



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

September 2025

President's Message

Hi everyone!

This is my first message from my second term. I promise I'll step down at the end of this term and not try to hold on to power. Going through this first term as president was as tough as I thought it would be. It helped me a lot by having a good team on my administration, one that's willing to help and guide me through. I realize that takes a handful of good people to run this club. It's like running a small country in a way.

During our August meeting, I noticed a

handful of new faces. I hope this will be a growing trend and more people will join. I know a lot of you are slowly thinning out your collection because it's getting too much to take care of. Many of you are deciding to eventually step away from club and move on to your next chapter of life. You will be missed. I've always enjoyed listening to the elder's way of growing their orchids, and I know that I'm still learning as well.

Thank you, **Carol Buele**, for your wonderful lecture on small paphs, showing us all the wonderful pictures of beautiful and ugly paphs. That was very entertaining. Thank you, **Merle**, for your

Culture Class

7:00 p.m.

Our speaker, Tim Culbertson, will conduct the culture class at 7:00 p.m., right before the general meeting. Please join us.

presentation on the display plants. Thank you all for bringing in the snacks, helping judge the plants, and running the opportunity and membership tables. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on September 30th.

Take care.

Michael Miranda
NHOS President

September Speaker

Tim Culbertson "Holcoglossums: The Next Great Thing in Vandas"

One of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers nearly 3000.

I currently manage the paphs at Sunset Valley Orchids, and do hybridizing in a wide range of genera. I am an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast.

I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds

me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood,

I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, I really like plants.

For your meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation on Holcoglossums: The Next Great Thing in Vandas. Holcoglossums are a relatively new genus to Vandaceous breeding, and they are already making a big splash: they are miniature, adaptable, and make great compact plants for windowsills or outdoors in Southern California.

By combining Holcoglossums with basically every Vandaceous genus under the sun, we have been able to come up with some spectacular new combinations; in many cases, these are so



new that they haven't even been named yet!

This is truly cutting-edge breeding, and you will be amongst the first to see and appreciate these new directions in miniature Vandaceous plants for outdoor or windowsill growing here.

By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of the range of plant habits, floral forms, and colors of Holcoglossum species and hybrids, as well as an appreciation of their lovely flowers and ease-of-growth.

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

ATTENTION!!!

Because of a scheduling conflict with the Community Center, our September meeting will be on the fifth Tuesday. See you on September 30.

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 meeting.

September 30 **This is the **fifth** Tuesday

October 21

November 18

December 16: Holiday Party



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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.

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Proudly Present the 44th
Fascination of Orchids Festival
of Orchids and Exotic Plants
Sept. 26, 27, 28, 2025
10 AM to 4 PM
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1801 E. Chestnut, 92701

**50% DISCOUNT
ZOO ADMISSION**
Valid only on Sept. 26, 27, 28, 2025
Just Show this Coupon at Zoo Ticket Booth

Festival & Parking are FREE with Zoo Admission
More Info at www.ocorchidshow.com

Huntington International Orchid Show

Once again we will be putting in a display, at the Huntington International Orchid Show, October 17-19, 2025. So keep your eye out for any plants that will be in bloom at that time.

As a member of our Society, you may receive a one-day pass to the show. Details to follow.

THE HUNTINGTON ORCHID SHOW & SALE

OCT. 17-19, 2025
PERFECT HARMONY

9th Annual International
Orchid Show & Sale

Featuring exhibits by growers from
Southern California and around the world
as well as a wide selection of orchids and
related supplies from domestic and
international vendors

Show and sale open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

huntington.org/orchid-show

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THE WORLD PREMIERE OF "ORCHIDÉES"

OCT. 18, 2025
A COMPOSITION
BY NICK ROTH
FOR SOLO CELLO
AND VIDEO

Exploring 100 million years of orchid
evolution by translating its DNA into music

Featuring cellist Kate Ellis with cinematography
by Andrew Sanchez and Brandon Tam

7 p.m. in Rothenberg Hall
huntington.org/orchidees



August Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	L. crispa Espie Quinn	C. Atalanta Kira Jones	Lc. Mari Song Kira Jones	Lynn Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
DENDROBIUM	Den. aficional Espie Quinn	Den. parishii Kira Jones	Den. macrophyllum- Dean Shoffeitt	Miko Yang
EPIDENDRUM	Enc. brassavolae Merle Robboy	Enc. belizensis Merle Robboy	Epi. summer hayesii Lynn Wiand	Barb. Livingston
MAXILLARIEAE	Ang. eburnean Dean Shoffeitt	Ang. hohenlohii Dean Shoffeitt	Lyc. Guatemalensis Dean Shoffeitt	Espie Quinn
ONCIDIUM	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Shoutie' Espie Quinn	Onc. Volcano Hula Halau Merle Robboy	Tolumnia NOID Kira Jones	Dean Shoffeitt
PAPHIOPEDILUM	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
PHALAENOPSIS	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
PLEUROTHALLID	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
VANDA	Neost. Lou Sneary Elizabeth Hau	Neost. Unknown Michael Miranda	V. Hiroshima Choice Michael Miranda	Espie Quinn
MISCELLANEOUS	Gongora galeata Dean Shoffeitt	No Entry	No Entry	Paula Butler
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Ang. Brevilabris Roberta Fox			Carol Beule

August Meeting Pix

