



# *Orange County Orchid Society, Inc.*

## **President's Message**

**March 2008**

Alright, hello again,

I hope you all had an enjoyable leap day. Unlike any other day, February 29 comes once every four years so it is a day to celebrate. Unfortunately for me, it fell on a Friday this year. I gave up soda, sweets, and meat on Fridays for lent so it is pretty hard to enjoy the day when I am supposed to be in a subdued mood. Nevertheless, I found a way to appreciate the day. I plan on celebrating twice as hard in 2012.

The months of January and February were busy for OCOS members. We had to attend to the auction and the Fascination of Orchids. We were busy preparing our plants to donate or to put on the display for the show. We were volunteering for this or that. It was also time to re-pot some orchids. Some of us had to bring the orchids in during the rain and cold spell. The months of March and April will be calmer for us. Of course there was the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show the first weekend in March.

Karen Muir's power point presentation of the brachypetalums was engaging. I heard a lot of oohs and aahs as she showed frame after frame of beautiful and colorful flowers. I fell in love with the yellow ones.

This month, Bill Thoms will advise us on how to grow specimen plants. Bill is a renowned orchid grower and had received many awards for his plants. His knowledge infused with wit makes him one of the best speakers in town and his presentation should not be missed.

March is the month when the slate committee presents the nominees for the 2008 -2009 officers and board members. Please contact Jeane Keslinke, Anne-Line Anderson, Vergil Hettick, Marion Nordberg, or Barbara Olson if you are interested in any of the positions.

March also marks the beginning of our membership drive. Please renew your membership now. It is still just \$15.00 to join.

Our May meeting will be a celebration of the end of the year and the presentation of the new officers. We will have a potluck and a slide presentation from our own members who went to the World Orchid Conference in January.

We plan on doing a hands-on workshop in June. By popular demand, Vergil Hettick will show us how to mount orchids. Plants and supplies will be available for a nominal fee.

There will be a board meeting on April 7. New members, come and join us. See what goes on and participate. You are our future leaders.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Fascination of Orchids. Your continued support is appreciated.

See you at the meeting.

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