

# Orchid Society of Santa Barbara

An Affiliate of the American Orchid Society



January 2023

## OSSB Society News

### Next Meeting

**Wednesday**  
**January 11, 2023**  
**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**  
**Alice Gripp**  
**[Need 1 volunteer]**

**Feb**  
**[Need 2 volunteers]**

**Mar**  
*no meeting*

**Apr**  
**Nancy Augustine**  
**Heidi Kirkpatrick**

**May**  
**Russ & Leslie Jones**  
**[Need 1 volunteer]**

**OSSB Website**  
[orchidsb.org](http://orchidsb.org)

**Facebook**  
*Orchid Society of Santa Barbara*

Happy New Year! We met in person in November, but the December meeting was cancelled due to low interest/proximity to the winter holidays.

- **Meeting Schedule:** Starting this month, **we will be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday** each month in sync with AOS judging.
- **2023 Dues are due now:** \$40 per individual / \$50 per household – see Angela at the 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.
- **Volunteers:** 2023 Officers, Chairs, Board Members, and other critical volunteer positions are nearly filled. Pending confirmation by the Board, they are:

President – PJ Sanderson

Vice-President/Program Chair – Frank Methmann

Treasurer – Angela Watt

Secretary – Nancy Augustine

Board Member – Don Brown

Board Member – Wayne Ferrell

Board Member – Jerry McRoberts (**new**)

Board Member – [**open**]

Hospitality Chair – Heidi Poley (**new**)

Silent Auction Chair – [**open**]

Raffle Chair – Alice Gripp

Facebook Host – Phil Watt (**new**)

Show Display Designer/Director – Phil Watt (**new**)

Webmaster – Bryce Augustine

Pre-Meeting: Unlock room at 7:00 pm – Russ Jones (**new**)

Pre - Meeting: Set out tables and chairs – [**open**]

Post-Meeting: Store tables and chairs – [**open**]

Post-Meeting: Sweep up – [**open**]

**Signup sheets for Volunteers and Refreshments will be at the business table during the meeting.**

**This month's program:****Marc Better*****On the Move with Orchids: Something in Bloom All Year***

Marc Better is an orchid hobbyist who has been growing plants in both northern and southern California for more than 30 years. Marc moved to Ventura with his orchid collection in 2018 and constructed a lath house in his yard, where he takes advantage of the temperate climate to grow plants near the beach. Marc will talk about the challenges and opportunities of moving a plant collection up, down and across the state to keep up with his career in biotechnology, and how the local environment influences the variety of orchids that can prosper. Over the years Marc has had greenhouses in three separate locations, but now prefers to navigate the challenges of local weather with an outdoor collection. He will offer a few tips on how to select plants that suit the local environment and how to ensure that with proper care there are flowers throughout the year. Marc holds a PhD in Biochemistry, and he is a past president of the South Bay Orchid Society and the Southland Orchid Show Committee. Marc currently serves on the Board of the Malibu Orchid Society.