



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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November 2023

President's Message

Many thanks to **Paula and John Butler, Roberta Fox, Joel Friesen (for Sherman Gardens), Tom Harrison, Kira Jones, Tom Kandiko, Bill MacCorkell, Kayoko Nebrig, Espie Quinn, Merle Robboy, Rick Wells, and Lynn Wiand** for lending the Society plants to take to the Huntington to put in a display for the International Show in October.

Thanks also to **Winn Winmaw** for his work as the chief designer of the dis-

play, while Kira and I did the support (read: grunt) work in the back-ground. Winn, Kira and I also schlepped the plants back to the donors on Monday/Tuesday after the show.

A number of individuals won awards for their plants and the show was an overall success. Our next installation should be in the spring in San Diego. I hope to see some of you on the "install team" then.

See you soon,

Tom Harrison, NHOS President

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, **Merle Robboy**, will conduct the class. Please join us.



November Speaker

Merle Robboy

"A Sensate Visit to Guatemala"

According to Webster's dictionary, the meaning of *sensate* is "relating to through the senses." This month Dr. Merle Robboy will take us on a trip to Guatemala to learn about the country and the orchids that are found there.

This will not be the usual type of presentation. Our senses will be awed by the beauty of both countryside and flowers, in addition to Merle's original poetry!

We are fortunate to have Merle as a member of our society. His knowledge and experience is a great resource for all our members. Merle is not only well-known within our own society, but he is a noted hobbyist known throughout Southern California!



A practicing gynecologist, Dr. Robboy is known in the Southern California orchid community both as an orchid lecturer for the American Orchid Society (AOS) and for his encyclopedic knowledge of orchids. A former president of NHOS and the Southern California Species Society, Dr. Robboy has been growing orchids for over forty years.

His extensive orchid collection comprises approximately 1500 plants and reflects his strong interest in orchid species. He has traveled and viewed orchids in the wild in Central and South America. In addition to orchids, Dr. Robboy has a wide interest in other tropical plant types and serves as a judge in the American Dahlia Society.

The National Flower of Guatemala, "Monja Blanca"

The "Monja Blanca" or White Nun Orchid (*Lycaste skinneri* Var. *alba*) was designated the national flower of Guatemala by General Jorge I on February 11, 1934. The white flower symbolizes beauty, peace, and art.

When the Monja Blanca was designated the national flower, everyone wanted one and the flower soon became very rare in the wild. Although there are a few places outside of Guatemala where it has been commercialized, it is not allowed to be cut or commercialized in Guatemala itself.



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

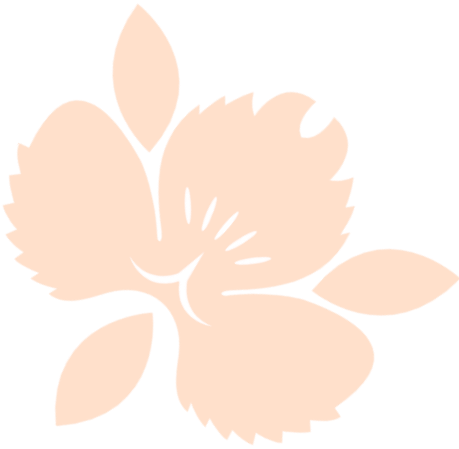
General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar

Our regular monthly meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Please mark your calendar for these events.

November 21

December 19 — Holiday Party
Stonefire Grill in Fountain Valley
6:00 p.m.



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Worker bees and award at the Huntington Botanical Gardens International Orchid Show, October 20-22, 2023.



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October 2023 Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	Rsc. Chinese Jade Bill MacCorkell	C. Elisabeth Calvo Bill MacCorkell	C. bowringiana Espie Quinn	Rosemary Krumme
CYMBIDIUM	No Entries			
DENDROBIUM	No Entries			
EPIDENDRUM	E. prismatocarpa Merle Robboy	E. livida Tom Kandiko	Epi. radicans Tom Kandiko	Rosemary Krumme
MAXILLARIEAE	No Entries			
ONCIDIUM	Gom. flexuosa Lynn Wiand	Odt. Pacific Paranoia Yan Zhou	Onc. Atsuka Kay Firebaugh	Roberta Fox
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Phrag. caudatum Rick Wells	Paph. St. Swithin Kayoko Nebrig	Paph. Magic Mood x Paph. Ogallala Merle Robboy	Espie Quinn
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal. violacea Yan Zhou	Phal. cornu-cervi Tom Kandiko		Lynn Wiand
PLEUROTHALLID	Masd. floribunda Lynn Wiand			Dave Smith
VANDA	No Entries			
MISCELLANEOUS	Cga. cassidea Lynn Wiand			Michael Miranda
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	No Entries			
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Phrag. Caudatum Rick Wells			Peter Lin