



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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August 2012

President's Message

This is my second time around as NHOS president, the first time having been from 2003-2005. I do take on this responsibility with great enthusiasm and with a much better understanding of the Society itself, not to mention of the regional and national orchid community. Let me share with you here some of my goals for the coming year:

- Recruit new membership by tapping into electronic media and social networking throughout Orange and surrounding counties. If any of you who have good computer skills and a solid working knowledge of the internet would be willing to help, please contact me at ndbenay@gmail.com. I promise that the work is not onerous or overly time consuming and it is something you can do from the quiet of your home.
- Apply and obtain 501 (c) (3) status for the NHOS – in other words tax exempt status for the NHOS or the Orchid Expo.

This will make it easier to obtain sponsors and donations, fine tune the show, and financially strengthen the Society. Tax exempt status was under study four or so years ago but was tabled at the time.

- Work in greater collaboration with other area societies to bring nationally and internationally known speakers from out of state through the sharing of travel costs that our current budget does not allow.
- Establish a working affiliation with one of the area colleges' horticultural or floral program as a way to give back to the community and to possibly recruit new and younger members.
- Initiate a commercial nursery/bus tour to Santa Barbara for either the March or July show.
- Bring back the Saturday orchid forums or roundtables, if there is sufficient interest among members.
- Involve more members with Board and Society governance and activities.

August Culture Class

Winn and Chitsaya Winmaw are speaking on the "Wonder of Vandas."

The Society is also looking for culture class leaders for the coming year. If you have a specialty, please come and share. See Guy Gottschalk to sign up.

- Maintain our fun and enthusiastic monthly meetings with good speakers, display tables adorned with beautiful orchids, and tasty refreshments for everyone's enjoyment!

I look forward to a successful year and to everyone's participation. Please feel free to contact me or any other member of the board with your suggestions and questions. We will take them into consideration. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, August 21.

Nancy Benay
NHOS President, 2012-2013

August Speaker

Peter Lin

"Neofinetia falcata & Its Hybrids"

This fast-paced PowerPoint presentation will feature this Japanese native orchid species, a bit of history, the many forms and varieties, and a selection of its hybrids within the Vanda alliance. We'll also take a look at how to grow these marvelous temperature tolerant orchids.

Neofinetia falcata is native to Japan and has been grown there for centuries. They are highly treasured and come in many flower forms and leaf forms. They have been used with other vandaceous genera to produce charming compact hybrids.



Peter started growing orchids over 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about nine years ago that the orchid "bug" came back, and he is now heavily involved once again.

He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies

around the country. He also has thousands of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them online at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>. His website address is <http://www.diamondorchids.com/>.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and, of course, Neofinetias! He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in three small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.

Peter will be providing the plants for this month's raffle table. There will be a nice selection of orchids, so be sure to buy your tickets!

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

This is a test! How many of you really read this? The test will be completed when you send me your dues for the coming year! Two names at the same address renew at \$25.00 and single listings are \$20.

I can hardly wait for the mail to start pouring in. Send checks to Laura Perry, 1412 Priscilla Lane, Newport Beach, 92660.

If you will look at Tina's pictures from the banquet, you will see our new member, Janice Krause, in her red dress, looking excited about the string of raffle tickets in her hands. She did win! Welcome Janice. Nice way to start your time with us.

Laura Perry
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Dr. Norito Hasegawa Is First Vice President

I am most pleased to announce that Dr. Norito Hasegawa has agreed to serve as the NHOS First Vice-President for the coming year.

Highly respected nationally and internationally as an AOS and CSA judge, speaker, commercial grower, and author, he has been collecting and growing orchids for over 30 years, and is owner of [Paphanatics, Unlimited](#). He even has an entire genus (Hasegawara) named after him!

A former trustee of The American Orchid Society, he currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Orchid Digest Corporation. Norito has lots of good ideas for prospective speakers, most of whom he knows personally, so we should have some excellent talks over the next twelve months.

Nancy Benay

Don't Follow the Fleet, Follow Us on Facebook!

The NHOS has a very active page on Facebook.

Currently we are up to 81 "Likes" (meaning friends of the organization) from all over the world and would like to see this number continue to increase. Not only does it provide free advertising for the society with great ease, but you will also see some great orchid photography, meeting reminders, and links to various orchid websites with which you may not be familiar.

Help us out by going to the Newport Harbor Orchid Society on Facebook and clicking on "Like." You can also click on the "Share" button to spread the news.

It's easy and fun!

Many Thanks....

What can be better than a soft summer evening spent among friends in **Michael Miranda's** backyard tropical paradise? Thanks to **Phil Duke, Rose Nakabara, and Michael Miranda** for their planning and work in making this year's annual installation and awards dinner a resounding success. And thank you to all for your company and culinary contributions.

To evoke Cajun culture: "Laissez les bon temps rouler." Let the good times roll. And that we did!

Bloomers Will Be Seen at the 2013 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo Show & Sale

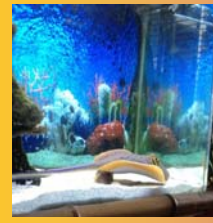
The twelfth Newport Harbor Orchid Expo Show and Sale is scheduled for Friday, February 8, 2013 through Sunday, February 10, 2013, at the Westminster Mall. The show committee has selected a very fun theme, which is "Show Us Your Bloomers." We can thank Merle Robboy, yes, Dr. Orchid, for the suggestion. It will be fun to see how the theme is carried out in all of the displays.

The show committee encourages and welcomes new members who would like to join in the effort. It is a working committee with each member doing his or her part to bring about the show, but after three years at the Westminster Mall, it is getting to be a bit easier, though each year brings new challenges.

We do have lots of fun along the way with potluck dinners preceding each meeting. If you are interested in becoming a committee member, our next meeting is Tuesday, August 7, at Nancy Benay's house beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Contact Richard Hara, Show Chair, worknut49@aol.com, or Nancy Benay, ndbenay@gmail.com.

A Garden of Bright Images: NHOS Annual Installation and Awards Banquet



August Refreshments

Members from **Dave and Judy Smith** to **Peter and Miko Yang** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

No judging in July! We will judge again in August, so please be sure to bring beautiful plants in bloom. Hope you enjoyed the Installation Banquet!

Mark Your Calendars...

Saturday-Sunday September 22-23 , 2012:

South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale. Saturday: Sales 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.; Show 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday: Show and Sales 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274. Admission: \$8.00 Adults; Seniors (62 and over) \$6; Students with ID: \$6; Children 5-12: \$3; Children four and under free. Admission to the show and sale is included with your paid admission to the garden. Parking is free. <http://southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html>.

Saturday-Sunday, September 29-30, 2012:

Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. South Coast Plaza Village, 1631 West Sunflower, Santa Ana, CA 92704. Information: www.fascinationoforchids.com or 949-735-2930.



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