





COVER PHOTO: *Paph.* Faan Kruger 'Golden Stretch' × *Paph. sanderianum* 'Dark Spider'.

INSIDE COVER PHOTO: *Ctm.* Dragon Tail 'Dark Tail' × *Ctsm.* Orchidglade 'Davie Ranches' AM/AOS.  
Grown and photographed by Jim Wheeler



# Orange County Orchid Society, Inc.

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**December 2018**

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**Speaker: Scott McGregor**  
**Topic: Mediterranean Terrestrial Orchids**

Scott McGregor has been growing orchids since he was 12, when a neighbor gave him a plant. That plant had a short life, but the hook was set and he found books and sources for orchid species while growing up in St. Louis. His collection has morphed over time, living in different location around the world, but has always centered around the more unusual species.

Scott grows all his plants outdoors, without a greenhouse, just "subtracting some sunlight and adding some water" to what nature provides in Southern California. He especially enjoys finding new species that grow well in our climate (many are far more adaptable than most people would believe), and now grows over 500 different orchid species, along with cloud forest companion plants such as



*Heliamphora* and epiphytic *Utricularia*.

He rarely uses chemical insecticides or fungicides, preferring fresh air, beneficial insects, and our native tree frogs. Scott retired from the corporate world a few years ago, and stays active on corporate boards and working with non-profit groups that promote science education for kids. He resides with his family in San Juan Capistrano, California.



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**Meeting Date**  
**December 19, 2018**

(3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month)

**Yorba Linda Public Library**

Community Room (Lower Level)

18181 Imperial Highway

Yorba Linda CA 92886

Doors Open & Set-Up.....	6:00 PM
Plant Judging Set-Up.....	6:30 PM
Plant Judging.....	7:00 PM
<b>Potluck</b> .....	7:15 PM
Speaker.....	7:30 PM
Opportunity Table.....	9:00 PM

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## January is Auction Month!

Anne-Line Anderson

Save the date—January 16, 2019—and invite friends and family. Flyers will be available at the December meeting. If you have orchids or orchid growing supplies to donate please contact Janet Wilson (ocos.ranger16@gmail.com) or Anne-Line (anneline45@gmail.com) for donation recording sheets and labels.

This is our main fundraiser, and we need our members to help make this a success. We will have a signup sheet at the December meeting. You can also contact Janet or Anne-Line with questions and to sign up. There are many ways that you can help. For those who can come and help set up at 5 PM we will have pizza! During the auction, we will need help with record keeping; we need several “runners” to bring the plants to the winning bidders. Hopefully we get enough volunteers so that everyone can get a few breaks and have the opportunity to participate in the bidding.

At the end we will need members to help with plant checkout. If you have a wagon or cart that you can bring to help with plant transport that would be great. It is always helpful if you bring your own box and a few extra for plant transport as well. We also need help to put away tables and chairs. If these jobs are not for you please contribute by bringing something for the refreshment table to keep everyone energized.

As in past years we will have a listing of the auction plants on our website, our aim is to have the initial list available on January 3 and to update it as new donations arrive. See you at the December meeting!



[Editor's note: Candy Jester sent these photos from her day at Sunset Valley Orchid's Open House earlier this month. Thanks Candy!]

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Orange County Orchid Society

## January 2018 Auction Commercial Supporters



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## December Gift Orchids from OCOS

Great food, wonderful speaker— a gift for all our members: one of these lovely orchids, this year from December? The OCOS Board will have Sunset Valley Orchids.

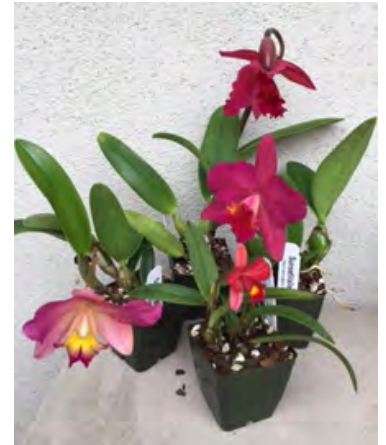
### Coming in December: Our Annual Potluck Holiday Dinner!

Sharon Tanner and Rosa Laursen

Here we are and another year is coming to an end. Some of us have had tough times, but we have prevailed. We also have had good times. But even with the changes around us we continue to grow our beautiful orchids and share them with one another. So let's come together and celebrate the holidays with our traditional OCOS Potluck Dinner.

As usual, the Society will provide a main dish, paper goods, and utensils. Coffee and punch as well as an assortment of sodas will be available. Please bring your favorite dish to share (enough for at least eight people) and show off your cooking skills. Please don't forget to bring serving utensils with your dish; the Society has a limited selection. Set up will start at 6 PM and since we need to put tables and chairs out, it would be nice to have extra hands to help out.

One last note: after the Potluck Dinner is over, please make sure to pick up your container and other items as soon as possible and stay a bit longer (if you can) to help with the cleanup.

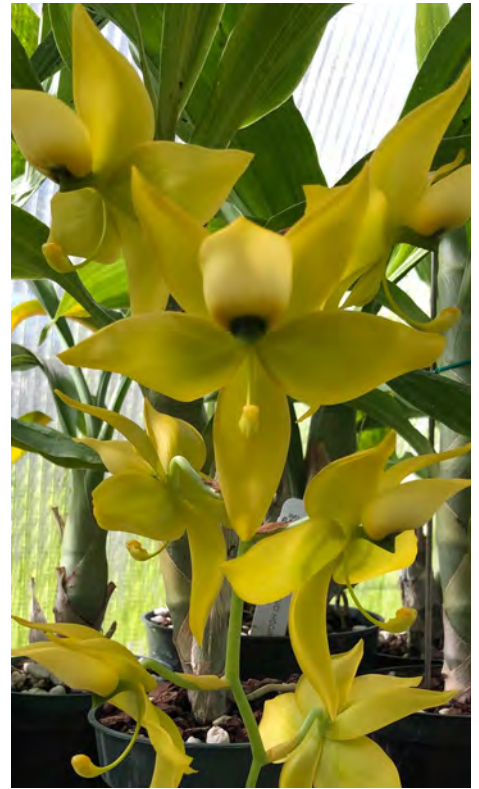


**Photo Sharing:  
What We Missed at the  
November Meeting**

Since OCOS canceled last month's meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday, these plants didn't have a chance to come to the judging tables. But Jim Wheeler took these photos to share with us, including *Cyc. warscewiczii* 'Giant Swan' × *Cyc. warscewiczii* 'Wide Petals', at left; and *Cyc. Pineapple Popcorn*, at right. Mysterious looking, isn't it?

Jim co-hosts our Beginner's Table, so if you have questions, he'll know something that can help you.

Thanks for sharing, Jim!



*Fdk.* After Midnight 'SVO' AM/AOS × *Ctsm.* Orchidglade 'Davie Ranches' AM/AOS

## Home Remedies

Janet Wilson



Candy Jester shared her August 2018 issue of *Orchids* with me, pointing out the article "Hydrogen Peroxide" by Sue Bottoms. In it, Sue points out the many virtues of this simple, inexpensive chemical in warding off fungus and bacteria on orchids. Sue sprays it on foliage with dark sunken spot, at the typical 3 percent strength you find at most grocery and drug stores. You can even drench the roots, bark and all, but there are caveats to that, which Sue does a great job of explaining. If you also deliver water to your plants via plastic pipes, you might want to read up on how peroxide can discourage the formation of sludge inside the pipes.

This got me thinking about two other home remedies I regularly employ: isopropyl alcohol and epsom salts.

I learned about alcohol when a plant I brought home came with mealy bugs—those insects that look like fuzzy blips the size of a capital O in this newsletter; you would mistake them for lint, until you see the two antennae. Alcohol kills them instantly and doesn't harm the plants.

And a third home remedy I've started to use is epsom salts—yes, the same kind you might mix into water for a foot soak. One teaspoon

per gallon is supposed to eventually cure the odd splotchy translucence I see in the leaves of some cattleyas when holding them up to the sun. The water in our area has high total dissolved solids (TDS), indicating mineral content. But in Southern California, that's mostly calcium. Orchids also need magnesium; the deficiency manifests in translucent splotches in the leaves. That's where epsom salts (magnesium sulfate)

come in. I'm tempted to try it as a light top dressing. Sue has an article about magnesium, too, giving you all the background and particulars ([staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/CalciumAndMagnesiumbySueBottom.pdf](http://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/CalciumAndMagnesiumbySueBottom.pdf)).

So buy a couple of spray bottles and raid the medicine cabinet next time you have fungus/bacteria problems or pesky small insects. It's quick and easy, and you might be pleasantly surprised.

## Orange County Orchid Society

### ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

EVERYONE WELCOME!

CYMBIDIUMS  
CATTLEYAS  
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ONCIDIUMS  
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MANY OTHER GENERA  
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7:00 p.m.  
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**December 2018**

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	<i>MEETING</i>				

Meeting Date – Wednesday, December 19

**Upcoming Events Calendar**

December 19  
 December 21

**Orange County Orchid Society - Monthly Meeting**

Orchid Odyssey – San Diego Zoo’s orchid greenhouse is open to the public – 10 AM – 2 PM

**January 16, 2019**

Preview 6:30 PM  
 Gavel 7:00 PM

**Orange County Orchid Society – ANNUAL AUCTION**

Yorba Linda Public Library Community Room, Lower Level, 18181 Imperial Highway, Yorba Linda.  
 Lots of wonderful orchids will be available from easy-to-grow to different and unique.

February 8 – 10

Newport Harbor Orchid Expo – ‘Orchid Mania’ Westminster Mall, 1025 Westminster Mall, Penney’s wing (second floor), Westminster; Info: [www.nhosinfo.org](http://www.nhosinfo.org)

March 15 – 17

74th Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, ‘Orchid Magic’; 9 AM – 5 PM. Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. Info: [sborchidshow.com](http://sborchidshow.com).



**Flyers and Information for Upcoming Events**

**Newport Harbor Orchid Society  
Orchid Expo & Sale 2019**



*Orchid Displays  
Vendor Sales  
Re-potting Classes  
Botanic Art & Bonsai Exhibit*

February 8, 9 & 10      Friday: 10am-9pm  
Westminster Mall      Saturday: 10am-8pm  
Orange County, CA      Sunday: 11am-6pm



*Now located  
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INTERNATIONAL  
ORCHID SHOW

MARCH 15-17, 2019  
9AM-5PM

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