



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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November 2010

President's Message

A thank you goes to **Ron Kaufmann** for the presentation he gave at our October meeting. He had many wonderful pictures of the flora and fauna of Ecuador and the conservation efforts going on there to preserve it.

The NHOS still needs a First Vice President, and **Joyce Nugent** has stepped down as Ribbon Judging Chairperson, so we need volunteers to fill both positions that are key to the functioning of the society.

This year is quickly coming to an end. We're back on standard time, and our daylight hours are getting shorter and the nights are cooling down. Hence, I've switched the watering schedule for my orchids and plants in preparation for winter. The plants and grasses seem to have enjoyed our early rain, and I have started collecting rainwater once again.

The Newport Harbor Orchid Expo is right around the corner, and next month will be our annual Holiday Party. Where has this year gone? Time seems to be going faster than ever these days. I'm already looking



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

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

forward to spring will be here with a new flourish of growth once again.

I want to thank **Maryann Hanlon** for taking over the culture class, she recognized the need for it, especially for the beginners and has jumped in with both feet, so please support her by volunteering

"Despite the gardener's best intentions Nature will improvise."
Michael P. Garafalo



November Speaker Peter Lin

"The Three A's of the Orchid World: Angraecum, Aerangis & Aeranthes"

We are pleased to have Peter Lin as our speaker for the November 16th general meeting. His talk will focus on Angraecum, Aerangis and Aeranthes. These genera are found in tropical Africa, as well as Madagascar, the islands of the Western Indian Ocean, and Sri Lanka.

An avid orchid hobbyist, hybridizer, and AOS judge, Peter's involvement with orchids goes back about 25 years, though he put the hobby on the back burner while he was in college and starting up his career. About eight years ago the orchid "bug" returned.

He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids that he grows in three small greenhouses. We know him as a grower

Culture Class

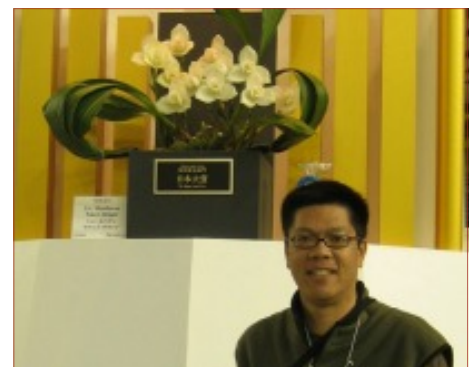
Laelia anceps will be the topic of this month's culture class to be conducted by **Jack Kittrell**, a long time grower of laelias and related genera. Laelias are well acclimated to our weather conditions in coastal California and are generally easy to grow.

It's always fun to come to fall meetings and to see Jack's huge *Laelia anceps* on the display table. His *Cattleya* (formerly *Schomburgkia*) superbiens received the culture award at the October meeting. You can read more about Jack's orchid collection at http://www.nhos.org/pdf/NHOS_Sep_2006.pdf

Maryann Hanlon
Culture Class Coordinator

of quality mini-catts, but his collection also includes Dendrobiums and numerous miniature species. He is a frequent speaker at various orchid societies. Not included in his orchid bio is the fact that he is an accomplished landscaper and gardener whose home garden has been featured in area garden tours.

Peter will be providing the plants for this month's raffle table. There will be a nice selection of orchids, so be sure to buy your **TICKETS!**



IT'S A WRAP!

NHOS Greenhouse & Garden Tour 2010

Many thanks are due to our hosts, Richard and Sara Hess, Karen Muir, and Roberta Fox for opening their very beautiful homes and gardens to us on the Greenhouse and Garden Tour. You were all remarkably gracious, and all 30 attendees had a great time.

Thanks also to Richard Hara for handling the money. We did decently by our "break-even" policy, not losing much.

Finally, thanks to Mary Kermani, Joe Rupp, Tina Coombe and Michael Miranda for bringing bagels in the morning and providing a great Italian lunch.

You are all wonderful!

Tom Harrison

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Photo Gallery October 2010



Smiling
people,
stunning
plants



Culture Corner

Getting Your Orchids Ready for the Winter

Winter in Southern California is more spring-like when compared to most other areas of the US, nevertheless there are a number of precautions you will want to take.

These are tips that appear in the November issue of *Orchids* and were provided by Dot Henley of the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society.

- ◆ Group and move orchids that need little water away from the rest of the collection (such as certain dendrobiums and catasetinae if they have lost their leaves). If your plants grow outside all year, hang the plants under an eave or high on a shaded fence where the sprinkler doesn't hit.
- ◆ Move adult orchids that haven't bloomed in more than a year into more, but probably not full, light. They won't burn now and will adapt

to more light as it increases in the spring.

- ◆ Group young plants and tender plants so you can bring them inside when the thermometer goes below 50F. This includes Phalaenopsis and most vandaceous orchids.
- ◆ Reduce frequency of watering, and the amount of fertilizer.

For the Lycaste growers in the group here's a useful tip from Jim Rose of Cal Orchid: Plant your Lycastes in redwood mulch and don't forget to keep the plants moist and provide humidity similar to what they experience in nature.

2010-11 Membership Directory

The 2010-11 NHOS directory is in print and copies are available at the monthly meetings. Thanks to Tina Coombe for her assistance in preparing the directory.

Orchids for Sale

Many of you remember the Orchid Connection in San Diego that was known for its Mexican species. Former owner Concepcion Ballado operates a small nursery in Connecticut, and she is having an inventory reduction sale. Her collection consists mainly of hybrid Cattleyas.

For more information and to view the catalogue: <http://www.balladorchids.com/index.html>.

November Refreshments

Members beginning with **David Smith** through **Miko and Peter Yang** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

2010 October Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE 5 pts	SECOND PLACE 3 pts	THIRD PLACE 1 pt	JUDGES
CATLEYA	Epidendrum difforme Lynn Wiand	Cattleya Chocolate Drop Kay Firebaugh	Laelia superbiens Jack Kittrell	Nancy Benay
CYMBIDIUM	Clowesia russelliana Roberta Fox	Cym "Ashley" Ha Bui	Cym Peter Pan "Greensleeves" Roberta Fox	Lily Hara
DENDROBIUM	No entries			
MAXILLARIEAE	Lycaste Aquila "Détente" Nancy Benay			
ONCIDIUM	Blira Howard's Dream Joe Rupp	Onc Sugar Baby Joe Rupp	Onc Sherry Baby Michael Miranda	Marilyn Bauer
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph Magic Lantern Lynn Wiand	Paph henryanum Lynn Wiand	Paph primulinum Album Lynn Wiand	Valerie Sanders
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal pantherina Roberta Fox	Phal cornu-cervi rubescens Roberta Fox	DTPS Little Gem/stripes Lynn Wiand	Joyce Nugent
PLEUROTHALLID	Restaepia tricho Lynn Wiand			Guy Gottschalk
VANDA	Renanthera imschootiana v monachica Kay Firebaugh	Vanda tricolor Ha Bui	Mokara Joe Rupp	Jack Kittrell
MISCELLANEOUS	Stanhopea oculata Roberta Fox	Stenoglottis Venus "Jamboree" Joe Rupp	Coelogyne flaccida Roberta Fox	No Judge
NOVICE	No entries			
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Laelia superbiens Jack Kittrell			Ron Kaufmann

Editor's note: Owing to space limitations, the September judging grid will be printed in a later issue of the newsletter.



Mark Your Calendars...

Friday, November 5-Sunday, November 7, 2010: Cal Orchid OPEN HOUSE SALE!!!! Cyms in spike, Laelia anceps select divisions! Cattleyas in sheath. New crop of Epis. Meet your orchid pals and have fun!! <http://www.calorchid.com/>.

Saturday, November 6-Sunday, November 7, 2010: 52nd Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House. <http://www.sborchid.com/index.php>.

Saturday, November 27-Sunday, November 28, 2010: Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and Sale Orchids Run Amok. <http://sborchid.com/events.php>.

Saturday and Sunday, December 4 & 5, 2010:

- Open House at Casa de las Orquideas, Solana Beach, CA. 170 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach, CA, 92075. <http://www.orquideas.com/>.
- Open House at Rudvallis Orchids; 9 am-3 pm; Encinitas, CA. Call 760 438-2121 for more information.
- Open House at Sunset Valley Orchids, 10am-4pm, <http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com/>.

Tuesday, December 21, 2010: NHOS Holiday Potluck. Watch for details in the December newsletter.

Friday, January 28-Sunday, January 30, 2011: Newport Harbor Orchid Society's Orchid Expo and Sale. Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA. It's early, but mark your calendar. More information to follow.



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