



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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September-October 2010

President's Message

Our summer this year has been very mild, except for a few days of extremely hot weather, but all and all it has been a good growing year for our orchids and garden.

I know fall is near when the kids start back to school, the tourists go home, and to my dismay, the daylight hours are getting shorter at a faster rate. Soon my watering schedules especially for the outdoor orchids will need to be changed as the cooler weather arrives.

At the August meeting, we had some technical glitches with the community center's sound system, but it did not hamper **Karen Muir**, from giving a wonderful program on paphs and how to recognize a good paph by showing comparisons. Karen's house will be one of the stops on the greenhouse tour next month.

The 2011 NHOS Orchid Expo is on track for the end of January; vendors are responding favorably with their reservations for sale booths. At show time we will need members to volunteer to help with the show. It is a group effort from our society that makes it a fun and successful event. If you were not involved last year please think about signing up to help out this year, like I said it IS a group effort.

See you at the next meeting.

Denise Claycomb

"In joy or sadness, flowers are our constant friends."

Kazuko Okakura

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month

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

"Nature does have manure and she does have roots as will as blossoms, and you can't hate the manure and blame the roots for not being blossoms."

Buckminster Fuller



September Speaker

George Hatfield

"18th Australian National Orchid Show in Melbourne Australia 2009"

Back by popular demand, George Hatfield will be speaking on the 18th ANOS which he attended in September 2009. Hatfield Orchids is owned and operated by George Hatfield, who has over 15 years of experience in raising award quality Cymbidium orchids.

Hatfield Orchids is fortunate enough to be located in Ventura County, California, which has an ideal climate for the propagation of Cymbidium orchids. The operation is run by family & friends, and orchids are their passion.

George is active in the Cymbidium Society of America and the American Orchid Society, as well as several

Culture Class

Good news! **MaryAnn Hanlon** has signed on as the Culture Class Coordinator. She will discuss her ideas at the September 21st meeting and invites your suggestions for future topics. There is no culture class officially scheduled for September, and October's class is pending.

Southern California regional orchid organizations and is a judge for both the CSA and AOS.

He has recently taken on the duties as the Chairman of the South Pacific Judging Center through 2011. Additionally, he is also a past-president of the CSA and was the Chairman of the CSA Cymbidium Congress from 1998-2001 and president of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show in 2002 & 2003.

Hatfield Orchids is known for producing some of the top pendulous Cymbidiums in the country. In fact, the Grand Champion of the Santa Barbara Orchid Show in 2006 was a stunning plant from Hatfield Orchids.

Hatfield Orchids will provide the plants for the raffle table.

Blame it on the Brassavola: Ha Bui's Brassavola cucullata, best culture plant at the August 17 NHOS meeting.



Occurring in October...

October Speaker

Dr. Ron Kaufman

"Orchid Travels in Ecuador"

Joining us for the first time as the October speaker is Ron Kaufmann, chair of the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation Committee. Ron has traveled extensively to view orchids in the wild in South America. His talk, "Orchid Travels in Ecuador" will cover his most recent trip to explore orchids in Ecuador as part of a tour he organized to benefit the Orchid Conservation Alliance.

Ecuador may have the highest orchid diversity in the world, with nearly 4,000 described species in an area slightly smaller than the state of Nevada. By comparison, North America contains fewer than 200 native orchid species. Ron's talk will show orchids in the wild and at Ecua-

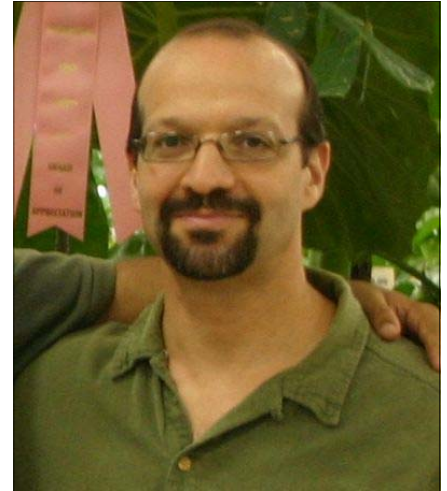
genera, one of the largest orchid nurseries in South America.

Ron, a marine biologist by training, is a Professor at the University of San Diego. His scientific work includes studies of Antarctic and deep-sea ecosystems as well as marine communities in coastal Southern California.

He has been growing orchids for more than 15 years, starting with a reedstem *Epidendrum* and progressing to a collection that contains mostly species orchids.

Ron has a long-standing interest in conservation and has been a member of the SDCOS Conservation Committee for more than 10 years and chair since 2004. Since 1991, the Conservation Committee has awarded nearly \$150,000 to support projects in 19 different countries.

Ron also helped to found the Orchid Conservation Alliance and serves on the boards of the OCA, EcoMinga Foundation (a conservation foundation based in Ecua-



dor) and Orchid Digest Corporation. Ron has been a regular contributor to the *Orchid Digest* since 2003, when he began writing the Webwatch column that appears in each issue.

Andy's Orchids will provide the raffle table which will include mainly Ecuadorian species. Come ready with your orchid dollars.

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NHOS Greenhouse and Garden Tour 2010 Saturday, October 9, 2010

Please come and join us in a day of beautiful flowers, beautiful gardens, and beautiful people as the Newport Harbor Orchid Society gladly accepts the hospitality to enjoy the gardens and greenhouses of three very special people and their families:

Richard and Sara Hess
308 South Craig Drive
Orange, CA 92669

Karen Muir
28152 Bluebell Drive
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Roberta Fox
1854 Kentucky Place
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Richard and Sara Hess will expect visitors between 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Karen Muir will be entertaining between

10:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Roberta Fox will welcome guests between 12:15 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Lunch will be served at Roberta's house.

Sign up at the September NHOS meeting or call Tom Harrison at (c) 714.293.5966, so that we can get a head count. Anybody is welcome, signed up or not.

This is a fundraiser (or at least a "break-even" event). The member cost is \$8. The non-member cost is \$10. Payment will be collected at the event.

Directions will be distributed later with email and with flyers available at the September meeting. Also call Tom, if you can help.

Tom Harrison

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Orchids in the News...

For your enjoyment the September issue of the AAA Westways has a great article on the Santa Barbara Orchid Trail entitled "On the Road With Huell Howser." If you don't receive Westways, check out the copy on the main page of the NHOS website: www.NHOS.org. The episode described in the article will air statewide in October on KCET in Los Angeles and on KPBS for the San Diego members.

Vanda tessellata / aphrodisiac (India). This bit of news comes from the on-line chat space/blog Orchids Digest on Friday, August 20. An Indian research team has reported that Vanda tessellata is "A herbal aphrodisiac is... on its way to become India's natural substitute to the internationally top-selling drug for impotency, according to scientists at Kerala Government-owned Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (TBGRI)... The TBGRI team... filed for the Indian product and process patent on the aphrodisiac compound, obtained from... v[V]anda tessellata.

And finally, a new orchid film from documentary filmmaker Rich Walton: *The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief and the Black Orchid*. It will screen as part of the Temecula Valley International Film Festival on September 15-19, 2010. More information: <http://www.tviff.com/index.html>.

The August NHOS photo slideshow is available for viewing at www.tinacoombeorchids.com.

Refreshments

SEPTEMBER:

Members beginning with **Harry and Nancy Lawrence** through **Rose Nakabara**...

OCTOBER:

Members beginning with **Kayoko Nebrig** through **Dave and Judy Smith**...

...are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

2010 August Judging Results

GENUS POINTS	FIRST PLACE 5 pts	SECOND PLACE 3 pts	THIRD PLACE 1 pt	JUDGES
CATLEYA	Brassavola cucullata	Epi. capicornu	Lc. Cinnamon Stick 'Hot Spots'	Lynn Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	Ha Bui Cym. Goering 'setsuzan' Espie Quinn	Merle Robboy None	Gen Gunderson None	Lily Hara
DENDROBIUM	Den. teretifolium Nahid Khonsary	Den. Aussie Chip L & R. Hara	Den. glomeratum Ha Bui	Steve Kaufman
MAXILLARIEAE	Promenaea ovatiloba Lynn Wiand	Max. rufescens Merle Robboy	No submission	Nancy Benay
ONCIDIUM	Odcdm Kilawea Karma	Psychopsis papilio	Colmanara Wildcat Black Beauty Merle Robboy	Marilyn Bauer
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Rose Nakabara Paph. Scarboro Faire Sage x coastal gold sunbeam R & L Hara	Marvel Carlson Paph. Magic Lantern Dorothy Goldberg	Phrag. Noirmont x Phrag. Memorial Dick Clements W & C. Winmaw	Valerie Sanders
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal. Unknown	Phal. Minipurple Profusion	Phal. Red Hot Chili/ Red Marble M. Carlson	Valerie Sanders
PLEUROTHALLID	J. Rupp Pleurothallis tribuloides Lynn Wiand	Lynn Wiand Masd. Highland Fling Lynn Wiand	Masd. Yellow Surprise Dorothy Goldberg	Anonymous
VANDA	Rhyretusa Burma	Renanthera monachica	Neofalcata x Asetmam pollaceum alba Dorothy Goldberg	Marilyn Bauer
MISCELLANEOUS	W & C. Winmaw Epigenium lyonii Ha Bui	Lynn Wiand Dend. filiforma Joe Rupp	Stanhopea wardii Dorothy Goldberg	Nancy Benay
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	V. thongchai red x V Kasem's delight blue V. Le Pham	Den moschatum Violet Le Pham	None	L. Hara
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Brassavola cucullata	Brassavola cucullata Ha Bui		Karen Muir



Mark Your Calendars...

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. 10 am-6 pm. Corner of Bear and Sunflower. Free parking and admission. www.ocorchidshow.com or 949 735-2930.

September 27, 2010: South Coast Orchid Society in Long Beach will host Lance Birk at their monthly meeting at 7pm. Birk is an internationally known expert on orchid growing, is also an author, botanist, plant collector, photograph and adventurer. Whaley Park Club house, 5620 East Atherton Street, Long Beach, Ca. 90815., Monday at 7pm

October 1-3, 2010: San Diego International Orchid Fair, 16th Annual Show and Sale. 1-5 pm Friday, 9 am-5 pm Saturday, 9 am-4 pm Sunday San Diego Botanic Garden 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas www.sdbgarden.org

Friday, October 15- Sunday October 17, 2010: Southland Orchid Show, Huntington Gardens, 9 AM to 5 PM. n Friday, Oct.15 only, there will be a special "Orchid Growers Conference" day held from 12:30 to 5:00 pm. Admission is by your society name badge. By wearing your local orchid society name badge, it will allow you to attend lectures, access to growers & vendors. See all the floral displays on the first day of the show and visit the beautiful Huntington Gardens for the day.

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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