



Orange County Orchid Society, Inc.

President's Message

November 2007

Greetings Fellow Orchid Hobbyists,

It is again my privilege to share with you our society's happenings/going-ons. I am happy to announce that Nohline, Candy, and committee did an excellent job with the table display at the Southland Orchid Show at the Huntington. Their efforts were rewarded by receiving the Gold Medal Trophy for Best Double Table Top Display and Best Show Theme trophy! We are the recipients of the Gold Medal Trophy two years in a row. Nohline is certainly proving herself to be an excellent designer. Believe it or not, she is already preparing for the 2008 show. Dan Warren received the 'The Best of Section Award' for his Dendrobium Angel Blush. We can also brag about the seven first place, eleven second place, and seven third place ribbons. Good job! We are proud of you.

I want to thank the show committee: Candy Jester, Walt Jester, Jan Hennessey, and Janet Roberson for assisting Nohline with the display, plant transport and clean up. A big thank you is extended to those who brought their plants for the display: Anne-Line, Harold, Janet, Dorothy, Jan, Dick, Joy, Bob, Susan, Dan, and Nohline. We could not have done so well without your participation.

I am very grateful to those who volunteered to work at the show. I know we do not get a thank you gift, yet you are still willing to give two or more hours of your time to help the make the show a success. Working for the Southland Orchid Show at the Huntington demonstrates the real meaning of volunteer. I am proud of us.

Last month, Fred Clarke introduced us to Venezuela's national flower, *Cattleya mossiae*. His presentation took us to a land flowered by different colors of *C. mossiae*. In addition to enjoying the views of the land and the beautiful flowers, his personal experiences with the local inhabitants enhanced our understanding of their culture.

This month's meeting is going to be on the day before Thanksgiving. I hope many of you will be able to attend. We plan to have a panel session. We will have a round table of questions and answers, share experiences, and laughter. We can amuse each other about our mishaps and brag about our successes. Joan Bailey, Dick Hess, and Helen White, and Ed Wise accepted our invitation to lead the panel. To sweeten the evening, we want to entice you with ice cream. We will provide the ice cream, you bring the toppings.

Next year, we are planning a trip to San Diego and visit the vendors' greenhouses. I already talked to the vendors and they are more than happy to have an open house on the day of our

event. The months of March or April will be the best for them because of the different shows they have to attend to sell their orchids.

The Riverside San Bernardino Orchid Society is having a bus trip to San Diego on Saturday, December 1. They will be stopping by different vendors and going to the open houses that is going on that weekend. Contact me if you are interested in joining them.

December is our holiday potluck. Time is flying. Make plan on bringing your specialty. Bring enough to feed ten to twelve people. Ham will be provided.

January is the month of our fundraiser. Our annual auction will be on January 16. Please think of donating your extra plants when you are dividing your orchids. Also, we can use your assistance to pick up plants or get donors to donate. We also need help advertising our event. If you know of a place to post our flyer, that will be helpful.

I am still waiting for a volunteer to chair the auction committee. We have to start working this month. Please call me if you are interested in heading or just being in the committee. Thank you.

That is all for now. See you at our ice-cream social.

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