



March 2020 Newsletter #2

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to friends who might be interested in knowing about Five Cities Orchid Society and encourage them to subscribe at www.fcoss.org.



Take a moment to email [Alice Swope](#) to volunteer to help at this year's FCOS show and Preview Benefit.

Eric Holenda and Chris Ehrler need your blooming, show quality orchids by Tuesday, March 10th for the FCOS exhibit at the Santa Barbara show. Email [Chris](#) or [Eric](#) as soon as possible. Make your plants the stars of the show!

"As you grow older, you will discover you have two hands - one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." -Audrey Hepburn.

March and April are great months to enjoy a range of special orchid events, starting with “Orchids: Nature’s Masterpiece” at Studios on the Park in Paso Robles and concluding with your FCOS Show Preview Benefit Friday evening April 3rd and your 25th Anniversary “Hi-Ho Silver” Central Coast Orchid Show and Sale Sat. and Sun. April 4-5. See details below for tickets, dates, times and locations or the “Events” page at www.fcos.org.



[Heather Matthews](#) sand blasting an image of *Cattleya maxima* ‘Crownfox’ onto a glass panel for Orchids: Nature’s Masterpiece. Meet her and other artists on Saturday evening, March 7th for “Art after Dark” wine reception, wines by Oso Libre Winery, music by CLASSINOVA. 6-9 PM Studios on the Park, 1130 Pine St. Paso Robles.

The finished artwork on display at Studios on the Park, Paso Robles can be yours for a \$20 raffle ticket. Proceeds benefit the Children’s Art Program. Show is open from March 3-28. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Studio or contact EdLysek@me.com to purchase a raffle ticket.



Tickets at www.Eventbrite.com - click on the event to purchase tickets

March 17 - Ron Parsons at Paso Robles Cinema (\$20).

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ron-parsons-presents-rare-and-unusual-orchids-tickets-95885115963?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

March 22 - "Orchids de-mystified...how not to kill your Trader Joes orchid" (\$20) at Studios on the Park, Paso Robles.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/orchids-de-mystified-tickets-95887095885?aff=erelpanelorg>

April 3 - Orchid Show Preview Benefit supporting "Welcome Home Military Heroes" and "Honor Flight Central Coast California"(\$35). Arroyo Grande/South County Regional Center.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-orchid-show-preview-benefit-friday-april-3-630-pm-to-900-pm-tickets-88427624405?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

April 4-5 - 25th Anniversary "Hi-Ho Silver" Central Coast Orchid Show and Sale (\$6). Arroyo Grande/South County Regional Center.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hi-ho-silver-celebrating-25-years-orchid-show-and-sale-tickets-88403710879?aff=erelpanelorg>

Orchids: Nature's Masterpiece

March 5, 2020 - March 29, 2020

Atrium Gallery - Studios on the Park, Paso Robles, CA

Orchids: Nature's Masterpiece transforms Studios into tropical rainforest filled with fragrant, blooming orchids and artistic interpretations of their beauty and allure. Evocative scents, bold coloration and subtle forms of nature are captured in oil, watercolor, acrylics, colored pencil, ceramic, glass and other media. Featured artists each present unique expressions, from precise renderings of botanical illustrations to bold interpretations in impressionistic paintings and everything in between. Visitors are encouraged to appreciate how this exotic flowering plant can be both a source of artistic inspiration and a work of art in and of itself.

Events for Orchids: Nature's Masterpieces

March 7

Art After Dark Paso - The show opening reception with wine from Oso Libre winery and music by CLASSINOVA will be held at the gallery on Sat, March 7th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM

March 17

2 - 4 PM Book signing by authors Mary Gerritsen and Ron Parsons. Authors and co-authors of several orchid and native plant books, Mary and Ron will share their experiences writing, photographing and publishing their books. Two of Mary and Ron's books will be available for purchase and signing and guests are welcome to bring copies of their other books for personalized signatures.

- *The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture* (limited copies available for purchase for \$25)
- *A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture* (applies to growing conditions along the Central Coast - available for purchase for \$25)
- *Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World* (only one copy available)
- *Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives* (local wildflowers of the Central Coast)
- *Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*

March 17

6 - 9 PM - Ron Parsons, noted orchid photographer and author of several orchid and native plant books will present "Rare and Unusual Orchids" - a collection of his most stunning orchid images. This will be a media presentation at the Paso Robles Theater on the "big screen". Photographed at locations around the world. Ron will share his stories of adventure, friendship and mosquitoes with the audience. The presentation will be followed with a wine reception at Studios on the Park and a one-on-one conversation with Ron. Two of Ron's framed photographs will be given away in a drawing to be held for attendees. Cost of admission is \$20 in support of Studios Children's art programs.

March 19

1 - 2 PM Ukulele serenade among the orchids by the Templeton Ukulele Group.

March 22

2:00 - 3:00 PM - Studios on the Park "Orchids De-mystified - How to grow and re-bloom your Trader Joes orchid". Cost for this workshop is \$20 in support of the Studios Children's art program. Guests will take home a *phalaenopsis* orchid to practice their growing skills.

March 28

2:00 - 4:00 PM - Paint a terra cotta pot with artistic help from Michelle Rollins, the Kids Art Smart Coordinator. Each child will receive a soon to bloom orchid in a plastic pot to slip into their decorated terra cotta pot. Michelle will also teach the children how to care for their new orchid and watch it bloom. Free children's art session for children 8 years and older. Call the Studios (805-238-9800) to reserve your space.

All month long

Studios on the Park "Color Bar" where children can paint and color orchid line drawings created by Deb Lysek.

FCOS members are asked to register with the receptionist when visiting Studios on the Park. If visitors have an orchid question they will be directed to you for help. If you don't know the answer to their question, just have them go to www.fcoss.org and send us their question on the "Contact Us" webpage.



Carpooling: What a Great Idea!

Los Osos to Arroyo Grande for the FCOS Thursday night meeting, March 12th. Contact FCOS president Jeff Parham if you need a ride from Los Osos or are willing to drive others. Email Jeff at jsp1440@aol.com

Carpooling to Paso Robles for Orchids: Nature's Masterpiece art show.

Sign up for carpooling at the FCOS meeting on Thursday, March 12th. We are looking for drivers and passengers for Ron Parsons presentation on March 17th (St. Patrick's Day - so we need "designated drivers") as well as those who want to visit the show

during March.

Please forward this email newsletter or copy or print the poster (below) to encourage family and friends to attend **your** Show and Preview Benefit. Please post this information on your Facebook page, on [nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com), Instagram and wherever you think appropriate.

25th Annual Central Coast

ORCHID SHOW & SALE

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APRIL 4 & 5, 2020

Saturday 9-5 | Sunday 10-4

South County Regional Center
800 W. Branch Street
Arroyo Grande, CA

Admission: \$6
Children 12 or under Free

Show Info: FCOS.org

Hi Ho SILVER

Celebrating 25 Years

Oncidium N.R. Orchid Lane FCC/AOS
Grown by Bob Asbell, Arroyo Grande, CA
Photo by Chris Ehrler

ORCHID SHOW PREVIEW BENEFIT

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Tickets: \$35
call 805.489.0683 or 805.242.0536
or online at FCOS.org

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