



FIVE CITIES ORCHID SOCIETY

MARCH, 2017

President's Corner

I would like to begin by reminding everyone of upcoming orchid shows. By the time you read this the San Francisco Pacific Orchid and Garden Exposition is over and it was a large success for the SF Society and the vendors that attended. But it's not too late to attend the Santa Barbara International Orchid Exposition which will take place March 17-19. Remember FCOS has a display at this show and we need your orchids to make a great display. Eric Holenda is in charge of the setup so please contact him (929-5749) if you have orchids for the display or are interested in helping him with the display set up on Wednesday, March 15. If you have orchids with small flowers that you think would not work in a large display, I can use them in a display that I set up for Ecuagenera, a vendor from Ecuador. I can be reached at 489-9046.

Also as I mentioned last month and you have hopefully heard many times by now the FCOS show will be held on March 31 through April 2. Prior to the show we need everyone to help in getting the word out about the show and the Friday night fundraiser for the Dunes Center. If you do not already have an electronic copy of the poster we can make sure you have it so we can send it out to all of your friends. Based on information we received from last year's show, many people came to the show because a friend told them about it and invited them to attend. So pull out your email list and send all your friends and maybe a few enemies info about the show. Maybe some of these enemies might become your friends based on our great show.

On our show weekend, we need both your orchids and YOU. Orchids should arrive on Thursday (March 30) afternoon and be staked and ready for the display. They should also be tagged with the orchid and your names. We have many tasks (most of which involve sitting on a chair) to accomplish at the show and when many people help, the work will be completed easily. If you do not volunteer you will miss out on a great experience. I hope to see you all at the March 2017 meeting.

Chris

Program for March 9, 2017 Meeting

Larry Vierhelig will be speaking about prepping plants for show displays. It would be great if each of our members would have at least one blooming plant in our displays. SOOOO-- if you need help or advice getting them show-ready, bring it to the meeting and get some expert tips.

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Speaker Notes from Feb 2017 meeting

FCOS was pleased to have Ron Parsons, a noted orchid and plant photographer and author, speak to the group at the February meeting. Ron talked about "Springtime in Western Australian". He has visited this area a total of three times starting in 2005. Ron showed many high quality photos of various orchids and other plants and vegetation in a variety of different habitats. He also showed some photos of different birds that live in the various environments that the group visited.

Accompanying Ron on his trip down from San Francisco, was Mary Gerristen. She and Ron have co-authored two books about orchids and one on *Calochortus* a group of Mariposa Lilies. Mary recently authored another book via the San Francisco Orchid Society and a Kickstarter campaign that was launched to help cover some of the costs of publication. The soft cover book is entitled "A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture." You might be thinking well I do not live in the Bay Area so no use buying a copy. But you are wrong. The publication and orchid growing information is based on Sunset Climate Zones in the Bay Area and the zones there are basically the same as where we live on the central coast. She presents chapters on the significance of the orchid label, how to select the right orchid, different microcosms/microclimates in the Bay Area, the basics of orchid culture, and answers to some frequently asked questions. The orchid culture chapter has a section entitled "'Secrets' from the experts: potting mixes and other gems". This chapter alone is worth the cost of the book. After those chapters there is a large amount of information presented based on Mary interviewing a large number of successful orchid growers that live throughout the Bay Area. She put this information into a very easy to understand format and lists species and hybrids that have been grown in windowsills, outdoors, cool and intermediate-warm greenhouses. It will be easy to take the lists she presents and go shopping for your next orchids based on your growing conditions. Many of the photos in this book were taken by Ron Parsons who spoke at our February meeting. With the wide variety of information in this book it is well worth its cost of \$20. If you are interested in a copy, FCOS purchased some which Mary signed when she was at the meeting. Chris will bring some to the March meeting and my guess is they will sell them all during the show so get your soon so you do not miss out.




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Admission \$8

April 1 - 2, 2017
 Saturday 10-5 & Sunday 10-4

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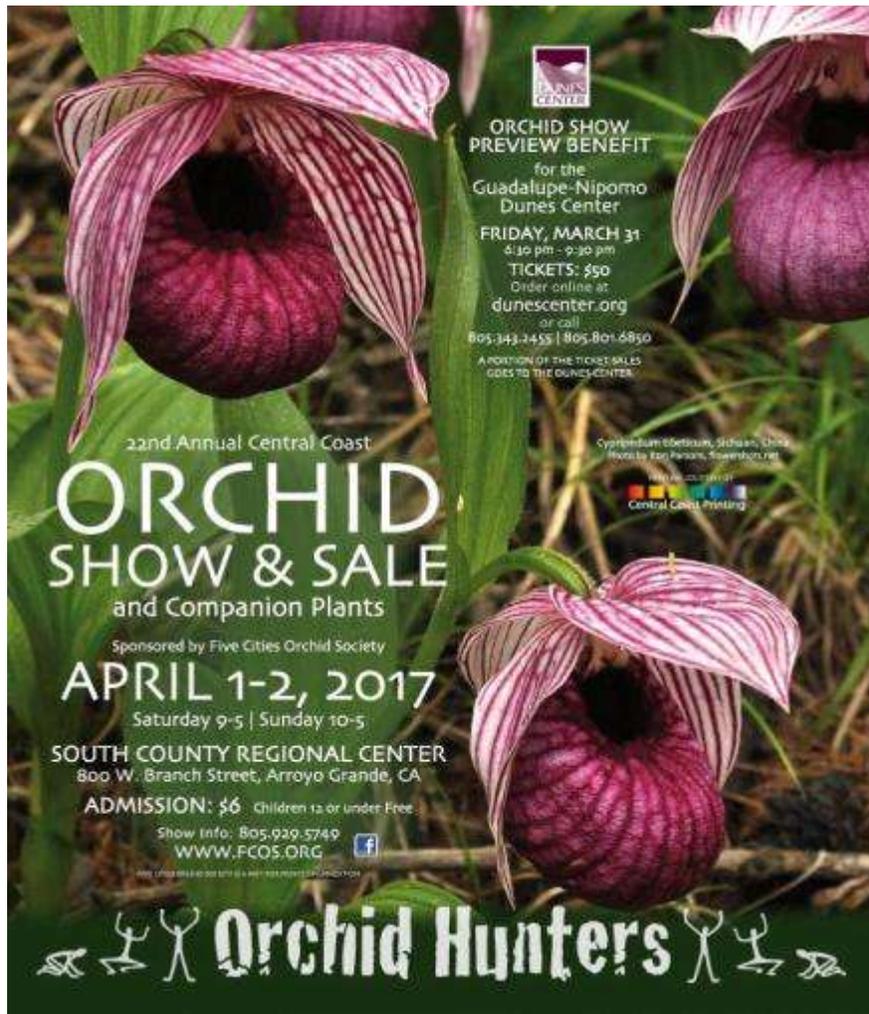


Annual Orchid Auction

April 12, 2017



Garden Grove Masonic Lodge
 11270 Acacia Pkwy GG 92840
 Registration & Preview 6:30 pm
 Auction Starts 7:00 pm
 Open to the Public
 Free: Admission Parking Refreshments
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 for the
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 Saturday 9-5 | Sunday 10-5

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Show Info: 805.929.5749
WWW.FCOS.ORG

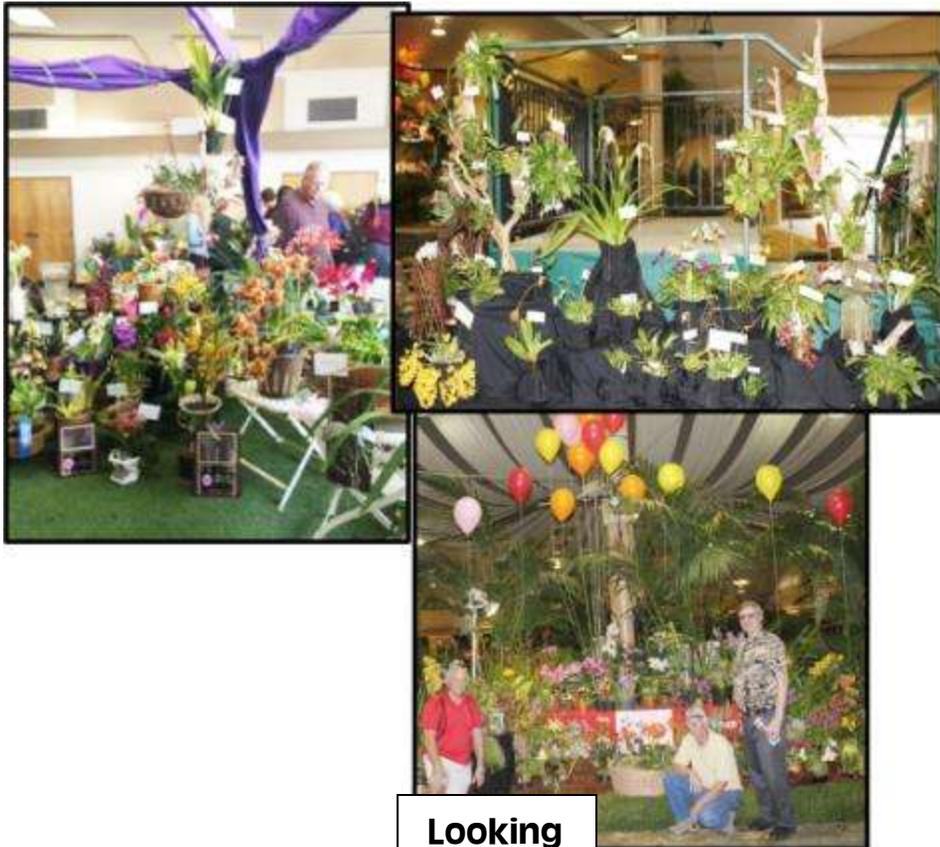
Cyrtopodium edelsteinii, Sichuan, China
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Orchid Hunters

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Long Beach Amateurs Annual Auction* March 13, 2017; 6 PM Preview, 6:30PM Auction begins St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Hall, 6201 E. Willow, Long Beach Info: www.lbaos.com, info@lbaos.com, 562-972-0450
- Santa Barbara International Orchid Show March 15-17, 2017; 9 AM—5 PM Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara Info: www.sborchidshow.com
- Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House Fri.—Sat.8 AM—5 M, Sun. 9 AM—5 PM, 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, Info: www.sborchid.com
- Cal-Orchid Open House, 1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, Info: www.calorchid.com
- San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale* March 24-26, 2017; Friday 3—6 PM, Saturday 9 AM—6 PM, Sunday 10 AM—4 PM Scottish Rite Event Center, Mission Valley, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego Info: www.sdorchids.com or (619) 543-9078
- *** Five Cities Orchid Society Show and Sale April 1-2, 2017 [See beautiful poster above](#)
- Cool Growing Orchid Society Annual Auction April 12, 2017; 6:30 PM Registration and Preview, 7 PM Auction Begins 11270 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove Info: coolgrowingorchids.com
- South Bay Orchid Society First Annual Auction* April 21, 2017; 6:30 PM Preview, 7 PM auction begins South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Palos Verdes Peninsula Info: www.southbayorchidsociety.com



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