



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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March 2012

President's Message

Aloha Members,

February was a very exciting month for us. With the fabulous Orchid Expo and the Auction, it seems exhaustion is in order. It would be impossible for me to name everyone who helped coordinate, volunteer, labor, and participate in some way to put on the Expo and the Auction.

So, this month, I am giving you all, and you know who you are, a GIGANTIC THANK YOU! The Society really came together and made me proud. Collaborative efforts are what make NHOS the Orange County gem of orchid societies.

Special thanks to Expo Committee members: **Nancy, Ha, Tina, Richard, Rick,**

Phil, Jim, Margaret, Dave, and Judy.

You all went above and beyond to support the Society. Your spirit, dedication, and commitment to the Society are greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten. To all of you who judged and/or volunteered otherwise, your time and dedication is appreciated. Thank you.

As for the Auction, it was one of the biggest and best auctions we have had yet. Thanks to **Joe, Guy, Tom, and Ron** for coordinating the event and all the volunteers who ran plants and helped make it a success.

The Society's next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. I would like to encourage all members to attend. Why? As a member you have the

right to attend the board meetings to find out first-hand how and what business is conducted. We are working on next year's budget this month for final approval in May.

We have nominations for the Board coming up. Your Society desperately needs several of you to serve. If you think you have nothing to offer, you are wrong. Every member is special and has ideas and strengths to share in the work.

Before becoming President, I served on the Board for four years. I participated in the discussions, offered suggestions, and made contributions, even though, I thought, my time commitment was minimal.

Yours,
Linda Iannelli

March Speaker

Ron McHatton

"Orchids and Bugs"

Our speaker this month will be Ron McHatton from the AOS. He was with us last in September of 2007. A Ph.D. chemist by training, he was previously the Apopka production manager for Kerry's Bromeliad Nursery, possibly the largest wholesale orchid nursery in the United States and one of the largest Bromeliad wholesalers as well.

Ron has been growing orchids for more than 43 years and has an eclectic collection of plants representing a wide cross section of the orchid family. His passion for orchids has spanned virtually every growing regime from windowsills to under lights to greenhouses running from a 200 square

foot hobby house to several acres of commercial growing space.

Over the years his private collection has numbered in excess of 2500 plants. In addition to his professional position, Ron is an accredited American Orchid Society judge and has been volunteering for the AOS for over 25 years.

During that time, Ron chaired several national committees, twice held a seat on the organization's Board of Trustees and briefly served as vice president. In addition to Ron's volunteer support of the AOS, he has also been a long-time supporter of the *Orchid Digest*. In this role, he has served on its Board of Directors and Executive



My warm regards,

Joyce Nugent
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 three new members who joined during the Expo: **David Moorhouse, Lucia Brandt, and Sharon Claphan.**

All are enthusiastic hobbyists. Lucia is actually an accredited judge and David is interested in the Show Committee for next year. Sharon is rather new to orchid collecting, but excited about being with us.

Please make them welcome.

Laura Perry
Membership Chairman

March Refreshments

Members from **Judy Dahle to Earl & Joyce Hare** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

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2012 Ron Capps Memorial Auction

Our recently completed annual auction was a resounding success. We had a large crowd and some very active bidding. I want to especially thank all the volunteers who made the event both fun and profitable. Special thanks to Merle Robboy, our auctioneer for many years now. He is always great. Able assistants Lynn Wiand, Guy Gottschalk, and Michael Miranda kept the plants always available for bidding.

Linda Iannelli took it upon herself to have 1,000 flyers printed and had raffle tickets stapled to them to be handed out at the Westminster show. All that effort resulted in 40+ orchid lovers who otherwise might not have attended.

The result: The auction generated \$4,580 in sales.

Again, mega thanks to all the volunteers. Your help made the auction such a success.

Joe Rupp
Second Vice President

And the thanks go on...

There is a kind of symbiotic relationship between societies and vendors (a kind of bug/orchid echo). They donate to us; we buy from them. Please keep that in mind when looking for new plants. On behalf of NHOS, I thank the following vendors from the Orchid Expo (alphabetically) for their generous donations to the NHOS Annual Auction:

Andy's Orchids, Beauty Florist, Cal Orchid, Casa de las Orquideas, Diamond Orchids, Forever Bloom, Hatfield's Orchids, Lico Orchids, Mr. Fer-tilizer, Nha Trang Orchids, The Orchid Place, Orchids de los Osos, Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, Sunset Valley Orchids, Taya-yama Orchids, Tho's Orchids, Tuyet's Orchids.

From a grateful bug,

Tom Harrison



Newport Harbor Orchid Expo and Salz: "Romancing the Orchid"

Photo Gallery: Folks, Flowers & Fun

Caution: Orchid display construction zone... construction zone... construction zone...



Ready to meet & greet!



Color, color everywhere...



Orchid display, aerial view



Ride, ride, ride the Orchid surf...



Hearts in Westminster...



Today, 4H-ers;
Tomorrow, Orchidistas!



Judging

Now that the auction is over, bring your plants in and let them be seen by everyone.

A floral feast for the eyes...





Mark Your Calendars...

Saturday-Sunday, March 3-4, 2012: South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale. Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA.

Friday-Sunday, March 9-11, 2012: San Diego County Orchid Society presents "Galaxy of Orchids," 2012 Orchid Show and Sale. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108. <http://sdorchids.com/shows.htm>

Friday-Sunday, March 16-18, 2012: 67th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, "Orchidelic," Earl Warren Showgrounds, Highway 101 and Las Positas. www.sborchidshow.com.



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