



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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November 2012

President's Message

With the first trimester behind me as president, I thought I would make this a "state of the society" message, which I can briefly sum up as healthy and energetic on all levels.

Our finances are steady; membership is on the rise; we have a very exciting slate of speakers (many of whom will speak at the NHOS for the first time); display tables have been outstanding and are evidence of our many talented growers; the monthly culture classes are nicely organized and well attended; the plans for both the 2013 Orchid Expo and Annual Auction are humming along; and a number of new members are stepping up to volunteer their time and energy.

Thank you to everyone for all that you do for the NHOS.

This year's Greenhouse and Garden Tour was phenomenal with 38 of us trekking to visit **Peter Lin's** prized collection and the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens collection of orchids, which included a side tour to the Thornton Estate which left us in total awe. Sincerest thanks to **Linda Iannelli, Tom Harrison, and Greta Iannelli** for organizing this memorable event. Special thanks to both **Peter Lin** and **Brandon Tam** for opening their doors to us.

As we head into the frenetic holiday season, which is difficult to fathom given the 90+ degree temperatures of the last few weeks, put aside your Thanksgiving prepa-

November Culture Class

Terry Root is conducting the cultural session for the night.

rations for a couple of hours and please come to the November 20th meeting. And be sure to bring your blooming plants with you. This will be Samantha Kha-Root's and Terry Root's first visit to the NHOS, and they will open the doors to OZ (aka the Orchid Zone) and to their prize Slipper Orchid Collection. Plus Terry will share lots of tips on how to grow paphs and phrags during the culture class, which he will conduct. To sum it up: a special evening.

Nancy Benay
NHOS President

November Speakers Samantha Kha and Terry Root

"An Evening at the Orchid Zone"

The presentation for the November 20 meeting is the world-famous duo, Samantha "Sam" Kha and her husband Terry Root of the Orchid Zone in Prunedale, CA. I've known Terry (but not Samantha) for about 25 years, maybe 30, when he and the Reverend, Dr. Warton Sinkley III, M.D., Ph.D., owned the Orchid Zone. Presently, Terry is the proprietor of the OZ, which is known the world over for its commercial production of slipper orchids.

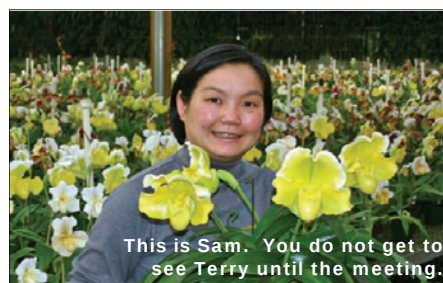
The OZ is especially known for their production of multifloral paphs (especially Paph. rothschildianum), incredible complex standard paphs, and the Maudiae-type paphs (which Terry now likes to call

"complex mottled leaf paphs"). He creates so many one-of-a-kind paphs at stratospheric prices that they are dubbed "pieces of art" or "orchid sculptures."

Samantha will take us on a journey reviewing many of their creations. Terry will give us added information from the sidelines. So kick back and enjoy.

By the way, the NHOS will be hosting Terry and Sam for a 5:30 p.m. pre-meeting dinner at Mimi's across from the Community Center parking lot facing Harbor. If you would like to join in, please RSVP Norito at norito1@hotmail.com or phone (714) 458-5615 by Sunday Nov 18.

Norito Hasegawa
First Vice President



This is Sam. You do not get to see Terry until the meeting.



Breaking News! NHOS has New Domain Name

Effective immediately the new domain name for the Newport Harbor Orchid Society has changed from NHOS.org to NHOSinfo.org. It's crazy, that's for sure, especially when one is not a computer specialist; unfortunately, though, our old domain name has been purchased by someone else or another organization necessitating the creation of a new one. The next time you look at our website you will see our new moniker: **nhosinfo.org**.

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

Now that the Roster has been finished and delivered to many of you, I would like to thank **Tina Coombe** for the many hours of work she gave to this annual project. I am happy to say that during the past year, we have had ten members join us, and they are most welcome.

As of the last meeting, **Lori Chavis** is our first new member for this year. She has attended a number of meetings and has now decided to become a real part of our happy group. Lori works at Trader Joe's and is a member of the Blue Crew in good standing. Welcome, Lori.

Laura Perry
Membership Chairman

November Refreshments

Members from **Lisa Humphreys** to **Barbara Livingston** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

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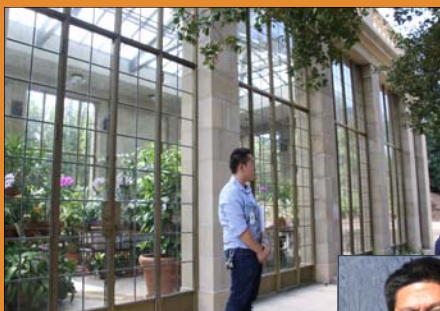
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A Splendid Day for a Greenhouse Tour



Post Script: 2012 NHOS Annual Greenhouse & Garden Tour

It was a great trip for us to see Peter Lin's garden in Diamond Bar. His orchid collection and arrangements inside four greenhouses were systematically organized. We were privileged to see Peter's rare, unusual and beautiful orchids. The breakfast arranged by Nancy, Elizabeth and other members was also delicious.

Our side trip to Norman's Orchid Nursery was unexpected. It was great to see variety of blooming orchids and large specimen plants. We had a chance to buy plants and orchid supplies from the nursery.

Our final destination, to Huntington

Library Greenhouse #4 and the Thornton's extravagant estate and greenhouse tour, arranged by Brandon Tam, was a privileged experience for our members. Thanks to Linda and Tom for making lunch possible at Huntington Library atrium area with delicious food from Corner Bakery. We were pleased to see how Huntington Library maintains their greenhouses with special care and how it provides knowledgeable people to up keep the facilities. We all enjoyed the award-winning orchids.

We would like to thank Brandon Tam for organizing this special event for our NHOS members.

Winn & Chitsaya

AOS Corner

Gordon W. Dillon - Richard C. Peterson Memorial Essay Contest:

The deadline for submissions to this annual contest is November 30, 2012. The theme for the 2012 essay is: "The Orchids I Want But Can't Really Find (Real or Imagined)." More information on essay submissions and rules may be found on the AOS website.

Call for Nominations: The AOS Nominating Committee is accepting applications for consideration as trustees in the

American Orchid Society. If you know of someone who would be interested in being considered as Trustee on the Board of Trustees (or if you are interested), forward their information and background (and perhaps any reasons they might be an asset to the Board of Trustees) to the Chair of the Committee, George Hatfield at nominating_committee@aos.org. Contact George as well if you have any questions regarding the requirements or qualifications for a Trustee.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

In Memoriam

October has been a rather bitter-sweet month for the NHOS. First, the sad news of Ginny Worthington's untimely passing, which came as a total shock, and a few days later we learned that Pat Humphreys had also passed away. Both were very active in the society and contributed so much to our group; they will certainly be missed.

Ginny and Pat Worthington were among the top growers in the Southern California orchid community and stalwart members of the NHOS. Both were generous with advice to new growers. They faithfully displayed their prize-winning orchids each month at our meetings and used

them as teaching tools. Ginny was a certified AOS judge. She is survived by her daughter, Marci Lyster, her son-in-law, Brock Lyster, and a granddaughter.

Pat Humphreys passed away on October 2, 2012. We remember his wonderful photography and subtle humor. A devoted anesthesiologist for 31 years at St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange, he used to say that he retired from his profession to help Mary, his second wife, cultivate her orchids.

Our sincerest condolences go out to Doris Humphreys, his children, and grandchildren.

Auction Committee

Newport Harbor Orchid Society will hold its Annual Orchid Auction on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The auction will be held at Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center, 1845 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa. Many colorful plants, which have been donated by commercial orchid nurseries, will be auctioned. Beautiful blooming hybrids, as well as species orchids, will be available. Proceeds from this event will go to further the enjoyment, education and cultivation of these wonderful plants.

Joe Rupp
Second Vice President

Inventory Request

We are conducting 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 or by mailing a list of the items to: Richard Hara, 10749 La Teraza Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Richard Hara
Treasurer

2012 October Judging Results				
GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	Porcia cannizaro Kay Firebaugh	LC Wrigley Merle Robboy	C. interglossa x L. anceps Kay Firebaugh	Lynn Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. dayanum Espie Quinn	Cym. Snow Court Dana Miller	Cym. erythrostulum Lynn Wiand	Joe Rupp
DENDROBIUM	Dendrobium Pink Dorothy Goldberg	Dendrobium convolutum Merle Robboy	Dendrobium Emerald Isle Dorothy Goldberg	Dave Smith
EPIDENDRUM	Encyclia cochleata Lynn Wiand	Epidendrum ciliare Dorothy Goldbert	Oerstedella myriantha Michael Miranda	Dave Smith
MAXILLARIEAE	Not awarded	Lycaste Aquila Dorothy Goldbert	Not awarded	Guy Gottschalk
ONCIDIUM	Oncidium Intermezzo Judy and Dave Smith	Oncidium flexuosum Lynn Wiand	Colmanara Wildcat Green Valley Joe Rupp	Tom Harrison
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph Prime Child Merle Robboy	Phrag conchiferum Joe Rupp	Paph Magic Lantern Lynn Wiand	Bob Laughlin
PHALAENOPSIS	Phalaenopsis bellina Nancy Benay	Not awarded	Not awarded	
PLEUROTHALLID	No submissions			
VANDA	Renanthera Kalsom Joe Rupp	Trigoglottis bracheata Joe Rupp	Vanda Wine Chitsaya and Winn Winmaw	Lynn Wiand
MISCELLANEOUS	Dendrochilum magnum Dorothy Goldberg	Neofinetia falcata Espie Quinn	Stanhopea wardii Dorothy Goldberg	Nancy Benay
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	No submissions			
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Oncidium flexuosum Lynn Wiand			Paul Tuskes



Mark Your Calendars...

November 13-18, 2012: American Orchid Society Membership Meeting, Show and Sale, Portland, Oregon. Information: portlandorchidsociety.org.

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 or www.orchidsb.net.

December 1-2, 2012: Casa de las Orquideas Open House. 170 S. Nardo Avenue, Solana Beach. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Information: www.orquideas.com or (858) 755-7572.

January 16, 2012: Orange County Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction. 6:30 p.m. Preview; 7:00 p.m. auction begins. Yorba Linda Public Library, Community Room (lower level), 18181 Imperial Highway, Yorba Linda, 92886. Information: Janhennessey@yahoo.com or egulrich@att.net.

February 8-10, 2013: Newport Harbor Orchid Expo: "Show us Your Bloomers" Orchid Show! Westminster Mall. Be sure to sign up to help out. It will be lots of FUN!



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