



# ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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December 2012

## President's Message

Our December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be our Holiday Party, and I invite all members to join in what promises to be a very convivial evening. We will have a tasty potluck with the society providing the main dishes; there will also be the traditional plant exchange for those who wish to participate. Details are provided in a separate article.

I can guarantee you that the rest of the evening will be very different, however, from previous holiday parties, and it is one you will definitely not want to miss. We have the good fortune to have Sandra Tillisch Svoboda, President, American Orchid Society, and Editor-in-Chief, *Orchid Digest*, to speak to the society.

And though we are in party mode, we will have ribbon judging so plan to bring your blooming plants to display; I'd love to see the room filled with vibrant colors and

beautiful flowers. Finally there will also be a gift orchid for each NHOS member who attends; this is our small way to say thank you.

As 2012 comes to a close, I want to express my appreciation to all NHOS members for your support of the society's activities. We have had a very successful year, and 2013 promises to be equally exciting.

**Norito Hasegawa** has lined up a star-studded cast of speakers for the next six months including Teresa Hill of Hillview Orchids in January, AOS photographer Greg Allikas for April, Fred Clarke in May, and Glenn Decker of Piping Rock Orchids for June.

Wishing everyone Happy Holidays and a Healthy and Happy New Year

Nancy Benay  
NHOS President

## December Speaker Sandra Tillisch Svoboda "The President Is Coming!"

Very seldom does a society get a visit from the President of the American Orchid Society (AOS). In place of the carolers that we have had for the past few years, we thought we would change it up by asking Sandra Tillisch Svoboda to come in for a casual meeting or (if you like) "schmoozing".

If any of you have any questions about the recent changes of the AOS or the Orchid Digest for that matter, this is the time. Keep it polite (ha, ha)! Time permitting she will also present a short pictorial program on her trip to Bhutan or the Interna-

tional Taiwan Show.

Growing up in Minnesota, Sandra's only exposure to orchids was a prom corsage. After graduating with a degree in nursing, she moved to California and ended up in Santa Barbara. She began her orchid life as a pot washer for her husband Al and became fascinated with the history of her husband's complex paph collection which included many of the oldies like Paph. F.C. Puddle.



Al's knowledge, love, and enthusiasm for orchids were contagious and when they

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Not a creature was stirring,



## NHOS Annual Holiday Party

In the tradition of the season, the NHOS will hold its Annual Holiday Potluck at the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. There will no culture class, but we will have a speaker, Sandra Svoboda, AOS President. There will be plenty of great food, a plant exchange, and ribbon judging so bring your bloomers to display and enjoy conviviality galore.

Turkey and roast beef will be prepared by Phil Duke and Rick and Arlene Wells. Members are asked to bring a dish that will serve 10-12 people. Categories by last name are:

|            |                                                   |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>A-G</b> | <b>Dessert</b>                                    |
| <b>H-N</b> | <b>Side dish to compliment turkey and/or beef</b> |
| <b>O-Z</b> | <b>Appetizer or salad</b>                         |

To help set up, arrive by 6:00 p.m. Drinks and appetizers are at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

### Orchid Gift Exchange:

Bring an orchid plant or orchid-related item (not wrapped) for the exchange. As in previous years, your name will be put on the gift when you come in. When your gift is picked, your name will be called. You will then pick the next gift, and so on. The more people who participate, the more fun it is. See you there!

**Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month**

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

### December Culture Class...

...is suspended in favor of the Holiday Party. Enjoy! Things will be back to normal in January.

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built a second greenhouse, she decided it would be hers and that was the moment that orchids became an important part of her life.

Sandra serves as President of the American Orchid Society. She coordinates the Question and Answer column in ORCHIDS magazine. Sandra is an accredited judge in both the American Orchid Society and the Cymbidium Society of America judging

systems and is treasurer of the AOS Pacific South Judging Center.

She is the present Editor in Chief of the Orchid Digest. She was president of the Cymbidium Society of America and co-chair of the annual Cymbidium Society Congress.

Locally, she has served on the boards and been president of the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara and the local branch of the

Cymbidium Society. Sandra served on the board of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show and, for several years, was the show manager of this prestigious show, one of the largest in the nation.

Besides the plants themselves and the never-ending opportunity to learn about them, Sandra loves being involved in the orchid world because it offers an opportunity to meet and work with so many amazing and fascinating people.

## New Domain Name for the NHOS Website

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. Unfortunately, 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.

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## It's Payback Time

Yes, the membership has been super supportive of Newport Harbor's plant opportunity table. So, the Board decided to recognize that support by giving each member a gift-plant for those in attendance at the December meeting. Yes, you have to be there. It's seldom a society can actually come out ahead on the opportunity table. We appreciate it and keep it up.

Thanks and Happy Holidays!

Norito Hasegawa  
First Vice President

## NHOS Auction 2013

It'll be here before you know it. Our biggest fund raiser of the year is happening at the February 2013 meeting. Save your plant divisions and anything else orchid related you might want to donate to help support our society. Blooming plants are especially welcome.

In case you are interested, our next Auction Committee meeting is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> at Mimi's in Lake Forest, 6:30 p.m. We are interested in any ideas that will improve the event and make it more fun. I can be reached at either [joerupp@earthlink.net](mailto:joerupp@earthlink.net) or 714-329-5155.

Joe Rupp  
Second Vice President

## Growing Tips from Terry Root's November 20<sup>th</sup> Culture Class

Nothing like having a master grower conduct the culture class. Here are a few tips that Terry Root shared with us at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting mainly for slipper orchids, though they apply to general culture.

- Water when the top of the medium is dry, generally 3 times per week, with reverse osmosis water (preferably) and don't be afraid to get the whole plant wet. It is best to water early in the day.
- Keep plants shady; mottled leaf paphs can tolerate temperatures down to 50 degrees F; non-mottled leaf plants can tolerate temperatures down to freezing.
- Orchid Zone's recipe for potting medium: 70% fir bark; 10% oyster shell, 10% charcoal; and 10% sand. Repot your paphs after blooming.
- For pest control use a light horticultural spray oil that is paraffin based; spray when temperatures are below 80 degrees Fahrenheit. To control mealy bugs use 91% alcohol in a spray bottle.
- Lots of air flow is important; you want to see the flowers move in the breeze.
- The pots should have good drainage on the sides and bottom.

## Membership Corner

Happy to have **Stephen Drake** renew his membership at the meeting. Unless I am mistaken, he also won one of the terrific plants so many of us enjoyed.

Laura Perry  
Membership Chairman

## Expo! Expo! Expo!

The 2013 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo is just two months away. Show dates are Friday, February 8, 2013-Sunday, February 10, 2013. As always we need lots of volunteers for the show.

First and foremost please encourage, entice, invite family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to come to the show. It's free and open to the public. Access is easy, and parking is abundant and free. Complete show information is available at [nhosinfo.org](http://nhosinfo.org).

Second, volunteer to help out before, during, and after the show. Volunteers who work six hours or more during the show will receive a t-shirt to wear while you are working. Areas where we need help are:

- Setting up the tables on Wednesday evening, February 6.
- General assistance throughout the day on Thursday, February 7, helping with show set-up, assisting vendors, etc.

- Lots of volunteers for ribbon judging on Friday, February 8, at 9 AM. There will be a judges' luncheon at noon.
- Lots of volunteers for the information table, plant hotel, security, and to assist with the potting workshops on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.
- Take down and clean-up immediately after show closing on Sunday evening, February 8.

Sign-up sheets will be available at both the December and January general meetings. Both Tina Coombe and Margaret Nerio are coordinating volunteer sign-ups.

Thanks in advance to everyone for your help.

2013 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo Committee



## 2012 November Judging Results

| GENUS                                 | FIRST PLACE                           | SECOND PLACE                                 | THIRD PLACE                                     | JUDGES             |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>POINTS</b>                         | <b>5 pts</b>                          | <b>3 pts</b>                                 | <b>1 pt</b>                                     |                    |
| <b>CATLEYA</b>                        | BLC Blue Hawaii<br>Ha Bui             | Laelia perrinii<br>Espie Quinn               | Bepi unk<br>Kay Firebaugh                       | Dave Smith         |
| <b>CYMBIDIUM</b>                      | Cym Shining Chim<br>Ha Bui            | Catasetum tabulare<br>Richard Hess           | Cym iridiodes<br>Winn Winmaw                    | Dave Smith         |
| <b>DENDROBIUM</b>                     | Den Maiden Charlotte<br>Espie Quinn   | Den Avril's Gold<br>Ha Bui                   | N/A                                             | Dave Smith         |
| <b>EPIDENDRUM</b>                     | Encyclia polybubon<br>Lynn Wiand      | Encyclia diforme x barbeyanum<br>Winn Winmaw | Epi porpax<br>Kayoko Nebrig                     | Dave Smith         |
| <b>MAXILLARIEAE</b>                   | Lycaste June Simpson<br>Ha Bui        | Chondrorhyncha marginata<br>(Cochleanthus)   | Maxillaria picta 'Type B'<br>Nico Goossens      | Bob Laughlin       |
| <b>ONCIDIUM</b>                       | Onc onustum<br>Rick Wells             | Burrageara Nellie Isler<br>Richard Hess      | Miltassia Aztec Nalo<br>Dorothy Goldberg        | Winn Winmaw        |
| <b>PAPHIOPEDILUM</b>                  | Phragmipedium sendena<br>Richard Hess | Phragmipedium folium<br>Richard Hess         | Paph insigne<br>Lynn Wiand                      | Joe Rupp           |
| <b>PHALAENOPSIS</b>                   | Phal betris x P. venus<br>Lynn Wiand  | N/A                                          | N/A                                             | Nancy Benay        |
| <b>PLEUROTHALLID</b>                  | Scaphosepalum unk<br>Merle Robboy     | N/A                                          | N/A                                             | Dave Smith         |
| <b>VANDA</b>                          | Vanda Roberts Delight<br>Winn Winmaw  | Vanda Gordon Dillon "Lee"<br>Winn Winmaw     | Rynchovanda Colmair "Hildos"<br>Michael Miranda | Judy Smith         |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>                  | Isochilus sp.<br>Ha Bui               | Bulbophyllum medusa<br>Dick Hess             | Coelogyne fimbriata<br>Merle Robboy             | Joe Rupp           |
| <b>POINTS</b>                         | <b>3 pts</b>                          | <b>2 pts</b>                                 | <b>1 pt</b>                                     |                    |
| <b>NOVICE</b>                         | No entry                              |                                              |                                                 |                    |
| <b>CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points</b> | <b>BLC Blue Hawaii<br/>Ha Bui</b>     |                                              |                                                 | Speaker Terry Root |



## Mark Your Calendars...

**January 16, 2013:** Orange County Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction. Yorba Linda Public Library, Community Room (lower level), 18181 Imperial Highway, Yorba Linda, 92886. Preview at 6:30 p.m.; Auction begins at 7:00 p.m. Information: [Janhennessey@yahoo.com](mailto:Janhennessey@yahoo.com) or [egulrich@att.net](mailto: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!

**Tuesday, February 19, 2013:** NHOS Annual Ron Capps Memorial Auction, Costa Mesa Community Center. Preview at 6:30 pm. Auction begins at 7:00 p.m. (note: this is the February meeting). Information: [www.nhosinfo.org](http://www.nhosinfo.org).

**Friday-Sunday, March 8-10, 2013:** 68<sup>th</sup> Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, "Orchids in Focus," Earl Warren Showgrounds, Highway 101 and Las Positas. Information: [www.sborchidshow.com](http://www.sborchidshow.com).



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