



# *Orange County Orchid Society, Inc.*

## **President's Message**

**August 2007**

Hello Everyone,

Well... we have certainly been challenged these last few months. However, in spite of not having our regular meeting place, we actually had a very vibrant and active meeting. Those who stayed were sequestered into the children's reading room. Albeit the seating was bleacher-type, it was fairly comfortable. The room was air-conditioned and carpeted. The sound was just right so we did not need to use a microphone. I counted about thirty people and there was room for more.

Dorothy Goldberg and Peter Lin were kind enough to stay and share their knowledge. We learned that growing orchids from flasks to flower takes a long, long time. I learned a new term in growing orchids, 'plunk'. If you want to know, ask Dorothy. There were a lot more questions that were not asked because we ran out of time. We definitely will have a panel session again.

Nohline did a wonderful job with the judging even though we did not have the room.

Candy and Dan said they were swamped with people signing up for the Zuma trip. There will be more than thirty people going. Good job Dan and Candy!

Some members lucked out when Peter sold the plants at a bargain price since we could not use them for the opportunity table. We were not able to use the plants, not because we do not have a table, but because we could not bring any plants in at the children's room. I thank Peter for his gracious and understanding nature.

Barbara Moody got stuck with the beginner's (no) table. We made \$48.00. That is incredible. Thank you Barbara and Janet for bringing the plants.

Overall, the meeting went well. I am sure we will laugh about it someday. The OCOS members continue to amaze me. Your support and patience is astounding. I cannot express my gratitude enough. Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

Our speaker for August is Robert Lauri. Bob is a cohort of mine. I met Bob when I represented the OCOS to the Southland Orchid Show Committee. He is the current president of the committee. He will talk about Piperia, Platanthera and Native Orchid Hunting in the Western U.S. I look forward to hearing his travel adventures.

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