



# ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

April 2023

## President's Message

NHOS normally holds the Garden Tour in Fall but Spring definitely has an advantage over the other seasons. The daffodils, scilla, ranunculus, other bulbs, a variety of red flowered sages were all blooming at my house. That new chartreuse green of this time of year is hard to beat. There were some orchids blooming, too, in the greenhouse. I spent hours cleaning it and the rest of the garden, throwing out dead/hopeless plants, filling in gaps, picking up leaves and weeding, picking up leaves and weeding.

You could tell **Judy Dahle's** house is always picked up. The yard was immaculately groomed. The orchids were artfully arranged in growing areas that blended well with the surroundings. The plants were fat and healthy, blooming or ready to. The finches that frequent the yard certainly

were having a time.

**Guy and Ann Gottschalk's** place was yet again different: Orchids, orchids, orchids. Almost everything was specimen sized and fabulously well grown. The neofinetias, in particular, were terrific, with their mossy mounds atop special clay pots held by imported Japanese display stands. Most plants were potted but hung by wires on a lath canopy.

There were 27 of us or so at the NHOS 2023 Garden Tour, a good number to restart one of our traditions. Thank you, thank you to **Judy, Guy and Ann** for opening up their gardens and greenhouses to us all and thanks to **Paula Butler** for arranging lunch.

NHOS is putting in a display for the San Diego Show, April 21-23. Set up is on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Our NHOS meeting is on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We need plants for the display. Please bring in blooming plants on that meeting Tuesday

## 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, **Tim Culbertson**, will conduct the culture class. Please join us.

and lend them to the show team until the following week.

In addition we still need help to transport plants to Balboa Park on set up day. Contact me, (714) 293 5966 or Kira, (415) 525 6775, if you are interested. Also if you need someone to pick up plants at your home, contact us and we will come and get them.

And Ribbon Judging and Silent Auction are back at the regular meetings.

See you soon,

Tom Harrison  
NHOS President

## April Speaker

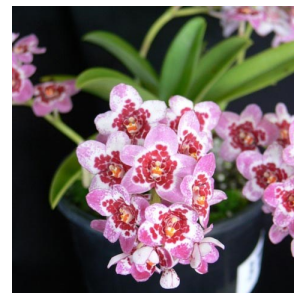
### Tim Culbertson

#### "Sarcochilus: Gems of Spring"

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 3000. While I love finding old, rare stepping stones in paph breeding, I also do a little hybridizing of my own, and growing up my own babies is a blast.

I was once the accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. 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. In short, I really like plants.

For your meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation entitled "Sarcochilus: Gems of Spring". These plants are easy to grow and flower, are vigorous, and have low cultural

demands; they are natives of Australia and will grow easily outdoors in Southern California.

Tremendous advancements in breeding Sarcochilus have been made recently, and I will share some of these with you, as well as help identify some of the important parents in the backgrounds of new and modern colors found in this genus. 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.

I will be providing an opportunity to get some of the newest, modern, cutting-edge Sarcochilus species and hybrids.

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

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

## March Meeting Pix, with Speaker Roberta Fox



### 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.

**April 18**

**May 23\***

**June 20**

**July 18**

**August 15**

**September 19**

**October 17**

**November 21**

**December 19**

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### 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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## A Beautiful Day with the Garden Tour Gang!

After the Garden Tour, Michael & Rudy drove several members to Huntington Beach in Michael's VW bus to visit **Helen Tangcay**, one of the founding members of NHOS.

Helen was pleasantly surprised and glad to see us. She will be 91 years young this August. We wish her well.



Helen Tangcay with  
Friends from NHOS



### March 2023 Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTELEYA	Epc. 'Magic Wand' Tom Kandike	C. Prism Palette Bill MacCorkell	Bc Golf Green Michael Miranda	Joel Friesen
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. goeringii Guy Gottshalk	Clo. Grace Dunn x Ctsm. Schunkei Bill MacCorkell	Morm. Jumbo Guy Gottshalk	D. Smith
DENDROBIUM	Den. Delicatum White Irg Joe Rupp	Den. rhodostictum x Den. Little Atro (Reg. as Den. Kyle Quintal) Dean Schoffheit	Den. kingianum Dean Schoffheit	Rosemary Krumme
EPIDENDRUM	Epi. NOID Tom Kandiko			Joel Friesen
MAXILLARIEAE	Lyc. Green Valley Dean Shoffeith			D. Smith
ONCIDIUM				
PAPHIOPEDILUM				
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal. Leucadia Lava Flow 'Ralph Smith' Rosemary Krumme	Phal. NOID Rosemary Krumme		Michael Miranda
PLEUROTHALLID				
VANDA				
MISCELLANEOUS	Pleione humilis Dean Shoffeith	Coel. huttneriana var. lactea M. Robboy	Ophrys ferrum Dean Shoffeith	Guy Gottschalk
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points				