



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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May 2010

President's Message

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?...Pilgrims. Ok old joke, but our plants loved all that April precipitation.

Just an update from last month, my two little hummingbird babies will be out on their own by the time our newsletter comes out, they grow so fast. I also have a dove that made a nest in a hanging basket on my patio; her babies will be leaving soon also.

It is always fun watching them grow, and remembering spring is a time for new life and growth cycles.

“Every spring is the only spring - a perpetual astonishment.”
Ellis Peters

After Tom Biggart's talk last month, have you repotted your rupicolous laelias in Tom's secret potting recipe? He brought his method back from a Laelia grower in Brazil. These little laelias seem to thrive in this re-creation of Mother Nature's design.

We have the signed contract for the 2011 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo (how do you like the new title?) at Westminster Mall. The show dates are January 28-30 2011, just before the Chinese New Year on February 3rd. The show committee has already had a meeting to start with plans for next year's Orchid Expo.

See you in May.

Denise Claycomb, President
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“Spring is a true re-constructionist.”
Henry Timrod

May Speaker

Loren Batchman

“Orchid Pests”

Loren Batchman, owner and head grower of Casa de las Orquideas, will be the speaker at the May 18th meeting. He will be giving a recently developed talk on orchid pests.



Loren Batchman, together with his wife Nancy, owns Casa de las Orquideas, an orchid nursery in Solana Beach, California. He has been growing orchids for 42 years and hybridizing for nearly 40 years. Loren is acknowledged as one of

the leading hybridizers of Cymbidiums in this country, and for his hybridizing accomplishments received the Cymbidium Society Hudlow Medal.

He has many hundreds of crosses registered under his name. In fact he has made more than 1800 hybrids to date, that's about 70 hybrids each year, mostly cymbidiums with a few zygopetalums.

Loren is also the editor of the *CSA Journal*, the official publication of the Cymbidium Society of America. Loren is also a certified judge of both the American Orchid Society and the Cymbidium Society of America. Currently he is the chair for the AOS Encinitas judging center.

The thrust of their breeding programs is intended to provide new and different materials for outdoor growing in California for both the amateur and serious collectors of orchids. They are widely known for their high color Cymbidiums and are constantly working to develop clear, clean colors suitable for outdoor growing with no special shade requirements.

Over the many years, Loren has done many talks on a wide range of subjects.

Loren will also be supplying the plants for the raffle table. This is an excellent opportunity to win some good quality orchids for your 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.

Culture Class

Dorothy Goldberg will conduct the class; topic pending at press time.

2010-2011 Nominations

The Nominating Committee's recommendations are:

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Ha Bui, Tina Coombe, Anne Rupp

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Nahid Khonsari, Michael Miranda, Rick Wells

**Open nominations will be held during the May 18th meeting.
Elections will be held during the June 15th meeting.**

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Membership Corner

Health Udate on Butch Weckerle-Thrun and Jack Reihing

Following a brain aneurism that he suffered earlier this winter, Butch is presently undergoing therapy at an area nursing facility and "is inching along" according to Pat Rowland, whom I spoke to recently. He does recognize people who come to see him. Dick Hess goes there every few days to visit, and he is also repotting the Paphs at the Rowland Collection. Members of the Torrance Cymbidium Society are helping to repot the cymbidiums, but a lot of help is needed in the nursery.

Jack Reihing is also in rehab following a nasty fall, but is doing much better according to Dick Wulff. He slipped on some wet grass tripping over a sprinkler head resulting in a concussion, brain swelling, and a knee injury. Happily Jack is recuperating nicely and will be in rehab for another two weeks and then home. He is at Quaker Gardens, 12131 Dale Ave., Stanton. Continue to make good progress, Jack. Our thoughts are with you.

Laura Perry, Membership Secretary



The Numbers Are In!

2010 Oceans of Orchids Show Report

All the bills have been paid for the 2010 Oceans of Orchids Show and Sale, and the final numbers are in, and we'd like to share them with you. Happily, we made a profit according to Richard Hara, dedicated Treasurer and Show Committee Co-Chair.

The rental income from the Show was \$15,600.00. We had expenses of \$10,549.37. Hence, the net income was \$5,050.63. We also received \$568.97 from the Members' Sales contributions.

Not bad for a first effort. Have you noticed that Richard has been in a very good mood since February as a result of our successful fundraising this year?

Feeling Creative? Send in your ideas...

THE NHOS is sponsoring a contest for next year's show theme. This year's theme was "For the Love of Orchids," and that was the focus for the show posters.

So, dust off your thinking caps—we are looking for something fun, catchy, and provocative.

Please e-mail your ideas to Denise Claycomb by June 7 at turtlegramma@dslextre.me

Denise has already heard some very cute ideas. The suggestions will be submitted to the show committee and announced at the June meeting.

Prize to be announced!

May Orchid Forum



Spring continues to be busy with various activities. The next forum is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, starting at 10 am 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? Roberta's address is 1854 Kentucky Place, Costa Mesa, CA 92626; 714-435-8015; Roberta@orchidcentral.net. Everyone is invited. Please bring a brunch item to share and your blooming plants. We'll have a chance to visit Roberta's greenhouse and growing area.

Directions: From the 405 Freeway, exit at Harbor and go south. Turn west (right turn) on Gisler, the first street south of the freeway. Landmarks are Kaplan's Deli and Arco gas station. Continue west on Gisler past two stop signs. After the second one, look for a yellow sign that says —Road Narrows. This is Washington (street sign is small, the —Road Narrows sign is easier to see). Turn right on Washington, left on Illinois (first left), follow the road as it curves to the right and becomes Indiana. Second right off Indiana is Kentucky Pl.

May Refreshments

The following members beginning with **Louis Belharz** through **Phil Duke** are asked to provide refreshments for the May meeting. **Phil** prepared a tasty and hearty soup for the April meeting. Wondering what he has planned for the May 18th meeting...

Culture Corner

Repotting season is upon us, and while most of us have our own preferred recipe for a potting mix, Terry Root, owner and chief grower of the Orchid Zone, shared his recipe with members of the South Bay Orchid Society (and four members from the NHOS, including yours truly, who braved Friday night traffic) at their April 30th meeting. Here is the formula:

- 70% fine fir bark (1/8" to 1/4" seedling bark)
- 10% perlite
- 10% charcoal
- 10% sand (# 20 or swimming pool sand)

2010 April Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	C. She Luck Chance :My Vas Ha Bui	Encyclia bractescens Dorothy Goldberg	Intermedia V alba Merle Robboy	The Mystery Judge
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. Cali Night "Geyserland" Jack Kittrell	Cym. Data "HaHa" Ha Bui	Cym. Gladys Whitsell "Heavenly" Ha Bui	Joyce Nugent
DENDROBIUM	Miyakei Ha Bui	Aphyllum Nico Goossens	Tancho "Crystal" Chitsaya & Winn Winmaws	Lily Hara
MAXILLARIEAE	Lycaste Koolena Roberta Fox	Maxillaria picta Roberta Fox	Maxillaria tenuifolia Dorothy Goldberg	Nancy Benay
ONCIDIUM	Odcdm. Mem. Clarence Ching Gen Gundersen	Odont Sunshine Melody Gen Gundersen	Psychopsis papilio Dorothy Goldberg	Winn Winmaw
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Phrag bessae Joe Rupp	Paph. haynaldianum Dorothy Goldberg	Phrag. "Mary Bess" Joe Rupp	Lynn Wiand
PHALAENOPSIS	DTPS JiuH Bao Coral Lynn Wiand	Sarco Melba hartmanii x falcatus Lily & Richard Hara	Phal unknown Joe Rupp	Nancy Benay
PLEUROTHALLID	Dracula felix Lynn Wiand			Joe Rupp
VANDA	Renanthera monachica Kay Firebaugh	Asdda Princess Mikasa Dorothy Goldberg	Pamellata v. boxalii Merle Robboy	Ha Bui
MISCELLANEOUS	Polystachia ottoniana Lynn Wiand	Chamorchis howotiana Merle Robboy	Gastrochilus formosanum Lynn Wiand	Dave Smith
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	Paph King Arthur Tina Coombe			Lynn Wiand
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Sarco Melba hartmanii x falcatus Lily & Rich Hara			Tom Biggart



Mark Your Calendars...

Saturday, May 22, 2010: NHOS Roundtable Forum at Roberta Fox's house; 10 am-noon. Bring a plant or two (if you wish) and a brunch item to share. See article in newsletter for directions.

Saturday, June 12, 2010: Eighth Orchid Digest Speaker's Day. Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA. Noon to 8:00 pm in Friends Hall; Featuring: All Genera Flower Display – Orchid Sales– Expert Lectures – Dinner. Tickets: \$60 (\$70 at door) for afternoon Seminars, Wine and Cheese Happy Hour; Dinner and Evening Entertainment. Please Contact: Simone Friend, 4349 Dogwood Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740. Phone: (562) 431-1247 E-mail: orchidsimonef@aol.com.

Saturday, June 19, 2010: Orchid Society of Southern California Annual Plant Auction, The First Christian Church, 221 South Sixth Street, Burbank. Doors will be open at 1:00 p.m., and the sale will start at 2:00 p.m. <http://www.orchidssc.org/>.

Friday, July 9-11, 2010: 30th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International ORCHID FAIR. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Sunday, at Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara. Guest Author: Dr. Rudolf Jenny, author of *The Stanhopea Book*. Besides authorship of this richly illustrated ground-breaking work and many articles, Dr. Jenny maintains the amazingly beautiful and useful orchid species website of the Swiss Orchid Foundation at Herbarium Jany Renz. www.orchid.unibas.ch.

Tuesday, July 20, 2010: NHOS Annual Awards and Installation Banquet. More information to follow.

September 18-19, 2010: South Bay Fall Orchid Show and Sale; South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 9027; <http://southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html>

September 25-26, 2010: Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale. South Coast Village. www.fascinationoforchids.com

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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