



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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March 2008

Spring 2008 Orchid-Stration

Newport Harbor Orchid Society's third annual Spring "Orchid-Stration" will take place on Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6, at Roger's Gardens. Hours are 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. both days. This unique show, featuring just the NHOS, offers a chance for us to reach out to the



community with the goal of recruiting new members and educating the public about orchids. What can you do to help? Enter your plants in the display and plan to sell some of your extra plants in the members' plant sale. You'll earn some cash and make room on your plant benches for new acquisitions. In addition, plan to attend, bring a friend or family member and encourage them to purchase orchids from our booth. The proceeds benefit both the society and participating members.

Volunteers are needed to set up the display on Friday and to work during the show. Ha Bui is this year's show coordinator. There is no better venue locally than beautiful Roger's Gardens for our spring show.

March Culture Class

Back by popular demand: **DEXTER FRIEDE** from **Grow More!** He will talk about Grow More's line of products.

President's Message

Hey, my greenhouse kit arrived. After four months of wrangling with my homeowners association, city, community association and, of course, way too much money, it is here. The instructions are a riot! There are 18 pages of this:

"Dear garden friend,
Congratulations for the purchase of an aluminum greenhouse from Hok-lartherm. The erection is simple. First read the mounting instructions and follow this step by step..." (sic)

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March Speaker

Bill Thoms

"Bulbophyllum Culture —
The WAFL-HS Program"

Our speaker at the March 18th meeting will be Bill Thoms, renowned orchid grower, world traveler, and speaker. The title of his talk is "Bulbophyllum Culture-The WAFL-HS program." Be prepared to learn more about this fascinating group of plants than you ever dreamed! Bill will discuss both species and hybrids and share his tips for producing award-winning plants.

Meetings are held on the
third Tuesday of each month

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

In 1969 Bill obtained his first orchid when he rescued plants of *Enc. tampensis* in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. (He actually just



picked them off trees pushed over for a new Condo, but rescue sounds better.) For 25 years, Bill owned and operated an orchid nursery called Hilltop House, and when he and his wife, Doris Dukes, whom he met at Tampa Orchid Society, decided to retire, they took several thousand of

their favorite plants and built their own greenhouse at home to retire from the retail business, relax and continue their hybridizing program, (making about 200 crosses a year). Over the years, their orchid collection has grown to 10,000 plants. They have garnered a large number of awards: 62 Awards for Culture in over 20 genera and 6 Certificates for Cultural Excellence (90 points for better), in addition to First Class Certificates for cirrhopetalums, cattleyas, paphilpedilums and phragmipediums, and over 250 total awards in all categories. This is definitely a talk you will not want to miss!

Bill will provide the plants for the raffle table, which should include an interesting selection of Bulbophyllums.

Denise Claycomb
First Vice President

Orchid Digest and AOS Membership

Join the Orchid Digest

A one year-subscription costs \$34.00 (4 issues) and a two-year subscription is \$64.00 (12 issues). The staff and officers of the Orchid Digest are all volunteers and expert orchid growers, who are dedicated to maintaining the excellence of the publication. To join, go to www.orchiddigest.com/. Membership brochures are available at monthly meetings. The Orchid Digest Corporation is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization.

Join the AOS

Through March 31, 2008, the AOS is offering discounted membership rates!

Individual Membership
One Year US- \$49.95
Two Year US - \$99.95

Joint Membership (*For two individuals but includes only one subscription to Orchids magazine.*)

One Year US - \$64.95
Two Year US - \$129.95

Current members may extend their membership for two years at the \$99.95 rate.

Two year sign ups or renewals will receive a coupon worth \$30 off on a retail purchase of \$100 or more from the following vendors: Carmela Orchids, Carter & Holmes Orchids, Gold County Orchids, Hoosier Orchid Co., IGS, Krull-Smith, Norman's Orchids, OFE International, Piping Rock Orchids, Quest Orchids, R.F. Orchids, Inc, Soroa Orchids, Inc.

In addition to 12 issues of *Orchids Magazine*, AOS membership entitles discounted admission to select gardens and arboreta.

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It almost makes you wonder what I bought. The greenhouse was made in Germany. I can only imagine that someone with basic English and a dictionary translated it. Anyway, I figure it will take a couple of months to get it put together with the various preparation projects in the back yard (retaining wall, new fence, garden path, etc.). What pain we endure for beauty!

Speaking about pain, the 2nd reading and vote on the following by-laws change is coming up in March: "The NHOS shall charge a yearly \$5 postage and printing fee starting on July 1, 2008 to those NHOS members who wish to continue to receive a US Mail copy of the NHOS Newsletter." Over \$4000 more has gone out in over the last two years and we will be purchasing insurance now so that we can protect ourselves as we raise more money at outside events. I am very confident that things will work out, though -- with a little care, a little work and a lot of fun.

Best to you,
Tom Harrison

Get your Newsletter Notification by E-mail

Get your newsletter electronically and save the society printing and mailing costs as well as helping to save a few trees.

Instead of a paper copy, you will be notified via e-mail when the newsletter has been posted to the NHOS website. Read the newsletter almost a week before those who receive the paper copy, and enjoy it in full color.

To receive electronic notification, please contact Jim Miller at Jim_Miller100@hotmail.com.

Help Wanted

Mary Kermani, an NHOS member and new orchid grower, would like some help with repotting her orchids as well as some expert advice. She will pay for the time. If you are interested you can call her 714-963-1919 or contact her at MEHRNAZK@AOL.COM.

March Refreshments

For the March meeting, would members beginning with **Joyce Nugent** and ending with **Dave and Judy Smith** bring in tasty snacks to share. Thank you.

Turning the Fiscal Tides

How many of you who attended the February general meeting took a look at the comparative budget data prepared by Treasurer Richard Hara? Clearly, our revenue is decreasing and expenses are steadily increasing, despite efforts to conserve. Sounds a lot like the California State budget picture, doesn't it? We're definitely not in dire straights, at least not yet, but it's time to take action to reverse the society's fiscal trends.

We have great meetings with strong attendance, top speakers, beautiful plant displays, generous refreshment tables month after month, excellent plant commentary by Merle Robboy, informative culture classes, and some wonderful parties and special events.

Yet, when it comes to our fundraising activities there has been dwindling support

in the last few years, and that is reflected in the decreased revenue.

So how can you help?

- Donate quality blooming plants and volunteer your time for the NHOS sales booth at the Spring Garden Show at South Coast Plaza the week-end of April 24-27. Jim Miller is chairing our inaugural effort and will provide more details at the March meeting and in the April newsletter.
- The Annual Auction is Tuesday, May 20th, during our regular meeting. We are very dependent on our members to donate plants and to patronize this event as it is a major source of income for the society. If you've started your re-potting, how about putting some of those flowering size potted/mounted divisions aside for our auction? Pots, fertilizers, bark, and mounts are also welcome. Bring friends or family

members with you to the auction. And buy, buy, buy! If you're interested in volunteering or have any suggestions that might make the auction a more interesting and fun event, please feel free to call Joe Rupp at 714-329-5155 or e-mail to joe-rupp@earthlink.net.

- If your budget allows, buy more raffle tickets or bid on plants on the silent auction table.

- Tax-deductible donations are very welcome. Contact Tom Harrison, President, at 949-458-3680 or e-mail to tchteach@aol.com.

Our sincerest condolences to Jim Miller and his extended family on the passing of Jim's mother after a long illness

February 2008 Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	Laelia Santa Barbara Sunset Don Prool	C. Dubiosa x BLC. George Fich Merle Robboy	SLC California Apricot Joe Rupp	Joyce Hare
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. Cherry Blossom Judy & Dave Smith	Cym. Peppers' Fire Fiesta Sharon Pyatt	Cym. One Tree Hill John Quest Barbara Livingston	Greg Fryling
DENDROBIUM	Den. polysema Denise Claycomb	Den. Aussie Treat Blood Red x Speciosum Windemere Barbara Livingston	Den. tetragonum Bob Laughlin	Lily Hara
MAXILLARIEAE	ZBA leodardinus x Zygopetalum New Era Dorothy Goldberg	Maxillaria sanguinea Dorothy Goldberg	You coulda had this one!	Joyce Hare
ONCIDIUM	Onc. Tiger Crow Dorothy Goldberg	Onc. Sweet Sugar Emporer Joe Rupp	Cochloda beyrodtiana Lisa Humphreys	Barbara Livingston
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Phrag. China Dragon Denise Claycomb	Paph. Emerald Sea x Paph Skip Bartlett Lisa Humphreys	Paph. Hisinying Web x Hampshire Raven Dorothy Goldberg	Rose Nakabara
PHALAENOPSIS	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
PLEUROTHALLID	Mas. angularata/ R. Wells AND... Mas. Hybrid/ B. Livingston	Mas. ignea Lisa Humphrey	No third place tonight as there were two First Place Winners.	Guy Gottschalk
VANDA	V. Fachara Delights "Sakate" Merle Robboy	Vanda lamellata Merle Robboy	Renanthera monachica Dorothy Goldberg	Winn Winmaw
MISCELLANEOUS	Dendrochilum biforcata Merle Robboy	Catasetum Rebecca Northen Kayoko Nebrig	Bulbophyllum ambrosia Nancy Benay	Dave Smith
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	Zygopetalum Joyce Hare	White Phal. Joyce Hare	Coulda, woulda shoulda...	Judy Smith
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points		Cym. Cherry Blossom Dave & Judy Smith		Karen Muir

2008 World Orchid Conference: Miami, Florida

The 19th World Orchid Conference surpassed everyone's expectations in many ways: magnificent and opulent displays, four days of interesting (and admittedly some not-so interesting) lectures by leading orchid experts, orchid-related arts, crafts and supplies, a sumptuous opening night preview party, and numerous other social events.

And last but not least, who could not succumb to the temptation presented by the 100 select vendors selling plants that we cannot easily find here in California. Add to all of this: a chance viewing of a manatee during a visit to Key Biscayne coupled with South Florida's balmy and

tropical weather ideal for growing orchids that when it came time to leave I reluctantly returned home, consoling myself with the resolution to return to Florida to further explore the rich flora and the fauna of the area.

The NHOS was well represented at the WOC, making the experience a lot more personal. Among the NHOS members who trekked to Miami were Margaret Nerio, Lily and Richard Hara, Denise Claycomb, Irma Adams, Lisa Humphreys and Nico Goossens, Jan and Fred Anderson, Dorothy Goldberg, Dick and Sarah Hess, Chuck Spain, Larry and Karen Casey, Simone and Alf Friend, Karen Muir,

Ginny Worthington, and yours truly. Apologies if anyone's name has been omitted.

The accompanying photos will give you the best glimpse at the wonders of the flowers and exhibits. Everyone's hope is to gather photos from other society members who attended the WOC and post them to the NHOS website for everyone to enjoy. Stay tuned.

The next WOC is already in the planning stages for 2011 in Singapore. Anyone game?

Nancy Benay



Friends,
flora, fun at
Mote's Orchids



Fascination of Orchids

A Blue Ribbon
Bonanza!



Highlights from the WOC (with commentary by a member)...

Best of the best of the best: best plant in show or best culture award. If only I could grow one-tenth as well!



Krull-Smith Display. Fabulous-- really fabulous!



From the South African Orchid Society. Disas are so fabulous and yet so difficult to grow. You need a cold fresh water stream to get these babies to bloom.



Japanese Vendor Display: I wanted to submerge myself into this display and come out feeling as serene & peaceful as the exhibit.

Singapore display, announcing the 2011 WOC.





Mark Your Calendars...

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/.

Friday, April 4-Sunday, April 6, 2008: San Diego County Orchid Society Show, "Orchid Opulence," Scottish Rite Temple, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA. Hours: Friday, April 4, 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 5, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information go to www.sdorchids.com or contact Steve at (619) 405-0412. General admission: \$6.00.

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

Thursday, April 24-Sunday April 27, 2008: 19th Annual Southern California Spring Garden Show, Crate and Barrel/Macy's Home Store Wing, South Coast Plaza, 3333 Bear St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626. The NHOS will have a sales booth at the show. No admission fee.

Saturday, April 25-Sunday, April 26, 2008: Orchids At The Flower Fields. 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. General admission: \$9.00



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