



# *Orange County Orchid Society*

## **President's Message**

Hello Everyone,

As we are winding down the year, many exciting programs are planned to end the year with a wow.

We had a full house in March. I saw many faces I have not seen in a while. I hope they will continue to come to our meetings.

Bill Thoms commanded the members' attention with his superb presentation of award winning plants. Remember to water, use styrofoam to rest the roots of the plants, and give each plant its space for maximum light, air and water.

This month, we have another outstanding speaker. Dr. James Folsom, the Director of the Huntington Botanical Garden will talk to us about his fascination with orchids and their pollinators. This is a rare topic that we have not heard before and another not to be missed event. Prepare to smile, laugh, and be fascinated.

Come early this month because we are going to have a culture lecture. Ed Wise will show us a demo on Orchid Wiz.

Don't forget our potluck in May. Bring a dish to share. We will provide the plates, napkins and other necessities. I always look forward to our potluck. We will present the new officers at that time.

We are also starting our membership drive. If you have not done so, please renew your membership. The cost is still \$15.00. We are trying to keep the cost down as much as we can, but it is getting hard. The cost of mailing the newsletter alone is almost \$5.00. That does not include the printing and the paper. We have the lowest membership dues of all orchid societies in Southern California. In addition to the newsletter, you have a safe and comfortable meeting place. Most importantly, we have excellent speakers to listen to and learn techniques from to grow healthy and beautiful orchids.

Candy Jester will have the membership list at the April meeting. Please check it to make sure that it has the correct information.

There will be a board meeting on April 7 at Nohline's house. Everyone is welcome to attend to voice an opinion or to just watch. Contact me if you are interested in attending.

I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting.

With Warm Regards,

Brenda