



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the **NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY**

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February 2010

Everything's Coming Up Orchids...

February is here, and as the newsletter goes to press, it's 12 days to show time and two weeks until the auction. In addition, the inaugural meeting of the Roundtable Forum is scheduled for Saturday morning, February 27, at Ann and Joe Rupp's house. It's a bit overwhelming but very exciting. After this month, we will happily go back to a more normal pace.

Oceans of Orchids Show: For the latest update on the show, go to the NHOS website (www.nhos.org) and click on the link to the show. It's all there.

Judging: There will be AOS, CSA, and ribbon judging. You can register your plants on line or in person. In-person plant registration will take place from 4-8 pm in the show office on Thursday, February 11. Judging starts at 9 am on Friday, February 12. Lots of volunteers are needed for ribbon judging.

Display Set-up: The NHOS will have a 10' x 10' floor display designed by Ron Dier. All members are invited and encouraged to enter quality blooming plants in the display. Please deliver your plants to the Westminster Mall by **noon on Thursday, February 11**. We'll be installing the display in the afternoon. Be sure your plants are cleaned up and tagged with your name. No diseased plants, please.

Members Plant Sales: Jack Kittrell and Bob Latimer will be in charge of plant sales. If you have plants to sell, you will need to fill out the plant tags and log sheets; they will be available in the show office or plant sales area starting Thursday, February 11.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month

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



If you sell plants you will be required to volunteer in the plant sales area for a minimum of two hours during the show. The seller will receive 75% and the NHOS will receive 25% after sales tax is taken out.

Orchids and sphagnum moss only can be sold in the member plant sales area. Your plants are to be healthy and established in their pots. Diseased plants will be returned to their owner or discarded. Please clean them up removing old spikes, dead leaves, old sheaths, weeds and oxalis.

Take Down: The show closes at 6 pm on Sunday, February 14. You can pick up your display plants at that time. Volunteers are needed to help with take down and clean up.



President's Message

After the waterspout sightings, the tornado warnings, the lightning and thunder, gusting winds and pounding rain, the sky opened up and the sun came out and made it easy traveling to our January meeting.

As usual, Fred Clarke did a great program-- this time on Bulbophyllums. He reminded us our "bulbos" like to be moist,

Culture Class...

... will be preempted by the February auction. Join us for class and culture in March!

Ron Capps Memorial Auction

The February 16th meeting will be the annual Ron Capps Memorial Auction. To supplement plants donated by vendors at the show, we ask you, our members, to generously donate one or two of your blooming divisions. We will provide a tax deductible receipt for your donation.

- The meeting room will open at 5 pm. Viewing begins at 6:30 pm, and the auction will begin at 7 pm. Dr. Merle Robboy will be the main auctioneer.
- Bring your plants as early as possible to register them.
- It will be a fun evening with many of you going home with new plants and the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped the NHOS meet the cost for speakers, rental fees, and special events.

Volunteers are needed!

Please email Joe Rupp at joerupp@earthlink.net or call him at 949 347-1691.

not soggy and need high light. We also enjoyed a fun raffle table of all "bulbos."

Roberta Fox did our January culture class demonstrating how to use OrchidWiz, an advanced orchid database software program. A copy has been donated to the society and will be auctioned off at our February auction. Speaking of our auction, this is a major fundraiser for the NHOS, and the proceeds allow us to

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Let the Rains Come: Collecting Rainwater

Throughout the year I make reverse osmosis (RO) water to water my greenhouse. I store the RO water in 32 gallon trash cans right outside of the greenhouse door and I use a ¼ hp sump pump to pump the water through my curly hose to the inside of the greenhouse. I also use an aquarium heater to warm up the water during the winter. Not very sophisticated sounding but it works.

This time of year when it rains I catch as much rainwater as I can store. There are better ways I am sure, but I have found this is what works for me. I have several plastic trashcans I have purchased from Home Depot. I have recently added 3 more 45 gallon barrels.

Last year we installed inline down spout rain diverters to our rain gutters; this does involve cutting the existing down spout to install the diverters, but they work great sending the rain water to my waiting barrels. Remember you want clean water so

always let the first rains wash away the accumulated dirt and pollution from your roof.

I have two types of diverters. One is more of a box type with a 4' piece of tubing that extends from it making it easy to fill more than one rain barrel. When one is full just move the end of the tubing to the next barrel.

The second type I have has a piece that folds down to direct the water out to the barrel. This one can only send the water to the barrel under it, but you can collect significantly more rain water in a shorter period of time. When not in use the diverter folds up and the rain water will go directly down the down spout. You will be surprised how much rainwater you can catch from an average sized roof in a very short amount of time.

When the barrels are full it is time to get out the old sump pump, attach my fifty foot garden hose to it and start moving the rain water to my empty trash cans waiting out back, so I can keep catching the rain until it stops. I store the water and use it until I have depleted my supply for the year until the next rains.

I have rubber boots and a rain coat with a hood so I can be out pumping water while it is raining, not very glamorous but you do what you "gotta" do while it is raining since we don't usually get a whole lot of rain. I just hope my orchids appreciate it! Here are a few websites to check out if you are interested in diverters:

www.gardeners.com/rain-barrel-how-to/5497,default.pg.html

www.cleanaimgardening.com/rain-water-diverter.html

www.woodlanddirect.com/outdoor/rain-barrels (scroll down to rain barrel parts and accessories)

Happy Watering,
Denise Claycomb

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afford better speakers and provide nice plant tables. So if your orchids are getting a bit crowded and need some thinning out or need to be divided please think about donating them to the auction. This is a great way to help support your society. Keep in mind we need some man (or woman) power to help before auction and clean up afterwards.

They say it takes a village to raise a child; well it takes our orchid community to put on an orchid show. I have been visiting the local orchid societies to encourage them to put in society displays and volunteer to work at The Oceans of Orchid Show. We need all the help and support we can get from all the societies to make this a success. So please sign up and help out if possible. Also, if you are traveling on the 405 freeway and pass Westminster Mall check out the big electronic freeway sign advertising the orchid show. Jim Miller did a great job on getting this done.

This is a hectic time with all that is going on with the show and auction coming up so quickly, but don't forget to take time to enjoy your orchids and gardens.

A special thanks to Nahid Khonsari, a board member, for her monetary contribution to the 2010 Oceans of Orchids Show.

Denise Claycomb, President

February Refreshments

The following members beginning with **Brian Matthews** through **Joyce Nugent** are asked to provide refreshments for the February meeting/ auction. Since the auction overlaps with the dinner hour and lasts longer than the usual monthly meeting, the society welcomes additional contributions to the refreshment table. Thank you.

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The Roundtable Orchid Forum

The first meeting of the new NHOS study group is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at Ann and Joe Rupp's house. The group will study/discuss a different genus at each meeting. This month's featured genus will be cattleyas.

Bring one or two blooming cattleyas or plants from the cattleya alliance. Be ready to tell us how it is grown, where it originates, its breeding, and how you grow the plant. Discussion will be informal and all interested members are encouraged to attend (even without blooming plants to share).

This will allow participating members to see growing conditions, ask questions and encourage more participation in our society, but in a less formal mode.

Each person should bring a brunch item to share.
One other detail—bring a folding chair with you.

Ann and Joe's address:
28901 Mira Vista
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2010 January Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTELEYA	Laelia anceps Lee Brandt	Encyclia porpax Lynn Wiand	Encyclia polybulbon Nancy Benay	Dave Smith
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. One Tree Hill	Cym. Peggy Foo "Realific"	Cym. One Tree Hill x Carilara x Applejack x Tom Thumb "Pet"	Winn Winmaw
DENDROBIUM	Dave & Judy Smith Den. tetragonum x gracillimum Dave & Judy Smith	Ha Bui	Joyce Nugent	
MAXILLARIEAE	No entry			
ONCIDIUM	Oncidium papilio Nancy Benay	Beallara Patricia Mc Cully Merle Robboy	Ada ocanensis Roberta Fox	Dave Smith
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph. Supersuk Dick Hess	Paph. insigne Merle Robboy	Paph. wardii "Newport" x Wardii: "Butter Choc." Dick Hess	Lily Hara
PHALAENOPSIS	Rhyncostylis gigantea	Doritaenopsis Minho Princess "S.J."		Nancy Benay
PLEUROTHALLID	Merle Robboy Masdevallia decumana Merle Robboy	Merle Robboy Masdevallia Unknown Nancy Benay		Lisa Humphreys
VANDA	Asceda Suksamran Beauty "Bubblicious" Darrelyn Wood	Nakamotoara Kayoko Nebrig		Winn Winmaw
MISCELLANEOUS	Dendrochilum tenellum Lynn Wiand	Dendrochilum wardii (or possibly wasselli) Ron Dier	Bulbophyllum "Lovely Elizabeth" Dick Hess	Joyce Nugent
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	No entry			
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Dave & Judy Smith	Den. tetragonum x gracillimum		Fred Clarke



Mark Your Calendars...

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).

Saturday, February 20, 2010-Sunday, February 21, 2010: Gardena Cymbidium Club Show, Nakaoka Memorial Center, 1670 West 162nd Street, Gardena Don Shigaki at 310-371-1000

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; marla-corey@sbcglobal.net.

Friday, March 12-Sunday, March 14, 2010: 65th Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, "Nature in Harmony," Earl Warren Showgrounds, Highway 101 and Las Positas, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 65th Annual Santa Barbara. \$12 Gen. Adm., \$10 Seniors and Students, Children age 12 and under – free. < <http://www.sborchidshow.com/>> Contact: Show Manager Randall Umland at sborchidshow@gmail.com

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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