



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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May 2025

President's Message

Hi everyone!

Heading into the summer season, which is our growing season for orchids, it's time to clean up and divide. We just had our last garden show for the spring, at the South Coast Plaza, and I was able to get a couple of tools from the Wildflower Seed & Tool Company vendor. I realize that you should spend a bit more for good quality tools that will last.

Rudy and I just came back from our road trip to Arizona for the big Tiki Oasis festival in Scottsdale. We also went to a couple of cactus nurseries and came home with some treasures.

We also visited the Desert Botanical Gardens in Phoenix and had an unexpected, pleasant surprise: there was an orchid show in one of their buildings, and the show was beautiful. They incorporated

cacti with orchids, and it looked very natural with neither labels nor pots showing. Very impressive.

Thank you, Peter Lin, for your lecture on your trip to Japan and showing us all those amazing photos from the Grand Prix International Orchid Show. They really step it up to a higher level over there. Thank you **Merle**, for your presentation on the orchids for judging. Thank you all for bringing the snacks, and thank you all who judged the orchids.

Once again I asked about forming a nominating committee and still nobody stepped up. Next month we need to fill those open seats, and if we don't there will be no banquet in July to celebrate. Please step up and get organized to complete this task. See you all at our next meeting, and I'll ask one more time.

Take care.

Michael Miranda, NHOS President

Culture Class

7:00 p.m.

There will be no culture class this month. Check back in June!

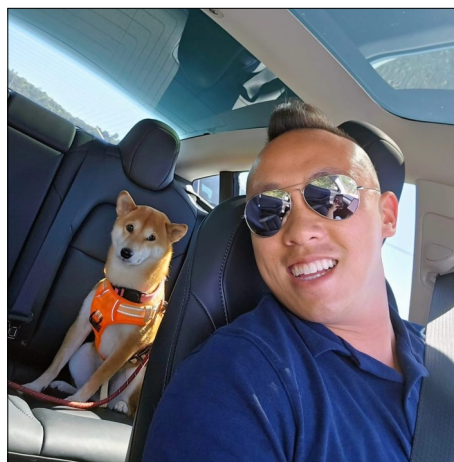


May Speaker

Brandon Tam "Paphiopedilum Culture According to the Huntington"

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phophallus titanum collection of 43 mature specimens and has exhibited over seventeen blooming specimens.

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Mark Your Calendar 2025

Our regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month, at the Norma Hertzog Community Center in Costa Mesa. Please bring a goody to share at the regular monthly meetings.

May 20

June 17

July 15: Installation Banquet

August 19

September 23 ***This is the fourth Tuesday

October 21

November 18

December 16: Holiday Party



Plastic Boxes for Sale

We still have these black collapsible plastic boxes available to purchase for \$20. They are the perfect plant carrier, and they fold down flat for storage. Let me know how many you'd like.

Paula Butler
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April Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	L. sanquilloba Gen Gundersen	Pot. Aplicosa Dean Shoffeitt	Pot. Hawaiian Prominence Rosemary Krumme	Tom Kandiko
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. Geno's Gem Barb Livingston	Cym. Pacific Express Barb Livingston	No Entry	Steve Kaufmann
DENDROBIUM	Den. Brilliant Smile ???	Den. Kyle Quintal Dean Shoffeitt	Den. nobile Fred Kermani	Rosemary Krumme
EPIDENDRUM	E. citrina Dean Shoffeitt	Epi. radicans Tom Kandiko	No Entry	Barb Livingston
MAXILLARIEAE	Max. picta Jan Hennessy	Lyc. Abu Dean Shoffeitt	No Entry	Guy Gottschalk
ONCIDIUM	Brs. Starex Tom Kandiko	No Entry	No Entry	Barb. Livingston
PAPHIOPEDILUM	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
PHALAENOPSIS	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
PLEUROTHALLID	Masd. ignea 'fantasia' Rick Wells	Masd. Parlatoreana Barb Livingston	Masd. Parlatoreana Merle Robboy	Dean Shoffeitt
VANDA	Sarco. Kulnura Mission Rosemary Krumme	Sarco. Kulnura Spice Intense x Fairy Gen Gundersen	Holc. Subliferium Bill MacCorkell	Barb Livingston
MISCELLANEOUS	Pleione Wackernagel Dean Shoffeitt	Bulb. arfakianum Merle Robboy	Ami. keiskei Dean Shoffeitt	Michael Miranda
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Max. picta Jan Hennessy			Peter Lin

April Meeting Photos

