



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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January 2010

President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. Happy New Year! It's hard to believe it is 2010. Remember the Y2K2 scare? It seems so long ago.

The Holiday Party was very festive with lots of great food, an orchid slide show, strolling Christmas carolers dressed in Charles Dickens period clothing and the plant exchange.

{ "A man should never plant a garden larger than his wife can take care of." T.H. Everett }

I want to start with **Lily and Richard Hara**, thank you for bringing the supplies and punch for the party and for every meeting. Thank you **Mary Kermani** for bringing the table covers and helping with the tables. Thank you **Tina Coombe** for putting together the

year's pictures in a slide show, I am sorry for the short notice Tina. Thank you **Greg Fryling** for bringing the digital projector for the slide show. Thank you **Nancy Benay** for cooking the tasty filet mignon roast served for dinner along with the ham I cooked and carved so expertly by **Phil**.

A big thank you to **Linda Ianelli**, without whom we would not have had the delightful carolers entertaining us while we dined. And thank you to all who brought wonderful dishes to share with everyone and to all who participated in the plant exchange.

Now down to business. The "Oceans of Orchids Show and Sale" is almost here, and the show committee is working hard to iron out the last of the details. Crunch time will soon be upon us. This includes setting up the tables

with tablecloths on Wednesday evening, February 10th, vendor and society display set up, and plant registration for judging on Thursday, February 11th, so that everything will be ready when the "doors open" on Friday, February 12th. I am working on a surprise announcement for the opening Friday morning--stay tuned. We will need all the volunteers we can get, not only during the show but also for set up and take down Sunday evening after the show closes.

See you at the January meeting.

Denise Claycomb, President

p.s. Winter solstice has passed and the days are beginning to get longer again, yea!

{ "A flower is an educated weed." Luther Burbank }

January Speaker Fred Clarke "On Bulbophyllums"

We are off to a fabulous start for 2010 with Fred Clarke as our speaker at this month's general meeting.

Fred will be doing a presentation on Bulbophyllums, an amazing group of species and hybrids that make excellent companion plants with Phalaenopsis and Paphiopedilums. Fred has an extensive "bulbo" collection, that includes the most incredible specimen-sized Bulbophyllum medusae (when it is in bloom) that I have ever seen.

Well known and highly respected in orchid circles as one the best and most



innovative orchid hybridizers and growers, Fred has achieved some wonderful results in the hybridizing of Catasetums, Cycnoches and Mormodes.

In fact, the back cover of the spring 2005 edition of *The Orchid Digest* features Fred's specimen of a new hybrid genus Fredclarkeara After Dark, "Black is Black" AM/AOS, the first true black orchid.

Backed by over 26 years of experience in the horticultural industry as a

professional grower and manager, Fred applies these skills to produce well grown and healthy orchid plants. The nursery has grown considerably over the last few years and now exceeds 20,000 sq. ft. of greenhouse space.

Fred will provide the plant raffle table and will hopefully have a few plants to sell at the meeting.

Culture Class

Tom Harrison, former NHOS president, will conduct this month's culture class. The topic is mounting orchids on cork and other media. This will be an excellent opportunity for both novices and more advanced growers to learn the techniques of putting your orchids on mounts in addition to the cultural requirements for successfully growing them this way.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month

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

"For the Love of Orchids": 2010 Oceans of Orchids Show & Sale

It's show time once again—Winter is a busy season all over California for orchid shows—from San Diego to Northern California. In fact winter in the Southland isn't winter without a major orchid show, and the NHOS has the distinction of kicking off the 2010 show season with our "Oceans of Orchids" Show and Sale.

This year's theme is "For the Love of Orchids" in honor of the Chinese Lunar New Year, Tet, and Valentine's Day. We hope to make this a long-standing tradition that the whole Southern California orchid and floral community will support.

The "show side" has multiple functions in addition to being a society fundraiser—to educate people about orchids through the culture and potting classes, to spotlight and increase communication between the various regional orchid societies of which there are many, to provide visual enjoyment via the numerous orchid displays, and

given the timing of our show to showcase the various countries and ethnicities that comprise the demographics of Orange County. On the sale side, this is an opportunity for quality participating vendors to sell directly to the public and, of course, for the public to acquire quality orchids and to develop their personal collections.

As Denise mentions, we do need lots of volunteer support before, during, and after the show. It does take the entire society as well as members of other societies to successfully bring off a show of this size.

First and foremost please encourage, entice, invite family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to come to the show. It's free and open to the public. Access is easy, and parking is abundant and free. For those of you who can volunteer your time and physical effort, we will need lots of help setting up the tables on Wednesday evening, February 10. On Thursday, we will need a small group to help late afternoon and evening with plant registration for AOS, CSA, and ribbon judging. On Friday morning, we will need lots and lots of volunteers for ribbon judging.



During the show you can help out at the information table, with security, assist with the potting workshops on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, with take down on Sunday, and final clean-up on Monday. If you wish to sell your extra plants at the show, there will be a member's sale, so you can thin out space on your benches and earn some extra orchid dollars. If you sell, plan to volunteer in the members' plant sales booth.

You can sign up to work at the show during the January meeting, on-line (that's in the works) at www.nhos.org, or by calling Nancy Benay at 949-552-7713 (after 6 pm preferably).

Thank you in advance for your support and all of your help,

2010 Oceans of Orchids Show Committee

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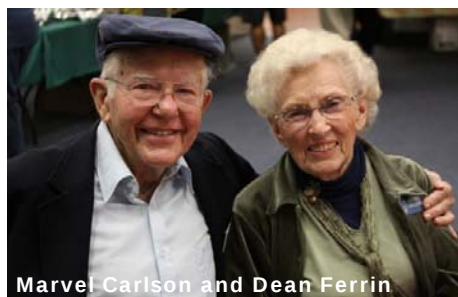
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Holiday Party Highlights



Marvel Carlson and Dean Ferrin



Elizabeth Kishaba, Helen Tangcay, and Michael Miranda



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Dickens Carolers — not a Bah! Humbug! could be heard!

NHOS ANNUAL AUCTION

The annual Ron Capps Memorial Auction will take place this year at the February 16th meeting. One of the highlighted items available for bidding will be a current version of Orchidwiz, an outstanding software package that is valued commercially at nearly \$260.

You're not going to want to miss all the super orchids that will be available at bargain prices. We are expecting to have a lot of blooming plants (many acquired from the vendors selling at the Oceans of Orchids Show) in addition to some exceptional plant arrangements.

Save some of your orchid dollars to spend at the auction. More to follow in the February issue of Orchids Aweigh.

Joe Rupp
Second Vice President and
Auction Chair

SPECIAL AUCTION DONATION ORCHIDWIZ DATABASE SOFTWARE

The publisher of *Orchidwiz* has very generously donated a copy of the latest version of their orchid database software to our auction. One lucky bidder will walk away with a superb orchid reference, that normally sells for \$259.

I have been using Orchidwiz almost since its inception about 3 years ago, and each version has been a major leap to a higher level. For a start, it is a reference of all of the registered hybrids, with pictures – many pictures. For a given hybrid, one can see photos of both parents (and of the ancestral tree). There are listings of awards (AOS, RHS, CSA).

But where it really gets useful for me, is that it also contains an enormous amount of species information. It incorporates all of the Baker's culture sheets, with temperature, light, fertilization, rest periods etc. for a few thousand species. From the species composition of the hybrids, it calculates the expected cultural requirements of those hybrids. That, to me, is probably the most valuable information of all – how to take care of the orchids that I have. Orchidwiz also is a valuable aid in making sense of the taxonomic reclassifications that are so confusing. It has the most current names, but also very extensive cross references to all of the names by which a particular orchid has been known. One can search by either the current naming or the Sanders nomenclature that's probably on the tag.

A new feature that has been added is the "journal". This is a personal database, in which one can track one's own plants with a link to all of the information in Orchidwiz. If you look up a plant, and decide that you really want it, add it to the "wish list", which you can print out and take to the next show... or auction.

If you grow orchids and have a computer, this is the reference that you need. May the bidding be lively... You help the society, and your orchids will thank you. Contact Roberta Fox at roberta@orchidcentral.net for more information.

More Holiday Merrymakers...



Kayoko Nebrig, Sharon Pyatt, & Barbara Livingston



John Butler, Chitsaya Winmaw, Lynn Wiand, and Valerie Sanders (first row); Paula Butler and, Mary Kermani (second row).



Ken and Laura Perry



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January Refreshments

The members beginning with **Linda Iannelli to Adriane and Gene Marcellino** are asked to provide refreshments for the January meeting. Thank you!



Mark Your Calendars...

Friday, January 15, 2010: San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey Third Friday of the month) 10 am-2 pm; (orchid greenhouse is open). Janette Gerrity (619) 231-1515 ext. 4306. www.sandiegozoo.org.

Wednesday, January 16, 2010: Orange County Orchid Society's Annual Auction. Plant preview begins at 6:30 pm; auction start time at 7:00 pm. www.ocos.net.

January 16-17, 2010: San Diego Orchid Society Minishow Balboa Park. www.sdorchids.com.

Saturday February 6, 2010: Annual Orchid Auction, San Diego County Cymbidium Society. Preview at 11 am. Auction begins at 12 noon. Women's Club of Carlsbad, 3320 Monroe St., Carlsbad, CA 92008. Auction Chairperson: orchldy2@mac.com or 760-732-0055.

Friday, February 12-Sunday, February 14, 2010: Newport Harbor Orchid Society's Oceans of Orchids Show and Sale. Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA.

Tuesday, February 16, 2010: NHOS Annual Ron Capps Memorial Auction, Costa Mesa Community Center. Preview at 6:30 pm. Auction begins at 7:00 pm (note: this is the February meeting).

Friday, February 26-Sunday, February 28, 2010: San Francisco Orchid Society 58th Annual Exposition, Fort Mason Center Festival Pavilion, San Francisco, CA. Contact: For Information; (415) 665-2468; www.orchidsanfrisco.org.

Saturday, March 6-Sunday, March 7, 2010: South Bay Orchid Society Show, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance, CA. Contact: Marla Corey, 1958 W. Summerland, Palos Verdes, CA 90275; (310) 707-7097; marlacorey@sbcglobal.net.

Friday, March 26-Sunday, March 28, 2010: San Diego County Orchid Society's Show and Sale. "A Rainbow of Orchids." Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego (along the 8 Freeway). Admission \$7.00, Week-end pass \$10.00. www.sdorchids.com.



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