



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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November 2021

President's Message

Last month Ron Kaufmann presented *Cattleya eldorado* from the Brazilian Amazon region. Ron's presentation reminded of my previous orchid trips. I hope we can travel and enjoy orchids in the wild without any pandemic concerns soon.

Information on the cultivation of *Cattleya eldorado* is included in this newsletter for your reference (see page 3). Thank you, **Lynn Wiand**, for sharing this valuable information. Hope you all enjoyed Ron's presentation as much as I did.

I am happy to announce the 2021

Christmas party is being arranged by our subcommittee members. Please find the details in this newsletter. Special thanks to **Paula Butler, Julie Ford and Chitsaya Winmaw** for taking time and planning this event. Be sure to note the change in our meeting date for December only.

We definitely need volunteers for our Orchid Expo in February 2022. Please plan to participate as much as you can. Your involvement will be greatly appreciated by NHOS show committee.

See you all on the November 16 Zoom meeting.

Winn Winmaw
NHOS President



November Speaker Mary Gerritsen

"Papua New Guinea: A Wonderland of Orchids, Birds and Cultures"

Mary Gerritsen, Ph.D., is an independent biotechnology consultant who has been growing orchids (mostly species) on and off for more than 30 years.

Since relocating to the San Francisco Bay area in 1997, Mary has started a collection of small, cool growing miniature species such as *Masdevallias*, *Porroglossums*, *Lepanthes* and other assorted tiny gems. She also has a second, intermediate greenhouse, filled with larger species such as *Angraecoids*, *Dendrobiums*, *Oncidiums*, *Laelias*, *Phalaenopsis* and *Bulbophyllums*.

She loves to see orchids growing *in situ* and has made it her mission over the last few years to see as many as possible, with trips to see and photo-

graph orchids (and other flora as well) in Canada, many parts of the USA and Mexico, countries in Central America



(Costa Rica, Panama), South America (Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela), South East Asia (Borneo, southern and southwestern China, Sulawesi, northern Thailand, Papua New Guinea), western Australia, Europe

(Crete, Cyprus, Germany, Mallorca, Rhodes and Sicily), as well as South Africa and Madagascar.

Mary is the co-author of several botanical books: *Masdevallias*, *Gems of the Orchid World*; *Calochortus*, *Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives*; *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*; *A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture*; and *The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture*, with fellow San Francisco Orchid Society Member and well-known photographer Ron Parsons.

Mary frequently lectures at orchid societies in the San Francisco Bay area, and on occasion, nearby in Southern California, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona and sometimes even further afield in Missouri, Kansas, and Canada.

She is on the board of directors of the *Orchid Digest*, the chief operating officer and treasurer of the Orchid Conservation Alliance, and is also a member of the American Orchid Society, the San Francisco Orchid Society, the Peninsula Orchid Society and the Pleurothallid Alliance.

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

General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Newport Harbor Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Date: November 16, 2021
Time: 07:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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Holiday Party 2021: Change It Up!

This year our Holiday Party will be a little different (like everything else in the last year and a half).

First, we are changing our monthly meeting date and time to the SECOND Tuesday in December, December 14, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This change is only for this meeting.

Secondly, we are having dinner hosted by NHOS at Stonefire Grill. No cost to members, \$15 for guests. Stonefire Grill is located at 18727 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley.

We will be serving chicken, tri-tip, salad, mashed potatoes, beans, bread sticks and dessert. Soft drinks will be included, with beer and wine available for purchase. We will meet on an enclosed patio with heaters.

Please RSVP to Rosemary Krumme at (714) 892-2278 before December 10.



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Cultivation of Cattleya eldorado

Screen shots from the presentation by Ron Kaufmann
at the NHOS October meeting.

Cultivation

- **Temperature:** Warm to hot year-round
- **Humidity:** High, with good air movement
- **Light:** Medium to bright
- **Watering:** Regularly, with less drying than most Cattleya species, especially during periods of active growth
- **Fertilizer:** Regular during growth periods



- Prefer clay pots
- Potting medium must be open
- Grows better hanging – air movement
- Repot regularly (moist conditions promote decay of potting medium)
- Brittle roots

Member-Grown Orchids



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