



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

December 2023

President's Message

Hi All,

The tree is already up, bedecked with principally red and white ornaments. My Swiss wife, Rosmarie, is so efficient.

Christmas is coming and so is the NHOS Christmas Party. It's at the Stonefire Grill (same as last year) on Brookhurst in Fountain Valley. It will start at 6:00 p.m. on the normal meeting day, Tuesday, December 19. It costs \$20 per person, member or guest.

Merle Robboy gave a terrific presentation on a trip he took to Guatemala, which included orchids, of course, as well as the natural beauty of the Peten in the lowland jungle of the North and glimpses into the the Highland Mayan people typically found in the center of the country.

The music and poetic narration was thoughtful and inspiring. I myself went to

Guatemala in the early 90s, about the same time as Merle, to study Spanish and see the various Mayan sites. It was relatively calm then and remained so for a decade or two. Recently the country has seen more upheaval and violence. My classes have many Central American refugee students. I hope the peace comes again.

NHOS will hold an auction in March during the normal meeting time at the Norma Hertzog (Costa Mesa) Community Center. Actually we will start an hour or two early, but details will follow.

As this is a fundraiser, the Society will need members to donate plants to the auction. Please start to consider now what you can let go of. If you are interested in helping, please contact me (text or email) and I will be sure to invite you to the committee meeting. We will also send around a sign-up sheet at the February meeting.

See you soon,

Tom Harrison, NHOS President



Meetings are held on the **third Tuesday** of each month.
General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 19
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
at

Stonefire Grill
18727 Brookhurst St.
Fountain Valley CA

\$20 per person

The menu will include
tri-tip, chicken,
mashed potatoes, salad,
breadsticks and dessert.

Soft drinks are included.

Beer and wine are
available for purchase.

We will be meeting
in the enclosed patio
equipped with heaters.

RSVP to
Rosemary Krumme

by December 15
(714) 892-2278

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.

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



Need More Orchids??

Andy's Orchids
Winter Open House
December 8-10
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
734 Ocean View Ave.
Encinitas, CA 92024

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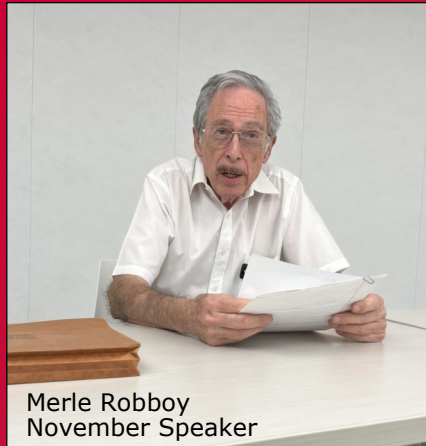
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November Meeting Pix



Merle Robboy
November Speaker



