



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

August 2023

President's Message

Hello,

Our president, Tom Harrison, is still on vacation in Europe. He will be back for the meeting in August but I'm filling in for him here.

First, a big thank you to everyone involved in making the Installation Banquet so successful. **Michael Miranda**, thank you for letting us enjoy your backyard again and for procuring the great Mexican food. Thank you also to **Rose Nakabara** for the table flower arrangements and to **Merle Robboy** for officiating. It was so nice to just sit back and talk to everyone.



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, **Fred Clarke**, will conduct the class. Please join us.

Our Second Vice President opening has been filled by **Clifford Vu**. Welcome, Clifford.

Several of our members took part in the Sherman Library and Gardens Plantorama last month. We had a much better location this year, and we sold off some extra orchids.

I hope to see all of you at our meeting in August.

Kira Jones, First Vice President

August Speaker

Fred Clarke

Sunset Valley Orchids

"Aussie Native Dendrobiums and their Cultivation"

Our friends down under have been breeding their native Dendrobiums and creating some fantastic flowers, the word is out! Aussie Dens are easy to grow, tolerant of heat and cold, have fragrant flowers, and re-bloom from the old bulbs!!!

They grow well with Cattleyas and in frost free areas they are perfect plants for the shade house. In conclusion we cover the "best practices" for growing these remarkable plants. A PowerPoint presentation.



Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 40 years and has been hybridizing for 37 of those years. With over 35 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

Aussie Dendrobium and Paphiopedilum hybrids.

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the **blackest** flower ever witnessed." This grex has received eight FCC's, eight AM's and the coveted "Award of Distinction" on the first flowers shown for judging!

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

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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. Please mark your calendars for these events.

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19

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Sad News...

We have lost two of our long time members.

Helen Tangcay passed away in May. Helen was a founding member of NHOS. Her daughter is organizing a Celebration of Life in the near future, details to follow.

Ann Rupp lost her battle with brain cancer. Our condolences to her husband, Joe. She will be missed by all of us.

The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer God's Heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on Earth.

—Dorothy Frances Gurney

Orchid Sale

Joe Rupp is having an Open House/ Orchid Sale on August 26 and 27.

Joe is an exceptional orchid grower, and he has promised to have excellent pricing. You are welcome to come anytime during the day or early evening, but to get the best choice, come early Saturday morning.

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At the Installation & Awards Banquet

