

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara

An Affiliate of the American Orchid Society



November 2022

Next Meeting

Wednesday
November 16, 2020
7:30 pm

Fellowship Hall
Trinity Lutheran Church
909 N. La Cumbre Road
(at Foothill)

*Remember to arrive early
to help set up the meeting and
stay afterward to clean up.*

*Masks are recommended.
If you have cold symptoms,
please do not attend.*

Refreshments Reminder

Jan, Feb, Mar

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2020 OSSB Officers

President – PJ Sanderson
Vice-President/Program Chair –
Wayne Ferrell
Treasurer – Angela Watt
Secretary – Nancy Augustine
Board Member – Don Brown
Board Member – Wayne Ferrell
Hospitality Chair – Frank Methmann
Silent Auction Chair – Art Denk
Raffle Chair – Alice Gripp
Web Master – Bryce Augustine

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OSSB Society News

We are back!

The society members decided to proceed with holding in-person meetings starting in October. After a year of no meetings, then Zoom meetings for nearly a year, we are now ready to hold regular monthly meetings in the same location as before.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Zoom format meetings. We hosted a wide range of great orchid speakers, some of which would not have been available here in Santa Barbara, who shared their experiences and advice on a wide range of topics.

The first in-person meeting was held in October with guest speaker Carol Klonowski on the orchids of New Guinea. It was a reminder of the vast diversity and appeal of Dendrobiums from this part of the world.

Here is a brief rundown of Society business topics:

- 2023 Monthly Meeting Schedule will be the 2nd Wednesday starting in January in sync with the AOS Judging schedule.
- 2023 Officers, Chairs, Board Members, and critical Volunteer positions will be discussed at the November meeting
- 2023 Dues: \$40 per individual / \$50 per household – see Angela at the November meeting, pay no later than March
- Speakers Fund: No dues were charged for the past 2 years and costs for maintaining the society have impacted the society's bank account. Your extra financial support will allow for high quality speakers as we ramp back up – donate at the meeting.
- December Potluck RSVP – The December meeting will not have a speaker. The room is reserved for the 2nd Wed, 14 Dec, but we need to know if enough people will commit to attending a Potluck type meeting. **Email your RSVP to Nancy Augustine at naugust@cox.net before 5 PM on Wed, 16 November.**
- Spring International Show – OSSB will have a display and sales booth. We will need lots of plants and volunteers to help!
- 2023 Refreshments – Wayne will see you all at the meeting

This month's program:

Frank Methmann

Unheated Spring Blooming Orchids

Ever wonder what orchids will grow best for you here in the Santa Barbara area with no heat in your growing space? Our own Frank Methmann will share his tips and tricks for blooming the best of the Spring season orchids locally.



Frank has lived in Santa Barbara County most of his life. His interest in plants started at Carpinteria High School when he had a vegetable garden, then a bonsai collection and collected a few orchids. Around 1997 he decided that he wanted to get more involved in orchids, so he sought out the local orchid group in Santa Barbara and joined the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara. His collection quickly grew from winning plants at meetings and purchases. Some members gave him some orchids as a gesture to welcome a new member.

He continued to obtain more orchids and learned more about them. He learned how to breed them, which has now gotten out of control! In 2002 he became the Vice-President of the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara and served one year. A few years later he became the Vice-President of the Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society and went on to serve two terms as President. He has served in other volunteer roles in both societies, including about 10 years as the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara's Fall Orchid Show manager.

He currently has a part-time business called Frank's Orchid Empire (AKA FM Orchids), where he sells collectable orchids to other orchid addicts to pay for his orchid expenses.

Volunteer Opportunities:

OSSB relies on its members to perform critical tasks that keep the Society going. As we move back to all the fun activities that support our mutual interest in the beauty and challenge of orchids, we need to recommit as volunteers to ensure that the workload is shared.

The prior officers have been polled with the following results: PJ Sanderson as President, Frank Methmann as Vice President/Program Chair, Angela Watt as Treasurer, and Nancy Augustine as Secretary. These positions are pending confirmation via the election by the membership at the November meeting.

Today there are several open positions: Room Setup/Teardown (before 7:00 pm, now accessible with a code not a key), Show Display Director, Show Sales Booth Staff, Hospitality Chair, Silent Auction Chair, and Board Members.

Please join us in support of our Society!