



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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December 2010

President's Message

Thank you to **Peter Lin** who did a wonderful talk on the "Three 'A' Species" last month with lots of great pictures, some from his own collection.

{ "Gardening is away of showing
that you believe in tomorrow."
Old saying }

The holidays are already here, and I don't know where this year has gone. I know we live in California, but I have noticed the leaves on some trees have changed to beautiful hues of red and orange, a sign that winter is approaching. Time has come to protect your plants that don't fare well with the lower temperatures we are having. I feel we are in for a colder than usual winter this year.

The Newport Harbor Orchid Expo and Sale is getting close, and volunteers are needed to help in many areas, it will be here before we know it. More information on Page 3 of the newsletter

Again, a First Vice President is still needed. If you have any questions about this position please contact me.

Looking forward to seeing you at our NHOS Holiday Party.

Have a joyous and safe holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Denise Claycomb, President

{ "No two gardens are the same.
No two days are the same in one
garden."
Hugh Johnson }

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 woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But you have a party date to keep!*

Join your fellow members for the
NHOS Annual Holiday Party!

In the tradition of the season, the NHOS will hold its Annual Holiday Potluck at the December 21st meeting. There will no culture class or speaker presentation that evening, but there will be plenty of

*great food,
a plant exchange and
conviviality galore.*

Holiday carolers will provide entertainment.
Main dishes will be provided by the society.

**Members are asked to bring a dish
that will serve 10-12 people.**

Categories by last name are:
A-G Dessert
H-M Side Dish
N-Z Appetizer

Drinks and appetizers at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

**If you wish to help set up,
please come at 6:00 p.m.**

We are having our **orchid gift exchange** again this year and hope that everyone or at least ever couple will bring an orchid plant or orchid related item (not wrapped).

As in previous years your name will be put on the gift when you come in. When your gift is picked your name will be called. You will then pick the next gift and so on. The more people who participate the more fun it is.

**We are looking forward to a lot of fun and
holiday cheer for this special evening,
and hope all members will join us.**

**Thanks to Phil Duke for
his help in organizing
this year's party.**

"Orchid Extravaganza": 2011 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo and Sale



The NHOS is kicking off the winter show season with our Orchid Expo and Sale at the Westminster Mall on Friday, January 28 through Sunday, January 30, 2011. It will be a time to come together to enjoy the beautiful exhibits, connect with many orchid friends, acquire some new plants, and to have a good time. This year's theme is "Orchid Extravaganza." So, in between your holiday shopping, partying, and general frenzy, don't forget to take care of your orchids, gently and lovingly coaxing your winter blooming plants to be at their peak for the show. We want to make this a real extravaganza filling the mall with orchids everywhere.

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 in the following areas:

- Setting up the tables on Wednesday evening, January 26.
- General assistance throughout the day on Thursday, January 27, helping with show set-up, assisting vendors, etc.
- Lots of volunteers for ribbon judging on Friday morning, January 28 at 9 am. When judging is done, there will be a casual lunch for all judges. Novice ribbon judges will be paired with more experienced judges—it's fun and you will learn a lot about the plants.
- Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered to work at the show, but we still need lots more volunteers in the following areas: information table, security, and to assist with the potting workshops on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.
- Take down and clean-up immediately after show closing on Sunday evening, January 30, 2011.
- If you wish to sell your extra plants at the show, there will be a member's plant sale area, 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. More to follow in the January newsletter.

During the December and January meetings you can sign up to work at the show, or sign up online (that's in the works) at www.nhos.org, or by contacting Nancy Benay at 949-552-7713 or ndbenay@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your support and all of your help,
2011 Oceans of Orchids Show Committee

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New at the 2011 Expo and Sale

We will have a Children's Orchid Art Exhibit at this year's show. Members of the Westminster Mall's Kids Club will be invited to a workshop on Saturday morning, January 22, where they will learn about orchids and complete craft projects. Their art work will be featured in a display during the show. On Saturday morning, January 29th there will be a special culture class and re-potting session for children to be conducted by Everett Stockstill (aka the Pupule Hapa). Thanks Everett.

Member's Profile

Lily and Richard Hara

Lily Hara and I are “friends” on Facebook, and over the last five or so months, she has posted several albums of their orchids in bloom. The album that first caught my attention was one that Lily posted in July entitled “what the NHOS won’t see this



month.” Naturally, this sparked my curiosity meaning that I just had to take a look at her photos. I was definitely impressed by several shots of a huge specimen sized white *Laelia purpurata* with at least twenty flowers on it, some equally big encyclias, and a large yellow dendrobium that was also of specimen size.

While other members of the NHOS would not see these orchids, I thought to myself, I

had the pleasure of having a front row seat. And then a few days later Lily posted still more photos, this time a *Pleurothallis pubescens*, a tall *Paph. Scarborough Fair* cross, among others. Sitting in front of my computer screen admiring all of these photos, I thought it would be fun to do an article on the Hara’s orchid collection.

Fast forward to a pleasant November afternoon, and I finally had the chance to visit with Lily and to see their orchids. Upon entering the kitchen, my eyes were immediately drawn towards the patio where the majority of the Hara’s collection resides, cymbidiums on the plant benches, paphiopedilums and a mixture of various genera on the kitchen windowsill and cattleyas hanging overhead.

As we began to chat, I learned that Lily’s first orchids were rescues from her mother’s collection. Her father had decided to discard the plants after Lily’s mom passed away. About ten years ago, she joined the NHOS with a friend, who subsequently stopped coming to the meetings. She then persuaded Richard to come to the meetings with her, and the rest is

history, as they say. Richard has also become a member of the Torrance Branch of the CSA, which explains the burgeoning number of cymbidiums on the benches.

Among their prized plants is a *Dendrobium speciosum* that they purchased from the \$7.50 plant table at the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate in 1999. They patiently waited seven years for the plant to bloom, but it now blooms faithfully every year.

Both Lily and Richard have enjoyed orchid related travel. In 2004, they traveled to Japan with Norito Hasegawa, a longtime family friend, to see the Tokyo Grand Prix (aka the Tokyo Dome Show), and in 2008 they traveled with Margaret Nerio and another sister Barbara to the World Orchid Conference in Miami.

For all of their generous service to the NHOS, Lily and Richard were voted life members of the society. But take note, they are also talented growers whose plants are frequent award-winners in monthly ribbon judging. Thanks, Lily for the tour, and looking forward to seeing more orchid photos on Facebook.

November 2010 Judging Results

GENUS POINTS	FIRST PLACE 5 pts	SECOND PLACE 3 pts	THIRD PLACE 1 pt	JUDGES
CATTLEYA	<i>Laelia anceps</i> Jack Kittrell	<i>Encyclia polybulbon</i> Lynn Wiand	<i>Blc Golden Toshie Aoki</i> Ha Bui	Nico Goossens
CYMBIDIUM	<i>Cymbidium Enzan Shining</i> “Royal Flame” Ha Bui	<i>Cyenoche</i> Roberta Fox	<i>Cymbidium God Only</i> Knows “Geyserland” x Mae Richard & Lily Hara	Joyce Nugent
DENDROBIUM	<i>Dendrobium. Miyakei</i> HaBui	<i>Dendrobium Palpebrae</i> Lynn Wiand	<i>Dendrobium Kingianum</i> Ha Bui	Lily Hara
MAXILLARIEAE	<i>Zygo Imagination</i> Earl & Joyce Hare	<i>Lycaste luminosa</i> Dick Hess		Gen Gundersen
ONCIDIUM	<i>Rossioglossum grande</i> Espie Quinn	<i>Oncidium tigrinum</i> Gen Gundersen	<i>Miltassia</i> Earl & Joyce Hare	Ha Bui
PAPHIOPEDILUM	<i>Paph villosun</i> Lynn Wiand	<i>Paph Chamberlaninum</i> x Dick Hess	<i>Phrag Sedenii</i> “Candish” D. Hess	Joyce Nugent
PHALAENOPSIS	<i>Phalaenopsis amabilis</i> – Variety Formosianum “Varigata” Roberta Fox	No Entry	No Entry	Nancy Benay
PLEUROTHALLID	<i>Masdevallia Highland Fling</i> Lynn Wiand	<i>Pleurothallis grobyi</i> Joe Rupp	<i>Masdevallia Highland Fling</i> Orange Burst Joe Rupp	Nancy Benay
VANDA	<i>Vanda sanderiana</i> Dick Hess	<i>Vanda Pachara Delight</i> Ha Bui	<i>Nakamotoara</i> Roberta Fox	Lynn Wiand
MISCELLANEOUS	<i>Eria rhyncostyloides</i> Lisa Humphreys	<i>Bulbophyllum Jersey</i> (lobbii x carunculatum) Earl & Joyce Hare	<i>Bulbophyllum medusae</i> Roberta Fox	Lynn Wiand
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	<i>Rosseoglosson grande</i> Espie Quinn			Peter Lin



Mark Your Calendars...

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/newpage.html>.
- Open House at Rudvallis Orchids; 9 am-3 pm; Encinitas, CA. Call 760 438-2121 for more information.
- Open House at Sunset Valley Orchids, 10 am – 4 pm, <http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com/>

Friday, December 17, 2010: San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey; Third Friday of the month 10 am-2 pm (orchid greenhouse is open). Contact: Janette Gerrity (619) 231-1515 ext. 4306.

Tuesday, December 21, 2010: NHOS Holiday Potluck. See details on first page of newsletter.

Wednesday, January 19, 2011: Orange County Orchid Society's Annual Auction. Yorba Linda Public Library.

Friday, January 28-Sunday, January 30, 2011: Newport Harbor Orchid Society's Orchid Expo and Sale. Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA.

Saturday, February 5, 2011: San Diego County Cymbidium Society's Annual Orchid Auction; 11 am.

Tuesday, February 15, 2011: Newport Harbor Orchid Society's Annual Auction. Details to follow.



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