



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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August 2009

President's Message

It is going to be an exciting year. The NHOS is bringing back our Oceans of Orchids Show after four years, but on a much bigger scale. We have several committees that can use your help; we want to make our come back a big success.

Greg Fryling has jumped in with both feet and is busy lining up great speakers for our programs. A thank you to **Phil Duke** and **Jim Miller** for your years of service on the Board of Directors; you will be missed. Thank you **Tom Harrison** for helping me with the duties of my new position.

Our Annual Installation Dinner was another wonderful evening. Once again, a big thank you to **Michael Miranda** for invit-

ing us to invade his paradise for the evening; his yard just gets better and better, and every year there are new things to see. Also thank you **Mary Kermani** and **Phil Duke** for organizing the evening again this year. Sorry Phil could not be there to enjoy it.

I also want to thank the volunteers who where there early to set up and stayed to help clean up: **Helen Tangcay, Lisa Humphreys, Nico Goossens, Irma Adams, Arlene and Rick Wells** (who covered for Phil), my husband **John, Richard and Lily Hara**. And Richard thank you for remembering to bring my soft drink of choice.

Thank you **Valerie Sanders** for your quick wit, time and effort with the ribbon judg-

August Culture Class

Dr. Guy Gottschalk will conduct this month's class: "Growing on Hot Summer Nights?"

ing and awards, good job, and **Merle Rob-boy** for installing the officers once again this year. I know I have missed some of you, but your help was appreciated! Our Garden Tour will be coming up soon; it is going to be a great year at NHOS.

Remember to take time out of your busy life to stop and enjoy your orchids and gardens.

Denise Claycomb
President

August Speaker

Norito Hasegawa

"Phalaenopsis Species and Their Influence on Hybrids"

Our August speaker is Norito Hasegawa, a retired dentist, an overextended hobbyist (considered commercial for tax purposes), a 3 million miler travelling to many foreign countries talking and/or judging in places such as Japan, South Africa, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Germany, New Zealand, Taiwan, England, France, Switzerland and many many cities in the USA. Norito will speak on "Phalaenopsis Species and Their Influence on Hybrids."

He is primarily a hybridizer of Slipper Orchids (*Paphiopedilum*) although his interests and collection of 15,000 orchids includes miniature cattleyas, phalaenopsis, cymbidiums and variegated orchids of all

sorts.

He first became interested in orchids after seeing orchids in mass at the World Orchid Conference held in Long Beach in 1966.



After he bought his first orchids, he failed miserably, but persisted in trying to grow them outdoors, and in no time he had hundreds. Now, he can't imagine his life without orchids. Orchids are an endeavor of science, taxonomy, hybridizing, art, sociability, quiet reflections, and mad par-

ties—join the addition and fun.

He is married to Joyce, and has three children—Lisa, Todd and Mark—with paphiopedilums named after each of them. He is owner of Paphanatics, unLimited; a judge in both the American Orchid Society and the Cymbidium Society of America for over 35 years. An excellent speaker who lectures extensively nationally and internationally, we are most fortunate to have Norito speak once again to the NHOS.

Paphanatics will provide the plant table for the August meeting.

Greg Fryling, First Vice-President

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

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



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Tom Harrison and
Denise Claycomb



Michael
Miranda's
Miracle
Menagerie



Wendy Austin, Janell and
Harry Schuck, and Gisela Feralito



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Breaking News!! -- Wild Orchid Spotting in OC

We rarely think of wild orchids growing in Orange County? Right? Wrong! Ron Vanderhoff of Roger's Gardens reports in *The Mulch* that while on a hike in the Santa Ana Mountains recently he came upon a spring that supplies water year round to the area. Near the spring he spotted *Epipactus gigantea*, also known as the Stream Orchid.

As Ron did not recognize the flower, he asked Harold Koopowitz to help him identify the plant. It's been about a month since Ron found the location and the orchid, so chances are that the plant has finished blooming

Next June or July, it would be fun for a group of us who are interested in species-to-hike in the area, in search of the elusive *Epipactus gigantea*. To read the article, go to www.themulch.com.

Editor's Note: *The Mulch* is an independent gardening community where everything revolves around *you* and *your* plants.

Membership Corner

Just a note to all of you who have not yet sent in your dues. Now's the time. Thanks goodness for email; saves lots of phone calls. I miss talking to you, but it certainly takes time. Keep up the good work.

Laura Perry
Membership Chairperson



August Refreshments

The following members beginning with **Elaine Stand** through **Peter and Miko Yang** are asked to provide refreshments for the August meeting. Thank you!

Something New in the Works for the NHOS....

The NHOS is considering a new education and social meeting format that is separate from the monthly general meetings. This would involve a rather informal get together on either a Saturday or a Sunday, perhaps 6-8 times per year at various members homes. The topic would be, for example, a Genus of an orchid blooming that month.

Members could bring 1-3 plants of that type, either species or a cross, and tell us how it is grown, where it originates, or its breeding, and why they like it. Discussion will be informal, and all interested members are encouraged to attend even without plants to share. Each person would bring a brunch item to share. This will allow more people to see growing conditions, ask questions & encourage more participation in our society, but in a less regimented mode.

We will discuss this proposal further at the August general meeting.

Merle Robboy

2008-2009 Ribbon Judging Awards

All year long we've had fabulous plant displays at the monthly meetings. Not only do we get to see interesting and wonderfully grown plants, but the plant tables also serve as the base for Merle Robboy's informative commentary each month. In this respect we are all winners. The top growers were recognized at the installation dinner in July.

Recipients of the Novice Growers Awards were:

- Second Place:
Mary Kermani 13 blue ribbons
- First Place:
Joyce Nugent 17 blue ribbons

When novice growers receive three first-place blue ribbons when they do, they graduate to the "Big Table." Both Joyce and Mary now move up to the "Big Table."

In regular ribbon judging, points are awarded in the following way:

- Monthly Culture award: 7 points
- First Place (blue ribbon): 5 points
- Second Place (red ribbon): 3 points
- Third Place (white ribbon): 1 point

And the big winners for 2008-09 were:

- Third Place:
Dorothy Goldberg 62 points
- Second Place:
Lynn Wiand 116 points
- First Place:
Denise Claycomb 138 points
- Honorable mentions:
Merle Robboy 51 points
Joe Rupp 50 points

Last, but definitely not least, are the Outstanding Judge Awards (thanks Valerie).

Outstanding judge:

- **Greg Fryling** 13 points
- **Winn Winmaw** 9 points
- **Lily Hara** 9 points
- **Dave Smith** 8 points

Congratulations to all of the 2008-09 Ribbon Judging Award winners!

Valerie Sanders
Ribbon Judging Chair



Mark Your Calendars...

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.

Saturday, October 10, 2009: Annual NHOS Greenhouse and Garden Tour. Details to follow.

Saturday, October 10, 2009-Sunday, October 11, 2009: Fall Show and Sale, South Bay Orchid Society. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274. www.southbayorchidsociety.com.

October 15-19, 2009: Southland Orchid Show, "Golden Age of Orchids." The Southland's 50th Anniversary celebration, with The Fall AOS Members Meeting taking place concurrently with the show. www.southlandorchids.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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