



# ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

August 2022

## President's Message

Many thanks to **Paula Butler** for taking the helm for July's meeting. This enabled me to head north for a week on a road trip.

I did see orchids, *Epipactis* sp. They were in among the redwoods in Portola Redwoods State Park. I could not tell the species. They did not seem like the most common variety, *gigantea*, but were probably one of the introduced European varieties with the common name of false hellebore.

Locally we have the Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival 2022 coming up at the Westminster Mall again, August 12-14. Please see **Rosemary Krumme** to volunteer. This type of event is how we as a society make our money, which pays for the speakers and meeting space.

Also coming up is the Huntington Library and Gardens Show in October in San Marino. If you would like a try at designing a show display, contact me. We are in the planning phase. Also, of course, we will need flowers and general help to transport the plants. Brandon

Tam at the Huntington regularly puts in an institutional display for us at our shows. We need to reciprocate.

Finally, we need a couple of volunteers. The Home and Garden Tour is also coming up in October or thereabouts, and we need three gardens. Contact me; it is terrific motivation to put your growing area in order. Visitors always are.

Looking forward to visiting with you.

Tom Harrison  
NHOS President

## August Speaker Fred Clarke

### "Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower"

Ever wonder what the most important requirements are for growing the best orchids?

Learn about the underlying reasons of how and why orchids grow as they do. Then explore the fundamentals and advanced growing techniques to best grow them. Orchid plant culture is explained as you have never heard it before. Learn how to become an 80 percentile grower, expect to be wowed by this talk!

The presenter will be Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista.

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

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

Fred has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing *Cattleya* hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new *Paphiopedilum* and *Aussie Dendrobium* hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out!

His pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, *Fred-clarkeara After Dark*, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed." This grex has received

over 100 awards worldwide with nine FCC's and thirty AM's from the AOS judges!

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.



## NHOS Summer Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival

**August 12-14, 2022  
Westminster Mall**

The NHOS Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival is about a week away, from Friday, August 12 through Sunday, August 14 at the Westminster Mall, on the second floor, Penney's end. Parking and admission are free, and the mall is easily accessible from the 405 freeway.

There will be about 12 vendors; potting workshops on Friday and Saturday for \$8.00 (includes plant and pot); and a Bonsai display. All exotic plant and orchid lovers, please come to the festival and tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers about the festival.

### **Festival hours are:**

**Friday, August 12  
11 am to 8 pm**

**Saturday, August 13  
11 am to 8 pm**

**Sunday, August 14  
12 pm to 6 pm**

Members who are planning to sell their plants in the NHOS Member Sales booth will be required to work at least one shift in the booth. See article below.

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. You can have fun, make new friends and learn more about orchids.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rosemary Krumme at 714-892-2278, 714-269-8877 (cell) or [Rosegk@verizon.net](mailto:Rosegk@verizon.net).

### **We need volunteers on the following days and times:**

**Wednesday, August 10  
6 pm to 9 pm**  
For set-up.

**Thursday, August 11  
9 am to 8 pm**  
For vendor set-up

**Friday, August 12  
11 am to 8 pm**  
For plant hotel/information booth

**Saturday, August 13  
11 am to 8 pm**  
For plant hotel/information booth

**Sunday, August 14  
12 pm to 6 pm**  
For plant hotel/information booth and clean-up.

Thank you and see you there.

Rosemary Krumme  
NHOS Show Committee  
Volunteer Chairperson

## Mark Your Calendars

Here are the dates for our monthly meetings at the Sherman Gardens for the remainder of the year.

**August 16**

**September 27\*\***

**October 25\*\***

**November 15**

**December** to be determined

\*\*These dates are NOT the third Tuesday of the month because of a conflict with Sherman Gardens.

Please mark your calendars!

## Dues are Due

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, we will be collecting dues at our next meeting. Dues are \$20 per individual and \$25 for two people at the same address.

If you are unable to make the next meeting you may mail your check to:

Linda Barker  
PO Box 1204  
Laguna Beach, CA 92652  
949-529-7535 (cell)

Please make checks payable to NHOS and include your email address and phone number. Thanks.

## Member Plant Sales Orchid & Exotic Plant Sale

Just a reminder that we will have a members' plant sales table at our annual Orchid and Exotic Plant Show this month. Please be sure to clean up your plants and check for insects and viruses.

Sales are not restricted to orchids and orchid-related items. Plants can be brought to the members' plant sales area beginning at 10 am on Friday.

Please remember to sign up for a three-hour shift if you wish to sell plants. Show hours have changed this year. There will be three shifts beginning at 11 am on Friday and Saturday and two shifts beginning at 12 noon on Sunday.

Please contact us, in advance, with your preferred time as we need to be sure we have coverage on all shifts.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joe Rupp at 714-329-5155.

## Monthly Meetings at Sherman Gardens

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

Please feel free to bring your blooming orchids for Show and Tell.

And please remember to bring your own beverage and a goodie to share with everyone.





# Pix from July Meeting



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