



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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July 2008

President's Message

I hope to see you all at the Installation Banquet (party at **Michael Miranda's** house). It's coming up on July 15. I also encourage you to get together and carpool, if you're going up to Santa Barbara for the Orchid Fair on the weekend before our party. Considering gas prices, you'll save more than a little money by splitting the ride.

As a new year comes on I congratulate: **Laura Perry, Nahid Khonsari, Michael Miranda** and **Rick Wells**. Welcome to the NHOS Board! Many hearty thanks to our out-going NHOS Board members: **Deb Munson, Nancy Benay, Mamie Nash, Ron Nash** and **Merle Robboy**. Even though you have one less bimonthly meeting, we know you will help out anyway. And to our continuing NHOS Board members, **Denise Claycomb, Joe Rupp, Margaret Nerio, Richard Hara** and **Jim Miller**: Thanks for staying in the trenches. At least they are filled with orchids. Our first meeting this year is Thursday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m. at CMCC.

Greenhouse Update: I'm very happy that we're back to June-gloom. I'm putting in a new paver walkway stretching from the front sidewalk to my back porch. The weather was just doing me in. After the walkway, I'll get to the new fence and then on to front yard. Eventually, in time for the Fall greenhouse tour, my house should appear a bit more orderly than a construction zone.

See you at the party,

Tom Harrison

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

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



Mamma Mia!

It's a Festa Italiana!

You are cordially invited to attend the
Annual Installation and Awards Banquet

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

At the home of

Michael Miranda
356 Costa Mesa Street
Costa Mesa, CA 92627
(949) 650-5142

6:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner
Italian Theme

Main Course and Side Dishes
Provided by Newport Harbor Orchid Society

\$15.00 per person
Plus please bring a dish to share:

Last name A-L: Dessert
Last name M-Z: Appetizer

Please RSVP by Tuesday, July 8
Mary Kermani, (714) 963-1919
or mehnazk@aol.com



The Installation Banquet will replace the July meeting, so....

No Culture Class in July!

Buon appetito!

Santa Barbara Orchid Fair, July 11-13, 2008

For orchid lovers, Santa Barbara is the place to be the week-end of July 11 through 13. The International Orchid Fair is always the highlight of the summer orchid season, but this year there are two special events scheduled for the same week-end. Guest author, Dr. David DuPuy, will speak to the Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society on Friday evening, on July 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center. (See the calendar section for more information). On Saturday, July 12, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden presents the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of their new Native Orchid Garden, with special orchid guests Ronald Coleman and Harold Koopowitz. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is at 2:30 p.m.. Admission to the ribbon cutting is free, but there is an admission charge to tour the Garden. Im-

mediately following the ceremony Ronald Coleman will speak on *The Wild Orchids of California* from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Harold Koopowitz will complete the afternoon speaking on *Orchid Conservation and Climate Change* from 5:00-6:30 p.m. There is a fee for the lectures. For details go to http://www.sbbg.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=calendar.calDetail&event_id=108

And don't forget the open houses at the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate and Cal Orchids. Cal Orchids is hosting a number of guest vendors including Exotic Orchids of Maui, Gold Country Orchids, Aranda Orchids, Brazil, J&L Orchids, Royale Orchids (Australia) and Golden Gate Orchids (San Francisco). Don't forget the fabulous barbeque at Cal Orchids on Saturday, July 11— oak roasted tri-tip sandwiches, beans, corn, liquid refreshments, and more.

Health Updates

Ann Gazda was hospitalized briefly in June, but is home and doing well. Hope to see you at the banquet this month.

Bill Austin celebrated his 88th birthday in May. To quote the Ol Perffessor, "I'm hanging in there and still kicking." He sends his best wishes to everyone. His voice is strong and he would enjoy receiving cards, phone calls and visits, as he does get a little lonely. Bill's daughter, Wendy, has quit her job in Sacramento to take care of him full-time. Truly a devoted daughter. Our best to the Austins. And we do miss you, Bill.

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2008 Auction Report

The annual auction was a successful event at our monthly meeting in May. We had about 70+ bidders who purchased over 450 plants and gift certificates.

The auction grossed \$4,758 with a net of \$4,022.13, led by a donation from Dave and Judy Smith of a huge Cymbidium 'Little Black Sambo' that was purchased for \$165. Merle Robboy was, as expected, the best auctioneer we could have asked for.

Special thanks to Tom Harrison, Jim Miller, Denise Claycomb, Linda Iannelli, Tina Coombe, Valerie Sanders, Richard Hara and Ann Rupp for their help on the committee. It wouldn't have been nearly as successful without their time and effort.

Loads of thanks to all those who worked so hard the night of the auction to make it such a success, particularly Ron Nash, who keeps track of the transactions and the recordkeeping...Lynn Wiand and Guy Gottschalk, who kept the flow of auction items in order.

The event couldn't have done well without beautiful plants and we were blessed with some wonderful orchids and gift certificates from Cal Orchid, Hatfield Or-

chids, Andy's Orchids, Sunset Valley Orchids, Lico Orchids, The Orange County Farm Supply, The Rowland Collection, Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, Westerly Orchids and Wise Orchids. Over the years these vendors have been very supportive of the NHOS. In return the society encourages your support of these nurseries and vendors.

Joe Rupp

Second Vice-President and Auction Chair

Membership Corner

We are happy to tell you all that we have four new members (and wasn't it a great program for their first meeting?). They are **Elaine Parsons**, **Inesa and Egon Nord-Leth**, and **Gene Dahler**, who is a returning member. Welcome to them all. Thanks to all of you who paid dues and/or took home their application forms. The rest of us will be receiving the membership renewal forms in the mail, and once more, please return them promptly. It always takes time to make the new roster. See you at the banquet, we hope.

Laura Perry

Membership Secretary

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Summer Orchid Growing Tips

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Repot Spring blooming Cattleyas

As your spring blooming Cattleyas finish blooming, this is a good time to repot them. If they're growing out of their pots or if they have been in the same pot for two years they will need repotting in order to keep them growing at their best. Be sure to use soaked new media and clean pots. Don't put in a larger pot unless necessary; orchids bloom better a bit root bound.

To re-bloom your Phals, cut the inflorescence

The general rule of thumb is that if you want to re-bloom your Phals, you need to cut the current inflorescence in June to

give the plant time to gather strength for new blooming. If the plant needs repotting, do so when you cut the plant back and give it a chance to grow leaves and store up sugars.

Increase fertilizing during high growth periods

Spring and summer are the top growth periods for orchids. Fertilize once per week while growth is at its peak. As temperatures get hotter, your plants may go into a resting mode. For most of us in the Northern hemisphere, this occurs during July and August. Keep them watered and fertilize lightly. It is better to fertilize in the evening when the temperatures are hot.

Small pots need more water than big ones

Orchids in small pots will dry out faster than those in larger pots during the hot summer months. Put some sphagnum moss on the surface of the media to hold in moisture and spray lightly daily during high heat periods. This should not cause

rot since the moss should dry out during the heat of the day as it releases moisture to the plant.

Mounted plants need daily watering

Mounted plants and those in baskets with little media will need watering once or twice a day, especially if there is a drying wind. Check the roots; if they're white they're dry. Some growers recommend watering at night during the summer so that the plant has a longer period to absorb the water.

Misting systems will cool the air

A misting system will cool the air in a greenhouse or around plants placed outdoors. These systems are available at hardware stores for cooling on patios or in barns and will make your plants very happy with additional humidity and cooler air during summer. If you have hard water in your area, be sure to use a calcium filter to remove some of the hard water elements so that your plants don't accumulate minerals.

June 2008 Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATLEYA	Schomberkia species Jack Kittrell	(lost tag) Laelia cross Jack Kittrell	Lc Purple Cascade "Fragrant Princess" Barb Livingston	Lynn Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. Kuranda M. Miranda	No Entry	Snoozin again...	Barb Livingston
DENDROBIUM	Den. Unknown	Den. wassellii Merle Robboy	Den. trantuanii Lynn Wiand	Barb Livingston
MAXILLARIEAE	Maxillaria. tenuifolia Dorothy Goldberg	Maxillaria. hennisiana Dick Hess	Ida locusta Rick Wells	Dave Smith
ONCIDIUM	Onc. Catherine Wilson Kayoko Nebrig	Onc. Golden Sunset Gen Gundenson	Mexicoa ghiesbreghtiana Unknown	Judy Smith
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph. Bernice Dick Hess	Paph. Bel Royal M. Robboy	Phrag. grande Dick Hess	Guy Gottschalk
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal. Golden Peoker Tom Lindell	Phal. Spotted Delight Tom Lindell	Dtps Little Gem Lynn Wiand	Dave Smith
PLEUROTHALLID	Pleurothallis. ornata Lynn Wiand	Mormolyca ringens Dorothy Goldberg	Coulda, Woulda...	Judy Smith
VANDA	Rhynchostylis W. & C. Winmaw	Vanda Gordon Dillon W. & C. Winmaw	V. Fuch's Rosy Charm Dorothy Goldberg	Kayoko Nebrig
MISCELLANEOUS	Disa uniflora Joe Rupp	Megaclinium platyrachis Denise Claycomb	Bulbophyllum bicolor Denise Claycomb	Lynn Wiand
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	Paph. Unknown Lee Brandt	Vuylkesteria Melissa Earl & Joyce Hare	Phal. Montclair Joyce Nugent	Karen Casey
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Lueddemannia pescatorei	Ron Dier		



Mark Your Calendars...

Friday, July 11, 2008: Talk by Dr. David DuPuy, lead author of a newly revised book, *Genus Cymbidium*. Hosted by the Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society. Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center, 1232 De La Vina St. (at Victoria St.), Santa Barbara. www.cymbidium.org/SBCSDuPuy.pdf

Friday, July 11-Sunday, July 13, 2008: Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Fair. Earl Warren Showgrounds. Admission is free; \$5.00 parking fee. www.orchidfair.com. Open house at the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate and Cal Orchids, Goleta.

Tuesday, July 15, 2008: NHOS Annual Awards and Installation Banquet. Michael Miranda's house in Costa Mesa.

Friday, July 18: San Diego Zoo Odyssey, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 pm. The zoo's greenhouse is open to zoo visitors. Janetter Gerrity (619) 231-1515, ext. 4306.

Saturday & Sunday, July 26-July 27: San Diego County Orchid Society Summer Show. Prado, Balboa Park. Saturday, 11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 27, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 9, 2008: Palomar Orchid Society Orchid Auction, Carlsbad Woman's Club, 3320 Monroe St, Carlsbad, 92008. Preview of orchids at 11:00 a.m. Bidding begins at 12:00 p.m. All types of orchids! Contact: Phyllis Prestia orchldy2@mac.com or 760-732-0055.



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