



April 2023 Newsletter

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THIS WEEKEND! Orchid Fest is from 10 am to 4 pm both Saturday and Sunday.

Have you been looking for an opportunity to wear your sunglasses, hats and sunscreen?

Shop for Orchids, enjoy lunch on the patio to live music provided Saturday and Sunday noon to 2 pm.

These are the Orchids you're looking for!

From the President's Potting Bench

Hello Fellow Orchidists,

The FCOS just had a very successful weekend partnership with the San Luis Obispo Botanical Gardens' Art in the Garden last weekend. We sold flowering *Phalaenopsis* orchids, met some amazing people and gained 15 new members. I'd like to thank all of our members and volunteers that helped staff the event over 3 days. Thank you to CalCoast Orchids for donating flowering *Phalaenopsis* Orchids for our sale.

I'd like to welcome our new subscribers and members to the Five Cities Orchid Society (FCOS), as well as acknowledge our ongoing and long-term members. You are all so appreciated!

Upcoming Event: Orchids are getting easier to grow at home, thanks to the work of talented hybridizers. The Central Coast of California provides the ideal climate for orchids that will flourish on a window sill or sheltered area outside to delight the home gardener. Join us at Orchid Fest 2023 to discover the secrets of orchid growing and re-blooming from our friendly club members and expert vendors.

Six of California's talented orchid growers and hybridizers will be selling their orchids and answering all of your orchid growing questions.

Featured orchid vendors include Sunset Valley Orchids, renowned for the development of the black orchid "After Midnight." Ambriz Kingdom of Plants sells orchids suitable for outdoor growing in coastal areas, including amazing *Tillandsias* (air plants) which need little care.

There will be outdoor growing *Cymbidiums* from Orchid Design. SLO Orchids will display and sell insect eating "Mean Green Mother from Outer Space" carnivorous Venus fly traps. Orchids of Los Osos offers a wide selection of unique orchid species such as pansy orchids (*Miltoniopsis*) and promises us new surprises. The world's number one selling house plant, the moth orchid (*Phalenopsis*), is a specialty of CalCoast Orchids. Their new salmon colored variety sold out in the first hour at the SLOBG plant sale last March. Sorella Orchids will be selling their mini-*Cymbidiums* in the courtyard.

Artisans and plant supply vendors are to set up throughout the Botanical Garden courtyards with plant related items, including growing media, fertilizer, pots, terrariums and more.

Don't miss the chance to see and purchase the latest "easy growing" orchid hybrids or challenge your growing skills with a more demanding species orchid. Orchid Fest 2023 continues the 28-year history of annual orchid shows and sales by FCOS.

About San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden

The San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden is a non-profit organization showcasing plants from the world's five Mediterranean climate zones. SLOBG fosters an appreciation of the relationship between people and nature and encourages a sense of stewardship for the natural environment.

SLOBG is located at [3450 Dairy Creek Road](#), within El Chorro Regional Park, off Highway 1 between Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo. Daily admission is \$10 per person, and free for both Garden Members and children 12 and under.

Upcoming Events:

FCOS has arranged to have some fascinating speakers for our upcoming monthly meeting/Orchid Talks, covering a variety of subjects, such as: Orchids on the California Coast and Inland, Orchids from Mediterranean climates, Orchids of Crete and Australia, as well as specific information about *Laelias*, *Cattleyas*, *Vandas*, *Pleurothallids*, *Paphiopedilums* and *Phragmipediums*. Be sure to come back and check this link often for our updated schedules and special events: <https://www.fcos.org/events-and-where>

Upcoming Event: Please join us for our monthly meeting/Orchid Talk on April 13th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Guest Speaker Chris Erhler will be presenting on growing *Pleurothallids*.

Join and Support FCOS

I would like to encourage your support to the FCOS by paying your annual dues if you haven't done so already this year. We are also grateful for any donation you can contribute. These funds help us grow our programs and bring you engaging and knowledgeable speakers. FCOS is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization, and all donations are tax deductible.

<https://fcos.betterworld.org/donate>

Check FCOS's Member Benefits page on our website for information on becoming a member of FCOS. <https://www.fcos.org/memberbenefits>

Hope to see you this weekend at OrchidFest! Happy Growing!

Jeff



Getting Ready for OrchidFest 2023.

Here's hoping that the Google Earth Satellite photographs our sign from space.

Volunteer for Orchid Fest 2023 - What a great way to get to know other members. *A few positions remain for the after sale clean up - and there are always a few orchids left over for bargain hunting volunteers!*

Cake Auction at 3 pm on Saturday, proceeds to benefits the Five Cities Orchid Society and the SLO Botanical Garden.

Where can I get more information about Orchid Fest 2023? [Click Here](#)

To volunteer for [OrchidFest](#)



TEST YOUR SKILLS!

FCOS Member Challenge

Paid FCOS members are eligible to receive 2 free orchid seedlings at OrchidFest 2023, (while supplies last). Bring your two orchid seedlings to the December Holiday meeting. The owner of the best grown orchid will receive an award.



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San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, 3450 Dairy Creek Rd. San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
April 1st-2nd, 2023 10am to 4pm

FCOS Member challenge - Paid FCOS Members can obtain two FREE orchid seedlings at Orchid Fest 2023 at the FCOS information booth. At our December Holiday meeting, members can display these seedlings and awards will be given for the best 'green thumb' growers. We will share what techniques worked best and just as important, what didn't work. Quantities are limited so check your membership status below and get your two free orchids while supplies last.

The best grower will be eligible to win the newly established *Bob Asbell Memorial Award*.



Cymbidium Red Beauty "Bills' Choice"-growing outside in bark in my backyard in Los Osos. Grown by Jeff Parham



Five Cities Orchid Society (FCOS) Presents

ORCHID TALKS 2023

Chris Ehrler: Pleurothallids: A Photographic Journey

Chris' presentation is entitled "Pleurothallids: A Photographic Journey". This group is among one of the most popular cultivated orchids based on their wide variety of showy flowers that can vary in size from less than 0.04 inch (1 mm) up to 11.8 inch (30 mm) or more. There are almost 5,500 species of Pleurothallids ranging from Florida through central America to southern Brazil. The largest numbers are found in the Andes Mountains in Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. This group is currently divided into 48 genera. These species are generally epiphytic but some can be found growing as either terrestrials or as lithophytes. The presentation will consist of many photos of a wide variety of species of genera including *Dracula*, *Masdevallia*, *Pleurothallis*, *Lepanthes*, *Porroglossum* and *Restrepia*. Chris will also discuss culture of this group along the central coast of California.

Chris earned his Master's Degree in Marine Biology in 1976 and since then has worked as an environmental consultant in marine biology and permit compliance issues for a wide variety of clients. Chris and his wife Betsy have lived in Grover Beach since 1976, and they have two sons and two grandsons who also live in the area. Chris' mom always had cymbidiums in the back yard but she did not grow any other orchids because they were 'too difficult to grow'. Chris purchased his first orchid (a small red one) at the Five Cities Orchid Society (FCOS) show about 20+ years ago, but at some point-in-time it ended up in the compost pile along with a number

of others that found their way there through the years. He has been the president of the FCOS three times. For a number of years, Chris along with Jeffrey Thompson (FCOS member) have set up Ecuagenera's display at the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. His presentation will be a series of photos of a variety of species of the subtribe Pleurothallidinae (pleurothallids) he has taken of his collection, in San Francisco Bay Area greenhouses, at a wide variety of shows, and while orchid hunting Ecuador and Colombia. The presentation will also include cultural information about growing orchids that are in this group.

FCOS is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

April 13, 7 pm

Topic: Chris Ehrler: Pleurothallids: A Photographic Journey

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82355435739?pwd=bThHazRPekw5cjhnYmNzMlplkTW96dz09>

Meeting ID: 823 5543 5739



FCOS had Tim Culbertson speak to the group during their March 2023 zoom meeting about Vandaceous minis for Outdoors. Tim is a middle and high school science and math teacher. He stated there are 103 naturally occurring genera and 208 hybrid genera in this group. Mostly are native to Asia but a few are found in Africa. The group has a wide distribution in both latitude and longitude. Tim stated that Vanda taxonomy is messy, with some folks thinking that many genera should be combined under the genus Vanda. Besides the genus Vanda in this group, other genera include Phalaenopsis, Sarchochilus, Ascocentrum, Neofinetia, and Rhyncostylis to name a few. Tim then showed a number of photos of various species and hybrids within this group. He grows these orchids in a Kiwi Bark mix but uses a smaller bark size that you think you should use. He has also grown them successfully in pots with sphagnum moss, in baskets with no media, and mounted. Tim stated that cooling them might help with blooming. They like bright, filtered light. In nature they get lots of rain in spring and summer and then slightly dryer periods in fall and winter.

If you missed Tims' presentation you have another chance to see it. This link will expire in 2 months.

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Many thanks to the dedicated volunteers who set up the FCOS award winning display at the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show: **Paul Jenzen, Barbo Bond, Eric Holenda and Alan Durham.** Thanks also go to the many members who supplied blooming orchids for this display. To view Chris Ehrler's video of this display please click [HERE](#)

NEW SUBSCRIBER? If this is your first issue of this newsletter, welcome! Our editors found a list of 24 persons who signed up for this newsletter at past events that somehow was overlooked and never entered into our subscriber list. Our apologies and welcome. Back issues of this newsletter are available [HERE](#) and contain a number of interesting articles and fantastic photos of what orchids our members are growing along with "how to grow" cultural information. **Please take photos of your orchids in bloom and send them to Jeff, Chris or Ed** (listed Board members at the end of this newsletter) and we will feature your photos in upcoming newsletters.



FCOS members Jeffrey Thompson and Chris Ehrler also set up the display for Ecuagenera, a family owned nursery in Ecuador. Photo shows Ivan Portilla, Ecuagenera Vice President, holding the plaque the display won for Best Foreign Display. Orchids in the display were from Jeffrey, Chris, Dan Stocks, Jeff Parham, and Eric Holenda.

Art in the Garden was a HUGE Success thanks to the many FCOS members who volunteered.



Chris Ehrler helped move a colorful assortment of *Phalaenopsis* orchids under the careful supervision of Michelle. One of these orchids will be given to each person who becomes a new member of FCOS at this weekend's Orchid Fest 2023.

Phyllis Rosenberg has been volunteering for many of our recent events. She joined Alison of CalCoast Orchids and Jeff in stocking the FCOS booth with *Phalaenopsis* orchids generously donated by Alison and Bas of CalCoast Orchids.





Michelle has been helping Jeff recruit new members at Art in the Garden and as a result of their efforts we have more than 14 new FCOS members.

Christina Anne and Denise were on hand for most of Art in the Park and made sure everyone was aware of Orchid Fest 2023 to be held the weekend of April 1-2. Thanks to the fine artwork of Michelle, our post card brochures have been featured in a number of press releases.



The Morro Bay Branch of American Association of University Women
invites you to attend their

35th Annual AAUW Garden Tour

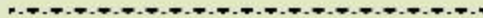


Sunday - April 30, 2023 - 12-5pm

The Morro Bay AAUW Garden Tour takes place Sunday, April 30 from noon to 5:00; four lovely gardens in Los Osos and Morro Bay will be opened for touring.

Tickets are \$15 for the self-guiding tour and can be purchased at Volumes of Pleasure Bookstore in Los Osos, Coalesce Bookstore in Morro Bay, and Farm Supply in San Luis Obispo, Arroyo Grande, and Paso Robles, My805Tix.com, and any AAUW member.

This is the major fundraiser for Morro Bay Branch of the American Association of University Women. Proceeds are used to fund community projects and scholarships.



What's Blooming Now - a few photos from our members and friends



Cymbidium Ruby Pendant 'Vista del Montel'. A hybrid cymbidium that grows outside in a plastic container filled with bark and lava rock that is hung under wood lath to shade it from the direct sun. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Closeup of *Cymbidium Ruby Pendant 'Vista del Montel'* flower.





Dendrobium kingianum
'Betsy' HCC/AOS. This species is a cool to warm growing lithophyte found in Queensland and New South Wales Australia at elevations of 50 to 1200 meters. This orchid has been successfully grown in either bark or sphagnum moss in clay or plastic pots and either in a cool greenhouse or outside on the north side of the house. Thus this species is relatively easy to grow. This is the first orchid that Chris Ehrler had awarded by the AOS judges and clone was named after his wife.

Dendrochilum bicallosum.
This species description on orchidspecies.com states the name was changed to *D. convallariiforme* and that it is a hot to warm growing epiphyte found in the Philippines in shaded areas at elevations of 300 to 900 meters. But this plant is growing well in a cool greenhouse. It is potted in a plastic container filled with Hydroton clay balls. The container has a hole at about 1 inch from the bottom so that there is always some water in the container. Grown by Chris Ehrler.





Side view of *Dendrochilum bicallosum* spike.

Closeup of front view of
Dendrochilum bicallosum
flowers.





Side view of *Dendrochilum bicallosum* flowers.

Lepanthes elegantula x *L. ionoptera*. This is a primary hybrid between two cool growing epiphytic species. *Lepanthes elegantula* is found in Ecuador at elevations of 2800 to 3300 meters while *L. ionoptera* is found in Venezuela, Colombia and Bolivia at 2400 to 2500 meters. This orchid is growing in a cool greenhouse mounted to a piece of redwood with a small amount of sphagnum moss on the roots. Flowers are about 1 1/4 inch in length. Grown by Chris Ehrler.





Side view of *Lepanthes elegantula* x *L. ionoptera* flower.

Closeup of *Lepanthes elegantula* x *L. ionoptera*.





Pleurothallis adeleae. Is a warm to cool growing terrestrial species found in Ecuador and Bolivia at elevations of 1450 to 2250 meters. This orchid is growing in a clay pot filled with sphagnum moss that is placed in a cool greenhouse. Grown by Chris Ehrler.



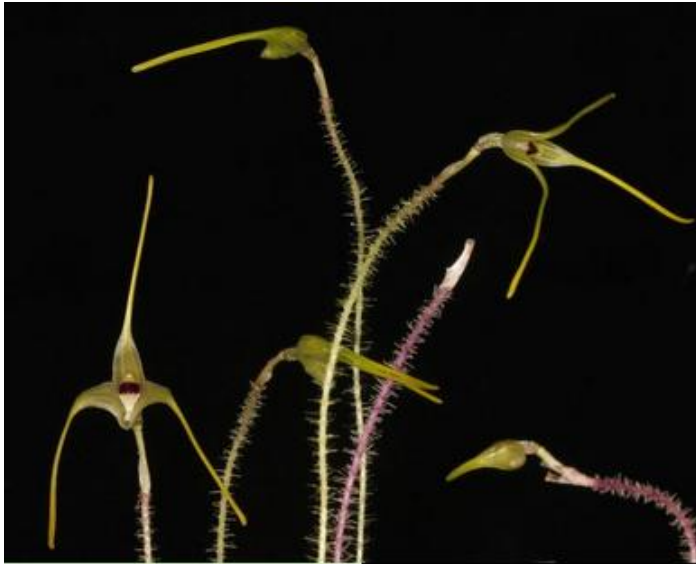
Side view of *Pleurothallis adeleae* flower.



An unknown *Pleurothallis* species. Flowers are about 1/4 inch in size. Growing in a clay pot filled with a mixture of bark and lava rock which is placed in a cool greenhouse. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Side view of the unknown *Pleurothallis* species flower.





Porroglossum muscosum spikes. This is a cool to cold growing epiphytic or terrestrial species found in Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador at elevations of 1600 to 3000 meters. This plant is growing in a clay pot filled with tree fern fibers which is in a cool greenhouse. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Front view of *Porroglossum muscosum* flower with the lip in the upright positions.





Front view of *Porroglossum muscosum* flower with the lip in the down (normal) positions. When lip is triggered it moves upwards to the closed position (see photo above).

Restrepiella ophiocephala leaf and flower. Some of the flowers currently have three buds which will open soon. There are only four species in this genus. This is hot to cool growing species found in Florida USA, Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Colombia growing at elevations of 40 to 1600 meters. This orchid is growing in a clay pot filled with sphagnum moss but is also growing successfully mounted. But the pot and mounted orchids are growing in a cool greenhouse. Grown by Chris Ehrler.





Front view of *Restrepiella ophiocephala* flower.

Side view of *Restrepiella ophiocephala* flower.





Papilionanthe vanadarum. Grows as an erect to pendant epiphyte in cool conditions at elevations of 1200 to 1750 meters in Assam, eastern Himalayas, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim, Myanmar, and southern China. These individuals were taken out of a flask in May 2018 and placed on this piece of cork oak. It generally hangs outside on the north side of the house, but two years ago when the first spikes developed, they shriveled up. So last and this year when the spikes started to grow the orchid was moved into a cool greenhouse where the humidity generally stays about 60%. The roots are sprayed each day with a fine mist. Currently there are 13 spikes with each having 3-5 flowers/spike. The flowers have a light, sweet fragrance. For size perspective, the piece of cork oak and the longest growth are each about 28 inches long. The flask was from Marni Turkel. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Front view of *Papilionanthe vanadarum* flower.



Side view of *Papilionanthe vanadarum* flower.



Lc. Caligula is a cross of *C. percivaliana* and *L. anceps*. This primary hybrid shares the same temperature tolerance of its parents but blooms a month later. The flower spikes are much shorter than *L. anceps* making it easier to display this plant when in bloom. Grown by Ed Lysek.

The flowers and growth habit of *Lc. Caligula* resemble *C. percivaliana* (see below).





C. percivaliana blooms in my unheated greenhouse from Dec. to Jan. I get to enjoy very similar blooms of *Lc. Caligula* which begin opening in early March. Grown by Ed Lysek.

Laelia Santa Barbara Sunset continues to bloom into late March, well after my other *L. anceps* have finished blooming. Grown by Ed Lysek.



I've had this *Dendrobium kingianum* for over 30 years and have grown divisions in pots, mounted, in standing water, in my greenhouse and outdoors in Templeton. This year I placed this potted division indoors on a windowsill and discovered for the first time it has a powerful hyacinth fragrance! But only from 11AM to 3PM. Grown by Ed Lysek..

Dendrobium Australian Artist (*Den.* Cobbler 'Violet Gold' x *Den. speciosum* v. *curv.* 'Daylight Moon') hybridized by Sunset Valley Orchids. Very temperature tolerant and able to take cold winters and warm summers outdoors in Templeton. I brought this plant inside my greenhouse to protect the blooms from my recent snow. Grown by Ed Lysek.



Eplc. Magic Wand. This plant is one of several I planted out 5 years ago from a Sunset Valley Orchids flask. All have a spicy fragrance, are very temperature tolerant and as the plants mature the number of flowers on each spike continues to increase. The plants including flower spikes are about 8 inches tall. Growing in a hanging net pot with bark. Grown by Ed Lysek.

Laeliacattleya 'Trick or Treat' is one of the parents of *Eplc.* Magic Wand above. This orchid has been used as a parent for many newer hybrids and it is easy to grow and flower. It was the first *Laeliacattleya* I was able to rebloom and not kill many years ago and is still growing well in my greenhouse. Grown by Ed Lysek.



Another *Laeliacattleya* 'Trick or Treat' hybrid, this one is Orquidacea's Small Fortune. Planted out from a Sunset Valley Orchids flask six years ago. Growing in a net pot in my greenhouse. Grown by Ed Lysek.

Another plant from the same flask as above showing the influence of the other parent, *Slc. Kagaribi Dawn 'Red Star'*. All plants from this flask are robust growers with flowers ranging from light orange to intense red, some with contrasting lip colors. Most are maturing at 12 inches in height but a few are getting much taller. Lots of variation among these seedlings. Grown by Ed Lysek.



Pleione 'Tongariro' is a terrestrial orchid and was purchased as a dormant tuber from [Far Reaches Nursery](#). Outdoor hardy in our area and requires good drainage. Grown by Ed Lysek.

This *Cymbidium* is from the Ralph Kashima estate sale in Mar. 2021. This is the first time it has bloomed for us and it was a lovely surprise

That golden glow catches your eye. We treat it like all our *Cymbidiums*. It stays outside. Grown by Chuck and Judy Scheithauer.



Here is a close up of the flower - impressive hybridizing by one of the founders of FCOS - Ralph Kashima.

Angraecum leonis grown by
Judy and Chuck
Scheithauer.



Sc Ra 'Bar'. We acquired
this 'mathematical' gem
at the FCOS Christmas party
in '22. The bloom is such
a great surprise. An
equilateral triangle shaped
flower. As with most of
our greenhouse orchids, it
gets fed and watered
weekly.

Grown by Chuck and Judy
Scheithauer

Sarcochilus Kira Lea 'Pink Lady' x *Sarcochilus* Kira Lea '1'

Our speaker for March, Tim Culbertson presented *Vandaceous* Mini-orchids. Low and behold, I have some blooming. They are easy to grow. They get treated just like all our other greenhouse orchids. Water and fertilize weekly. I do bring them into my kitchen window when they are blooming. Grown by Judy Scheithauer



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- The FCOS Newsletter emailed every month. Keep up to date on FCOS activities, enjoy entertaining and informative articles, and orchid culture tips. [Sign up for FCOS newsletter.](#)
- Monthly Zoom talks from local and worldwide Orchid Experts.
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- Select invitation to our Holiday Party/Summer Picnic and Auctions.
- Participation in our Annual Central California Coast Orchid Show
- Create orchid displays for The Huntington Botanical Gardens International Orchid Show/The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show.
- Invitation to exclusive FCOS Field-trips to out of town vendors and events.
- [Click to download a copy of the FCOS Membership Form.](#)
- Membership dues are \$25 per year for an individual or family. \$15 after June 1 for the balance of the calendar year.
- **Make your check payable to Five Cities Orchid Society, PO Box 1066 Grover Beach, CA 93483.**
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- Thank You for becoming a member of the Five Cities Orchid Society.

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If you wish to pay for your membership by **credit card**, you will need to establish an account with the FCOS processing service BetterWorld. Establishing an FCOS-BetterWorld account will also enable you to participate in FCOS on-line orchid auctions as well as paying for your membership dues. [Click here to create an FCOS-BetterWorld account and pay for your membership by credit card.](#)

A Lifetime Individual Membership is available for a one-time donation of \$500. Your generous donation enables FCOS to attract quality speakers, create content rich newsletters and most importantly helps finance one of the largest regional orchid shows in the western U.S. You can submit your lifetime membership payment by check using the [FCOS Membership Form](#) or by credit card by clicking this link: [FCOS-BetterWorld Lifetime Membership Donation of \\$500.](#)

Watch for these orchid growers at shows or contact them to ship orchids directly to you. The orchids and aroids that they brought to the Santa Barbara International Orchid Exposition were of high quality. If you are ever planning to visit either Colombia or Ecuador, you should contact these growers and stop in for a visit. You can pre-order orchids from each of these companies and they will either ship them to you or bring them to an orchid show they are attending.



Orquideas Katia is a family own business in Colombia near the city of Medellín. They grow a high variety of Colombian orchid species and are slowly adding anthuriums and succulents their inventory. You can find more about their plants at <https://www.orquideaskatia.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/orquideaskatiacolombia/>. Gustavo Aguirre, the executive director, has been growing Colombian orchids species for 45 years and can be reached at orquideaskatia@gmail.com. They export to the US about 6-8 times/year.



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Ecuadorquideas is from Ecuador and you can find out more about their orchids and aroids www.ecuadorquideas.com and at <https://www.facebook.com/ecuadorquideas>.



Ecuagenera is from Ecuador and is a family-owned company specialized in the production and the conservation of orchid species and hybrids since it became a business in 1992. Their missions are not only to preserve the extensive collection of native orchid species built by the missionary priest Angel Andreetta who start collecting orchids in the 1950s, but also to participate in protecting, growing, and marketing Ecuadorian species of ornamental plants. More information can be found at www.ecuagenera.com and at <https://www.facebook.com/ecuagenera.orquideasecuador/>. They ship every week or two to their newly purchased greenhouse complex near San Diego. They have a live auction on Facebook every Tuesday and Friday morning and you can find more info about these auctions on that site.



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Orchid Virus tests from Agi labs. \$8 each, contact Jeff at jsp1440@aol.com

Cymbidiums for sale. 1- and 5-gallon pots in spike contact. Jeff at jsp1440@aol.com



Nutricote Type 180 13-11-11 fertilizer for sale. As you might remember, George Hatfield in Jan 2022 FCOS meeting likes to use Nutricote fertilizer on his orchids. FCOS purchased some large bags and divided them into one (1) pound bags and are selling it for \$5/pound. On Amazon a one pound bag is selling for about \$13. BUT, if you want to purchase at the FCOS price, you need to contact Chris (805-748-4609) and come to his house, pay for it, and take it home.

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