



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

May 2023

President's Message

Many, many thanks to **Kira Jones** for being the principal director of the NHOS installation at the San Diego Orchid Show. **Steve and Linda Barker**, and I assisted – and that in itself was a lot of work.

The display gathered many accolades, plaques and awards, including Best in Show. The most commonly asked question that I heard was, “Is that your *Arpophyllum (giganteum)?*” referring to **Winn Winmaw**’s massive (10-

gallon pot), practically perfect plant, that made up the centerpiece of the NHOS exhibit. I wish! Anyway, thanks also to all of you who loaned your plants for the show. We did good.

The Board of Directors continues to plan for an August 18-20 event at the Westminster Mall. Most of the planning is being done via email. If you would like to join the work group, let one of the Board members know and we will include you.

Speaking about the Board, we have a couple of openings that have not been

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, **Scott McGregor**, will present tips on potting. Please join us.

filled by the Nominating Committee; so, if you are interested in serving, please let me know.

See you at the meeting on **May 23** (not our usual third Tuesday) and happy growing,

Tom Harrison
NHOS President

May Speaker

Scott McGregor

Scott McGregor has been growing orchids since he was 12, when a neighbor gave him a plant. That plant had a short life, but the hook was set, and he



found books and sources for orchid species while growing up in St. Louis.

His collection has changed over time, living in different location around the world, but has always centered around the more unusual species. Scott grows all his plants outdoors, without a greenhouse, just “adding some water and shade” to what nature provides in Southern California.

He especially enjoys finding new species that grow well in our climate (many are far more adaptable than most people would believe), and now grows over 500 different orchid species, along with cloud forest companion plants such as *Heliamphora* and epiphytic *Utricularia*. He rarely uses chemical insecticides or fungicides, preferring fresh air, beneficial insects and our native tree frogs.

Scott retired from the corporate world a few years ago and stays active on corporate boards and working with non-profit groups that promote science education for kids. He resides with his family in San Juan Capistrano, California.



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

General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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.

May 23**

June 20

July 18

Installation Dinner at
Michael Miranda's house

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19

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NHOS Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival

The NHOS Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival is four months away, from August 18 to August 20, at the Westminster Mall in the JC Penney Wing. Parking and admission are free, the Mall is handicap accessible, and right off the 405 freeway.

There will be many of our favorite vendors and some new ones. There will be exotic plants and orchids for sale.

All exotic plant, bonsai and orchid lovers, please come to the festival and tell all your friends, neighbors and co-workers about the festival.

Festival hours are:

Friday, August 18: 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Saturday, August 19: 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday, August 20: 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Members who are planning to sell their orchids in the NHOS booth will be required to work at least one shift in the booth. Please contact Paula Butler at (714) 856-6222 if you are planning to sell and sign up to work a shift.

In order to make the Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival a huge success, we need great volunteers. Fortunately, there are many of you in our society. We need new members to join us; it is fun meeting new people and making new friends.

If you wish to volunteer, please contact Rosemary Krumme at (714) 892-2278 or Rosegk@verizon.net

We need volunteers on the following dates and times:

Wednesday, August 16 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

For set-up of vendor tables.

Thursday, August 17 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

For vendor assistance
(three-hour shifts, one person per shift).

Friday, August 18 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

For plant hotel/information booth.

Saturday, August 19 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

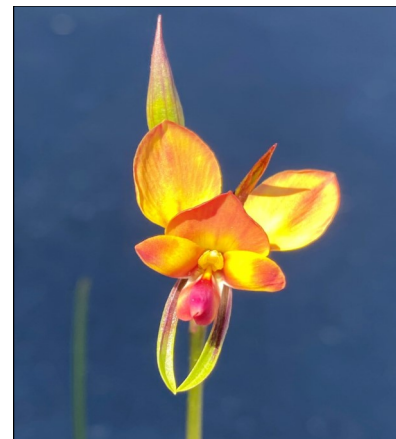
For plant hotel/information booth.

Sunday, August 20 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

For plant hotel/information booth
and clean-up.

Thank you and see you there,

Rosemary Krumme
NHOS Show Committee
Volunteer Chairperson



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McGregor

NHOS Nominating Committee Recommendations, 2023

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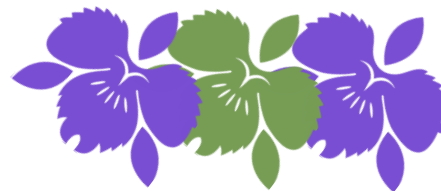
Board of Directors 2023-2026
 Marilyn Bauer, Valerie Sanders, Joe Rupp

Board of Directors 2022-2025
 Julie Ford, Jan Hennessey, Bill MacCorkell

Board of Directors 2021-2024
 Paula Butler, Michael Miranda, Chitsaya Winmaw

Nominations may be made at the May general meeting for a June election; otherwise, these nominations will be elected by acclamation at the June meeting.

The Installation Dinner is scheduled for the July 18 meeting at Michael Miranda's house.



Our New Location

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

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.

We've started Ribbon Judging and Silent Auction again, so bring your plants in to share.

Please bring your own beverage and a goodie to share.

This month we will be meeting on May 23.

Need more Orchids??

Sunset Valley Orchids, Vista CA, Open House – June 3
 Andy's Orchids, Encinitas CA Open House – June 16, 17 and 18

April 2023 Judging Results

| GENUS | FIRST PLACE | SECOND PLACE | THIRD PLACE | JUDGES |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| POINTS | 5 pts | 3 pts | 1 pt | |
| CATTLEYA | Ctt. Chocolate Drop x Rlc. Rubescence (now reg Rth. Maui Ruby) Gen Gundersen | Lc. Tokyo Magic Gen Gundersen | Pot. Kool Treat Espie Quinn | Lynn Wiand |
| CYMBIDIUM | Ctsm. Ten Dragons x Ten Dragons Bill MacCorkell | | | Dave Smith |
| DENDROBIUM | Den. dockrillii Kay Nebrig | Den. linguiforme Dean Shoffeit | Den. Nobile Type Yan Zhou | Barb Livingston |
| EPIDENDRUM | Prostechea Merle Robboy | | | Dave Smith |
| MAXILLARIEAE | Max. densa nematoylasso Kay Firebaugh | Max. variabilis Merle Robboy | Max. Pieta Kay Nebrig | Lily Hara |
| ONCIDIUM | NOID Dean Shoffeit | | | Bill MacCorkell |
| PAPHIOPEDILUM | Paph. Laguna Sunset Elizabeth Hau | | | Lynn Wiand |
| PHALAENOPSIS | Phal. Snowflake Richard and Lily Hara | | | David Smith |
| PLEUROTHALLID | No Entries | | | |
| VANDA | No Entries | | | |
| MISCELLANEOUS | Pln. Vesuvius Dean Shoffeit | Disa uniflora Dean Shoffeit | Epipactus gigantea Michael Miranda | Rosemary Krumme |
| POINTS | 3 pts | 2 pts | 1 pt | |
| NOVICE | | | | |
| CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points | Maxilaria Densa Kay Firebaugh | | | Tim Culbertson |

April Meeting Pix, with Speaker Tim Cultbertson



NHOS display at the San Diego County Orchid Society International Spring Show and Sale, April 2023.

