



Orange County Orchid Society

President's Message **May 2008**

Aloha,

What a year! For me, it had been two years of wonderful experience serving as president of our society. I hope you had as much fun as I did.

Starting in June, I will be able to partake in all the society has to offer. I can join the culture lecture, help with ribbon judging, and maybe buy plants from the beginner's table.

I would like to see all of you at our potluck meeting in May and join me in welcoming the 2008 - 2009 officers and directors. I always enjoy our potluck. The atmosphere is so festive. The society will provide all the usual necessities: plates, forks, spoons, napkins, etc. Bring a dish to share with eight to twelve people.

Our speaker will be Patrick O'Day from Kauai and he will talk to us about Tolumnia. I do not know much about it so I am sure I will learn a lot from him. He will be bringing plants to sell so bring your checkbook.

I thought Dr. James Folsom's presentation last month was awesome. I can hear the enthusiasm and passion in his voice as he talked about his research. His message infused the very delicate relationship of orchids and their pollinators.

I want to thank all of you for the support and encouragement you had given me. They helped guide me to lead the society towards its goals. I want to thank the directors, officers and chairpersons. I believe we have one of the best chair people, directors, and officers. Their dedication is invaluable. I am glad they are staying.

Welcome Rosa and Vergil. Thank you for accepting the directorship for 2008 - 2011. I am sure the society is in good hands.

What else can I say except that it has been a good year?

Thank you all.

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