



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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July 2009

President's Message

My term as NHOS President is up. Now I get to wear the much coveted, golden, "Past-President" badge. I have a list of people to thank. It is by its very nature incomplete, both in the number of people who should be thanked and in the limits to the quality of gratitude that such a list imposes. Please forgive me in advance for any omissions.

Thank you to **Denise Claycomb** for stepping up and being our next NHOS President! Thanks to **Jim Miller** for not abandoning me as outgoing President. Thanks to **Phil Duke** and **Michael Miranda**, with **Mary Kermani**, for their help at gatherings. Thanks to **Joe and Anne Rupp** for running the auction. Thanks to **Richard and Lily Hara** for watching the money. Thanks to **Laura Perry** for keeping track of the membership. Thanks to **Margaret Nerio** for taking the notes. Thanks to **Ha Bui** for his work at various shows. Thanks to **Rick Wells** and **Guy Gottschalk**, with **Bob Latimer**, for their help with the raffle and making sure that all stations are ready at the meetings. Thanks to **Tina Coombe** for her pictures. Thanks to **Linda Ianelli** for her legal help. Thanks to **Nahid Khonsari** for her time and enthusiasm.

Thanks in advance to **Greg Fryling** for getting us great speakers. Thanks to **Merle Robboy** for regularly sharing his expertise at the display table and auction. Thanks to **Valerie Sanders** and **Chitsaya Winnaw** for their work at the judging table. Thanks to **Marvel Carlson** for her work as librarian. Thanks to **Joyce Nugent** for managing the culture class. Thanks to **Karen and Larry Casey** for operating the member sales table. And

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

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

The Annual NHOS Summer Fête

You are cordially invited to attend the

Annual Installation and Awards Banquet

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

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
Asian 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: Appetizer
Last name M-Z: Dessert

Please RSVP by Tuesday, July 14
Mary Kermani, (714) 963-1919
or mehrnazk@aol.com

thank you, thank you to **Nancy Benay** for the newsletter, AOS/OD and Oceans.

To you, wonderful members, I am grateful for bringing plants, sharing your lives, paying your dues, donating plants, bring-

ing food and just generally being nice people.

God bless you always,
Tom Harrison

**The Installation Banquet will replace the July meeting, so....
No Culture Class in July!**

NHOS Minutes of the June 16, 2009 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Harrison at 7:40 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the first order of business was the election of officers. The slate of officers was printed in the May issue of our newsletter, Orchids Aweigh. Nominations from the floor had been asked for at the May general meeting. With no nominations being offered from the general membership, the slate was printed in the June newsletter. Tom asked for a voice vote for the slate of officers presented in the newsletter.

The unanimous yes vote for the slate presented:

President, Denise Claycomb
1st Vice-President, Greg Fryling
2nd Vice-President, Joe Rupp
Corporate Secretary, Margaret Nerio
Membership Secretary, Laura Perry
Treasurer, Richard Hara
Ex-Officio, Tom Harrison

Officers 2008-09

President

Tom Harrison

First Vice President

Denise Claycomb

Second Vice President

Joe Rupp

Corporate Secretary

Margaret Nerio

Membership

Laura Perry

Treasurer

Richard Hara

Ex-Officio

Jim Miller

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Tina Coombe
Phil Duke
Guy Gottschalk
Linda Ianelli
Nahid Khonsari
Michael Miranda
Rick Wells

Board of Directors

2012 Ha Bui, Tina Coombe, Anne Rupp
2011 Nahid Khonsari, Michael Miranda,
Rick Wells
2010 Guy Gottschalk, and Linda Ianelli

President Tom Harrison asked our speaker, Jim Rose, to select a plant for the Cultural Award from the orchids presented for ribbon judging.

Treasurer Richard Hara reported that there was \$10,000 in the treasury after the Auction. This amount is a little less than what was in the treasury at this time last year.

2nd Vice-President Joe Rupp reported the Auction grossed \$4820 and netted \$4,200. He said that good show plants bring in good money.

The July meeting will be held at the home of Michael Miranda. The Installation and Awards party meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2009. Everyone attending will be asked to pay \$15.00 and bring an item for the potluck according to the alpha list. The Society will provide the main dish, beverages, paper goods, etc.

Nancy Benay, AOS and Orchid Digest representative, reported the Society was well represented at the Orchid Digest Speaker's Day on June 13th at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens. This year the emphasis was on paphs and phrags. Dr. Norito Hasegawa was honored for his continuing service by the Orchid Digest. Next year the emphasis will be in cattleyas. She also announced that the AOS gardens and greenhouses will remain open.

Dr. Norito Hasegawa announced the Orchid Fair in Santa Barbara will be held July 10-12 at the Earl Warren Showgrounds. They will have plant judging for the first time. Attendees are welcome to bring a quality plant for judging. Dr. Hasegawa will represent NHOS.

1st Vice-President Denise Claycomb introduced the speaker for the evening. James Rose of Cal Orchids in Santa Barbara. Mr. Rose's topic was "In Search of Lycaste skinneri and its Hybrids." Jim spoke about his trip to Guatemala in search of Lycaste skinneri in its natural habitat. They are becoming much more difficult to find because of the deforestation in its growing areas. The last of his presentation was listing and showing of Lycaste skin-

neri hybrids that have been made mainly by the Japanese from flasks sold by the Santa Barbara Orchid Estates. After he finished his presentation, Jim invited questions

President Tom thanked our speaker and the audience for their patience with the technical problems. He adjourned the meeting for refreshments.

Editor's Note: In future issues we will print minutes from either the board meetings or the general meetings. Thanks to Margaret Nerio, Corporate Secretary, for sending along the copy.



2010 Oceans of Orchids Show

The NHOS is re-launching (no pun intended) the *Oceans of Orchids Show and Sale* in February 2010. It will be a larger and more comprehensive show than its predecessors in terms of orchid displays and vendor sales. The venue will be the Westminster Mall and the dates are Friday, February 12, through Sunday, February 14, 2010, which is the same weekend as the Lunar New Year celebrations and Valentine's Day.

As the planning begins, the show committee invites and welcomes NHOS members to join the committee and to help with the long-range planning of the show. As the date approaches, more volunteers will be needed.

Please contact Denise Claycomb at 949-859-4238 or turtlegramma@dslexreme.com if you would like to join the committee.

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Helping Your Orchids through the Summer

Editor's note: Thanks to Susan Taylor, Orchids Editor for Bella Online. Susan lives in Houston, Texas. There are some good tips for keeping orchids cool during our hot Southern California summer.

Here in the south we have very hot summers and my greenhouse faces west so that it receives full afternoon sun. My main concern at this time of year is keeping my orchids cool enough. Another problem is that the smaller orchids in less than four-inch pots dry out much faster than the larger ones. In order to be consistent, I only water twice a week, but will mist and wet down the media on the smaller ones as necessary. I've experimented with several different options and the best one I've found is to put a clay saucer under the smaller pots of Cattleyas. I use a five-inch saucer for a four-inch pot.

What this accomplishes is to provide a

longer period for the media in the pot to absorb water, rather than only as the water is run through. The clay saucer will respire and evaporate water, especially on dry days, so that the plant is cooler while it gets more water. The clay saucers will not hold water as long as a plastic one so that there is less chance of the roots staying too wet for too long. If you notice one saucer that has water in it when all the others are dry, then either water a little less or dispose of the water to allow the plant to dry. I've had good luck with this method for most hybrid Cattleyas except for the Nodosas and their primary hybrids. It is just too wet for them. Oncidiums seem to adapt well to this culture, also. Dendrobiums do not like this, so don't try with them.

For larger plants, add some sphagnum moss to the top of the media and wet that down between waterings to provide extra moisture. It will dry out fairly quickly, but allow the top roots to absorb more mois-

ture as they need it without getting too waterlogged. This will also provide some extra humidity to the plant as the moss releases its water to the air.

Mounted orchids and Vandaceous orchids should be watered morning and evening during the hottest part of the summer. Putting them under the misting system will provide enough extra water if you are unable to water by hand this often.

Extra air circulation in the form of an exhaust fan or a circulating fan will cause extra evaporation from your pots and saucers also reducing the air temperature. A misting system, either hooked up to your garden hose, or a self-contained system, is almost a necessity during the summer to provide humidity and help cool your orchids.



June 2009 Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTELEYA	Laelia. purpurata	Enc. aromatic x Slc Trick or Treat	Cat. Summer Joy	Barbara Livingston
	Earl & Joyce Hare	Gisela Ferolito	Kayoko. Nebrig	
CYMBIDIUM	Eulophia Quartiniana Merle. Robboy	No entry	Got cymbidiums?	Lily Hara
DENDROBIUM	Den. Island Mist	Den. moscatum	Den. Cuthbertsonii x Goldschmitianum	Winn Winmaw
	Dorothy. Goldberg	Nancy Benay	Nancy Benay	
MAXILLARIEAE	Promenaea Meadow Gold x xanthina Nancy Benay	Lycaste deppei	Xylobium squalens	Guy Gottschalk
		Roberta Fox	Denise Claycomb	
ONCIDIUM	Un-named species	Vuyl Melissa Briame	Rossiglossum "Rawdon Jester"	Greg Fryling
	Gen Gundrsen	Earl & Joyce Hare	Kay Firebaugh	
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Phrag. Gigantea	Paph. Berenice	Phrag. Don Wimber	Roberta Fox
	Denise Claycomb	Dick Hess	Lynn Wiand	
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal. Sago Manager K. Boettcher	Sarcochilus ceciliae Ha Bui	Phal. cornu-cervi Nancy Benay	Roberta Fox
PLEUROTHALLID	Mormolyca ringens	Masd. Highland Fling	Pleurothallis grobyi	Nancy Benay
	Kay Firebaugh	Joe Rupp	Dorothy Goldberg	
VANDA	V. Pachara Delight Ha Bui	V. Pachara Delight sakata' M. Robboy	Ascocenda cross W & C Winmaw	Greg Fryling
MISCELLANEOUS	Bulbophyllum falcatum Greg Fryling	Disa uniflora Joe Rupp	Physosiphon tubatus W. & C. Winmaw	Jim Miller
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	Psychopsis papillio Mary Kermani	Phal. No tag. Mary Kermani	Paph. delenatii Mary Kermani	Lily Hara
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Bulbophyllum falcatum Greg Fryling			Jim Rose



Mark Your Calendars...

Friday, July 10: Come hear Orchid Fair guest author Lou Menezes. 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.

Friday, July 10-12, 2009: 29th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate 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. Guest Author: Lou Menezes, Brazilian orchid specialist, whose latest book, *Laelia Purpurata*, will be featured at the sale.

Saturday, July 18-Sunday, July 19: San Diego County Orchid Society Summer Show in the Park. Room 101 of the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. www.sdorchids.com. Admission free.

Tuesday, July 21, 2009: NHOS Annual Awards and Installation Banquet at Michael Miranda's. Please RSVP to Mary Kermani by Tuesday, July 14th. This year the committee will not be calling members as it did last year.

September 26-27, 2009: Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. both days. South Coast Plaza Village, 1631 West Sunflower, Santa Ana, CA 92704, www.ocorchidshow.com.

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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