



May 2023 Newsletter

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Oncidium Jiaho Queen 'Jiaho' GM/TOGA (*Mulattas* x *varicosa*) grown under full spectrum LED lights and shown against a background of blooming *Sarcochilus* hybrids.

The striking yellow and black flowers of this miniature *Oncidium* hybrid resemble a bumble bee. *Oncidium* Jiaho Queen 'Jiaho' GM/TOGA is considered the best *Onc. varicosa* hybrid to date. The Taiwan Orchid Growers Association (TOGA) has awarded this clone a Gold Medal, which is equivalent to a First Class Certificate in the American Orchid Society. This hybrid is also known as *Gomesa* Jiaho Queen 'Jiaho' GM/TOGA as both parents have now been reclassified as *Gomesa*. Unlike its species parent *Onc. varicosa*, the clone is warmth tolerant. It has a compact growth and can flower in a 2.5-inch pot. Grow in bright indirect light and allow it to dry out between watering. These are available from Normans's Orchids (orchids.com)

From the President's Potting Bench

We've had a very busy and successful spring, having worked several events in a partnership with the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden (SLOBG): Art in the Garden, March 24-26, and OrchidFest, April 1-2, 2023. Both events were well attended and we met and spoke with hundreds of people, sold orchids and gained over 50 new members. I'd like to thank all of you who volunteered to help with these events. It was wonderful getting to spend time together. A special thank you to the AAUW, American Association of University Women, who sent 10 people to volunteer and help us during OrchidFest. This was our first major orchid sale since 2018, and we essentially reinvented everything. There were a lot of lessons learned, and hopefully we'll be on track to do another OrchidFest or Show next spring.

This spring has welcomed blossoms all throughout my yard and greenhouse, with flowering *Cymbidiums*, *Epidendrums*, Aussie Dendrobiums, *Laelia anceps* and in my shade house, it is *Sarcochilus* season. I have several *Sarcochilus* growing outside and they are developing inflorescences at a slightly slower rate.

This summer the FCOS will turn 33 years old and we thought this would be a good opportunity to get together and celebrate our accomplishments. We are planning a FCOS Birthday Party on July 15 and will have a potluck, BBQ, online member auction, in person auction and potting clinic. Please sign up on [signup genius](#) to volunteer and help with the party. If you would like to donate plants for our members only online auction to be held the first two weeks of July then use this [donation form](#). Plants from the auction can be picked up during the July 15th Birthday party.

Be sure to keep checking the events section on our website for information on upcoming Orchid Talks and events. We have arranged to have some fascinating speakers that will talk about specific areas to grow orchids such Growing Orchids on the California Coast and Inland, Orchids from Mediterranean climates: Orchids of Crete and Australia and Orchid Talks that feature *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>

Join and Support FCOS

The FCOS Board of Directors is working on developing new membership benefits, leadership and volunteer opportunities to keep our members engaged and driving the growth of the Society.

I would like to encourage your support of 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>

Joining the Five Cities Orchid Society can offer many benefits, including:

1. Access to expert knowledge: Orchid societies bring together people with a great deal of knowledge and experience in growing and caring for orchids. FCOS hosts a monthly zoom meeting with expert Orchidologists who may specialize in particular genera, species of orchid, or cover a particular geographical area or topic of orchid culture. By joining FCOS, you can tap into this expertise and learn from others who share your passion for orchids.
2. Resources and information: The FCOS publishes newsletters, maintains a website, and hosts events where members can learn about different orchid species, growing techniques, and other topics related to orchid care.
3. Access to rare or hard-to-find varieties: the FCOS has members who specialize in growing specific types of orchids or who have access to rare or hard-to-find varieties. By joining our orchid society, you may be able to purchase or trade plants with other members and expand your own collection.
4. Discounts on supplies: FCOS has created partnerships with suppliers that offer discounts to members on orchid-related products and supplies.
5. Camaraderie with other orchid enthusiasts: Joining the Five Cities Orchid Society can be a great way to connect with others who share your passion for orchids. You can meet fellow orchid enthusiasts, share your experiences and knowledge, and develop new friendships with like-minded people.

Overall, joining FCOS can be a wonderful way to deepen your knowledge of orchid care, expand your collection, and connect with other orchid enthusiasts in your area.

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

Join FCOS: We will help you grow better orchids.

Happy Blooming!- Jeffery Parham, President



It's *Sarcochilus* Season! Make your home come alive this spring with *Sarcochilus* Orchids! These stunning flowers are sure to make your space brighter and more vibrant. Plus, they're perfect for any level of orchid culture.

Sarcochilus is a genus of about 15 species of orchids native to Australia and Papua New Guinea. They are epiphytic or lithophytic and can be found growing in a variety of habitats, from rainforests to rocky outcrops. Recent breeding programs in *Sarcochilus* orchids have resulted in beautiful flowers that come in a range of colors, including white, yellow, pink, and purple. They typically have small, rounded leaves and grow as compact, miniature plants.

A limited number of these "Select" hybrids will be offered in our "Members-Only" Online Auction in July.



Sarcochilus plants are monopetal and the hybrid pictured in the center is grown in bark in a self watering pot that is just allowed to dry before being fully saturated with water. Obtained from Fred Clarke 3 years ago, these plants need drier, cooler temperatures in winter in order to flower well. These tend to push out two inflorescences per fan even at a small size.



Sarcochilus orchids are miniature orchids and typically grow to be around 3-6 inches tall. However, the size may vary depending on the species, age and growing conditions. Some species like *Sarcochilus olivaceous* and *S. tricuspis* can eventually grow a little larger than other species, up to 8 or so inches tall.







Five Cities Orchid Society (FCOS) Presents

ORCHID TALKS 2023

David Sorokowsky "Don't Fear the Slippers"

Thursday, May 11, 2023

7:00 PM 8:30 pm [Google Calendar](#) [ICS](#)

Paphiopedilums, the lady's-slipper orchids, originate in the jungles of the Far East including Indonesia. They are semiterrestrial, growing in humus and other material on the forest floor, on cliffs in pockets of humus and occasionally in trees. They are easy to grow in the home, under lights or in the greenhouse.

So you've bought yourself a Paph... good choice! Now how do you keep it happy and healthy? Here is what you need to know about the care and feeding of Paphiopedilum orchids, what you need to know to grow your Paphs like a professional.

After receiving his degree in biochemistry from the University of Toronto, Dave opted to step outside his chosen field and operated a tropical fish import business for eight years. Upon returning to school, Dave received a degree in enology and viticulture from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. While attending Brock, Dave began acquiring orchids one 2" pot at a time and before he graduated, Dave had over 100 orchids. Winemaking and a passion for orchids prompted Dave to seek a warmer climate in California about one year later. Dave has been growing *paphiopedilums* for about 15 years and seriously hybridizing for the past 10 years. He is an accredited AOS judge and his *paphiopedilums* have received over 100 awards to date from the AOS and CSA. Many of those awarded plants playing important roles in his breeding program. In 2018 Dave left winemaking in order to focus all of his time running [Paph Paradise Orchids](#).

Five Cities Orchid Society is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FCOS Orchid Talks

Time: May 11, 2023 06:45 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89520530521?pwd=MVBVb3puZnBIVk56WmxhRUZKNmpiZz09>

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Chris Ehrler gave a presentation entitled “Pleurothallids: A Photographic Journey” to the FCOS group at their April meeting. The Pleurothallids are 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 consisted of many photos of a wide variety of species of genera including *Dracula*, *Masdevallia*, *Pleurothallis*, *Lepanthes*, *Porroglossum* and *Restrepia*. Chris also discussed his culture of the Pleurothallids along the central coast of California. The cultural items discussed included requirements for temperature, humidity, air movement, water quality, light, potting media, fertilizer, and stress.

If you missed Chris's presentation last month you can watch the recording at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/hdfDCLd3OMaELaJ-3dGCpuQF2UojJQp6qZIFXfan4H7EhXngba6m6yNtsMBdDZj6.abbO5ukSPfszGrWa>
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What's Blooming Now - a few photos from our members and friends



Cymbidium Lillian Stewart spike. Is potted in a plastic pot that is filled with a mixture of bark and lava rock. Is grown outside under wood lath for sun protection. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Closeup of *Cymbidium* Lillian Stewart flower.





Dendrobium striolatum. A warm to cool growing lithophyte growing natively in New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania Australia at elevations up to 1000 meters. Grown mounted on a piece of wood with a small amount of sphagnum moss on the roots. Likes to grow aerial root some of which can be seen behind the flower. Growing in a cool greenhouse. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Side view of *Dendrobium striolatum*.





Laeliocattleya intercepts
(*aquinii coerulea* - ruffled).
This is a primary hybrid
between *Cattleya intermedia*
and *Laelia anceps*. This
orchid is mounted on a
piece of manzanita and, as
can be seen, likes to
produce lots of aerial roots.
This mount is hung high in
a cool greenhouse which
provided it high light and
slightly higher temperatures
than if it was lower in the
greenhouse. Grown by Chris
Ehrler.

Closeup of *Laeliocattleya*
interceps flowers.





Pleione Confusa 'Golden Gate'. This orchid is growing in a plastic pot filled with a mixture of bark and lava rock. Orchid is currently growing in a cool greenhouse but has grown well outside on the north side of the house where it does not get direct sunlight. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Side view of *Pleione Confusa* 'Golden Gate'.





Masdevallia Cinnamon Twist 'Golden Gate'. This is a primary hybrid between *Masdevallia ayabacana* and *Masdevallia goliath*. This orchid is growing in a clay pot filled with sphagnum moss with is placed in a cool greenhouse. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Closeup of *Masdevallia* Cinnamon Twist 'Golden Gate'.





Masdevallia Fraseri which is a primary hybrid between *Masdevallia ignea* 'Beau' x *Masdevallia coccinea* alba. This orchid is growing in a large clay pot filled with a mixture of bark and lava rock. The pot is placed outside on the north side of the house so it does not get any direct sun light. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Another piece of the *Masdevallia Fraseri* that was mounted on a piece of wood with sphagnum moss on the roots. This mount is hanging outside above the potted *Masdevallia Fraseri* that is seen above.





Pleurothallis bivalvis var *xanthinum*. A cool to cold growing epiphyte or terrestrial growing 1,000 to 3,300 meters in elevations from Mexico to Bolivia. This orchid almost always has open flowers throughout the year. Is growing on the north side of the house in a clay pot filled with bark and lava rock mixture. Grown by Chris Ehrlar.

Pleurothallis canaligera. Is native to Colombia, Ecuador and Peru growing in cool to cold environment as either an epiphyte or as a terrestrial. Growing in a cool greenhouse in a plastic pot filled with bark and lava rock. Grown by Chris Ehrlar.





Closeup of *Pleurothallis canaligera* leaf and flowers.

Closeup of *Pleurothallis canaligera* flowers.





Pleurothallis grandiflora
'Gigi'. A cool to cold
growing epiphyte found
natively in Venezuela,
Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
and Bolivia at elevations of
1100 to 3300 meters. This
orchid is in a cool
greenhouse and is growing
in a clay pot filled with
sphagnum moss. Grown by
Chris Ehrler.

Side view of *Pleurothallis grandiflora* 'Gigi' flower.





Pleurothallis linguifera.
Found at elevations of 1,500 to 3,400 meters as a cold to cool growing epiphyte in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and Venezuela. This orchid is growing in a clay pot filled with sphagnum moss, with the pot in a cool greenhouse. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Side view of *Pleurothallis linguifera* flower.





Restrepia guttulata. This is a division of an orchid collected near Atillo, Ecuador. Is native to Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela and is a cool to cold growing epiphytic species found at elevations of 1700 to 3000 meters. The purple coloration of the back of the leaf seen in the photo is normal. This orchid is growing in a clay pot filled with sphagnum moss which is in a cool greenhouse. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Side view of *Restrepia guttulata* flower.





Closeup of *Restrepia guttulata* flower.



Phalaenopsis hybrid. We rarely have photos of Phalaenopsis in the newsletter so I figured I would add in a few of ones that are blooming in our kitchen window. Grown by Chris Ehrlar.

Another Phalaenopsis hybrid.



And another Phalaenopsis hybrid. Hope you like purple.

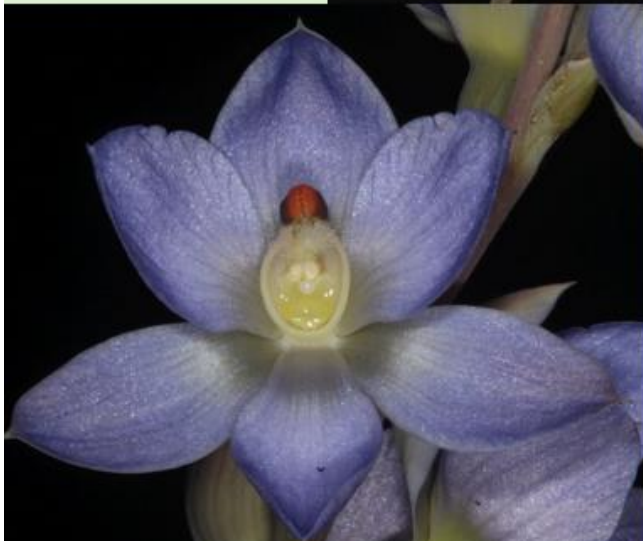
Thelymitra crinita x *T. glaucophylla*. Both species are from south Western Australia and are terrestrial. Thelymitra are considered 'sun orchids' and only open on sunny days. Spike has eight flowers which have not all opened yet. Grown outside in a terrestrial mix by Chris Ehrler.





Closeup of *Thelymitra crinita* x *T. glaucophylla* flower.

Thelymitra glaucophylla x *T. grandiflora*. Both species are from south Western Australia and are terrestrial. *Thelymitra* are considered 'sun orchids' and only open on sunny days. Spike has ten flowers. Grown outside in a terrestrial mix by Chris Ehrler.



Closeup of *Thelymitra glaucophylla* x *T. grandiflora* flower.

A collection of complex *Paph.* hybrids known as the "Bulldog" series. These plants were left-overs from CalCoast Orchids sales area at Orchid Fest 23 and were rescued by Eric Holenda. They are now blooming and you may see some offered at the FCOS Birthday Party auction. Note the difference in width and height of the dorsal sepal and range of flower shapes.



Serapia cordigera x neglecta. One of the Mediterranean orchid tubers Scott McGregor helped several FCOS members purchase from Germany. If you attended Orchid Fest 23 you were able to see this amazing plant in person. Grown by Eric Holenda.

Guaranthe guatemalensis. A naturally occurring hybrid between *G. aurantiaca* and *G. skinneri*. Some clones are more peachy colored. There is even a pure yellow one. Grown by Eric Holenda.



Paph. acmodontom x *P. venustum*. Grown by Eric Holenda.

Phal. Little Gem 'Stripes'
Grown by Eric Holenda.



Dend. moniliforme x *D. nobile*. From Joe Ambriz of Ambriz Kingdom of Plants.
Grown by Eric Holenda.



Dend. Chanthaboon Sunrise.
Grown by Eric Holenda.





Sarcochilus Sweetheart x
Enid - some of the new
highly colored hybrids are
simply amazing. Grown by
Eric Holenda.

Catt. Casitas Spring '
Linden' AM / AOS. An
example of a breeding line
referred to as "Spring
Lavenders". Grown by Eric
Holenda.



Coelogyne cristata. This
looks like a true alba to me,
no color other than white.
Cristata demands cool
temps, so it grows
outdoors. From Asbell
Orchids. Grown by Eric
Holenda.

Dendrobium densifolium hybrid - this one requires a dry winter rest. This plant has four flower spikes, so even though the flowers last only a week, it will be in bloom for 3 to 4 weeks. Plant obtained from Asbell Orchids and grown by Ed Lysek.



Dendrobium fimbriatum is another Dendrobium requiring a dry winter rest. These flowers are amazingly bright and can be seen from a distance in my greenhouse. Grown mounted on an oak branch and watered daily in Spring and Summer. The advantage of growing these types of orchids is if they are kept dry in winter they can take temperatures down to the high 30's for brief periods and spring back to life as temperatures warm with lots of amazing flowers. Grown by Ed Lysek.

A *Stanhopea* hybrid
'Ecuagenera's Passion'
blooms throughout the
year. Grown in a wire basket
lined with sphagnum moss
to permit the flower spikes
to emerge through the root
zone and emerge below the
plant. Grown by Ed Lysek.





Letters to the Editors

Dear Fellow Growers:

Several of the seedlings which I obtained from a flask of Phrag Andean Fire, seem to be growing quite well and I'm wondering about next steps? When I deflasked these, I put them in domed plastic cups, poked a few holes in the bottom and put perlite and moss in the cup. I recently took the dome off of these and thought perhaps I should repot but not sure if i should move to bark, repot in moss or maybe just leave them alone. Any thoughts or suggestions?-Jeff



Dear Jeff,

I have been excited about Prags lately also. They seem to do well with ample water and bright light. I see you have a number of plants. I would replot the largest ones into bark, and hedge my bets, keeping the smaller ones in their moss for a while longer.

I try to pot my Phrags so I can water them every other day. This means the surface of the mix will dry, but below that it will be damp. The mix should be water retentive but free draining.

I like to use 50 - 50 new bark and clean used bark (which I have sterilized with Physan or H₂O₂).

This overcomes the problem of new bark drying too quickly. Also throw in a little #3 perlite.

Andean Fire should grow quickly and bloom easily.- Best, Eric



This is *Phragmipedium* Andean Fire (*lindleyanum* 'Kelly Creek' HCC/AOS x *besseae*) - I obtained these as a flask from Woodstream Orchids. You can also obtain these as seedlings from <http://www.woodstreamorchids.com/WSO%20Phrag%20List%20Summer%202018.pdf>

Woodstream Orchids is one of the leading *Phragmipedium* hybridizers and producers of seed-grown Phrag in the United States. Bill Goldner from Woodstream Orchids will speak next October about his efforts to breed and offer miniature *Phragmipediums*. You will not want to miss this! <https://www.fcos.org/events-and-where/fcos-orchid-talks-bill-goldner-phd-next-generation-miniature-phragmipediums-and-other-new-lines-of-breeding>



On behalf of all of our AAUW Members, I want to thank both you and Ed for the excellent PowerPoint Presentation about Orchids at our April 2023 Meeting. It was so very insightful for all of us to learn how to care for our orchids and understand just how many amazing species of Orchids there are in this world. Your presentation and Ed's carefully constructed PowerPoint Presentation gave those in attendance a new or refreshed appreciation of orchids.



Please thank the 5-Cities Orchid Society for sharing the beautiful orchids you brought to your presentation and gifting us with some gorgeous purple orchids of our own. What a special and appreciated gift.



Thank you, too, for inviting members of our Branch to volunteer our time to assist with the 2023 Orchid Fest. Those who were able to volunteer this year came home excited about the Orchid Society, its mission, and the opportunity to serve in the Fest itself.

With much appreciation,

Jan Dean

AAUW Morro Bay

Communication Chair 2022-23

Past President, 2020-2022



Introducing Miss Ever Grace Gardner.

Her parents, Shy and Keith Gardner of Los Osos, stopped by to chat at Orchidfest and renewed their family membership, making Ever our newest and youngest member of FCOS. We made sure she had a purple orchid to wake up to.



Dear FCOS-I just wanted to say thank you for the wonderful orchids you gave us. They are blooming (picture attached) and are soooooo beautiful and easy to care for. I never knew such an orchid existed. Thank you again,

Shasta

Happy Birthday!

The [Los Osos Valley Garden Club](#) recently celebrated their 90th Birthday.

FCOS provided table centerpieces for their celebration, each centerpiece made with 3 orchids, paper flowers and butterflies, curling ribbon and lollipops.

Hi Jeff,-I wanted to thank you for the nice centerpieces FCOS supplied for the LOVGC birthday gala. My "plus one" took home the one that was on our table, and she is thrilled with it. They were very cute and creative, and we appreciate the effort you went to for us.-Alex



Did I pay my FCOS 2022 Membership? Click [HERE](#) to see if your name is on our Paid Members List. Thank you for all who have paid their 2022 Membership dues.

Membership Benefits and How to Join FCOS

- 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.
- Opportunities to win beautiful and quality orchids.
- Network with amateur, advanced collectors and commercial growers
- 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.**
- **Please include your completed membership form with your payment.**
- Thank You for becoming a member of the Five Cities Orchid Society.

Payment by Credit Card with an FCOS-BetterWorld Account

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.](#)



SWEET HARVEST

Sweet Harvest Hydroponics and Organics is offering paid FCOS members a **discount** on their products. The amount of the discount will depend on their cost. They can help and give advice on any growing issue you have and they carry a wide variety of products including but limited to the following:

- Growing essentials
- Organic Amendments
- Soils and Growing Media
- Lighting
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- Nutrients and Additives
- Organic Disease and Pest Control
- Hydroponics
- Climate Control
- Indoor and Outdoor Greenhouse

Sweet Harvest started in 2010, and is located at 1041 E. Grand Ave, Arroyo Grande, CA. Their phone number is (805) 473-0004. Their website is <http://www.sweetharvest.org/home.html>.

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 2023 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.



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.



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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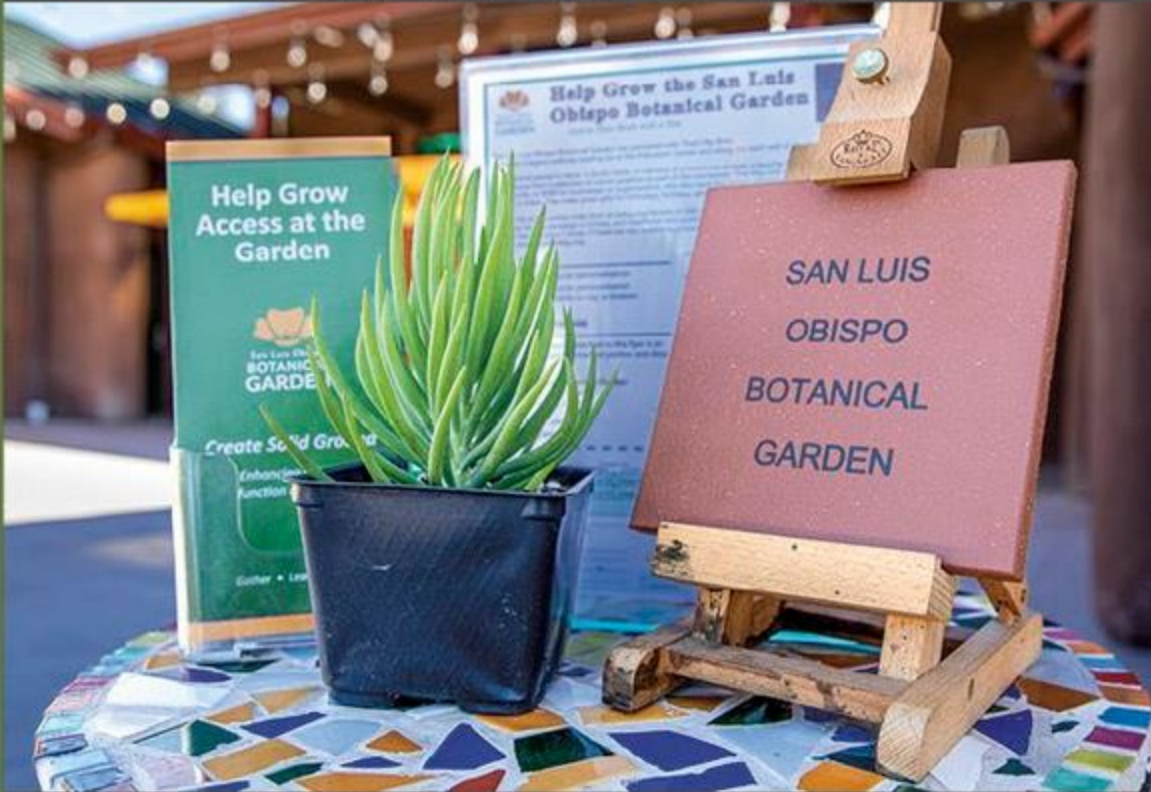


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FCOS Garage Sale

Send an email to [Jeff Parham](#), [Chris Ehrler](#) or [Ed Lysek](#) and include an image of your item, a description, price, and your contact info. We'll include your info in our next monthly newsletter if there is space. FCOS assumes no responsibility for payment, taxes, etc. We ask the items be orchid or plant related. FCOS is not taking a commission or participating in any other way.

Lamniflow Hoods, Orchid Lab supplies for sale. Contact Nathan 805-994-0999

The first one is Envirco model m624 it's 6 feet long and the price we found online used was \$8000. This one needs new HEPA filters (2) and the (1) intake filter. It's intended to mount on a table.

The second one the asking price is \$2400 It is custom built. This one has the filters installed and light fixture mounted and it also is intended use is on top of a table.

The 6400 sq ft shade cloth was \$12,000 retail. And it's available for \$4000 or best offer.

The Portable autoclave MSRP for sale. Additionally, many orchids for sale. Contact to make arrangements and for pricing.

Five Cities Orchid Society 2023 Board of Directors

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