



# ORCHIDS AWEIGH

*Newsletter of the* NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

September 2022

## President's Message

Thanks to **Ha Bui** and **Richard Hara** for their extraordinary work on the Summer Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival at the Westminster Mall. The fair was successful, if not a blowout.

The fate of the event is unsure for a number of reasons, though. The mall may be closing soon. The city of Westminster is pressuring us to get a business permit. There is no functioning committee to carry the work load. On the other hand, we can reform the show committee again, investi-

gate the business permit, and relocate to another mall or venue. Please email me or **Richard Hara**, if you are interested in being on the show committee.

Many thanks to **Rosemary Krumme** as well. She has consistently and cheerfully organized the volunteers for the plant hotel and other posts at the shows.

Have you been staying cool? Hard to do in 100 degree Fahrenheit weather. Of course, you will need to keep up with the watering in the yard, on the patio and in the greenhouse. But, before you start watering every day, consider using more shade cloth or

moving your plants to more sheltered locations. For a few days they will not miss the sun and too much extra water will rot the roots. Also, watering in the evening, when it is this hot, will not hurt the plants the way it would in winter.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting. Don't forget, we are meeting on the fourth Tuesday this month, September 27 at 7:00 p.m.

May your air-conditioning keep working.

Tom Harrison  
NHOS President

## September Speaker

### Ron Kaufmann

#### "Life on the Rocks: The World of Rupicolous Orchids"

Our speaker in September will be Ron Kaufmann, chair of the American Orchid Society Conservation Committee, chair of the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation Committee and a founding director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance.

Ron has been growing orchids for more than 25 years and has travelled extensively to view orchids in the wild in Asia and South America, particularly Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia.

His talk titled "Life on the Rocks: The World of Rupicolous Orchids" will explore the habits and habitats of orchids that grow on rocks, with a focus on Brazil. Rocky terrains host a surprising number of orchid species, and the conditions in those settings are very different from those that we nor-



mally consider when deciding how best to grow plants in our own collections.

Ron is a marine biologist by training, and his scientific work includes studies of Antarctic and deep-sea ecosystems as well as marine communities in coastal Southern California. His orchid collection began with a reedstem Epidendrum and progressed to a diverse assemblage that contains mostly species orchids.

Ron has a long-standing interest in conservation and has been a member of the SDCOS Conservation Committee for nearly 25 years and chair since 2004. Since 1991, the Conservation Committee has awarded over \$260,000 to support projects in 23 different countries.

Ron also helped to found the Orchid Conservation Alliance and serves on the boards of the OCA, Orchid Digest, and Fundación EcoMinga (an Ecuadorian conservation organization).

Most of Ron's orchids are grown in a 36 x 24 foot greenhouse and several outdoor shade-covered areas around his house in San Diego. Friends have suggested that he build a second, much larger greenhouse to accommodate the many plants that often make walking through his greenhouse an exercise requiring extensive training in gymnastics and yoga to avoid serious injury. Thus far, this recommendation hasn't been followed, although the temptation is always there.



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

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



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## Mark Your Calendars

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

**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!

## Monthly Meetings at Sherman Gardens

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

For the next two months, September and October, our meetings will be on the FOURTH Tuesday of the month because of a calendar conflict with Sherman Gardens.

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

And please remember to bring your own beverage and a goodie to share with everyone. Remember, we don't have facilities to cook or reheate.

## 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.

### Reminder:

Our **meeting date** has **changed** from the usual third Tuesday **to the fourth Tuesday** this month and next.

## Huntington Library & Gardens Orchid Show & Sale

And we are back! The Huntington's 6th Annual International Orchid Show and Sale will be held October 14-16, 2022, and we need your help!

Please share the links below with your society members:

Link to sign up to volunteer:  
<https://signup.com/go/CXEdeot>.

**Ribbon judging** (Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.)  
You will be part of a team of hobbyists led by an American Orchid Society judge who will teach you about the orchids that your team will be giving ribbons. This is an educational opportunity, and no experience is required! We welcome first-time ribbon judges! Lunch is provided, but you must sign up!

### Plant Hotel, Info Desks, and engagement with the public

(October 14-16, 2022)

We are in need of volunteers to help run the Plant Hotel, answer questions at the Info Desk, and engage with the public to answer general orchid questions they may have.

Link to sign up for the Orchid Show Reception on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. and receive one complimentary ticket to visit the show on either Friday, Saturday, or Sunday: <https://forms.gle/nV17t8qobF4X7Jon7>.

General information about the event: <https://www.huntington.org/orchid-show?sd=1665766800&ed=1665792000>.

## We Need Your Blooming Orchids

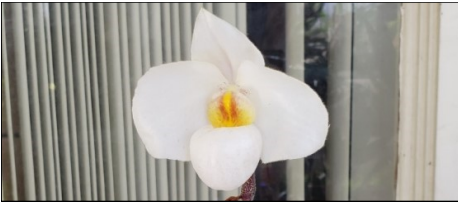
NHOS will once again be putting in a display at the Huntington Library & Gardens Orchid Show and Sale October 14-16.

We need your blooming orchids for the display. Please call Tom at 949 458-3680 or Winn at 714 875-4627 if you have plants to share. They will arrange to get your plants.

NHOS members can attend the show for free by wearing your name tag.

If you haven't been to the Huntington for a few years, you have a treat in store with the new Chinese Garden.





## NHOS Exotic Plant and Orchid Show

The August 2022 NHOS Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival, the second since the Pandemic, was a big success. The Orchid Festival and the Orchid Expo are the two main sources of income for our society to provide orchid education (through quality speakers), raffle tables, the Installation Banquet and the holiday party each year.

Without all our faithful, hard-working volunteers, who participate each year, these events will not be possible. Our Newport Harbor Orchid Society will not survive if more members don't heed the call to help. Many of our members are getting older and won't always be able to volunteer. A special thank you to all our volunteers, no matter how small or large your job, and to everyone who attended.

A big thank you to our loyal, enthusiastic vendors for their many healthy, beautiful exotic plants and orchids.

Thank you, also, to the Vietnamese Bonsai Society of Orange County for the elegant and varied Bonsai and to the Vietnamese and the Photography Society of California for their many beautifully inspiring photos.

And, a special thank you to John and Paula Butler for their orchid potting classes.

Lastly, thank you to the Festival Committee. The planning for the Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival was all done remotely this year.

Rosemary Krumme



## Member Update

Our long time, hard-working member, Ann Rupp, has been diagnosed with Stage 4 brain cancer/GBM.

If you would like to send her a card or visit her, here is the information:

Ann Rupp  
28901 Mira Vista  
Laguna Niguel CA 92677

Also a Go Fund Me page has been set up. For information go to <https://gofund.me/b204b0a7>.



## From the Yamada Co.

I hope everyone is doing fine and staying healthy and safe. For those who are interested, we finally received the New Zealand Orchidata Pine Bark and Sphagnum Moss. We received all four sizes of the Orchidata: Classic, Power, Power Plus and Super. In the New Zealand Moss, we were only able to get the 150 grams and the 3 kilograms (*limited quantities available* – limit two per customer).

These are the current prices:

### Orchidata New Zealand Pine Bark

Classic (35 liters): \$35.95  
Power (40 liters): \$35.95  
Power Plus (40 liters): \$35.95  
Super (40 liters): \$35.95

### New Zealand Sphagnum Moss

150 grams: \$0.95 each  
3 kilograms: \$119.95 each (limit 2)

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