



Five Cities Orchid Society

FCOS President's Message

December 2017 newsletter

Our December meeting will be our annual end of the year potluck, election of officers, and silent auction. We generally begin eating at 6:30 pm so please be there by 6:00 to 6:15 so that you have time to setup up the tables and chairs, your potluck dish and any silent auction items you can donate. Scheithauers are preparing ham for the main course for that evening, while we need everyone else to bring along your favorite potluck dish to share, plus your table setting, and something to drink.

As I mentioned last month, we need volunteer candidates for President, Vice President, and two Board of Directors positions. Danny Stocks cannot take one of the positions due to his hectic work schedule but has volunteered to help with finding speakers with the new Vice President. Danny has a large number of contacts in the orchid world and his assistance will make this job easier. So please send an email to me (ehrlor4@juno.com) to volunteer for one of these four positions to help keep FCOS moving along smoothly. If you are interested in helping FCOS as one of these board positions, please let me know before December 12 so I can let Chuck know (he will be running the elections). I will miss the December meeting as Betsy and I will be in Guatemala working at a Children's Home from December 13 through 27.

As I mentioned above, we also will have a silent auction after dinner and the elections. The auction is one way that FCOS generates money that we can use to pay for speaker fees, for our monthly opportunity table plants, and to keep our annual dues low. Generating money in this way helps us keep our annual dues low. So, if you have extra orchids or ones that are not growing well for you or other items that the members would be interesting in bidding on, please donate them to the silent auction. Also, at the meeting please plan to pay your 2018 FCOS membership dues. Cost is only \$20 per family.

My wife, Betsy, and I just got home after attending the World Orchid Conference in Guayaquil, Ecuador and a twelve day post-conference tour put on by Ecuagenera Nursery. Besides seeing Ecuagenera's 37 greenhouses and their estimated 2 million orchids, either in pots or on mounts, we traveled about 1,200 miles around the southern part of the country and got to see a wide variety of blooming orchids in the wild. I will be putting together at least one slide show of our trip to show you some of the Conference displays and an overview of the orchid diversity we were able to see while visiting Ecuador.

I hope you all have a blessed Christmas and a great start to the New Year. I hope to see you all at the January 2018 meeting. Chris

Nov. 2017 Program

We want to thank Eric and Christina for their awesome slide presentation at our Nov. meeting. It never ceases to amaze me at the new and different things we learn about orchids and their locations.

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Upcoming Events

- Orange County Orchid Society Annual Auction* January 17, 2018; 6:30 PM Preview, 7 PM Auction begins Yorba Linda Public Library Community Room (lower level), 18181 Imperial Hwy., Yorba Linda Info: www.ocos.net, (714) 446-9283
- Newport Harbor Orchid Society Orchid Expo and Sale February 9—11, 2018; Friday 10 AM—9 PM, Saturday 10 AM—7 PM, Sunday 11 AM—6 PM Westminster Mall, Westminster (2nd level, near J.C. Penny) Info: www.nhosinfo.org/orchidshow
- **January 19, 2018. Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Annual Collector's Auction. Preview 6:30PM. Auction starts at 7:00PM.** San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA. For info contact: Richard Mangan at <mailto:mangasz@att.net>
- Pacific Orchid Exposition Show and Sale February 23-25, 2018 Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco Info: www.orchidsanfrancisco.org • Santa Barbara Orchid Show March 9-11, 2018; 9 AM—5 PM Earl Warren Show Grounds, Santa Barbara Info: <https://sborchidshow.com/>
- Long Beach Amateurs Annual Auction March 12, 2018; 6 PM Preview, 6:30 PM Auction begins St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Hall, 6201 E. Willow St., Long Beach Info: www.lbaos.com
- Cool Growing Orchid Society Annual Auction (THAT IS US!!!) April 11, 2018; Preview and registration 6:30 PM, 7 PM Auction begins Garden Grove Masonic Lodge, 11270 Acacia Pkwy, Garden Grove Info: www.coolorchids.org/




Merry Christmas