



Orange County Orchid Society, Inc.

President's Message

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Greetings Fellow Orchid Hobbyists,

Six months went by fast. This month is our annual holiday potluck, next month is our auction, February is the Fascination of Orchids, March we present the slate of officers, April we vote, May is our potluck for the installation of officers, then in June – we start all over again.

We had a successful ice cream social last month. In spite of the holiday, we had a good turn out. We actually finished the whole five-gallon ice cream. Luz Maria Soto made cookies and cupcakes decorated with turkey and native American icing. She also made chocolate candy pops in the shape of a turkey. We are fortunate to have such a talented member who is willing to prepare beautiful goodies for us.

The panel enlightened us about our beginnings and how they got involved with the society. Topics such as how to increase membership and new orchid software that is available were discussed. Ed Wise also praised our library and our librarian. He said we have the best library among the orchid societies. Make sure to check out some books. They have beautiful pictures and fascinating reading materials.

We were short handed, but we manage. I want to thank everyone who showed up. We had plumerias for the beginners' table, Joy Keyser and Ed Wise brought plants for sale, the ribbon judging went well.

I want to thank all who assisted in setting up and taking down, and those who took over some responsibilities for the night. I want to make sure that Joy Keyser gets special recognition for being there to fill for every need we have. She was there for the set-up (arranging the chairs in circle), assisted with setting up the refreshments table, and most importantly, for handling the ribbon judging. Thank you, Joy. Everyone who showed up participated in one-way or another. Thank you.

This month is our annual holiday potluck. Bring a dish to share. We will provide the ham, drinks and the tableware. Bring a main or side dish, dessert, appetizer, whatever your specialty is. There will be ribbon judging but there will be no opportunity table or early bird lecture. The evening will be spent eating and socializing.

Our speaker this month is Dexter Friede who will talk to us about fertilizer. He will explain when to use what fertilizer. He will also tell us what is new in the market. I understand he will bring some samples to give away so don't miss this month's meeting!

Next month is our fund-raiser. Please help us invite people to come and buy from our auction. If you are dividing plants, please set aside a few to donate to the society. The main source of our income is the auction which finances our operating costs such as room rental, speaker's fee, etc.

I want to end this letter with a note of appreciation to every member. We cannot function without you. Thank you for your support. Happy Holidays.

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