



December, 2018

Five Cities Orchid Society



President's Message

As most of you hopefully know we will be having our Christmas celebration and potluck on Thursday, December 13. The doors will open about 6:00 pm and **Dinner will begin at 6:30** (earlier than our normal meeting time). If you can come early to help set up tables and chairs that would be helpful. You need to bring along your own place setting(s), beverage, and a side dish or dessert to share. Our society will provide baked ham. To make the evening successful, we also hope that each person will donate to the silent auction. If you have transplanted your orchids and now have more than one pot of a particular orchid please consider donating one of the orchids. Or if you have too many orchids for your growing space or orchids that you do not have correct environmental conditions for, please donate it/them to the auction. You will also want to bring along your checkbook so you can pay for the new treasures that you hopefully will win at the auction. The money we generate from the silent auction helps to keep our annual dues low and allows us to continue to be able to afford quality speakers. If you have questions about this meeting, please call me at (805) 489-9046.

As I am ending my third year of a two year term as president I want to thank everyone that has helped make FCOS the success it has been over its history. From the original group that decided there was enough interest in orchid growing in our area to put together an orchid society, all the way through the many people that kept it going through the years. I also want to thank those that help put up and take down the chairs and tables, the treat fairies, those you brought treats for our snack time, the various speakers, and most of all the vice presidents who have been responsible for setting up the speakers who have shared their knowledge about caring for our orchids. And a special thank you to the members of the many Show Committees that have worked diligently each year to put on the "Best Little Orchid Show".

Hope you are keeping your orchids happy. If not or you have questions about your orchids, please ask for help at the next meeting.

Chris

A Special Event our Vice-president Ed Lysek wants you to know about

63rd Annual Paphiopedilum Guild Meeting & Show

Sponsored by Orchid Digest

January 19-20, 2019

Santa Barbará, California

Hyatt Santa Barbara Hotel, 1111 E. Cabrillo Blvd., Santa Barbara, CA

Meeting starts at 10:00 am Saturday morning
Sunday – 9:00 am – Noon

SALES: Set up for sales and show starts at 7:00 am Saturday
Sunday – 9:00 am – Noon

More Upcoming Shows, Plant Sales, and Other Events –

***January 12, 2018. Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Annual Collector's Auction. Preview Sat. 12:30PM – 1:00PM. Auction starts at 1:00PM.** San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA. For info contact: Richard Copeland at <mailto:mangasz@att.net>

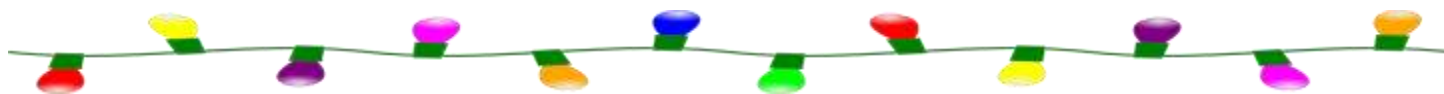
***January 26-27, 2019 Peninsula Orchid Society Show,** Community Bldg., 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City

***February 21-24, 2019 Pacific Orchid Expo,** County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

***March 2-3, 2019 Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show,** location TBA

***March 15-17, 2019 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show,** Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara

***[March 29-31, 2019 Five Cities Orchid Society Show and Sale](#)** More info to follow.



Thank You to the Holendas

Our November program THE ORCHIDS OF FRANCE was presented by our very own Christina and Eric Holenda. They travelled there in April 2016 with the Orchid Conservation Alliance. We all really enjoyed their slides.



Old Yellow Leaves

We are often asked about removal of these old leaves. Well there are 2 primary schools of thought. The first is that the orchid will shed the leaf naturally and you need to do nothing but wait for it to do so. In this process the orchid will naturally seal off the area where the leaf had attached and nothing need be done. The other school of thought is that the yellowing leaves are unsightly and should be removed. Removing them earlier than the orchid will naturally shed them requires cutting the leaf off. When cutting on an orchid we always recommend the use of a clean tool (to avoid the possibility of spreading virus from one orchid to another) and applying cinnamon (the common household spice) to the cut area as a preventative measure against any opportunistic infection that would otherwise try to set in.

(Information courtesy of rePotme Orchid Supply)



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Something You Don't See Everyday

This bloom was discovered 'by accident' after researchers couldn't understand why the bulbs grew to 'adult' size, then failed to open. Then a researcher saw one of the orchids opening at 10pm. No other plant like it exists anywhere - or is recorded in any historical record. The flowers are incredibly fragile, too - they last only one night before withering.

The new night flowering species, **Bulbophyllum nocturnum**, from the island of New Britain near Papua New Guinea, is the first known example of an orchid species with flowers that consistently open after dark and close in the morning. Its flowers last one night only.



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