



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

October 2025

President's Message

Hi Everyone,

We are finally entering the fall season; we just passed through the equinox, and the days are getting shorter.

It's getting harder for me to get all of my daily chores done before the sun sets because I get home from work just before 4:00 p.m., and I only have a few hours of daylight to work with. I really don't like this time of the year.

I am looking forward to Halloween, though. I really enjoy decorating my house but I don't do the traditional

Halloween anymore. I'm all into Dia de los Muertos now.

Around mid-October, if you have the chance, come by my house at night and see what I have created. Many of my neighbors come by and take pictures.

Coming up soon is the orchid show at the Huntington Library, and it's one of my favorite places to visit. There's so much to see and the specialized gardens are so beautiful.

Thank you all who are volunteering to help with our display; I'm sure it will be an impressive one. I know it takes a

Culture Class

7:00 p.m.

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

lot of work to set up the displays, especially if you have to drive a long distance to get there.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Take care,

Michael Miranda
NHOS President

October Speaker

Peter Lin

"Epidendrum, Prostechea, Encyclia"

Peter Lin started growing orchids over 40 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 20 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back, and he is now heavily involved once again!

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.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His interests in orchids include dendrobiums, angraecoids, and neofine-



tias. He is also known as "Mr. Sophronitis" as he has a passion for growing and collecting them. He maintains a collection of several thousand orchids.

Peter will be presenting the talk: Epidendrum, Prostechea, Encyclia. Learn about the many different species and some of their culture requirements. This fast-paced PowerPoint presentation will highlight the many diverse species and hybrids. With tiny miniatures to towering giants, there is bound to be an Epidendrum for everyone!



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

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.

October 21

November 18

December 16: Holiday Party



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Huntington International Orchid Show and Sale

We are excited to announce that our society will be presenting an orchid display at the Huntington Library.

To make it a success, we kindly request loaner blooming plants from our members by October 14. The show will be held from October 17-19. Your contributions will help us create a beautiful and memorable display.

Kira Jones (415-525-6775), Tom Harrison (714-293-5966), and Winn Winmaw, (714-875-4627) will be doing the heavy lifting.

Contact one of us so that we can arrange to pick up your blooming plants or let us know that you are coming up to the Huntington yourself to help out.

We are putting in the installation on Wednesday, October 15.

Thank you for your support!

Winn Winmaw

Deadline October 10 for Complimentary Ticket to Huntington Orchid Show

Thank you for contributing to our orchid show as a volunteer and/or exhibitor!

Because you are contributing to the success of this show, it comes with a benefit that is not offered to the general public. Each member is entitled to one form submission.

1) One-day access complimentary ticket 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. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at btam@huntington.org.

2) The Orchid Show Preview Party and Reception with food and drinks will be held on Thursday, October 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Your name will be added to the guest list.

You must be an active member of a participating southern California orchid society for this show to receive these benefits. We will confirm your membership status with the corresponding participating Southern California orchid society.

The last day to submit this form is Friday, October 10, 2025. RSVP required here: <https://forms.gle/wQX3ww67GZ5wHd347>.

Thanks in advance,
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Treasury Committee Report

Mary Kermani, Treasurer, with her husband, Fred, lead a committee to reorganize NHOS finances and look into cost cutting measures for the upcoming year.

Eventually recommendations and reports will go to the Board. If you are interested in participating, come to the culture classroom before the monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m.



Andy's Orchids Winter Open House

Andy's Orchids is having their Winter 2025 Open House on December 12-14, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Their nursery boasts over 7000 species amongst 700,000+ rare and exotic, beautifully mounted and potted orchids.

No appointment is necessary for the open house. Andy's is located at 734 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas, CA 92024.



September Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	C. Lak Murray 'Medenhall' Rick Wells	Pot. Ryo Iwata x C. Chocolate Drop Rosemary Kurrme	C. intermedia x amethtaglossum Espie Quinn	Lynn Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry
DENDROBIUM	Den. hibiki Dean Shoffeitt	No Entry	No Entry	Espie Quinn
EPIDENDRUM	Epi. prismatocarpa Merle Robboy	No Entry	No Entry	Roberta Fox
MAXILLARIEAE	Z. B.G White x Z. Kiwi Magic Merle Robboy	No Entry	No Entry	Dean Shoffeitt
ONCIDIUM	Onc. Thcvruum Merle Robboy	Onc. microchilum Merle Robboy	No Entry	Lynn Wiand
PAPHIOPEDILUM	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal. NOID Michael Miranda	No Entry	No Entry	Jan Hennessey
PLEUROTHALLID	Masd. parlatoreana Micheal Miranda	No Entry	No Entry	Dean Shoffeitt
VANDA	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry
MISCELLANEOUS	Phal. NOID Michael Miranda	No Entry	No Entry	Jan Hennessey
POINTS	Masd. parlatoreana Micheal Miranda	No Entry	No Entry	Dean Shoffeitt
NOVICE	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Blc. Lake Murray Rick Wells			Tim Culbertson 3

Pix from a September Meeting

