



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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April 2010

President's Message

Spring has sprung, daylight savings time has started, our days are getting longer, the weather has warmed up, and yes, life is wonderful.

Everything in our gardens that has not shown much signs of life this winter is now beginning to grow once again and to top it off, I have a hummingbird making her nest on my patio. I am now waiting for the evenings to stay warm so I can start watering my mounted orchids at night again.

At our March meeting Harold Koopowitz spoke about mini paphs. It is a pleasant



experience listening to him speak with his accent and soft spoken manner about any subject. Harold has been involved in the orchid world for a long time. Particularly enjoyable are his amusing quips and stories of the on-goings in the orchid world (good and bad) and about all the characters that have helped shape today's orchid world.

*"The love of gardening is a seed
once sown that never dies."
Gertrude Jekyll*

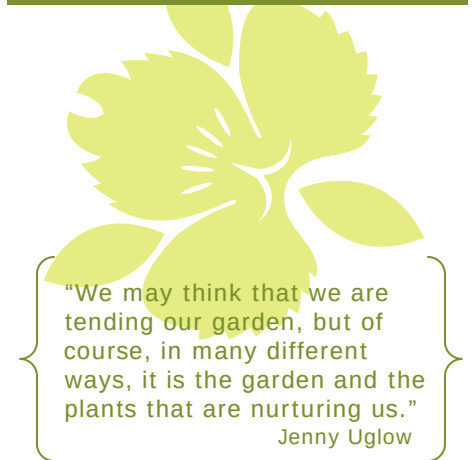
In May the NHOS elections for next year will take place. If you are interested in running for any position let Tom Harrison know ASAP, he is heading up the nominating committee. Our installation banquet will be here before we know it, and if you are interested in helping with that please let me know.

If not before, I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting.

Denise Claycomb, President

Culture Class

Just in time for spring and summer, **Denise Claycomb** will demonstrate how to design and assemble a sprinkler system for your growing area. Denise is experienced with watering systems having installed a misting system in her greenhouse and outdoor growing areas.



*"We may think that we are
tending our garden, but of
course, in many different
ways, it is the garden and the
plants that are nurturing us."
Jenny Uglow*

April Speaker

Tom Biggart

"The Culture of Rupicolous Laelias of Brazil"

Tom Biggart will speak on the Culture of Rupicolous Laelias of Brazil. A few years ago Tom travelled to Brazil where he became interested in rupicolous laelias as they are great plants for Southern California and easy to grow outside with certain restrictions. Everyone should have them in their collection.

Meetings are held on the
third Tuesday of each month

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

Tom is the owner and head grower of Granite Hills Orchids in El Cajon, California (a small town 15 miles east of San Diego).

His nursery is a hobby business, which means he doesn't make a living growing plants. It is more of a labor of love! Tom loves plants in general, and orchids are his main passion.

He is very interested in Encyclias and has a large collection of Encyclia species and hybrids. The Australian cool growers are a current interest. He is in business with the Harveys of Cedarvale Orchids. They are major Australian growers and hybridizers of native Dendrobiums.

Tom is a retired elementary school

teacher with orchids as his new students. He would love to have anyone stop by to talk orchids should one be in the San Diego area.

The past few years he and his wife, Neal, have gotten interested in ceramics. In typical Biggart fashion, they now have a throwing building, a glazing building, and a kiln yard with 3 kilns. His pottery is designed primarily for plants and can be seen at most of the local orchid shows and at the nursery. He loves to talk orchids and pottery with anyone interested!

Tom will provide the plant raffle table.



NHOS at San Diego County Orchid Society's Annual Show

If you visited the San Diego County Orchid Society's annual show the weekend of March 26-28th, you know that the NHOS put its first display in the show. It was very well received by the judges who awarded it the Orchid Digest Award, the Winship Trophy for the best display in a natural setting, the Abernathy Cymbidium Trophy for best cymbidium, best slipper orchid, Joe Rupp's Phragmipedium Ashley Wilkes, in addition to numerous ribbons.

Kudos to the design team of Ha Bui, Phil Duke, Jim Miller, and Joe Rupp, who are pictured here.



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NHOS Orchid Forum

The second NHOS forum took place on Saturday, April 10th at Ann and Joe Rupp's house. We had some very lively discussions about the culture of paphs, phrags, phalaenopsis, phaius, pleurothallids, psychopsis, and virus in orchids. There were eight of us, though we had hoped for a larger attendance. Last summer when the idea of the forums was initially presented there was a positive response from members, which suggested a larger participation. If you have suggestions for future forums, let us know. We'll discuss it at the April general meeting. The next forum is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, at Roberta Fox's house in Costa Mesa. We'll be talking about orchids that begin with a "C" and "D" and who knows what else? More information to follow in the May newsletter.

Refreshments

Much to everyone's delight at the March meeting, **Phil Duke** treated us to a very generous and tasty corned beef and cabbage dish accompanied by his own version of soda bread. Once again, Phil, you have spoiled us. We all want to express our appreciation by saying "Go raibh maith agaibh" Phil. That's Irish for thank you, Phil.

Looking ahead to this month's meeting, members beginning with **Michele Tengan** through **Marilyn Bauer** are asked to provide refreshments for the April meeting. Thank you.

Membership Corner

NHOS has three new members!

We are happy to welcome **Patricia Weber**, who joined our group in February. She is an enthusiastic new hobbyist and anxious to absorb all we have to offer. We are also happy to welcome **Beatriz Chavez** of Midway City and **Ralph Williams** of Riverside, both of whom became members in March.

We look forward to seeing all three at meetings soon. Please make them welcome!

Laura Perry, Membership Secretary

DON'T FORGET: 21st Annual Spring Garden Show at South Coast Plaza

The NHOS will have a booth at the 2010 Spring Garden Show, South Coast Plaza on April 22-April 25. The show hours are 10:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m. Thursday & Friday; 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Saturday; and 11:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Sunday.

This is a fundraiser for the society. We can always use volunteers to help staff the table for four days. Contact Tom Harrison at tchteach@aol.com if you can help.

This is a great venue and there will be a large variety of vendors there.

In Memoriam

Ken Englar, a member of the society for several years, passed away on March 2, 2010. He was a quiet presence, but always attended the auctions, saying with a smile, "My wife says I don't need anymore," — but he always found some additions.

A chemical engineer, he was drafted into the Army during WWII and was assigned to help purify plutonium for the top secret Manhattan Project at Los Alamos, NM. After the war he helped design airplanes, satellites, space stations and rockets for McDonnell Douglas.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jane, and four children. Our sincerest condolences to the family.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE EIGHTH ORCHID DIGEST SPEAKER'S DAY!!

"CATTLEYAS"

Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, California
Saturday, June 12, 2010 – Noon to 8:00 pm in Friends Hall

Featuring: All Genera Flower Display – Orchid Sales– Expert Lectures – Dinner

Remember!! Open at 11:00AM to bring your blooming plants for the flower display
Prize for best species & best hybrid

Lecturers: Greg Allikas; Bill Rogerson; Amy Chung and Harry Akagi
Dinner Speaker: Frank Fordyce

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Tickets: \$60 (\$70 at door) for afternoon Seminars, Wine and Cheese Happy Hour; Dinner and Evening Entertainment

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Make Your Reservations Now!

2010 March Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	SLC Jewel Box Ron Dier	LC Tokyo Magic Gen Gundersen	Schomburgkia undulata Jack Kittrell	Dave Smith
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. Devon Odyssey Jack Kittrell	Cym. Dag Dorothy Darrelyn Wood	Cym. Lady Jean "Streinberg" Earl & Joyce Hare	Dorothy Goldberg
DENDROBIUM	Den. delicatum Winn & Chitsaya Winmaw	Den. amethystoglossum Winn & Chitsaya Winmaw	Den. kingianum Dorothy Goldberg	Lynn Wiand
MAXILLARIEAE	Maxillaria densa Lynn Wiand	Maxillaria porphyrostele Dorothy Goldberg	Lycaste brovispaula Merle Robboy	Dorothy Goldberg
ONCIDIUM	Brsdm. Golden Gamine Joe Rupp	Mtsa. Dark Stone Joe Rupp	Odontoglossum (unnamed) Gen Gunderson	Lily Hara
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Phrag. Ashley Wilkes Joe Rupp	Paph. Eric Young Joe Rupp	Paph. malipoense X Paph. Hane Anuby Richard Hess	Jim Miller
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal. Unknown Joe Rupp	Phal. Purple Beauty Joyce Nugent		Dave Smith
PLEUROTHALLID	Pleurothallis ccheidii Joe Rupp	Masdevallia Copper Angel "Tyler" Joe Rupp	Masdevallia Myluia Dorothy Goldberg	Roberta Fox
VANDA	Angraccum Vetchii Lynn Wiand	Opsistylis Merle Robboy	Vanda Robert Fuchs Dorothy Goldberg	Judy Smith
MISCELLANEOUS	Bulba graveolens Dorothy Goldberg	Angraecum Merle Robboy	Phaius Ron Dier	Joyce Nugent
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	Sarah Jean "Cascades" Tina Coombe	Den. kingianum Peter & Miko Yang		Lynn Wiand
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Lynn Wiand	Cymbidium goeringii		Harold Koopowitz

Editor's note: Some of the plant names published in this grid may not be correct despite efforts to verify the correct spellings and/or names. It would be helpful and greatly appreciated if ribbon judges would clearly print or write plant names on the judging slips to minimize errors.



Mark Your Calendars...

Saturday, April 10, 2010: NHOS Roundtable Forum at Ann and Joe Rupp's house; 10 am-noon. Bring a plant or two (if you wish) and a brunch item to share.

Friday, April 16, 2010-Sunday, April 25, 2010: Spring Open House, "Spring for Orchid Festival," at Norman's Orchids, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. 11039 S. Monte Vista Ave., Montclair, CA 91763. (909) 627-9515.
www.orchids.com

Thursday, April 23, 2010-Sunday, April 25, 2010: 21st Annual Spring Garden Show at South Coast Plaza featuring 75 specialty garden vendors. For more details, see article on page 3 of the newsletter. <http://www.springgardenshow.com/>

Friday, April 23, 2010-Sunday, April 25, 2010: Orchids at the Flower Fields. 9:00 am-6:00 pm . General Admission \$10.00, \$9.00 seniors, and \$5.00 children 3-10 yrs. <http://visit.theflowerfields.com/orchids.html>

Saturday, June 12, 2010: Eighth Orchid Digest Speaker's Day. Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, California.



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