



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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November 2009

President's Message

Thank you **Greg** for having Bryce Augustine come from Santa Barbara to speak at the October meeting. Bryce kept



Dracula cordoba "Angel," in bloom last month. Proud grower: Nancy Benay.

us laughing before, during, and after his talk and demonstration on how to deflask a bottle of paphs and phrags. He actually broke the flasks and repotted the seedlings in front of us, twice, and made it look and sound very easy if you followed his tips on this. I would like to see the babies in two years when they are repotted the next time; it sounded like they will turn out to be some nice plants.

A big thanks to **Tom Harrison** for organizing the Greenhouse tour this year and a thank you to the **Winmaws**, the **Butlers**, and **Dorothy Goldberg** for opening up their gardens and greenhouses to our society for this year's tour.

For those of you not present at the October meeting, the by-law change to increase the dues effective July 1, 2010 was voted on and approved. Dues will increase to \$20

for single membership and to \$25 for a couple.

I personally hate the fact that daylight savings time is about to end for this year, which means less time to work outside. I already look forward to the winter solstice when the days will start to get longer once again.

See you at November's meeting.

Denise Claycomb
President

*"The watering of a garden
requires as much judgment
as the seasoning of a soup."*

--Helena Rutherford Ely

November Speaker

Peter Lin

"Mini-Catts: Delightful Cattleyas in Miniature"

Peter Lin will be presenting a talk on one of his favorite topics: Mini-Catts, also known as miniature Cattleyas. Peter will be sharing a fast-paced PowerPoint presentation on these charming orchids.

The journey will begin with a review of the miniature species, early hybrids, and then to some of the relevant hybrids of today. He will also review how to grow these wonderful plants.

Peter started growing orchids over 25 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about

seven years ago that the orchid "bug" came back, and he is now heavily involved once again. He is currently a probationary

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. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>.



Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both

species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other focus in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Masdevallias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in three small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.

Peter will be providing the plants for this month's raffle table. There will be some nice mini-catts as well as some other great plants. Peter will also be bringing a few plants for sale.

Culture Class

Novice classes are back! Thanks to everyone who volunteered at the October meeting to conduct a class at one of this year's meetings. **Guy Gottschalk** leads off the series with a talk about the joys and sorrows of outdoor growing in Orange County.

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 Greenhouse and Garden Tour 2009 Wrap Up and Photo Gallery

Thanks again to our gracious hosts, John & Paula Butler, Winn & Chitsaya Winmaw, and Dorothy Goldberg for opening their very beautiful homes and gardens to us on the Greenhouse and Garden Tour. You all bore the visits of 50 friends with remarkable grace and good will. We all had a good time. Thanks also to Richard Hara and Jim Miller for collecting money.

With our new "break-even" policy and some plant sales donations by Dorothy Goldberg, we came out a little in the positive this year! Margaret Nerio did a terrific job with set up and tear down. Michael Miranda and Phil Duke (what would we eat without them) came through again with the great Italian lunch. You are all wonderful.

Tom Harrison

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Admiring Paula & John Butler's growing area.



Richard Hara & Helen Tang take a brief rest.



Lunching *al fresco* at Dorothy Goldberg's.

Membership Corner

First, we have a new member who joined at our October meeting. She is Phuong Dinh and receives the newsletter via email, so please add her to your roster on the appropriate page. For those of you with the new blue roster in hand, it is: phuongdinh_2000@yahoo.com.

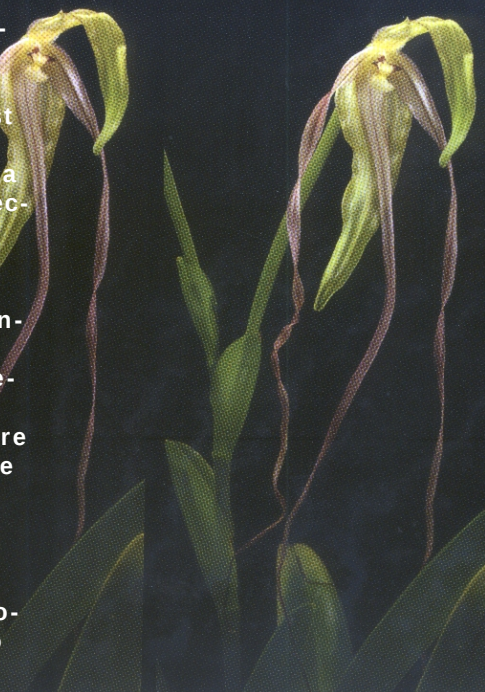
Secondly, I am sorry to announce the death of one of our long time members, Don Nicholson, who fought the good fight with the cancer which finally took him. He and his wife, Mildred, rarely missed a meeting for all the time they have been members. They have a very nice orchid collection, mainly Cattleyas, which they grow outdoors in a clean, healthy environment. He will be missed. Our sympathies go to Mildred as she fights her own battle with illness.

Finally, it was wonderful to see Sara Hess at last month's meeting. Sara has spent the majority of this year hospitalized and in rehabilitation therapy. Continue to make progress, and we hope to see you this month.

Laura Perry
Membership Secretary

Weird and Wonderful in Three Dimensions....

Get out your stereo viewing glasses! The Oct., Nov., Dec. 2009 issue of the *Orchid Digest* has just come out and is a special on slipper orchids. Take a careful look at the 3-D section that features *Phragmidium lindenii* on pages 232-233. In itself this particular phrag is unusual as it is a pouchless slipper orchid and not frequently found in collections. What makes it more special is the fact that the plant was grown by our president Denise Claycomb. It put out several blooms this summer for James Comstock to photograph it in 3-D. Kudos to Denise.



Approved By-Law Change

At the October meeting members approved the dues increase. Effective July 1, 2010 a single membership will be \$20.00 and \$25.00 for a couple. If the member wishes to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, there would be an additional cost of \$5.00. A sign of the times.....



November Refreshments

The members beginning with Guy and Ann Gottschalk to Lisa Humphreys and Nico Goossens are asked to provide refreshments for the November meeting. Thank you!

Oceans of Orchids Show and Sale

We're three months away from Newport Harbor Orchid Society's Oceans of Orchids Show and Sale that will take place at the Westminster Mall the week-end of February 12-14, 2010. Vendor registrations are coming in; extensive advertising is in place, and the website is under construction and is available on the main NHOS webpage at www.nhos.org. There will be AOS and CSA judging, orchid culture classes and demos. Area societies will be invited to put in displays, and there will be members plant sales.

We will need lots of volunteers, and we invite your assistance during the show. One area where we ask for your help now,

however, is to consider providing financial sponsorship, however small or great, for the show. We've not done this in the past, but given the show's size, complexities and expenses, additional financial support will be a big boost. One area that you might want to consider is the establishment of new ribbon judging awards.

If you or a family member has a favorite orchid, consider funding a new perpetual award in your name. This would enable the NHOS to purchase a plaque or commemorative item that would be awarded annually at future shows. Donations will be acknowledged in the newsletter and will be tax deductible. If you are interested, you should contact either Denise Claycomb or Richard Hara, Co-Chairs of the Show.

2009 October Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	BLC Chia Lin "The SUM" Gen Gundersen	C. var. coerulea "Sir Jeremiah Coleman" Merle Robboy	C. Unknown Dorothy Goldberg	Steve Kaufmann
CYMBIDIUM	Cycnoches barthiorum x Morm. lawrenceana Roberta Fox	Cym. dayanum Lynn Wiand		Lily Hara
MAXILLARIEAE	Zygopetalum Unknown Joyce and Earl Hare	Zygopetalum B.G. White "Stonehurst" Dorothy Goldberg	No entry	Nancy Benay
ONCIDIUM	Oncidium flexuosum Lynn Wiand	Mtssc. Aztec Dorothy Goldberg	Colmanara "Wildcat" Joe Rupp	Winn Winmaw
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph. charlesworthii Winn Winmaw	Phrag. Don Wimber Lynn Wiand	Paph. spicerianum Dorothy Goldberg	Guy Gottschalk
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal. Unknown Joe Rupp	Phal. bellina Nancy Benay	Phal. "Purple Beauty" Joyce Nugent	Lynn Wiand
PLEUROTHALLID	Dracula cordobae "Angel" Nancy Benay	Restrepia brachypus Nancy Benay		Lynn Wiand
VANDA	Trichoglottis atropurpurea "Imperia" Dorothy Goldberg	Cleisocentron merrillianum Lynn Wiand	Vanda Rasri Gold x Ascocenda Lily Hara "Betty May Steel" Winn Winmaw	
MISCELLANEOUS	Dendrochilum magnum Kay Firebaugh	Dendrochilum magnum Tom Harrison	Stenoglottis longifolia : "Heidi" Kayoko Nebrig	Nancy Benay
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
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CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Lynn Wiand	Oncidium flexuosum		Bryce Augustine

Mark Your Calendars...

Saturday, November 7-Sunday, November 8, 2009: Santa Barbara Orchid Estate's Annual Fall Open House. <http://sborchid.com/events.php>.

Saturday, November 28 - Sunday, November 29, 2009: Santa Barbara Orchid Society Fall Show. The Orchid Society of Santa Barbara's annual show and sale. Saturday, 10am to 5pm.; Sunday, 10am-3pm. Held at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2599 Puesta del Sol Road, Santa Barbara, California. Museum entrance fee: \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 ages 2-12. Show free with Museum admission.

Saturday and Sunday, December 5 & 6, 2009, 2009:

- Open House at Casa de las Orquideas, Solana Beach, CA. Andy's Orchids, Islander Delights and the Rowland Collection will also be selling at the open house. 170 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach, CA, 92075.
<http://www.orquideas.com/newpage.html>.
- Open House at Rudvallis Orchids; 9am-3pm; Encinitas, CA. Call 760 438-2121 for more information.
- Open House at Sunset Valley Orchids, 10am - 4pm, <http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com/>

Tuesday, December 15, 2009: Holiday Potluck, Newport Harbor Orchid Society. More information to follow in the December issue of Orchids Aweigh.

Friday, February 12-Sunday, February 14, 2010: Newport Harbor Orchid Society's Oceans of Orchids Show and Sale. Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA. It's early, but mark your calendar. More information to follow.

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