



Orange County Orchid Society

President's Message

The Orange County Orchid Society is a non-profit organization affiliated with the American Orchid Society, Orchid Digest, and California Garden Clubs, Inc. The Society brings together people who share an interest in the cultivation and protection of orchids.

Monthly meetings feature programs of interest at all levels, from beginners to the expert orchid hobbyist, and may include culture demonstrations and hands-on workshops. Orchids are available for purchase at very reasonable prices through our Beginner's Table, Member's Sale Table and Opportunity Table giving a chance to acquire both common and unusual orchid plants.

Members are encouraged to participate in the monthly ribbon judging by bringing their blooming plants for all to see and enjoy. This is a great opportunity to become familiar with a wide variety of fabulous orchids which can be grown in our local climate.

Membership includes access to our extensive library of orchid books and magazines. It includes the Ranger; a monthly newsletter, which is also available as a full-color e-issue with additional information and pages. Members may participate in tours to regional orchid nurseries as well as visits to see the orchid growing areas of other members. The Society participates at local orchid shows with displays and members may submit plants to be entered for judging.

Special annual events include potlucks in December and at the installation of Officers in May. Our annual fundraiser, an auction of high quality orchid plants and related supplies, takes place at the January meeting and supports our programs for the entire year.

The Society maintains a webpage located at www.ocos.net, where extensive information is available. Our library inventory can be accessed there as well as pictures of the monthly winners in the ribbon judging. There are great links to orchid vendors, culture notes, interesting articles about orchids and their culture, and various other resources.

All members are encouraged to take advantage of each and every benefit offered by Orange County Orchid Society.

**Anne-Line Anderson
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