

ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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September 2021

President's Message

I hope you all had a wonderful summer as we are heading to autumn time.

Our vice president, **Julie Ford**, arranged for David Tohoshima to speak at our August meeting. David presented beautiful pictures of classic Cattelya orchids, and we all enjoyed his slideshow.

We also had another successful Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival at the Westminster Mall in August, after the absence of last year's summer event and this year's February orchid show.

Not only were the venders quite happy with their sales but also the buyers added different types of plants to their collections. Thank you to **Joe and Ann Rupp** for again operating the Members Plant Table

with the help of members who supplied plants for sale, which ultimately helps our society's bottom line.

Special thanks to all the other volunteers who came and helped at the plant hotel and for setup and disassemble for the event: Richard and Lily Hara, Ha Bui, Tom Harrison, Catherine Petit, Rose Nakabara, Marilyn Bauer, Paula Butler, Julie Ford, Peter and Miko Yang, Judy Dahle, Laura Perry, Tina Coombe, Kira Dobritsa, Darla Miller, Kay Firebaugh, Van Anne Pham, Steve and Linda Barker, Gen Gunderson, Barbara Chlupek, Dana and Cathy Seelig, Michael Miranda and Rudy, Phil Duke and Cathy, Rick and Arleen Wells, Lee Brandt, Joe and Ann Rupp, Guy Gottschalk, Rosemary and Joe Krumme, and Jan Anderson. I do apologize if I missed some

members who donated their time and energy for the summer festival.

The Vietnamese Bonsai Society partnered with us again and attracted crowds of visitors to their display room. It benefits our NHOS plant table and all the other vendors. Their display was completely spectacular and amazing. I thank the organizers of the Bonsai Society and each society member who participated in the event.

Another orchid show and sale will be at Santa Ana Zoo, September 25-26, by Fascination of Orchids. I am sure you will find plants for your collection.

Hope to see you at the Zoom meeting in September.

Winn Winmaw, NHOS President

September Speaker Tim Culbertson

Although I teach middle school kids for a living, one of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning, it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers nearly 1000.

While I love finding old, rare steppingstones in paph breeding, I also do a little hybridizing of my own, and growing up my own babies is a blast. I enjoy making my culture the best it can be, and I have had numerous experiences with professional growers in California and on the East Coast, which has helped tremendously.

I am an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and I have served in various capacities with local orchid socie-

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General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.



ties. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip.

I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. For your meeting, I'll be sharing a presen-

tation on recent advances in Lycaste breeding, culture, and growing. These plants are easy to grow and flower, are vigorous, and have low demands on culture, and as such are wonderful plants! Tremendous advancements in breeding Lycastes have been made recently, and I will share some of these with you, as well as help identify some of the important species in the backgrounds of historically important and modern Lycastes.

By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of what goes into breeding trends for these types of plants, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth.



Many Thanks to All

The August 2021 NHOS Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival, the first since the pandemic began, was a great success. A big thank you, especially, to all you faithful volunteers and to our loyal, enthusiastic vendors for their many healthy, beautiful plants and orchids.

A new participant to our Festival this year was the Chino Bonsai Society. Thank you, Chino Bonsai Society for your large and artful display. And thank you to all the other Bonsai Society members who visited our Plant Festival. We hope you'll all join us next year.

A special thank you for the Festival Committee. The planning for the Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival this year was all done remotely.

Rosemary Krumme

Order Orchids from China

Wenqing Perner (Hengduan Biotech) has the only nursery in China that can legally ship Chinese orchids out of the country. She has a fantastic selection of unusual epiphytic, lithophytic and terrestrial orchid species, many of which you will not find anywhere else.

All orders need to be placed by October 6 so that Wenqing can get the proper cites and phytosanitary paperwork in place. Information, order forms, contact information, etc., can all be found in this folder on google drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gcoTOEZMfom0-042dNSIXCoarEvDiZD5? usp=sharing

Sorry, there is no website for the nursery, but searching google images or Jay's internet orchid species site should provide further information about the various items on the order forms.

Also, to save on shipping costs, orchid societies sometimes put in a group order where all the plants for members are sent to a single address. Please download the order forms from the site, fill them out and send them to Wenqing.

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Thank You Newport Orchid Society!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Newport Orchid Society and all our customers that came out to the Westminster Mall for the Summer Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival. We had a fantastic time seeing all of our old friends and meeting new ones. For our first show back, it was a huge success which we owe all to your continued support! Thank you!

Andy's Orchids

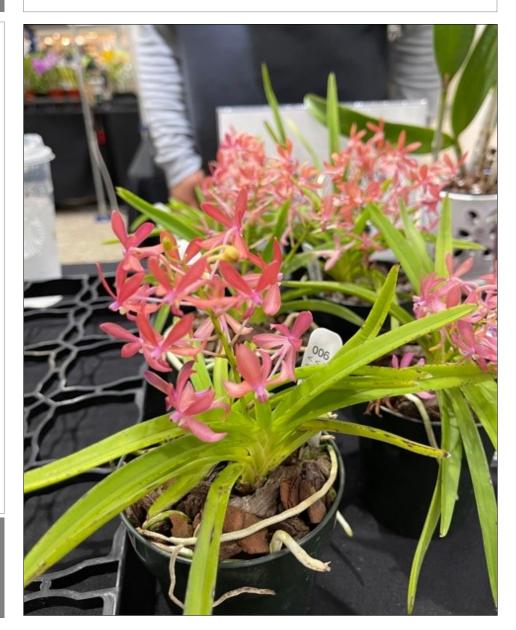
Newport Harbor Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Date: September 21, 2021 **Time:** 07:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82793911665? pwd=ZUFBaHNzOVJCYzViMFIQWVRteTRNUT09

Meeting ID: 827 9391 1665 **Passcode:** 951892



On Display at the 2021 NHOS Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival

























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