



# ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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June 2010

## President's Message

"June is Bustin' Out All Over" to borrow a song title from Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical *Carousel*. Our plants are sending out new growth and rewarding us with a rainbow of colorful blooms. This is what we strive for all year, and seeing our orchids happily blooming is so gratifying.

"When the world wearies and society fails to satisfy, there is always the garden."

Minnie Aumonier

At the May meeting **Loren Batchman** gave an interesting talk on pests and ways to control them. He showed us an up close and personal look at the creepy crawlies we wage war against, with some very interesting photos. I would not have had his patience to get many of these, like the aphid giving birth.

Next month is our installation and awards banquet in **Michael Miranda's** backyard paradise. It is always a very enjoyable evening, and this year's menu will feature Greek food, a first in the menu department for the banquet. For more details see the article on Page 3 of the newsletter

"Plants give us oxygen for the lungs and for the soul."

Linda Solegato

You can still submit your ideas for the theme of next year's Orchid Expo and Sale (the new name for our show at the Westminster Mall). Send your ideas to me ASAP.

Have a wonderful beginning of summer. I won't be at the June meeting, but looking forward to see you at Michael's in July.

Denise Claycomb, President  
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## This Month's Culture Class: Orchid Garage Sale

We're doing something a bit different in June in lieu of the monthly culture class. We're going to have a mini "garage sale" or "swap meet," if you wish.

Clean out your cupboards of orchid-related paraphernalia such as pots, cache-pots, hangers, overruns on fertilizers (that are not out of date), foggers, hoses, shade cloth, you name it. BUT NO ORCHIDS — you can sell those on the Silent Auction Table. Try out your bartering skills.

Come ready to set up at 7 p.m. so we can get the sale en route as quickly as possible.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month

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

## June Speaker

### Dr. Paul Tuskes

"The Genus Encyclia and Its Close Relatives"

Our speaker this month is Dr. Paul Tuskes. This is Paul's first time speaking at an NHOS meeting, though he conducted a workshop on Phalaenopsis at this year's Oceans of Orchids Show. Paul's talks are always lively and engaging so you will not want to miss this meeting. His topic will be the genus *Encyclia* and its close relatives.

Many *Encyclia* can be grown outdoors in coastal southern California and some species are among the most fragrant of or-

chids. *Encyclias* occur from the southern tip of Florida to Brazil and from sea level to over 9000 feet in elevation.

Paul has been growing orchids for 30 years, and his photographs have been used in various books and journals. Paul is also an AOS orchid judge, co-founder with his wife, Ann, of the species study group (orchids), and initial member of the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation effort which received a Conservation Achievement award from the American Orchid Society. Paul will provide the plant table for the raffle.

Greg Fryling  
First Vice-President

## The Awards Banquet Cometh: July 20, 2010

Mark your calendar for the **Annual Installation & Awards Banquet** on Tuesday, July 20. All society members are invited. Note that the banquet is the July meeting. Once again Michael Miranda has graciously offered to host the banquet in his backyard. It's always fun to see what Michael has added in the last year and all of the new baby birds populating the aviary.

This year's theme will be Mediterranean/Greek. The cost remains a reasonable \$15.00 per person. Drinks and appetizers will be served beginning at 6 pm and dinner will follow at 7 pm. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

## June Orchid Forum

We had approximately 20 people at the May meeting at Roberta Fox's house, which made for a lively session and lots of conversation. Roberta's growing area is impressive and extremely well organized with lots of interesting plants in bloom. It was fun to visit, and we discussed a number of topics from water quality to a future trek to find native orchids growing in situ.

Nico Goossens recently led an orchid trek for the San Diego County Orchid Society to the Oakzanita Peak east of San Diego and is interested in doing the same for our group locally (Santa Monica Canyon or in the Santa Anas). Let Nico know if you are interested, most likely next spring.

The next orchid forum meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 19, at the Rowland Collection in Stanton off the 22 Freeway. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. We'll be talking about orchids that begin with the letters "A" through "L," so lots of possibilities.

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Orchid photos courtesy of Tina Coombe.

Please bring a brunch item to share, your blooming plants, and a folding chair as Pat does not have a sufficient number of chairs. We'll have a chance to visit the greenhouses and outdoor growing areas; you can also purchase plants if any catch your eye.

### Directions:

The Rowland Collection  
12446 South Georgian St.  
Garden Grove, CA 92641  
Phone: (714) 892-3502.

No email address.

Take your favorite route to the 22 Freeway and Beach Blvd.

Exit the 22 Freeway, north onto Beach Blvd (Exit 39).

Turn left at Lampson Ave.,

Take Lampson to Santa Rosalia St.

Turn right on Santa Rosalia

Turn right onto Georgian St.

Look for the second house on the right.

## Repotting Session at the Rowland Collection, June 19

With Butch Weckerle-Thrun still in rehab therapy, the Rowland Collection continues to need volunteer help to operate the nursery. Several NHOS members, notably Dick Hess, Kayoko Nebrig, Roberta Fox, and Lynn Wiand, have been lending Pat a hand. In addition the Torrance Cymbidium Society has begun the task of repotting the extensive cymbidium collection, but there is still a lot of repotting to be done in that area. That's where we come in.

After the orchid forum meeting, which should end about 11:30 am, everyone who would like to volunteer a few hours that afternoon is invited to participate in a repotting party. The NHOS will provide lunch and drinks; you provide the labor. As you know Pat Rowland is a founding member of the NHOS, and the Rowland Collection has always been very supportive of the NHOS. This is our opportunity to say thanks to Pat and Butch when they really do need it. If you can join us, please e-mail me at [ndbenay@gmail.com](mailto:ndbenay@gmail.com), phone (949) 552-7713 or sign up at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting if you can help.

Thanks,  
Nancy Benay  
Co-Editor, *Orchids Aweigh*

## Membership Corner

Welcome to new member, **Terry Patsel**. Hope to see you at future meetings! Happy to have you join our merry little band.

It is time to renew your membership and pay your dues for 2010-11. Where does the time go? You will notice a change in dues for the coming year. These were presented and voted on at a recent general meeting.

Please don't forget, if you wish to receive a paper copy of *Orchids Aweigh*, there is an additional \$5.00 fee to cover the ever-increasing postage fees.

Please complete the membership form, which is included in this month's newsletter (for those of you who receive a paper copy) or you can download it from the home page of the NHOS website ([www.nhos.org](http://www.nhos.org)) for those who have an electronic subscription.

Please pay your dues by July 31; things get pretty hectic around here in September as we try to prepare the new roster. If you have any questions, please contact me at 949 642 4148 or [kperry9507@aol.com](mailto:kperry9507@aol.com).

Laura Perry  
Membership Secretary

## Culture Corner

Here is a helpful hint to keep mice and rats away from your growing areas as well as your house and garage: Spread Pine Sol around the exterior parameters. Apparently rodents do not like the smell of Pine Sol. Inexpensive and not toxic, but can be an irritant to the eyes and skin, so do watch how you apply it, and keep your pets away from it.

## June Refreshments

The following members beginning with **Georgia Farmer** through **Gerda Hayes** are asked to provide refreshments for the June meeting. Thank you.

## LAST CHANCE! Make Your Reservations NOW!

### EIGHTH ORCHID DIGEST SPEAKER'S DAY: CATTLEYAS

Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA  
Saturday, June 12, 2010, Noon to 8:00 p.m. in Friends Hall

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

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### Guest Editor Needed

Due to travel plans for the months of September and October, I will not be able to edit the October issue of *Orchids Aweigh*. If you would like to be the guest editor for the October issue, please notify me.

Nancy Benay

## Members in the News

Congratulations to **Ha Bui**. In May two of his cymbidium crosses were accepted by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).

HB04 is now Cymbidium Memoria James Burson and HB05 is Cymbidium Memoria Buu Nghi.

The crosses were made seven years ago and are named in memory of his adopted father and his father-in-law, who passed away recently.

Amazing what you can pick up on Facebook.....



## 2010 May Judging Results

| GENUS                          | FIRST PLACE                   | SECOND PLACE                 | THIRD PLACE               | JUDGES          |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| POINTS                         | 5 pts                         | 3 pts                        | 1 pt                      |                 |
| CATTLEYA                       | SLC Jewel Box "Dark Waters"   | Encyclia Mexico Lindo        | Laelia purpurata          | Joyce Nugent    |
|                                | Merle Robboy                  | Dave & Judy Smith            | Earl & Joyce Hare         |                 |
| CYMBIDIUM                      | Cym. Garden Party             | Cym. Cricket Paula Paula     | Cym. Little Beauty        | Valerie Sanders |
|                                | Kay Firebaugh                 | Jack Kittrell                | Jack Kittrell             |                 |
| DENDROBIUM                     | Den. parishii                 | Den. Island Mist             | Den. anceps               | Winn Winmaw     |
|                                | Dave & Judy Smith             | Dorothy Goldberg             | Denise Claycomb           |                 |
| MAXILLARIEAE                   | Maxillaria tenuifolia         | Lycaste aramoatica           | No entry                  | Nancy Benay     |
|                                | Dorothy Goldberg              | Darrellyn Wood               |                           |                 |
| ONCIDIUM                       | Cuitlauzinia pendula          | Psychopsis Kalihi            | Tiger Cub                 | Dave Smith      |
|                                | Lynn Wiand                    | Roberta Fox                  | Dorothy Goldberg          |                 |
| PAPHIOPEDILUM                  | Phrag. Twilight Rising Rocket | Paph hirsutissimum           | Coelogyne                 | Miko Yang       |
|                                | Joe Rupp                      | Lynn Wiand                   | Dorothy Goldberg          |                 |
| PHALAENOPSIS                   | Sarcochilus Kira Lee          | Sarcochilus hartmani v. alba | P. Shatsuka "Silk Canary" | Marilyn Bauer   |
|                                | Dave & Judy Smith             | Denise Claycomb              | Merle Robboy              |                 |
| PLEUROTHALLID                  | Masdevallia Colossus          |                              |                           | ?               |
|                                | Roberta Fox                   |                              |                           |                 |
| VANDA                          | Renanthera imschootiana       | Vanda Motes' Beauty          | Vanda Queen of Asia       | Dave Smith      |
|                                | Nancy Benay                   | Dorothy Goldberg             | Winn & Chitsaya Winmaw    |                 |
| MISCELLANEOUS                  | Leptotes bicolor              | Epipactis gigantea           | Arpophyllum giganteum     | Lynn Wiand      |
|                                | Dave & Judy Smith             | Tom Harrison                 | Roberta Fox               |                 |
| POINTS                         | 3 pts                         | 2 pts                        | 1 pt                      |                 |
| NOVICE                         | Cym. Cricket                  |                              |                           |                 |
|                                | Margaret Nerio                |                              |                           |                 |
| CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points | Maxillaria tenuifolia         |                              |                           | Loren Batchman  |
|                                | Dorothy Goldberg              |                              |                           |                 |



## Mark Your Calendars...

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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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