



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

July 2022

President's Message

Thank you, thank you to **Michael Miranda** for his gracious hosting of our installation dinner in June. The yard was as amazing as always, with the greenhouse, plants, stream, lianas, lights, birds, and, of course, orchids. It was also nice to meet new folks from the Fountain Valley Garden Club, too.

Many thanks also to **Winn Winnaw** for his outstanding guidance as president during the COVID years. That was not easy, keeping the organization alive via Zoom. Also, good call on the Burmese food. It was delicious. I would also like to welcome both **Kira Jones** and **Linda Barker** to the board. Thanks in advance for stepping up.

It is good to be back in person; Zoom is no substitute for seeing the real you. Now that we are at the Sherman Gardens for our regular meeting, we can start to build back some of our previous traditions and offerings. That is to the extent that we can find members willing to volunteer. Plant judg-

ing, raffle, culture class, silent auction, library, food, and so forth were all things that we have enjoyed in the past.

If you miss something and want it back, contact me via email so that we can talk about how you can help re-establish that something. In the coming months the board will be considering what things can become feasible again. Please help.

One thing that I will be working on myself is organizing the next NHOS Home and Garden Tour. If you are interested in showing off your plants *in situ*, we would love to drop by (about 50 of us). The tour usually consists of three stops. The Society takes care of coffee at the first house, water at the second, and lunch at the third. The host does not do anything except clean up before and after (with help for the latter) and chat about their garden and plants to everyone who will listen.

If you are interested in having guests, contact me soon.

Tom Harrison
NHOS President



July Speaker

Jose Carlos Lopez

"The Four Seasons of Cattleyas"

This presentation will include information on caring for Cattleyas throughout the year and will include cultural cues for species and hybrids that root at different times.

We will explore the species that bloom in each season, discussing their different varieties and important cultural requirements have. From the large-flowered unifoliate species to the fragrant and colossal bifoliate Cattleyas, this talk will also showcase a few hybrids, too.

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

General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

A Business student at Mira Costa College, Jose Carlos Lopez has been cultivating orchids for over seven years. His orchid venture began at the age of 13, when he



started to follow his father to work at Sunset Valley Orchids. Before he knew it, he was volunteering at the nursery and was helping clean orchid flasks, re-potting orchids, and doing small tasks.

Carlos eventually became more involved in the nursery's operations/maintenance and started to take part in attending orchid shows. He is currently the manager of Sunset Valley Orchids and has years of experience with Cattleya, Catasetum, Australian Dendrobiums, and Sarcocylus.

Jose Carlos Lopez is currently training to become an American Orchid Society Judge and works with the *Orchid Digest*, as well.





Mark Your Calendars

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

July 19

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!

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Folk, Food, Fun at the Installation Dinner!



NHOS Summer Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival

August 12, 13, 14, 2022

The NHOS Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival is about six weeks away, from August 12 through August 14 at the Westminster Mall. Parking and admission are free. The Mall is handicap accessible and right off the 405 freeway.

Approximately 14 vendors, many of our favorites and some new ones, will be participating. There will be exotic plants and orchids for sale, as well as a Bonsai and art display by the Vietnamese community.

Repotting workshops are scheduled on Friday and Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Participants will re-pot an orchid. Included in the \$8 fee are the orchid plant, bark mix, and pot.

All exotic plant, Bonsai, and orchid lovers, please come to the festival and encourage all of your friends, neighbors and co-workers to attend, also.

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 orchids in the NHOS booth will be required to work at least one shift in the booth. Please contact **Ann Rupp** at 949-329-7721 if you are planning to sell and sign up to work a shift.

Orchid Festival Volunteers Needed!

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 you new members, too; it is fun meeting new people and making new friends.

Please contact Rosemary Krumme at 714-892-2278, 714-269-8877 or Rosegk@verizon.net if you wish to volunteer.

We need volunteers on the following days and times:

Wednesday, August 10
6 pm to 9 pm

For set-up of vendor tables.

Thursday, August 11
9 am to 6 pm

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

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

Plantorama Orchid Sales at Sherman Gardens

NHOS will be participating in Sherman Gardens "Plantorama" on Saturday-Sunday, July 16-17. We will have tables and limited space available for our members to sell plants, if desired.

As this is not an NHOS-sponsored event, there will be no official "members' plant sales". If interested in participating, each member will be responsible for their own plants--labeling, pricing and handling their own sales transactions. We will be there as a society, but each member will be selling their plants on their own.

Since the sales area is small, with only 2'x 8' and 1'x 6' tables available, it is necessary to limit the number of participants at any one time. If you are interested in selling, please let us know what time period you would like to work: Saturday or Sunday, either 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-served basis. Any questions, please contact Joe Rupp at 714-329-5155 or Ann Rupp at 714-329-7721.

An Orchid Quest

A devoted daughter is looking for an orchid her father cultivated decades ago. The plant was lost when the heaters went out in her father's greenhouse one winter.

Called *Erycina echinata*, it was her father's (Bill Parker) most highly-awarded orchid (HCC/AOS in 1986—see image below).

If you or anyone you know owns this orchid and would be willing to part with a division, please contact:

Catherine Chance
405-743-5758 (cell)
405-372-5300 (work)
catdoc27@hotmail.com

Dues Are Coming Due

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

If you're 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.



For Sale

Three Bayliss solar-powered greenhouse vent controls. Opens your greenhouse windows automatically. Sells for \$56 each on Amazon. All three for \$30.

Contact John Butler, 1aussie-man1@gmail.com.

