



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

September 2023

President's Message

Hi All,

I just renewed my Orchid Digest membership. I keep up with it and the AOS in part because I enjoy the magazines. The photography and the articles spur me on to collect more (is that good, actually?) and give me cultivation clues and ideas so that I can keep some of my acquisitions alive.

Anyway, I also like being connected to the larger orchid world. New discoveries and descriptions, events, and tips can be found in abundance in these two publications.

Speaking of events, the Huntington Library and Gardens is putting on its annual orchid show. It runs from October 20 to October 22. **Kira Jones** has volunteered to lead the NHOS effort. I will be assisting.

Our regular meeting is on October 17, so please bring anything suitable for display at the Huntington then and allow us to cart it off for a week for the show.

Also, please contact me if you can help schlepp the plants up to the Huntington. Kira and I will need help collecting plants from members' houses, hauling them up to the Huntington and returning them on the final Sunday (and the subsequent Monday/Tuesday) to

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, **Brandon Tam**, will conduct the class. Please join us.

their owners. We would like about a half-dozen helpers.

Anyone participating can walk the grounds of the Huntington and, of course, can view the show and shop for plants. There are usually a good many orchid vendors.

Looking forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks,

Tom Harrison, NHOS President

September Speaker

Brandon Tam

"Culture on Growing Large Slipper Orchids and Other Specimens"

At The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens, Brandon Tam oversees one of the largest orchid collections in the United States, and one of the most diverse species collections in the world. The collection has grown in number from 2,000 to over 10,000 plants in the past decade.

Brandon manages over 3,600 unique varieties, representing 280 genera, 2,200 hybrids, and 1,500 species, including, but not limited to, Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium, Cymbidium, Cattleya, and Stanhopea.



He is responsible for the day-to-day horticultural operations, including acquisitions, propagation, conservation, and supervision of over 40 orchid

volunteers. He is also tasked with coordinating numerous public and educational events, such as orchid shows, judgments, and conferences.

Brandon began managing the collection when he was 16 and has been with The Huntington for over 13 years as the Orchid Collection Specialist.

About the Talk

This presentation aims to provide a deep understanding of the principles behind cultivating sizable Slipper Orchids. Moreover, it will demonstrate how these principles can be adapted to foster the growth of other substantial plant varieties from different genera.

The talk will encompass diverse subjects, including potting mediums, substrates/amendments, bark brands, optimal air circulation, pot preferences, the art of repotting, approaches to watering, and a plethora of other vital considerations.

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

General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Membership Corner

Last Call!!

See me at the September meeting or mail in a check for your 2023 dues so you can be included in the new directory.

Single \$20, Household \$25.

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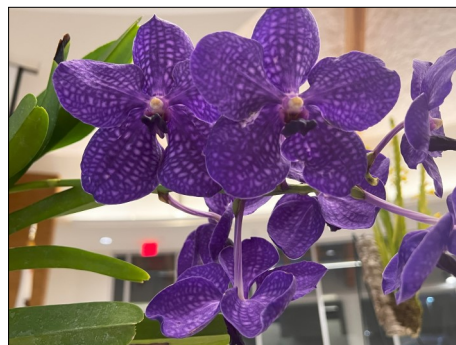
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Our New Location

In January, we moved into our new meeting place, the Norma Hertzog Community Center, 1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa 92627.

There is a very large room for the main meeting, with up to date audio visual equipment, and a smaller room for the Culture Class.

We've started Ribbon Judging and Silent Auction again, so please bring your plants in to share.

Please bring your own beverage and a goodie to share.

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.

September 19

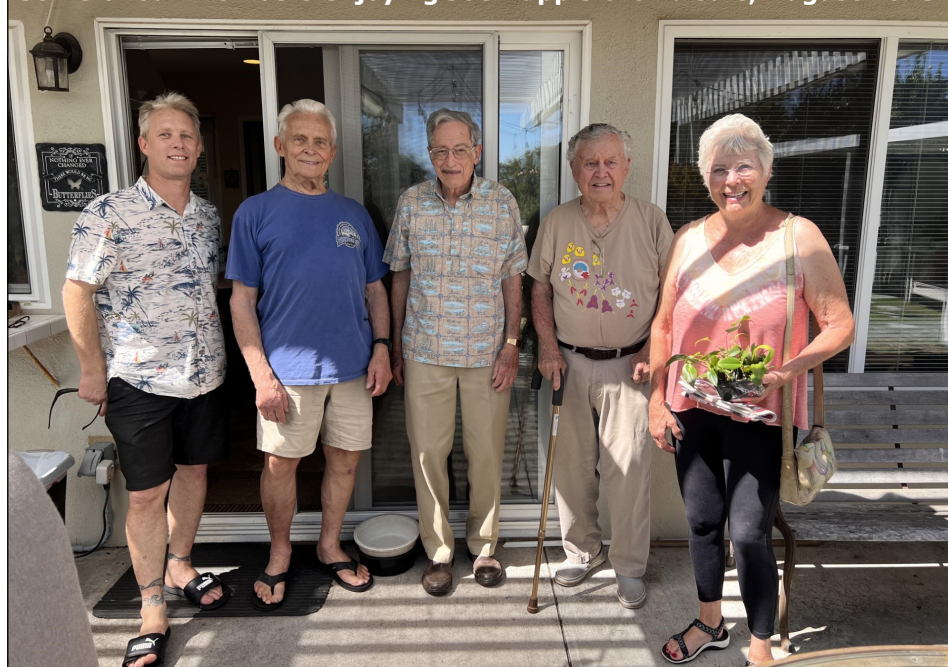
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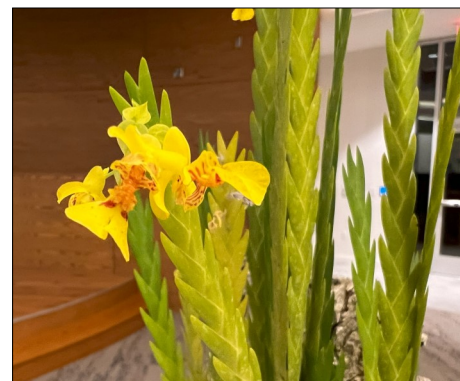
Andy's Orchids
2023 Fall Open House
September 15-17
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
734 Ocean View Ave.
Encinitas CA 92024

Some of our members enjoying Joe Rupp's orchid sale, August 2023.





August Orchids on Display



August 2023 Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	Enc. belizensis Espie Quinn	Epidendrum Winn & Chitsaya Winmaw	Enc brassavola Merle Robboy	Rosemary Krumme
CYMBIDIUM	No entry			
DENDROBIUM	No entry			
EPIDENDRUM	Epi. difforme Lynn difforme	Psh. cochleata Radia Gen Gundersen	Psh. cochleate Dean Shoffeitt	Rosemary Krumme
MAXILLARIEAE	Maxillaria tenuifolia "Hamada" Espie Quinn	Lyc. tricolor Dean Shoffeitt	Zygo. Jumping Jack Ecola x Advance Hof Dean Shoffeitt	Lynn Wiand
ONCIDIUM	Mps. Noid Clifford Vu	Onc. Volcano "Hula" x "Queen" Merle Robboy		Lynn Wiand
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph lowii Lynn Wiand			Bill MacCorkell
PHALAENOPSIS	No entry			
PLEUROTHALLID	Masd. volfeana Dean Shoffeitt	Masd. pica Barb. Livingston	Dracula chimaera Dean Shoffeitt	Rosemary Krumme
VANDA	Pachara Delight Winn & Chitsaya Winmaw	V. finetia Espie Quinn		Bill MacCorkell
MISCELLANEOUS	Lockhartia imbricata Lynn Wiand			Bill MacCorkell
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	No entry			
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Lyc. Tricolor Dean Shoffeitt			Fred Clarke