient for potential members and renewals.

News from AOS - Share the magic and joy of growing orchids with a gift of the AOS 2010 Calendar. The 12 superbly grown orchids pictured show the diversity in color, size, shape and fragrance found in the orchid family. Join author Ken Slump as he shares secrets for growing the best orchids and then offers advice for successfully cultivating and flowering a dozen choices suitable for the greenhouse, home and under lights.

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Orchid Calendar

Dates	Event	Location	Comments
September 10	FCOS Monthly Meeting	AG Women's Club, Arroyo Grande	7:30 pm
Sept 12-13	San Francisco Orchid Society Orchids in the Park	Hall of Flowers County Fair Bldg Golden Gate Park	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
October 16, 17 & 18	Southland Orchid Show	Huntington Botanical Gardens and Library	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
November 28-29	Santa Barbara Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale	Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History	