



Orange County Orchid Society, Inc.

President's Message

September 2007

Hello Everyone,

Wow, what a month. August was a busy month for us. We had a board meeting and prepared the 2007 – 2008 budget. Jan had an open house. Our newsletter went out on time. We had a culture lecture. Hey, we had a meeting place! Our web site is updated. We have a newsletter editor. The month ended with a fabulous, successful trip to Zuma. Life is good.

Bob Lauri introduced us to the world of Piperia, and Platanthera. He shared his experiences in native orchid hunting in the Western U.S. Yes, there are orchids that are native only to California. How about that? But, just as everywhere else, they are rare and they need to be included in the protection list.

Ed Wise got our Culture Lecture started again. I'm sorry it was not included in the newsletter. The newsletter already went out by the time we asked him. Thanks Ed for doing a great job with such a short notice.

Our speaker for this month is Tom Biggart from San Diego who will speak to us about Australian Dendrobiums. Tom will have a long drive home. Can anyone offer a room for him to stay for one night? Please contact me if you can host our speaker on Wednesday, September 19.

We will have a culture note. Dan Warren will talk to us about the **OCOS** library. We have many informative books. Join us to see what book is in store for you.

I want to thank Janet for taking the job of the newsletter editor. It is a load off of my shoulder. Please give your support to her by turning in articles, book reviews, upcoming events, pictures, etc. The deadline is the 25th of the month.

Kudos to Dan & Candy for their superb job in organizing the Zuma trip. It seems to get better and better every year. They worked hard on making the event a success and it showed. Thank you for a job well done.

Visit our web site at www.ocos.net. It has a new look. We have a new webmaster, Jerry L'Ecuyer. I have received many compliments on our web. Thank you Jerry. Jerry and Nohline incurred all the expenses accrued on building the web site. Jerry stayed up many nights to get the site up and running. I cannot thank them enough.

The Southland Orchid Show at the Huntington is coming up. Sign up sheets for volunteers are available during the meeting. They need volunteers for the plant hotel, host/hostess table, and ribbon judging. Please contact me if you are interested but will miss the meeting. The theme this year is “**Orchidelic**”. Make sure to get your orchids to Nohline for our display.

Thank you for bringing your flowering orchids and sharing them with us. They are beautiful and we enjoy seeing them.

Please welcome Elise Chavez, a new member of our society.

See you in September; don't forget to wish me a happy birthday!

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