



# ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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October 2012

## President's Message

Greetings to everyone from Ajaccio, Corsica, or l'Ile de Beauté. As I write this message I am also enjoying a beautiful view of the Mediterranean and the Gulf of Ajaccio from our hotel terrace. Except for a few plastic orchids that decorate the lobby of our hotel, I have not encountered any orchids on this leg of my trip.

I did, however, get my fill of orchids at Vacherot-Lecoufle, two weeks ago while I was in Paris. In addition to a huge, state of the art greenhouse that houses the sales and display areas, I was able to visit one of the original greenhouses dating back to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Though I missed the September meeting, I want to thank **George Hatfield** for his talk and generous plant table. I hope many of you came away from the meeting with new plants to add to your collection.

Saturday, October 13, is the annual NHOS greenhouse and garden tour. We have had some fabulous tours in the past, but this one will be quite special so I hope you will participate. The visit to **Peter Lin's** garden and greenhouses is a treat in itself.

As we all know, Peter is a master gardener and grower, and you will be amazed to see his collection and his innovative use of space in his greenhouses. We will all learn lots of good

## October Culture Class

**Michael Miranda**, our summer host extraordinaire, will be leading on a subject of his choosing. It will be informative and fun!

culture tips. Personally, I am also very eager to visit the Huntington's orchid collection, which I have wanted to see for a very long time. Thanks to **Brandon Tam** for facilitating the visit and to **Linda Iannelli** for making the arrangements.

Off to the beach and for a swim in the gentle blue waters of the Mediterranean this morning.

Nancy Benay  
NHOS President

## October Speaker

### Paul Tuskes

"Landscaping with Orchids"

Speaker Paul Tuskes will review orchid species that are ideal for growing outdoors in coastal Southern California—in planters, beds, on trees, and yes, even in the soil. Paul has an excellent collection of photos to go with the presentation. A few additions to your yard will make it look more tropical and unique. He will also talk about some of the companion plants that support the orchids.

Paul and his wife, Ann, have been growing species orchids for 30 years. He is on the Board of Directors for

ODC, and they are both AOS orchid judges and have written for ODC and AOS magazines. Paul is also AOS Chairman

for the San Diego Judging Center.

Let's give him a big welcome for coming to our Society considering his very busy schedule

The society is taking Paul to dinner on September 18, 5:30 p.m., at Mimi's Restaurant across the courtyard from the society meeting building. If you would like to get to know Paul better, RSVP to me by Sunday, September 16.



Reservations will be under Newport Harbor Orchid Society.

The plant table will be an exceptional one from H&R Orchids of Oahu, Hawaii. Roy Tokunaga assured me he would select some in bud and flower and some to be acclimated outdoors. Get some "green stuff" ready and we'll all have a great time!

Norito Hasegawa, First Vice President



Meetings are held on the  
third Tuesday of each month

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

## Membership Corner

Welcome to two more enthusiastic members! **Ben Shiffman** and **Brion Harland** joined at the last meeting and we are happy to have them! Ben is already giving much time to our watering project for Chuck Staub, and Brion helps the Latimers with the raffle. He already has an interest in this effort as he is their grandson. Nice to have them with us!

Laura Perry, Membership Chairman

## Southland Orchid Show Volunteer Call

This year's theme is "Orchid Mystique." It is at the Huntington Botanical Gardens and Library, October 19-21. Volunteers receive a free commemorative pin and free entrance to the show. Invite your partner, friends, or relatives to join you. Thanks.

Brenda Ward, Volunteer Coordinator

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## In Memoriam

It has been a very long time since Ginny Worthington attended one of our meetings, but she and her husband, Pat, were a backbone of the society for a very long time. Very sadly, Ginny Worthington passed away suddenly on Wednesday, September 26, from injuries suffered after having been struck by an SUV.

The *OC Register* reported the incident: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/worthington-372985-struck-beach.html>. We shall follow up in November with more details.

Nancy Benay

## Inventory Request

We are doing an inventory of the property of the Newport Harbor Orchid Society. Should you have an asset of the Society, please contact Richard Hara by email, [worknut49@aol.com](mailto:worknut49@aol.com) or by mailing a list of the items to: Richard Hara, 10749 La Terraza Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Richard Hara, Treasurer

## Free Plumerias

Diane Luna has plumerias for anyone who wants to come and cut them. If you or your friends would like to have cuttings, bring tools and have at it. I'm talking 4' stalks with 3 to 4 arms. I have a fragrant yellow/white and a fuchsia/white/yellow. Diane's address is 3634 Falcon Way, Brea 92823; call her at 714-993-3608 to make arrangements.

Linda Iannelli

## Auction Committee

The next meeting of the Auction Committee will be at Mimi's in **Lake Forest** on October 23 at 6:30 p.m. Yes, Lake Forest! It's close to the intersection of Muirlands and Lake Forest. Call me for directions (use directory for the number). Hope to see you there.

Joe Rupp, Second Vice President

## 2012 NHOS Annual Greenhouse & Garden Tour: Saturday, October 13

This year we will be visiting two, instead of three, very special greenhouses. The first stop is Peter Lin's. From 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. we will have coffee, a snack, Peter's plants and conversation. Peter will have a few plants to purchase as well. It is about 35 miles (35-45 minutes) from the Costa Mesa Community Center to Peter's. His address is 834 N. Featherwood Dr., Diamond Bar, CA 91765; 909-396-0334.

After Peter's, put on your walking shoes! The Huntington Library and Botanical Garden's private orchid collection consists of over 14,000 orchids. At 1:00 p.m. our new member, Brandon Tam, is going to show us behind the scenes at The Huntington. After the tour, enjoy the beautiful gardens at The Huntington Library. If you require a wheelchair at The Huntington, call in advance to arrange for a loaner: 626-405-2125. You may also bring your own.

Amazingly there will be no cost for The Huntington for the NHOS tour members. It is \$15 for the tour. That covers the morning snack at Peter's and sandwich box lunch in the Botanical Center before our tour. If you intend to join us, leave a message with Tom Harrison at [tchteach@aol.com](mailto:tchteach@aol.com) (preferred) or 714-293-5966.

A more detailed email with directions will be forthcoming soon. Join us.

Linda Iannelli & Tom Harrison

## October Refreshments

Members from **Giesla Ferolito** to **Robert Hubert** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

## The Huntington Orchid Collection Background

Orchids began their start at The Huntington when Arabella Duval Huntington, wife of Henry Huntington, collected some of the best and most exotic orchids this world had to offer. In order for an orchid to enter her collection, it had to only fit two criteria: It had to be an orchid and it had to produce flowers that were white. No other color was accepted and that made her collection different from any other.

The Huntington is credited for first trying to grow cymbidiums outdoors in Southern California. William Hertrich, Superintendent and Curator of the gardens, purchased cymbidiums, odontoglossums, calanthes, coelogynes, cypripediums and much more from England to experiment in front of Henry Huntington's mansion circa

1910. He wanted to "experiment to test that hardiness of various genera of orchids" and was recognized to be the first one to do so in Southern California.

The importance of orchids grew quickly at The Huntington until three events occurred. Arabella passed away in 1924. Henry Huntington, the founder, died in 1927 leaving day to day responsibilities and decision making to his trustees. The Stock Market crashed in 1930 and the trustees faced one of their hardest decisions. In order for The Huntington to remain financially stable, they sold off Arabella's collection. The Huntington went into a dark period when little to no orchids were collected.

In the late 1980s, things began to pick up thanks to the efforts of Ernest Herthington. He used his influence in

the orchid world and got the donations of a number of collections for The Huntington. In 2009, The Huntington received its largest and most prestigious orchid collection from S. Robert Wetz, who was one of the best paphiopedilum growers in the world! With over 10,000 plants donated from his collection, The Huntington made a big leap.

Today, with over 14,000 orchids, mainly consisting of the genera paphiopedilum, cattleya, cymbidium, phalaenopsis, and phragmipedium, The Huntington has enough resources to propagate, research, and promote orchids. The Orchid Collection is not open to the public but around 30 to 40 blooming plants are brought out and exchanged on a weekly basis in The Rose Hills Foundation Conservatory.

Brandon Tam

### 2012 September Judging Results

| GENUS                          | FIRST PLACE                                                                | SECOND PLACE                                        | THIRD PLACE                                             | JUDGES          |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| POINTS                         | 5 pts                                                                      | 3 pts                                               | 1 pt                                                    |                 |
| CATTELEYA                      | Catt Chocolate Drop<br>Kay Firebaugh                                       | SmbI Nemesis<br>Jack Kittrell                       | Blc Fritz Nickolaus 'Spring Dance'<br>Earl & Joyce Hare | Tom Harrison    |
| CYMBIDIUM                      | FGolden VanGuard<br>Kay Nebrig                                             |                                                     |                                                         | Guy Gottschalk  |
| DENDROBIUM                     | Den Marcie Girl<br>Richard Hess                                            | no name<br>Dorothy Goldberg                         |                                                         | Winn Winmaw     |
| EPIDENDRUM                     | Epi difforme<br>Lynn Wyand                                                 | Epi prismatocarpum<br>Merle Robboy                  | Encyclia alata<br>Merle Robboy                          | Kay Nebrig      |
| MAXILLARIEAE                   | Cochleanthes candida<br>Merle Robboy                                       | Lycaste<br>Dorothy Goldberg                         |                                                         |                 |
| ONCIDIUM                       | Hwra Lava Burst 'Puanani'<br>Richard Hess                                  | Blira Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'<br>Dorothy Goldberg | Onc Carlidium<br>Dorothy Goldberg                       | Roberta Fox     |
| PAPHIOPEDILUM                  | Paph no name<br>Dorothy Goldberg                                           | Paph no name<br>?                                   |                                                         | Roberta Fox     |
| PHALAENOPSIS                   | Dtps Jih Bon Coral<br>Lynn Wyand                                           |                                                     |                                                         | Roberta Fox     |
| PLEUROTHALLID                  | Scaphosepalum endresianum<br>Owner ??                                      |                                                     |                                                         | Bob Laughlin    |
| VANDA                          | Vanda Rasri Gold x Ascosande<br>Betty Mac Steele<br>Winn & Chitsaya Winmaw | Vanda Pachara Delight<br>Gen Gundersen              | Christensonia vietnamica<br>Winn & Chitsaya Winmaw      | Ann Rupp        |
| MISCELLANEOUS                  | Paphinia Majestic<br>Richard Hess                                          | Coelogyne Flaccida<br>Dorothy Goldberg              | Bulb lipidum<br>Kay Firebaugh                           | Guy Gottschalk  |
| POINTS                         | 3 pts                                                                      | 2 pts                                               | 1 pt                                                    |                 |
| NOVICE                         | No Entry                                                                   |                                                     |                                                         |                 |
| CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points | Epidendrum difforme<br>Lynn Wyand                                          |                                                     |                                                         | George Hatfield |



## Mark Your Calendars...

**Saturday-Sunday, October 6-7, 2012:** San Diego International Orchid Fair, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA. Information: [www.sdbgarden.org/orchid.htm](http://www.sdbgarden.org/orchid.htm) or 760-436-3036.

**Saturday, October 13, 2012:** NHOS Annual Greenhouse and Garden Tour. See page two inside for more information, and watch for a special email flyer for details on this exciting event!

**Sunday, October 14, 2012:** Southern California Orchid Species Society Annual Auction. Preview 12:30 p.m.; Auction 1:00 p.m. Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman, Placentia (corner of Chapman & Kraemer). Information: [www.socalorchidspecies.com](http://www.socalorchidspecies.com).

**October 19-21, 2012:** Southland Orchid Show "Orchid Mystique." Huntington Botanical Gardens and Library. Information: [wardbrendar@hotmail.com](mailto:wardbrendar@hotmail.com) or 909-626-8244.

**October 22, 2012:** South Coast Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction. Whaley Park Clubhouse, 5620 Atherton St., Long Beach. Starts 6:30 p.m. Information: [www.southcoastorchidsociety.com](http://www.southcoastorchidsociety.com) or 562-431-1142.

**November 17-18, 2012:** Orchid Society of Santa Barbara presents "Orchid Treasures Show and Sale." Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2599 Puesta del Sol Road, Santa Barbara. Information: [fmorchids@hotmail.com](mailto:fmorchids@hotmail.com).

**February 8-10, 2013:** Newport Harbor Orchid Expo at the Westminster Mall. This is ours; this is the big one. Set the dates aside and definitely volunteer!



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