



# ORCHIDS AWEIGH

*Newsletter of the* NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

Sherman Library & Gardens | 2647 East Coast Highway | Corona del Mar, CA 92625

November 2022

## President's Message

The Huntington show was a success! We took 2nd place in the overall and **Lynn Wiand** received a plaque for best botanical in show.

In all we received six plaques – not bad for not having done anything like this in a couple of years. Thanks again to **Winn Winmaw**, **Kira Jones** and **Dave Grable** for helping put things together.

Speaking of shows, the Board of Directors passed a motion to engage the

Westminster Mall for a February orchid fair.

The initial proposal involved a “show” with orchid displays, but the Board felt that the Society was not ready or able to do this, so it settled on the notion of vendor sales with an educational element.

The Show Committee will next meet on the 16th of November to continue planning. If you are interested in participating, contact me.

Now that the Huntington show is over, are your plants blooming? Mine are.

I’ve got a lovely species vanda in bloom and several cattleyas. If the blooms survive, I’ll bring at least one to the next meeting.

I encourage you to bring a plant this month. If there are enough plants brought in we can justify the work for bringing back judging. And anyway, **Merle** needs more to do.

See you at the meeting,

Tom Harrison  
NHOS President

## November Speaker

### Brandon Tam “Growing Stanhopeas Outdoors in Southern California”



Brandon Tam oversees one of the largest orchid collections in the United States and one of the most diverse species collections in the world, which has grown from 2,000 to over 10,000 plants in the past decade.

He manages over 3,600 unique varieties, representing 280 genera, 2,200 hybrids, and 1,500 species, including, but not limited to, Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium, Cymbidium, Cattleya, and Stanhopea.

Brandon is responsible for the day-to-day horticultural operations, including acquisitions, propagation, conservation, and supervision of over 40 orchid volunteers. He is also tasked with coordinating numerous public and educational events, such as orchid shows, judgments, and conferences.

Brandon began managing the

collection when he was 16 and has been with The Huntington for over 13 years as the Orchid Collection Specialist.

Presentation: Stanhopeas have some of the most elaborate-shaped flowers within the Orchid family with exotic fragrances. These short-lived flowers put on an amazing show, and most people do not realize that they are easy to grow outdoors in Southern California!

In this presentation, you will learn which species you can grow outdoors in our area and the best cultural practices for these plants.



**Meetings** are held on the **third Tuesday** of each month.

**General Meeting** at 7:00 p.m.



## Membership Corner

If you paid your membership dues, please be sure to pick up your 2022-2023 NHOS Directory at the next meeting!

If there are corrections to the roster, please email Linda Barker at [lindac.barker@gmail.com](mailto:lindac.barker@gmail.com).



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## Volunteers: Always Important, Always Needed

In NHOS, volunteers are always needed and very much appreciated.

Please think about whether you can volunteer next February if the Westminster Mall is available. Right now, they are telling us that the mall will be open.

A new Show/Sale committee is forming, and we need YOU on the committee or as a volunteer for the Plant Hotel, setting up, taking down, passing out fliers, advertising, or many other jobs.

Please sign up when we meet on November 15 at Sherman Gardens at 7:00 p.m., and we'll find the right job for you.

Remember volunteers, it is you who keep our society going and growing.

We need each other and orchids need us!

Thank you,

Rosemary Krumme  
NHOS Show/Sale Committee

## Monthly Meetings at Sherman Gardens

We are enjoying our new monthly meeting space at the Sherman Library and Gardens.

This month we are back to the third Tuesday, November 15.

Our Holiday Party in December will be on December 13, the SECOND Tuesday, at Stonefire Grill in Fountain Valley.

Please feel free to bring up to three of your blooming orchids for Show-and-Tell to our monthly meetings.

And please bring your own beverage and a goodie to share with everyone. We don't have facilities to cook or reheat.

## Mark Your Calendars

### November 15

**December 13\*\*** at Stonefire Grill in Fountain Valley. Details to follow.

\*\*This is the SECOND Tuesday in December.

Please mark your calendars!







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