



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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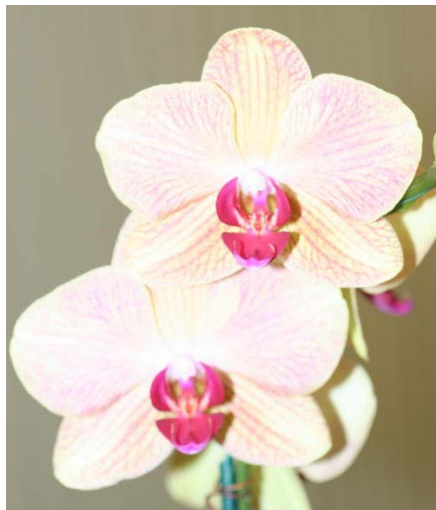
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President's Message

Though he was successful at finding *Phragmipedium kovachii* around the environs of Moyobamba, Peru, general orchid hunting around Machu Pichu was a bust for Harold Koopowitz, UCI Professor Emeritus and our esteemed January speaker. I could not find much either when I went three years ago, but the Incan site is so breath taking, it hardly mattered.

Anyway, there is some guaranteed orchid viewing coming up and much easier to reach than slogging through mud in the Andes. Fascination of Orchids at the OC Fairgrounds is going on, February 8th to 10th. After that, NHOS is going back to Roger's Garden on April 5th and 6th for Orchid-stration. And we have been invited for the first time to apply for the Spring Garden Show at South Coast Plaza as a vendor, April 24th to 27th. While all

the kinks have not been worked out, there seems a good chance that we will be participating. If you want to be a part of the committees that will work on either the Roger's or South Coast Plaza efforts, contact me. These opportunities, as both



February Culture Class
7:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

♥ Topic pending at press time.

membership drives and fundraisers, will continue to build the Society.

I was putting together a list of important Orchid dates for the 2008 year and came across the Orchid Society of Southern California web site, www.orchidssc.com. While the OSSC is based in Burbank, the calendar lists dozens of orchid event dates from throughout the state of California. Next time I am elsewhere in the state at a conference or on vacation, I will give that site a look to see if I can not work orchids into the trip.

Blessings,
Tom Harrison
President

February Speaker Karen Muir

"The New Generation
Brachypetalums and
Their Hybrids"

Karen Muir will be our February speaker. Her program, entitled "The New Generation Brachypetalums and Their Hybrids," deals with the brachypetalum group of paphiopedilums—their background and in-line breeding along with the latest hybridizing going from white breeding to pink with a short look at the possible future.

Originally from Michigan where she be-

gan raising orchids around 1975, Karen was a member of the Michigan Orchid Society and held all of the offices of the Society including show chair, program chair, vice president and president. Karen became an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in 1997. In 1998, her employer, Lincoln Mercury, transferred Marilyn to Irvine. Karen retired in January 2002 and lives in Laguna Niguel. She also served five years as the American Orchid Society Chair of the Pacific South Judging Region and has traveled to Canada, Guatemala, Ecuador, Brazil, South Africa and Japan to attend and judge orchid shows.

Part of the group that traveled to Peru with Harold Koopowitz to look for and document *Phrag. Kovachii*, Karen has lectured on the Society circuit, including the California Paphiopedilum Guild, the Slipper

Alliance, NCOS (National Capital Orchid Society) Paphiopedilum Forum, two South African Paphiopedilum Conferences and the Paph. Forum in London, England.

The Rowland Collection will provide the plant table.



**Meetings are held on the
third Tuesday of each month**

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

February Tips, Facts and Home Remedies

Here are a number of useful tips selected from an article that appeared in the September 2007 issue of *Orchids*. Thanks to the author, Ken Slump, for sharing them with us.

- Clear or translucent plastic pots seem to encourage phalaenopsis orchids to send their roots into the growing medium rather than outside the pot; the green roots may also carry on photosynthesis.
- Aspirin (just three quarters of one 325 mg tablet per gallon of water) helps protect plants from fungal and viral pathogens when used as a spray. (Do not exceed this amount.)
- Control fungus gnats in orchid medium by sprinkling the medium with cinnamon, which kills any fungus that attracts the gnats.
- Homemade insecticide (mix in gal-

lon jug): 1 pint rubbing alcohol, 1 pint 409 spray cleaner, 3 quarts water.

- Red spider mite killer: In a blender, mix equal parts buttermilk and water to which you have added a few drops of dishwashing soap. Blend for 15 seconds, transfer to sprayer and spray all exposed parts of infected plants
- Isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol can be put into an empty spray bottle and used to treat scale, mealybugs, thrips, aphids, red spider mites and perhaps other pests.
- Neosporin can be used to treat orchid crown rot; remove rotted area of plant before treatment.
- Keep the nozzles of your watering hoses off the ground, as they can pick up mold spores and bacteria more readily there; you will then shoot these across your orchid collection when you begin to water.
- A teaspoon or two of Epsom Salt (magnesium sulfate) added to each gallon of fertilizer water will help prevent the red cast that shows up in the leaves of some cattleya hybrids in cold weather.
- Rubbing alcohol will kill slugs if sprayed on them.
- If slug damage is spotted, cut an apple into slices and place on top of the growing medium in the evening. The next morning, the offender will likely be attached to the apple. Remove the apple slice and slug promptly.

Editor's note: if you have useful tips or remedies that you would like to share in future issues of *Orchids Aweigh*, send them to ndbenay@cox.net.

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Membership Corner

Hi, all. How was everybody's January? I had a lot of fun at the monthly meeting. **John and Paula Butler** brought in a beautiful (big) angrecum in bloom for the silent auction table. I had fun bidding against **Jim Miller**, until he won. Sources close to the **Butlers** (well, actually the Butlers) said they are going to bring some plants to the member plant sales table at the Fascination of Orchids show. Now there is a good reason to check it out at the show.

As you might have heard at the meeting, we are looking for ways to subsidize the printing and distribution of the newsletter. This is a very costly expense for the society.

If you are currently getting your newsletter mailed, let me know if you can accept it by email. We have talked about accepting ads, like some of the other societies to offset the costs. We would like to hear from members if you are interested in placing an ad, and/or if you have any input on prices from advertising you've done for other societies or similar newsletters. We'd like to know what you think.

Well, that's all the news that's fit to print. Ciao for now.

Deb Munson
Membership Secretary

Flask of Disas

Any one interested in sharing in the purchase of a flask of these wonderful orchids?

I'm in touch with a South African grower who has 6th generation line-bred Disas. The line breeding has made them easier to grow, if you follow some simple guidelines. I have tried them before with some success.

For more information, contact Denise Claycomb at turtlegramma@dslextrreme.com or 949-859-4238.

February Refreshments

Thanks to everyone who brought in snacks for the January meeting with short notice or no notice. Mea culpa for the omission in the January newsletter. For the February meeting, would members beginning with **Ardell Marlin** through **Don and Mildred Nicholson** bring in tasty snacks to share. Thank you.

Fascination of Orchids International Show & Sale

This year marks the 28th Annual Fascination of Orchids International Show & Sale, which is coming to the Orange County Fair & Expo Center in Costa Mesa on February 8-10, 2008. Show hours are 10:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m. The show will feature orchid lectures and hands-on workshops, flower art, photographic exhibits, members plant sales and thousands of orchids available for purchase from scores of growers. Admission is \$5 and general parking is free.

Participating society members have the opportunity to sell their plants at the Members Plant Sales Table. It's a great way to create some extra room on your plant benches while earning extra cash for yourself and for the society. Participating members will receive 75% of the selling price of their plants sold (after California

Sales Tax is deducted), which is about \$7 for each \$10 of the selling price. The other 25% goes to the Society. You are asked to work a minimum of four hours during the show.

Please bring only healthy plants to sell, and clean up the plant to make it presentable. Remember that these plants represent our Society. All plants must be checked in! Bring your plants to the show location by Thursday evening, March 7, if possible, or before 10:00 a.m. each day. Fill out plant tags, each tag must have the plant tag number on each of the three parts. Fill in a short description of the plant. Also write in your seller number and the asking price. Write on the tag with waterproof ink. The plants will be misted occasionally during the show, and marker ink bleeds badly.

Volunteers Needed!

The NHOS will have a display in this year's **Fascination of Orchids Show**, and designer **Michael Miranda** will bring his artistic touch to the display. In keeping with the show theme, "For the Love of Orchids," Michael would like to incorporate both red and pink flowers.

Bring your plants to the display area by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 7. Since it will be a tabletop display, please limit the number of large plants.

We need help installing the display, so volunteers please step forward!

January 2008 Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	L. purpurata v. werkhauseri x C. intermedia Espie Quinn	Bl. Sea Urchin Richard & Lily Hara	L. Anceps 'nobile' Kayoko Nebrig	Jim Miller
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. East Blossom Lynn Wiand	Cym. White Rabbit 'Ashby' Ha Bui	Catasetum tabular Dick Hess	Judy Smith
DENDROBIUM	Den. Princess "Cherry Dance" Rick Wells	Dendrobium Hilda Dorothy Goldberg	Dendrobium Zip x Dream Girl Ha Bui	Lynn Wiand
MAXILLARIEAE	Maxillaria bradei Denise Claycomb	Maxillaria picta Lynn Wiand	Maxillaria Friedrich Stahl Dorothy Goldberg	Greg Fryling
ONCIDIUM	Onc. lanceanum Rick Wells	Compactetia speciosa Denise Claycomb	Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy' Lynn Wiand	Lily Hara
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Phrag. Twilight Rising x Phrag. Grande 'Vista' Greg Fryling	Phrag. Dragon 'Singer' x Dragon 'Knife' Dick Hess	Paph. bellatulum Denise Claycomb	Nancy Benay
PHALAENOPSIS	Rhynchostylis Merle Robboy	Rhynchostylis Denise Claycomb	Coulda, Shoulda...	Greg Fryling
PLEUROTHALLID	Masdevallia livingstoneana Denise Claycomb	Dracula pusilla Nancy Benay		Marilyn Bauer
VANDA	Vanda Pachara 'Delight' Ha Bui	Angreacum leonis Dorothy Goldberg	Renanthera monachica Dorothy Goldberg	Dave Smith
MISCELLANEOUS	Dendrochilum tenellum Denise Claycomb	Dendrochilum parvulum Denise Claycomb	Chiloschista lunifera Denise Claycomb	Dave Smith
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	Sophronitis Les Brandt	Cymbidium Les Brandt	Paph. spicerianum Tina Coombe	Lily Hara
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points		Dendrochilum parvulum Denise Claycomb		Harold Koopowitz



Mark Your Calendars...

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.

March 15, 2008: Orchid Auction sponsored by the Orchid Society of Southern California. Doors open at 1:00 p.m.; auction starts at 2:00 p.m. Meeting Hall at the First Christian Church, 221 S. 6th Street, Burbank, CA, 91501. Free admission, free door prize raffle, refreshments provided. For more information: www.orchidssc.org.

Saturday-Sunday, March 15-16, 2008: South Bay Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale. Sales: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. both days. Display will open to the public at noon on Saturday. Admission: \$5.00. Torrance Cultural Arts Center. For more information: www.southbayorchidsociety.com/.

Saturday-Sunday, April 5-6, 2008: NHOS Orchid-stration at Roger's Gardens. Details forthcoming.



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