



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

Norma Hertzog Community Center | 1845 Park Avenue | Costa Mesa, CA 92627

March 2023

President's Message

Our displays are getting better, not up to our old standards but better. That is encouraging. I ordered more tables to be set up for the March meeting as we can use more space to show off our blooms. Please continue to bring in your blooming plants. Also in March, we will have an area for a "Silent Auction."

I'm considering rebuilding my front fence for the garden tour on April 1. We'll see. I've definitely planted the garden with flowers, and I'm cleaning up the greenhouse, making ready to see you on the tour.

Thanks in advance to **Paula Butler** and **Rosemary Krumme** for helping to organize the tour. And thanks to **Guy** and

Ann Gottschalk and **Judy Dahle** for opening their homes and gardens to us. We may need one or two more designated helpers at the Gottschalk's home to help clean up after lunch. See me, Paula or Rosemary at the general meeting to let us know if you can help.

Thanks also to **Kira Jones** for arranging Jack Chu and his talk on Chinese cymbidiums. It's not often that we get a culturally-oriented talk. We are mostly oriented to the aesthetic of the flowers and the geographic situation of the plants, but I found the intricacies of Chinese cymbidiums in the context of Chinese folklore and gardens very diverting.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Tom Harrison
NHOS President

March Speaker Roberta Fox

"A Walk of the Wild Side..."

This is a virtual visit to the back yard of a hopeless orchid addict, Roberta Fox.

See what is blooming, and get some ideas about shade structures, growing "habitats," strategies for managing watering a large and diverse collection while still having time for a life and even the occasional vacation, and some thoughts about what CAN grow outside in our wonderful coastal California climate.

We'll also look at some more advanced features for the pickier plants, such as Reverse Osmosis and how it might be integrated into the scheme.

Roberta has been growing orchids for about 25 years, but it started with just one, a Cymbidium from a co-worker. She then attended a show and was so blown away



that she didn't buy anything, the last time THAT happened.

She joined several clubs, plants started following her home from society raffles and auctions. In the meantime, she has also been co-chairperson of Fascination of Orchids for most of that time. It has been a learning adventure the whole time, and the acquisitions have gotten more adventurous. Still, 90% of her collection lives outside.

Hope to see you at the meeting, to see what is possible.

Culture Class

7:00 p.m.

We will be meeting in the smaller room off the main auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker, **Roberta Fox**, will be showing us various ways to mount orchids.

NHOS Greenhouse and Garden Tour 2023

Our annual Greenhouse and Garden Tour will take place this year on Saturday, April 1. Our hosts are:

Tom and Romi Harrison
9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Judy Dahle
10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Guy and Ann Gottschalk
12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This is a fun opportunity to see a wide variety of plants, species and hybrids, hear from experts about their growing experiences, and see many unique garden touches.

We will lunch at the Gottschalks, our final stop. Please help us plan for the lunch by letting us know if you will be attending.

RSVP by phone to Rosemary Krumme at (714) 892-2278 by March 27 or by putting your name on the sign-up sheet at the March meeting.

Driving instructions will also be provided at the March meeting and via a NHOS email blast.

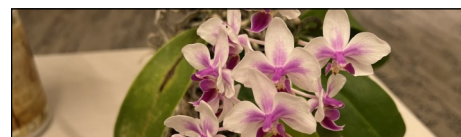
The cost for NHOS members is \$10 and guests are \$15 each. To ask questions or volunteer, please email me at tchteach@aol.com.

I look forward to seeing you on another great tour!

Tom Harrison

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

General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.



Silent Auction Returns

The Silent Auction is back!

Starting at the next meeting you can bid on orchid plants grown by other members. This is a great way to increase your collection without going to a commercial nursery. And you know they will grow in our climate!

We will have a table or two set aside for the plants with a bid sheet placed in front of each plant with the minimum bid stated. If you want to buy the plant, put your name and the amount you want to pay on the bid sheet. Bidding will end right before the raffle starts.

There are a couple of changes to the way we will be conducting the Silent Auction. NHOS will only take a 10% cut and there will be a limit of five plants per member that can be put into the Silent Auction.

Good Luck!

Mark Your Calendars

Our regular monthly meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of May*, because of a conflict with the Community Center calendar.

Please mark your calendars for these events.

- March 11** Bus trip to the Santa Barbara Orchid Show
- March 21**
- April 1** Greenhouse and Garden Tour
- April 18**
- May 23***
- June 20**
- July 18**
- August 15**
- September 19**
- October 17**
- November 21**
- December 19**

Membership Corner

The benefits of membership in NHOS include the following:

- The NHOS newsletter emailed to you monthly. The newsletter contains information about the NHOS activities, and orchid event calendar, orchid culture trips, and much more!
- Monthly speakers from nationally recognized orchid experts offering knowledge and orchid tips.
- Monthly meetings offer a wonderful place to see exotic orchid specimens from all over the world.
- The opportunity to win beautiful, quality orchids in our monthly Orchid Raffle.
- The opportunity to network with other local orchid enthusiasts on a regular basis, including amateurs, advanced collectors, and commercial growers.
- The opportunity to attend a learning workshop, often conducted prior to each meeting and is a great place to ask questions.
- The opportunity to participate in a garden tour of our members orchid gardens at their homes.
- Participation in our orchid auction! You are sure to come away with beautiful orchid plants!
- Participation in NHOS's annual Holiday Party and summertime party!

If you have not paid your dues for 2023, be sure to look for Linda Barker at the monthly meeting or you can make a check payable to the Newport Harbor Orchid Society (NHOS) and mail to:

Linda Barker
P.O. Box 1204
Laguna Beach, CA 92652

Renewal Memberships:

Single - \$20.00

Two-person - \$25

New Members:

Single - \$25

Two-person - \$30.00

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Upcoming Orchid Shows

March 10-12

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Santa Barbara, CA

April 21-23

San Diego County Orchid Show and American Orchid Society Spring Members' Meeting
Balboa Park, San Diego, CA



Our New Location

In January we moved into our new meeting place, the Norma Hertzog Community Center, 1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa 92627.

If you haven't been to a meeting yet, come and check it out. There is a very large room for the main meeting, with up-to-date audio visual equipment, and a smaller room for the Culture Class.

Please bring your own beverage and a goodie to share

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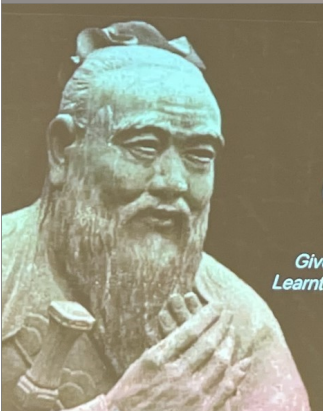
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February Meeting

Happy Orchids

Happy People



Confucius: Given a wallet, a person will be happy for a week! Learnt to grow orchids, a person will be happy forever!

