



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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January 2008

President's Message

Thank you, thank you **Phil Duke** and **Mary Kermani**. The holiday party was a terrific success. There was wonderful live music (though not much dancing). There was great food. The tables were decorated with poinsettias. There was a festive spirit and good friends. And it looks like we made money. Phil managed to get several donations (where, I did not ask) and between the silent auction and the raffle we netted a profit. Amazing, a party where we make a profit!

Due to rising printing and postage fees, there will be a proposed fee this year for those members who wish to continue to receive the newsletter in the mail. Those members receiving the email version of the newsletter will be unaffected. More on this at the general meeting. We will

also be selling advertising space in the newsletter to offset costs.

Be prepared to lend blooming plants to the NHOS display at Fascinations coming up February 8-10. Contact **Michael Miranda** for details. Also remember that you have to sign up to staff the member sales table, if you are going to sell plants there.

The NHOS Board will be meeting on the following days in 2008: January 3, March 6, May 1, July 10, September 4 and November 6.

There is a new date for annual NHOS Auction: Tuesday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. We could not secure the same venue as last year so we will be using the general meeting place, date, and time for our auction. **Joe Rupp** is looking for

January Culture Class

Espie Quinn, one of our founding members and expert grower, will teach us how to make orchid corsages. Prom dates in anyone's future?

Joyce Nugent
Culture Class Coordinator

volunteers for the Auction Committee. Please consider helping out.

Wishing you the best new year possible,

Tom Harrison
President

January Speaker

Harold Koopowitz

"Searching for *Phragmepedium kovachii* in Peru."

We're delighted to have Dr. Harold Koopowitz as our speaker at the January meeting. The topic of his talk will be "Searching for *Phragmepedium kovachii* in Peru."

Harold grew up in South Africa where he did his university studies majoring in both Botany and Zoology. He then completed a doctorate at UCLA in 1968. A professor at the University of California, Irvine, he was also the Director of the UCI Arboretum for twenty years. He recently retired as a Professor of Biology in the De-

partment of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UCI, where he did research on conservation and ecology.



He is well known for his work on slipper orchids, both species and hybrids, and is author of several books and a large number of research papers. His most recent books include *Orchids and their Conser-*

vation and *Clivias*, and he has just finished a new book titled *Tropical Slipper Orchids* for Timber Press. Harold is Editor-in-Chief of *Orchid Digest* and was a founding partner in Paphanatics, Unlimited. He still collects and breeds slipper orchids but now as an amateur.

A member of the Species Survival Committee for Orchids for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, Harold is also on the board of Orchid Conservation International and is scientific advisor to the Orchid Conservation Alliance. In addition, Harold is a member of the International Orchid Commission. One of the featured speakers at the 19th World Orchid Conference later this month in Miami, he will be speaking on new miniature paphiopedilum hybrids.

Paphanatics will provide the plant table.

Denise Claycomb
First-Vice President

Meetings are held on the
third Tuesday of each month

Culture Class at 7:00 p.m.
General Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

NHOS Annual Holiday Potluck Photo Album

What a Swell Party This Was!!



Doin' that crazy hand jive.



Lively entertainment by "Black Cat Bone."

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Lots of Food...

Loads of Fun...



...Lots of Frolic

...and Les Fleurs!



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Membership Corner

What a great holiday party! I went home with a beautiful cattleya from **Marvel Carlson**. It was great to see such a large turnout by so many members (and significant others).

Now, let me tell you about my New Year's resolution. Since I'm a novice grower, like so many of our new members, I'd like to start a mentoring group. If you have a specialty or area of expertise, and you are willing to offer some advice or help to a new member or guest, please help me by letting me know. Then, at a meeting, if someone expresses an interest, I can introduce him or her to you. This will show our new members and guests that we appreciate that they chose our society and make them feel welcome. Sort of the Angie's List for NHOS!

By the way, for those of you who managed to snag the big, beautiful orchid books at the party, **Michael Miranda** can tell you that he shopped the Southland looking for another copy and found the last one in Arcadia! Congratulations to those of you who are now proud owners!

Have a happy new year, and may all your resolutions come to pass.

Deb Munson
Membership Secretary

In Memoriam

Elsie Hetherington, wife of Ernest Hetherington, passed away on December 11. For over twenty years, Elsie was a designer for the Pasadena Annual Showcase House. She featured her orchids in her displays. Our condolences to Ernest and family.

Our condolences to *Orchids Aweigh* Editor Chris Aschan and her family on the passing of her mother, Mary Elizabeth Sekins, who passed away on December 20.

Volunteer Needed!

Would you like to help out the NHOS in a very practical way? We need a member to host our March speaker, **Bill Thoms**, for a night or maybe two. Bill will be flying in from Florida.

This would be a great way to get some one-on-one "face" time with Bill. He is a well-known and awarded *Bulbophyllum* grower.

If you are interested, please contact Denise Claycomb at 949-859-4238 for details.

Orchids on the Web

Have you ever looked at the seedling you just won on the plant table and wondered what the flower will look like when it eventually blooms? You look in your orchid books, but that's no help, and you haven't yet purchased one of the new software programs that has all the pictures and history of the various genera. Help is on the way: three of my favorite orchid photo web sites are worth taking a look at.

[1] "Sharon's Orchid Page" allows you to casually scroll through the thumbnail images or go directly to the alphabetical listing to look for your plant. Visit the site at <http://www.sdahldtp.com/index.htm#top>.

[2] "The Orchid Photo Page" by Greg Allikas contains hundreds of photos taken by Greg, and all are of the highest quality. The images may be viewed by thumbnail or searched by name. Some photos are also available for online purchase. This is a very high tech site that is easy to use. Visit the site at <http://www.orchidworks.com/>.

[3] "Orchid Species Photographs" by Eric Hunt not only contains many orchid photos, but is quite an adventure into other plant photos as well. All areas are separate and clearly marked. The site is easy to use and also contains sections on the San Francisco Orchid Society, Orchid Society of California Show and Sale 2007, the Pacific Orchid Exposition, and more. Visit the site at <http://www.orchidphotos.org/index.html>.

Happy Surfing,
Jim Miller





Mark Your Calendars...

Saturday-Sunday, January 12-13: Paphiopedilum Guild Meeting & Orchid Show, 9:00 a.m., The Inn at Morro Bay. Call Patti James at (805) 528-086 for additional information.

Wednesday, January 16: Orange County Orchid Society Auction . Preview: 6:30 p.m. Auction begins at 7:00 p.m. Yorba Linda Public Library Community Room. For more information go to: www.ocos.net

Saturday-Sunday, January 19-20: San Diego County Orchid Society Mini Show and Sale, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. both days. Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego. Admission Free

Wednesday, January 23, 2008-Saturday, January 26, 2008: 19th World Orchid Conference will be hosted jointly by the Ft. Lauderdale and South Florida Orchid Societies in Miami, Florida. The theme of the associated orchid show is "Orchids-Nature's Masterpiece." For more information and to register, go to <http://www.19woc.com/home.htm>.

January 26, 2008: San Diego County Cymbidium Society Annual Orchid Auction. 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Carlsbad Women's Club. Preview: 11:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m. Call (760) 732-0055 for more information.

February 8-10, 2008: 26th Annual Fascination of Orchids, Orange County Fair & Exposition Center, Costa Mesa . One-day Admission: \$5; Unlimited Weekend Pass: \$10. More information: <http://www.fascinationoforchids.com/>

February 28-March 2, 2008: 56th Pacific Orchid Exposition-Gala Benefit. Preview 6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Fort Mason Center, San Francisco. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door.

February 28-March 2, 2008: 63rd Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara. \$10 General Admission, \$8 Seniors and Students.



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