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Santa Cruz Orchid Society Newsletter

November 2018

Next Meeting - Nov. 2, 7:30 pm

Please Note: Starting in January we will be moving our meetings to the second Friday of the month! The meetings will still be at the Live Oak Grange.

November Program

Weegie Caughlin will be our featured speaker this month. The topic is "How to Build and Maintain a Quality Orchid Collection". This will also include winter care of cymbidiums or

other cool growing genera. You can find out more about our speaker in the "[About Our Speaker](#)" Section below.

Dinner with the Speaker

Dinner will be at Chinese Village on Capitola Rd., Capitola at 5:30. If possible email Vicky Smith at orchids@cruzio.com by Thursday, Nov. 1, if you plan to attend. Please put "Dinner with the Speaker" as the subject or just show up at the restaurant.

Refreshments

Refreshments this month will be provided by John Kramarz, Vicky Smith, Linda Locatelli, Kimberly Dawn, and Bridget Binko. Thank you and don't forget to get your free raffle ticket!

Opportunity Table

Weegie will provide the opportunity table.

Elections

It's that time of year again. We really need to have some other members step up and be on the Board. The following positions are open: President, Vice President, and two Directors. The Board meets once a month to plan activities for you all to enjoy, as well as ensure we have a place to meet each month. We'll be looking for nominees at the next meeting. Also, although Newsletter Editor and Webmaster are not elected positions, if anyone has an interest in learning to do either of these, please let Cheri know.

Meeting Change

The Board has decided to move our meetings to the second Friday of the month. This decision was made based on comments from several members that they were conflicted between attending the society meetings and First Friday Santa Cruz monthly art tours. In addition, the first Friday of the month often conflicts with New Years, 4th of July and Labor Day holidays.

About Our Speaker

Weegie's first interest in orchids came as a young girl in the fifties when one of her weekend chores to earn allowance money came from watering her mother's orchids. When she and her now ex-husband returned to her family home in 1976, most of the Cymbidiums were still alive. Weegie took over their care and started reading all the books she could find.

By 1980, curiosity had turned to passion. By 1990, Weegie had become "a fiercely passionate, out of control, noncommercial, Cymbidium hobbyist", and still is! Her first love was Cym. *tracyanum* and the other Cymbidium species. She learned early that she had an

eye for award quality, began submitting plants for AOS judging and soon joined the judging program. Weegie is currently a senior judge with the AOS and an accredited judge with the CSA. She currently has about 1,500 cymbidiums, plus approximately 500 seedlings and does selective hybridizing of Standard Cymbidiums for the show bench.

Weegie has served as President of three orchid societies and is currently serving as the GCCG Past President. She was a founding member of both the Gold Coast and the Golden Gate Society Branches of the Cymbidium Society of America.

Weegie has won numerous AOS and CSA awards, several CSA yearly trophies and many Best in Show and Best Cymbidium in Show awards in local shows. She was also fortunate to have won six Grand Champion awards and four Reserve Champion awards at the prestigious Santa Barbara International Orchid Show since 1994. Her most recent was Cym. Elle Ronis 'Cinnabar' A/AOS, S/CSA. She says her most exciting award was with her own cross of Cym. Tower of Fire 'Sunset Flame' AM/AOS, B/CSA which won the prestigious Ernest Hetherington Award for Best Cymbidium of 2013. Three other cultivars from this cross have also been awarded.

Upcoming Events

December 7, 2018: SCOS General Meeting. Annual Holiday Party. Members only.

January 4, 2019: SCOS General Meeting.

January 26-27, 2019: Peninsula Orchid Society Show & Sale. Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA

February 21 - 24, 2019: "Orchids of The Enchanted Forest". The Pacific Orchid Exposition. Gala Night - February 21; Show - February 22-24. San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park. www.pacorchidexpo.org

March 2 - 3, 2019: Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show and Sale.

March 15 - 17, 2019: "Orchid Magic". The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. 9 AM - 5 PM. Adults: \$14.00; Seniors & Students \$12.00, Under 12 Free; 3-Day Pass \$22.00. Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara. For more information: www.sborchidshow.com

Orchid Education

Here are some good tips from Thomas Mirenda. [Monthly Checklist for October](#) and [November](#).

AOS corner

Visit this link to view prerecorded webinars available to everyone (including nonmembers) at [Webinars](#).

Photo Gallery - Oct. Show and Tell

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Milt. candida



Phrag. Mem. Dick Clements
'Monterey Bay'









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