

# July 2008 Newsletter



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## Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday July 10th starting at 7:30pm. Our speaker will be Weegie Caughlin, who will speak on Selecting, Preparing, and Transporting Orchids to shows. She lives in the Bay area in the Los Altos Hills. Weegie describes herself as "a fiercely out-of-control, noncommercial Cymbidium hobbyist." However she describes herself, Caughlan gets results. She has won Best Cymbidium in Show ten consecutive years at the San Francisco Orchid Show and is four time Grand Champ and three time Reserve Champ at the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. Her list of awards also includes American Orchid Society Awards, Cymbidium Society of America Awards, and show display awards. She is a certified AOS judge, a founder of the Gold Coast Society and the Golden Gate Cymbidium Society, and past president of several other societies. She grows about 2000 cymbidiums, from flasks and seedlings to large tub size. She also grows a few Australian dendrobiums, paphs and phrags. There should be information for the beginner through the advance grower, so make a point of coming to learn something to help you grow your orchids better.

The Treat Fairies for July are Rosemary Bradshaw and Peggy Bozem.

## President's Message

May's potluck and silent auction went great. To me it looked like we had more donated plants than we have had in the past few auctions. Thank you to everyone that donated plants. We ended up making \$596.26 before expenses. I really like our potlucks because there are no rules. Just bring what you want. If everyone brings desserts we all eat desserts. Even though there are no rules, there is always a balance of different types of yummy foods. I would like to thank Larry and Chris for coming in early and BBQing. For me the best part of the potlucks and silent auctions are that there is time to visit with the people in the club. At our regular meetings we are almost always rushed to get everything finished by 10 PM. If you could not make it to the potluck don't worry, mark DEC 12 on your calendar because that is when the next one is.

**It is that time of year again to renew your membership.** Our faithful Treasurer Christina will be at our next meeting collecting. So don't forget. Bring your checkbook. Dues are still only \$20 for the entire year. The dues help cover the speaker fees and opportunity table orchids.

Congratulations are in order. The 2009 Show Theme is **Orchid Stampede!** Thank you Rosemary for the winning suggestion. Not only does she get the satisfaction of

suggesting the 2009 Theme, she took home a \$50 gift certificate to SLO Gardens Orchids. Now she can buy some of life's necessities, orchids. A very special thank you to Rudy and Anne (FCOS members) for donating the gift certificate.

See everyone at the next meeting Aloha, Danny

## Home Remedy ANT killer that works

In March 2008 our speaker Joe Griener of Baron's Orchids in Morro Bay mentioned you could use boric acid as a 'safe' ant killer but he did not remember the mixture to use. Thanks for Barb and Rosemary for the following recipe. Mix 1 teaspoon Boric Acid (you can get it at the drug store), 1/3 cup sugar, and 2 cups water and place some of the mixture in a small container and put it where you have ants (especially in the area where you grow your orchids). The ants will take the tasty treat back to their buddies in the colony and they will all enjoy their last meal. The boric acid will kill the ants while the sugar will attract them. If you add too much boric acid the ants will die before they make it back to the colony so do not add more figuring it will work better.

## Upcoming Santa Barbara Orchid Fair

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International ORCHID FAIR will take place at the Earl Warren Showgrounds at Highway 101 and Las Positas Road in Santa Barbara from Friday through Sunday July 11-13. Friday and Saturday it is open from 9am until 5pm and on Sunday it is open from 10am until 4pm. There will be over 30 orchid vendors from around the world selling their best orchids at the fair. The Santa Barbara Orchid Estate and Cal Orchids will also be hosting an open house. The Santa Barbara Orchid Estate is famous for their wide variety of plants plus their \$7.50 orchid specials. Cal Orchids (just down the street from SBOE) besides having their normal large selection of orchids will be hosting the following vendors at their nursery during the open house: Exotic Orchids of Maui, Gold County Orchids, Aranda Orchids from Brazil, J&L Orchids, Royale Orchids from Australia, and Golden Gate Orchids. Cal Orchids will be open from 9am-5pm each day. **Go early for the best selection as many of the best plants might sell on Friday. Might be worth taking Friday off work and heading down early.** More info can be found at [www.sborchid.com](http://www.sborchid.com) and [www.calorchid.com](http://www.calorchid.com).

## David DuPuy will speak on growing Cymbidiums at OSSB meeting on July 11.

If you have the opportunity to attend the first day of the Orchid Fair, plan to stay for David's talk on cymbidiums. See details below in the Orchid Calendar on location.

### News from the new AOS SB Judging Center

The American Orchid Society California Central Coast Judging Center is moving along smoothly. If you are interested in having one or more of your orchids judged, you need to take them to judging the center by 6:30 pm on the third Wednesday of any month. The dates for the rest of the year are as follows: July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 17. The judging takes place during the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara's

monthly meeting so you will learn something new when you attend their meeting and listen to their presenter.

As was noted in the last newsletter two FCOS members (Eric Holenda and Larry Stabler) have each won an AM awards for one of their orchids. If you missed the details you can read about their plants and awards on the June newsletter on our website ([www.FCOS.org](http://www.FCOS.org)).

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### Orchid Calendar

Dates	Event	Location	Comments
Thursday, July 10	FCOS Monthly Meeting	AG Women's Club, Arroyo Grande	Our speaker will be Weegie Caughlin, who will speak on Selecting, Preparing, and Transporting Orchids to shows.
July 11, 7:30pm	Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society Meeting	Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center, 1232 De La Vina Street, Santa Barbara	Dr. David DuPuy will be the guest speaker. He will be talking about cymbidiums and how to grow them better. <b>Don't miss his first US lecture.</b>
Friday-Sunday July 11-13	SBOE Orchid Fair	Earl Warren Show Grounds, Santa Barbara	28 <sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair. Meet author Dr. David DuPuy and purchase his new book "The Genus Cymbidium" or "The Orchids of Madagascar". Lots of vendors. Also attend open houses at SBOE and Cal Orchids both in Santa Barbara.