



# ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

October 2023

## President's Message

Hi All,

Yellow cymbidiums the size of VW Beetles, monster paphs and phrags divided with pitchforks, bathtub sized potting vessels: these were speaker Brandon Tam's slides at the September meeting. Brandon is Associate Curator of the Orchid Collection at the Huntington Library and Gardens and a well-appreciated local orchid expert.

His talk centered mainly on selected plants from the institutional collection. However, he underlined many of the standard cultural concerns of the ordinary hobby grower: potting medium, pot size, and so forth. It was good.

Brandon's presence also conveniently underlined the upcoming show at the Huntington: 7th Annual Huntington Botanical Gardens International Orchid Show. The show is being held October 20-22, 2023 at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108. The show is

open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each of those days.

Set up actually starts on the Tuesday before, but NHOS will be putting in our display on Wednesday, October 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17 is our regular monthly meeting. Please, please come to the meeting and bring your cleaned up and beautifully blooming plants, and allow them to be borrowed for a few days to put in the installation. We need 50 to 60 plants.

If you would like to help with the installation, please call me at (714) 293-5966 (cell) or see me at the meeting. Kira Jones has volunteered to lead the NHOS effort. I will be assisting. Also please contact me if you can help transport the plants up to the Huntington and back to their owners on the final Sunday (and the subsequent Monday/Tuesday). We would like about half a dozen helpers.

One of the benefits of the NHOS participation in this event is the availability of com-

## Culture Class 7:00 p.m.

We will be meeting in the smaller room off the main auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Please join us.

plementary one-day access tickets to the orchid show and grounds (to be used on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday). You will receive your e-ticket (digital) a week in advance of the orchid show. You get the ticket by filling out the form at <https://forms.gle/LxuA5i2Fuk3QBJk79> or by emailing [btan@huntington.org](mailto:btan@huntington.org).

**The deadline to submit your request is Friday, October 6, 2023.** List the names of the NHOS members and which day you will be visiting in the email. Wear your badge at the show and in the gardens.

There are, of course, many fine vendors, international and local. And they are looking forward to seeing you as much as I am.

Until then,

Tom Harrison  
NHOS President

## October Speaker

### Peter Lin

#### "12 Months of Orchids: Building a Collection with Blooms Every Month of the Year"

Peter Lin will be presenting his newest talk on "12 Months of Orchids." This fast-paced PowerPoint presentation will show you how to build an orchid collection to have blooming plants for each month of the year.

Peter started growing orchids over 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 11 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back, and he is now heavily involved once again.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month.

General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.



He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts.

He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. Click the following link to view the photos: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>.



Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in three small greenhouses, as well as an offsite greenhouse.

## 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.

**October 17**

**November 21**

**December 19**



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27th Annual Morongo Basin  
**Orchid Festival**  
October 7-8, 2023  
Saturday 10-5  
Sunday 10-3

Hosted by  
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All Proceeds Benefit  
Local Non-Profits  
**FREE ADMISSION**

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Craft Orchid Beers  
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Entertainment Music by:  
On Saturday  
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On Sunday  
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AOS Judged Orchid Show  
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JOSHUA TREE  
PACIFIC WESTERN BANK  
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YUCCA VALLEY





## September Meeting Pix



September 2023 Judging Results				
GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
<b>CATTLEYA</b>	Lc. Sunburrst Merle Robboy	Blc. Dora ? x Moscombe Gen Gundersen	Tri-Color Catt No registrant	Lynn Wiand
<b>CYMBIDIUM</b>	Ctsm. Susan Fuchs Bill MacCorkell			Dave Smith
<b>DENDROBIUM</b>	No entry			
<b>EPIDENDRUM</b>	Epi. Serena x diffusum Kay Firebaugh	Encyclia Elata Majus Merle Robboy	Enc. Gracile x Enc. Orchid Jonale Bob Latimer	Lynn Wiand
<b>MAXILLARIEAE</b>	Zygo Tom Kandiko			Barb Livingston
<b>ONCIDIUM</b>	Milt. Golden Wonder Gen Gundersen			
<b>PAPHIOPEDILUM</b>	Paph. Bengal Lancers Lynn Wiand	Paph. Chu Chu Bill MacCorkell	Joyce Hasegawa Winmaws	Barb Livingston
<b>PHALAENOPSIS</b>	Phal. equestris hf. Coerulea Lynn Wiand		No ID No ID	Clifford Vu
<b>PLEUROTHALLID</b>	Pths. schweinfurthii Merle Robboy			Lynn Wiand
<b>VANDA</b>	V. Peaches Bill MacCorkell	V. Falcata No registrant	Asctm. Ampullaceum hf. Album Merle Robboy	Ha Bui
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	Stan. Graveolens Rick Wells	Hab. Medusa Roberta Fox	Mlca. Ringens Winmaws	Barb Livingston
<b>POINTS</b>	<b>3 pts</b>	<b>2 pts</b>	<b>1 pt</b>	
<b>NOVICE</b>	No entry			
<b>CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points</b>	Milt. Goodale Moir Gen Gundersen			Brandon Tam