

ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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October 2021

President's Message

I hope you are having great autumn days and this message finds you safe and well!

Our very informative September speaker, Tim Culbertson, gave a presentation all about Lycaste orchids: comparison of Japanese and US hybridization, different flower shapes, color and patterns. One of the valuable hits for me was Lycaste skinneri hybrids are the most forgiving for outdoor growers.

It is time to prepare our outdoor orchids for Santa Ana winds and hoping we will receive enough rainfall for the upcoming year for rainwater collection. Also, time to clean up the cymbidiums for best displays for their blooming season.

We are looking forward to hearing the October speaker that **Julie Ford** has arranged. Ron Kaufman will be talking about Cattleya eldorado.

The Board of Directors is hard at work planning a Holiday party for our

December meeting. Stay tuned for the details. In January, we will need a nominating committee to fill vacancies on our Board and some offices, with the election in the Spring. We are planning the NHOS Orchid Expo in February 2022, date and theme will be announced once confirmed.

See you all at the Zoom meeting on October 19.

Winn Winmaw NHOS President

October Speaker

Ron Kaufmann

"Cattleya eldorado: Searching for Gold in the Brazilian Amazon"

Our speaker in October will be Ron Kaufmann, chair of the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation Committee and a founding director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. Ron has been growing orchids for more than 25 years and has traveled extensively to view orchids in the wild in Asia and South America, particularly Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia.

His talk titled "Cattleya eldorado: Searching for Gold in the Brazilian Amazon" will describe an unusual orchid habitat near the confluence of the Rio Negro and the Amazon River, home to beautiful species like C. eldorado. Cattleya eldorado is a delightful orchid that is uncommon in cultivation outside Brazil but well worth growing.

Ron is a marine biologist by training,

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month.

General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.



and his scientific work includes studies of Antarctic and deep-sea ecosystems as well as marine communities in coastal Southern California. His orchid collection began with a reedstem Epidendrum and progressed to a diverse assemblage that contains mostly species orchids.

Ron has a long-standing interest in conservation and has been a member of the SDCOS Conservation Committee for nearly 25 years, and chair since 2004. Since 1991, the Conservation Committee has awarded nearly \$250,000 to support projects in 23 different countries. Ron also helped to found the Orchid Conservation Alliance and serves on the boards of the OCA, *Orchid Digest*, and Fundación EcoMinga (an Ecuadorian conserva-

tion organization). He currently serves as vice chair of the American Orchid Society Conservation Committee.

Most of Ron's orchids are grown in a 36 x 24 foot greenhouse and several outdoor shade-covered areas around his house in San Diego. Friends have suggested that he build a second, much larger greenhouse to accommodate the many plants that often make walking through his greenhouse an exercise requiring extensive training in gymnastics and yoga to avoid serious injury. Thus far, this recommendation hasn't been followed, although the temptation is always there.





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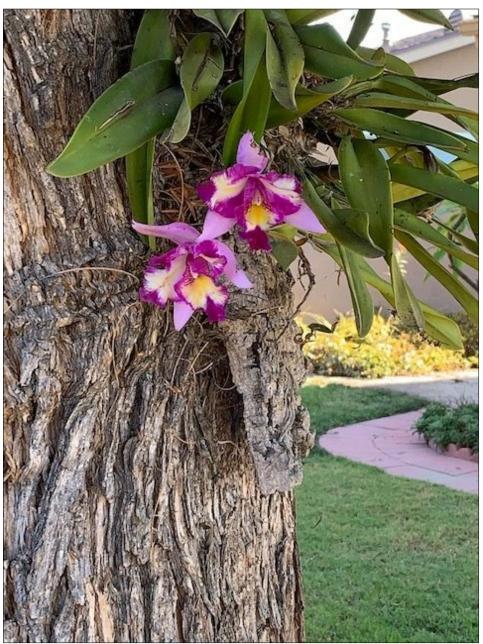
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Newport Harbor Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Date: October 19, 2021 **Time:** 07:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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