



# *Orange County Orchid Society, Inc.*

## **President's Message**

**February 2008**

Greetings Everyone,

It is again my privilege to share some information with you about what's happening in our society.

We had a successful auction last month. Considering we did not have a committee and an auction chair, the event went very smoothly. Our dedicated members participated in one form or another to make the event a success. We had members who came early to set up. Many brought food; the snack table was never empty. We had runners, carriers, movers, and auctioneers. Everyone seems to know what to do. People kept coming to me and asking what they can do to help. We had a guest who is a member of another society and she was impressed with our membership. She was amazed that I did not have to coerce anyone to do anything. Everyone was just enthusiastic helping.

Twenty-two vendors (seven are new), ten members, and two associates donated plants and supplies toward our auction. On behalf of the society, I thank them for continuing to support us. Please make sure to let the vendors know that you are a member of our society and to thank them for their donations next time you purchase from them so that they will know that we are returning the favor by patronizing their products.

The brochures and catalogs the vendors sent would be available at our meeting so you can browse and see their products. The vendors' list is published on this newsletter and on our web. Please continue to support them.

We had forty-eight bidders, sixteen of whom were guests. The gross sale is \$2200.00. I will report our net profit in the next newsletter, after we get all the expenses in.

Everyone I spoke to seem to have fun and was happy with his/her winning bid(s). I hope our guests will come to our future meetings and we get too see them again.

Our speaker this month is Karen Muir who will speak to us about "The New Generation Brachypetalums and Their Hybrids". Karen is an avid member of both the Orchid Digest and the American Orchid Society. I look forward to her PowerPoint presentation.

I want to close on how impress I am with our members. You are all so willing to help in many ways. The auction could not have been a success without your participation. Thank you so much.

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