



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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May 2009

President's Message

The three most important pieces of NHOS business for May are: AUCTION, AUCTION, AUCTION. May 19th is our big annual fundraiser and the Society is depending on you to show up with a friend and some spending money. Without a good sale this year, the Society's financial security for next year will not look good.

Thanks to **Jim Miller** and his team (consisting of **Ha Bui, Phil Duke, Richard Hara, Tom Harrison, Jim Miller, Joe Rupp**, and **Rick Wells**) for their out-

standing work on the Spring Garden Show at South Coast Plaza. Although this is a relatively minor fundraising event for us, we did much better than last year and we did an excellent job of promoting the Society.

NHOS friend and supporter, George Hatfield, is having an open house on May 9 from 10AM to 3PM. Save the date and ask an orchid friend to carpool with you.

Chris Croom spoke at the April meeting about orchids as medicine and food. The title of his talk "Sex and Ice Cream: Me-

dicinal and Edible Orchids" sounds a bit like an internet spam porno advertisement. However, the talk was given from Chris' background in anthropology and ethnobotany. Aspects of the talk reminded me of Frazer's classic work, *The Golden Bough*, a treatise on the psychological underpinnings of folk magic. Interesting, but, of course, we already knew that orchids are magical!

Enjoy the lengthening days,

Tom Harrison

No meeting on May 19; join us for the auction, instead. The Culture Class will return in June.



2009 Ron Gapps Memorial Auction Tuesday, May 19

The 2009 NHOS auction is almost upon us. We will have some terrific plants from growers like Cal Orchids, Andy's Orchids, Sunset Valley, Norman's and, of course, Hatfield's Orchids. In addition, as already reported, Guy Gottschalk has donated a large *Dendrobium speciosum*. Dave and Judy Smith have donated an *Oeceoclades decaryana* as well. Coming from the Smiths, it should be something special.

If you have plants to donate, please bring them to the Community Center by 6 pm on May 19th or contact me if you would like to have them picked up. Plants can be viewed starting at 6:30 pm; the auction will begin at 7 pm. You won't want to miss this event. See you there.

Joe Rupp
Chair, Auction Committee

Meetings are held on the
third Tuesday of each month

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

April – Is it Spring Yet?

Ron McHatton,
Director of Education

With the warmer temperatures and longer days much of your orchid collection should be busting new growth and roots. The new shoots of many orchids are really good at holding water and you'll want to make sure that when you water you avoid having water stand for too long in these growths. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, a couple of applications of water a short time apart are much more effective at thoroughly wetting your plant's roots than is a single longer watering. When you water, make sure you water very thoroughly and allow water to flow freely from the drainage holes. This will aid in minimizing salt buildup in the potting mix. Click the link below for a refresher on proper watering.

Along with longer days comes more intense sunlight and you will want to be vigilant with respect to changing sun angle. What might have been a good location for over-wintering, can very quickly become dangerous to your plants as the sun

risers in the sky. The early spring months can be really dangerous in the northern parts of the country as the sun's intensity increases often long before the trees which provide natural summer shade have leafed out. This image is a *Paphiopedilum* very quickly sunburned by unfiltered sunlight coming through the gap between two pieces of shade cloth. At first glance, it might look a lot like a fungal infection but note the sharp boundary between the brown sections and the healthy green areas surrounding it. These sharp boundaries are a dead giveaway for sunburn. Unfortunately, this new growth is scarred for the life of the growth.

As we work our way toward warmer weather around the country you should now be well on your way to completing spring repotting. Last month I mentioned some pests to be on the lookout for (Thrips, mites and aphids) and while we are on the subject of repotting I'd like to point out another one. All of us are familiar with the noxious mealy bug but are you aware that these pests can infest the roots of your plants? This is one of the reasons

that it can be so difficult to rid plants of this pest. Unless you use systemic pesticides, you reach those visible above the potting media but those lurking below survive to re-emerge weeks later. This image is an *Amorphophallus* corm infested with mealy bugs feeding off the corm. Repotting time is a really good opportunity to thoroughly inspect your plants both above and below the potting media line.

The 2009 Spring Garden Show

This year's show was bigger and better than 2008. Our committee consisting of Tom Harrison, Ha Bui, Rick Wells, Phil Duke, Joe Rupp & myself worked hard to implement what we learned from the previous year and improve in all areas. Our sale area looked great and we increased the sales over last year and distributed literally hundreds of flyers for our May auction as well as membership information. This is our biggest opportunity to improve our presence in the local community. Covering four days of the show is a long pull and we could not do this without all of our great volunteers!

I hope I do not miss anyone and a special THANK YOU to those who covered more than one shift. A great big thanks to: Tom Harrison, Rick & Arlene Wells, Ha Bui, Larry & Karen Casey, Bob Latimer, Nancy Benay, Marilyn Bauer, Valerie Sanders, Janelle Schuck, Anita Woodcoff, Marvel Carlson, Dean Ferrin, Merle Robboy, Kay Nebbrig, Nahid Khonsari, Kay Firebaugh, Mary Kermani, Laura Perry, Lynn Wiand, Georgia Farmner, Rose Nakabara, Barb Livingston, Dorthy Goldberg, Jim Splittgerber and John and Paula Butler. We could not have done it without you!

Jim Miller

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Hatfield Orchids 2009 NHOS Open House and BBQ Lunch Saturday, May 9 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Whoever said there is no such thing as a free lunch has never been to an open house at Hatfield's. There will be special prices on all the plants, including the newest seedlings from Japan and more. The BBQ is first class and so is this special day!

THIS EVENT IS ONLY FOR MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING OF THE NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY. NO ADVANCE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AND NO ADVANCE SALES PRIOR TO 10 AM. We want everyone in NHOS to have a chance at the special deals.

Please advise Tom Harrison or Ha Bui if you will be attending in order that we may have an accurate headcount for the BBQ.

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May Refreshments

The following members beginning with **Ardell (Lucky) Marlin** through **Joyce Nugent** are asked to provide refreshments for the May meeting/auction: Since the auction overlaps with the dinner hour and lasts longer than the usual monthly meeting, the society welcomes additional contributions to the refreshment table. Phil, do you have a filling and tasty soup planned for May 19? Thank you.

Membership Corner

We welcomed a new member at the April meeting. Corina Torres and her husband are now part of our group and we are happy to have them! In addition, George Brogan of Santa Ana joined at the South Coast Garden Show. Joyce and Earl Hare frequently bring friends to visit our meetings. Nice to know they can always depend on a good show! Delia Navidad who has been a member in the past came with Rose Nakabara and it was good to see her again. I will have dues renewal forms at the auction and the meeting in June. Please pick one up so we can save on postage.

Thanks much,

Laura Perry
Membership Secretary



2009-2010 Nominations

The Nominating Committee's recommendations are:

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Board of Directors

Term Expires 2012 (three-year term):	Ha Bui, Tina Coomb, Anne Rupp
Term Expires 2011 (two-year term):	Nahid Khonsari, Michael Miranda, Rick Wells
Term Expires 2010 (one-year term):	Guy Gottschalk, Linda Ianelli

Open nominations will be held during the May 19th meeting.
Elections will be held during the June 16th meeting.

April 2009 Judging Results

GENUS POINTS	FIRST PLACE 5 pts	SECOND PLACE 3 pts	THIRD PLACE 1 pt	JUDGES
CATTLEYA	SLC Lucky Chance 'My Van' Ha Bui	Cat. intermedia alba Merle Robboy	Leptotes bicolor Greg Fryling	Lynn Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. Amelia Earhart Barb. Livingston	Cym. Nancy Miyamoto Ha Bui	Cym. goeringii Lynn Wiand	Guy Gottschalk
DENDROBIUM	Den. loddigesii G. Fryling	Den. miyakei Nahid Khonsari	Den. Island Mist Dorothy Goldberg	Lily Hara
MAXILLARIEAE	Max. picta Lynn Wiand	Lycaste Veronica Springs Roberta Fox	Max. Elation Greg Fryling	Guy Gottschalk
ONCIDIUM	Wilsonara Spaceman Denise. Claycombe	Miltoniopsis Dorothy Goldberg	Onc. Purple Giraffe Marvel Carlson	Greg Fryling
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Phrag. Ashley Wilkes Joe Rupp	Paph. haynaldianum Merle Robboy	Paph. leeanum Lynn Wiand	Kayoko. Nebrig
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal. Montclair Nahid Khonsari	Phal. cchilleriana Nahid Khonsari	Phal. wilsonii Merle Robboy	Barbara Livingston
PLEUROTHALLID (note: ribbons reported as judged in the pleurothallid alliance.)	R. imschootiana J. Rupp AND Masd. Copper Angel Barb. Livingston	Vanda lilacina W & C. Winmaw	Sarcochilus Fitzhart Gisela Ferolito	Lynn Wiand
VANDA	V. Paki Mary Motes Dorothy Goldberg	Ren. imschootiana Joe Rupp	Ascocenda Villa Michael Miranda	G. Fryling
MISCELLANEOUS	Polystachya Lynn Wiand	Bulbophyllum Denise Claycomb	Coelia Lynn Wiand	Rose Nakabara
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	Den. Unknown Mary Kermani	None	Sarco. Fitzgeraldi Mary Kermani	Janell Schuck
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Paraphalaenopsis labukensis	Denise Claycomb		Christopher Croom



Mark Your Calendars...

Saturday, May 9, 2009: Open house at Hatfield Orchids. See article in newsletter. RSVP to Ha Bui.

Saturday, June 13, 2009: Seventh Orchid Digest Speaker's Day at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA. Noon-8:00 p.m. in Friends Hall. Tickets: \$60 before June 9 includes speakers and dinner. Program theme: "Paphs and Phrags." Lecturers: Frank Smith of Krull-Smith Orchids, Glen Decker, Piping Rock Orchids, Bill Goldner, Woodstream Orchids, and Mark Hachadorian, NY Botanical Gardens; 3-D Orchid Photo Show by James Comstock. Contact: Simone Friend at 562-431-1247 or via e-mail at orchidsimone@aol.com.

Saturday, June 13, 2009: Orchid Society of Southern California Annual Plant Auction, The First Christian Church, 221 South Sixth Street, Burbank. Doors will be open at 1:00 p.m., and the sale will start at 2:00 p.m. <http://www.orchidssc.org/>. Also from the OSSC is a flickr discussion group for all orchid hobbyists in Southern California that also includes a photo contest. For more information consult the OSSC website. Deadline to submit photos is June 20, 2009.

Friday, July 10-12, 2009: 29th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International ORCHID FAIR. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday; 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Sunday, at Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara. Guest Author: Lou Menzes of Brazil.

Tuesday, July 21, 2009: NHOS Annual Awards and Installation Banquet. More information to follow.

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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