



Five Cities Orchid Society

December, 2019

*Merry Christmas*



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S POTTING TABLE

Many of my *Laelia anceps* are in bloom and my little greenhouse is all nice and tidy, quite colorful with various blooms dancing in the cool breeze. I isolated many of my orchids that require a rest and have them on a shelf where I can watch their progress.

The hardest thing is avoiding all the online sales this time of year and it's been too hard to pass up some of the holiday deals being offered. Many of my favorite orchid nurseries are offering some amazing deals on plants.

Join us for our potluck and auction on Dec 12 at 6:30. Please go through your collections and consider donating some plants to our auction table. The proceeds from the auction will help support the FCOS activities and ensure that we will be able bring in quality speakers and stock our plant table with some good offering of plants.

December is also elections month. We have several officer and director positions open. The election committee has nominated the following: Ed Lysek- Vice President Secretary- Julie Orr Treasurer-Alan Durham and Directors at large: Bonnie Werring and Anne Bachman

I'd like to thank our retiring officers for their service to FCOS: Chris Spence, Alice Swope, and Judy Scheithauer.

Remember that we have a new website and we are asking you to FCOS.org and sign up to receive our newsletters. We will begin sending newsletters out next month from our new website.

Please join us for our new satellite orchid meeting in Los Osos on Jan 19 at 2 pm -4 pm at CalCoast Orchids. We will talk about *Phalaenopsis*, the gateway orchid, and take a greenhouse tour of CalCoast Orchids' automates greenhouses. CalCoast Orchids has also offered to stock our raffle table that day with flowering plants. We have over 40 new people that have expressed interest in having an orchid meeting in Los Osos and hopefully we will gain some new members from the experience. This activity is a direct result of our long range planning to ensure viability of the FCOS into the future and attract new members. We could use some help to pull this off. I need people to bring refreshments and chairs.

The New Year promises to be very exciting for The FCOS. We have some exciting activities planned for this year. Check our events sections on the FCOS.org website.

*Jeff*



## Note re: Silent Auction on Dec. 12, 2019

In addition to our members' donated plants ---- our **Silent Auction** will benefit from plants donated during our Sat, Nov 16th field trip by the greenhouses we visited. Plants were generously donated by the following:

**Joe Ambriz, Ambriz Kingdom of Plants** donated a division of *Laelia anceps* 'Sanderiana x White Marble' valued at \$45 and two spiking plants of *Oncidium* 'Twinkle'.

**Frank Methmann of Santa Barbara Orchid Society** donated *Cattleya* "Jelly Bowl" and *Rlc. Dal's Innocense* 'Pink Flash' and a blooming plant of *Dendrochilum magnum*.

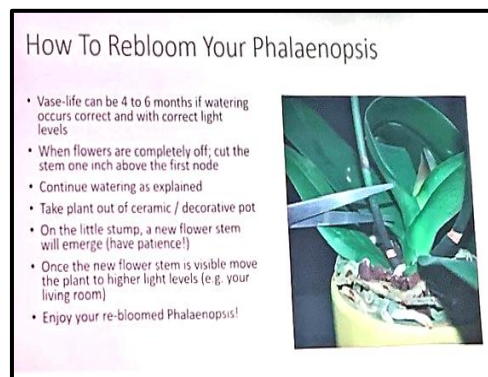
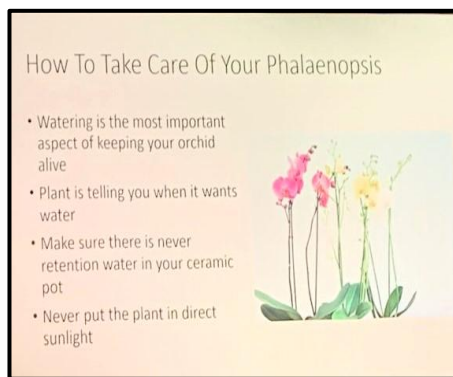
**Brian Kollemborn of Air Plant Alchemy** donated a large \$30 *Tillandsias*.

We have a number of **other member donated plants** including *Zygopetalums*, *Oncidiums* and *Bulbophyllums* making this year's silent auction an event you don't want to miss.

### Speaker Notes From the November 2019 FCOS Meeting

FCOS was pleased to have Bas van Eijk who is co-owner of Cal Coast Orchids in Los Osos. He said the nursery is Realizing his Dream. He was born in the Netherlands and prior to setting up his nursery, he worked at Westerlay Orchids in Carpinteria. They are mainly growing *Phalaenopsis* (Phals for short). They are CAM (Crassulacean Acid Metabolism) orchids which have their stomata in the leaves open during the night and closed during the day. This allows them to live in more arid environments (reduced evapotranspiration during the day) and to pick up CO<sub>2</sub> during the night which then can be used during daytime photosynthesis. At his nursery, Phals are in tissue culture about 6-8 months, followed by 23 weeks in plug trays, then moved to 5 inch pots for 28 weeks and then moved to a cooler environment (to initiate spike formation) for 20 weeks. At that time, they are in bloom and ready to sell. They should bloom for 3-6 months. Photosynthesis can take place in the roots so he suggests growing Phals in clear pots.

He stated that watering is the most important aspect of growing and blooming orchids. Phals should not get direct sunlight and the roots should not sit in water. He said once the flowers are open, do not get the flowers wet while watering the orchid but just add water to the pot. He also suggested watering early in the day on sunny days. Do not get the leaves wet late in the day do the risk of bacterial infection. At the nursery they generally do not water on foggy days. They have found that a higher potassium level in their fertilizer generally leads to longer flower spikes.



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**\*\*\*We will hold elections for the 2020 officers of FCOS at the December 12, 2019 meeting.\*\*\***

### Proposed slate of candidates:

President: Jeff Parham \*

Vice President: Ed Lysek \*

Secretary: Julie Orr

Treasurer: Alan Durham \*

Directors at Large: Karen Kolba \*

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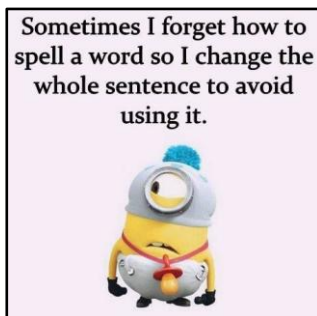
\* denotes incumbent office holder

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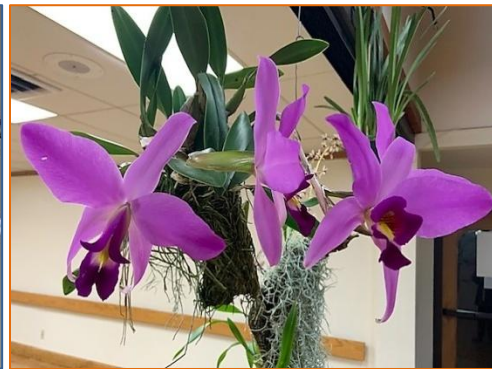
### Up and Coming Mark Your Calendars

- Andy's Orchids Holiday Open House\* December 6-8, 2019; 10 AM—4 PM 734 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas Info: [www.andysorchids.com](http://www.andysorchids.com)
- Sunset Valley Orchids Open House\* December 14, 2019; 9 AM—4 PM (Street tacos 10 AM—2 PM) 1255 Navel Pl, Vista Info: [www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com)
- Orange County Orchid Society Annual Auction\* January 15, 2020; 6:30 PM Registration and Preview, 7 PM Auction begins Yorba Linda Public Library Community Room, Lower Level; 18181 Imperial Hwy., Yorba Linda Info: Anne-Line Anderson [anneline45@gmail.com](mailto:anneline45@gmail.com), or Janet Wilson [ocos.ranger16@gmail.com](mailto:ocos.ranger16@gmail.com)
- Newport Harbor Orchid Society Orchid Expo February 7-9, 2020; Friday 10 AM-9 PM, Saturday 10AM -8 PM, Sunday 11 AM-6 PM Westminster Mall, 2nd level, J.C. Penney's Wing Info: [www.nhosinfo.org](http://www.nhosinfo.org)

### Smiles of Wisdom to Get You to the New Year







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Nov. 2019*