



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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September 2012

President's Message

What a great turnout we had at the August 21st meeting! In particular it was gratifying to have a number of guests, several new members who joined the society, and quite a few returning members including **Richard Wulff** and **Marilyn Bauer**, among others. And wouldn't you know that **Brandon Tam**, a new member, won the culture award for his Paphiopedilum. There was definitely no stint on the novice table for Brandon. Though new to our group, he is a veteran grower and orchid specialist of the Robert Wertz Orchid Collection, Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens.

Kudos to **Peter Lin** for his excellent talk on *Neofinetia falcata* and its hybrids and the outstanding raffle table he provided. I was aware that *Neofinetias* have a cult-like following in Japan, but had no idea that they were so highly prized by Japanese and

Chinese nobility for their fragrance and foliage, hence the name *Fuki-ran* which means "rich and noble orchid." I'm amused to have royalty quietly blooming in my greenhouse.

My thanks also go to **Darla Miller**, another new member, for volunteering to help **Tom Harrison**, *Orchids Aweigh* editor, by compiling the calendar section for the monthly newsletter. Darla also commented how much she has learned about orchids by attending meetings of the Orange County Orchid Society and the NHOS.

I do have another request for a second volunteer to help **Mary Kermani** with the Silent Auction Table. Mary has graciously taken on this responsibility, but she does need help with taking in the payments, when things get particularly hectic. If you are willing to help, please contact me at ndbenay@gmail.com or let Mary know.

September Culture Class

Dorothy Goldberg will be leading this month's class. The topic is TBA, but Dorothy always has useful information to share. Join us!

Have you looked recently at the NHOS website? If so, you have undoubtedly noticed that it is badly in need of updating and a new design. Want to help with it? Please let me know. We'll begin the project in October.

Hope you are managing to keep yourself and your orchids cool in this very hot summer. More than once in the last month I have wondered why I am growing orchids rather than cacti and succulents. But when I look at my orchids in bloom, I know why.

Nancy Benay
NHOS President

September Speaker George Hatfield

"The Effects of Cymbidium Species on their Hybrids"

Hatfield Orchids is owned and operated by George Hatfield, who has over 34 years of experience in raising award quality Cymbidium orchids. Hatfield Orchids is fortunate enough to be located in Ventura County, California, which has an ideal climate for the propagation of Cymbidium orchids. The operation is run by family and friends, and orchids are their passion.

George is active in the Cymbidium Society of America and the American Orchid Society, as well as several southern California regional orchid organizations. He is the



AOS judging chairman for the Pacific South and the Santa Barbara regions. Additionally, he is also a past-president of the CSA and was the Chairman of the CSA Cymbidium Congress from 1998-2001 and president of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show in 2002 & 2003.

Hatfield Orchids is known for producing some of the top pendulous Cymbidiums in the country. This year, George's hybrid, "Cym. Oxnard Dot's 'Hatfields' S/CSA", was Grand Champion of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show.

The plant table will be provided by George Hatfield and he assures us it will be a great one. The weather created havoc with the

cymbidiums this year and it has brought many of the mid-season varieties into spike already. They will be on the plant table so bring a little extra cash for securing some of these plants in spike.

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

Well, most of us have now paid the NHOS dues. A few more need to look at their checkbooks to see if they just dreamed they sent checks or gave me cash at some time.

The dues are: Twenty dollars for a single membership, twenty-five for a couple, and an extra five dollars if you want a paper copy of the newsletter. Roster time is almost here. Remem-



September Refreshments

Members from **Irma Adams to Phil Duke** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

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ber, our year runs from July 1 to June 30 each year, so sending money on January 1 does not make it.

We have two new members from August's meeting. **Pam Neil** and **Brandon Tam** are to be welcomed! Pam has already volunteered to help with a part of the newsletter and Brandon is busy at the Huntington Gardens. Glad to have them with us.

Laura Perry
Membership Chairman

Call for Volunteers

The theme for this year's Southland Orchid Show at the Huntington Botanical Gardens on October 19-21 is "Orchid Mystique." Volunteer and you will 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

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 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

Auction Committee

In an effort to be a little more proactive, I am scheduling a meeting of the Auction Committee for Tuesday, September 12, at Mimi's in Costa Mesa at 6:30 p.m. Hope you all can make it.

Joe Rupp
Second Vice President

News from the AOS

The special supplement this year is on the genus *Cynoches*, its species and hybrids. This special supplement is becoming a favorite tradition and extra benefit of being a member of the American Orchid Society.

The supplement is underwritten by a combination of advertising and members donations. More information about the supplement, its costs and your opportunity to underwrite some of the expense of its publication and distribution may be found on the AOS website: <http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=226>.

Donations of **any size** are appreciated. The continuation of this supplement on an annual basis will be dependent on its appeal to and the support of AOS members. Please be generous in your support of these special supplements

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

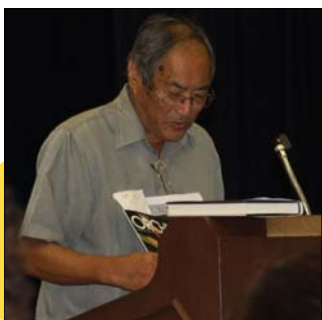


Watering Help Needed!

Ben Shiffman and his girlfriend Liz (see photo, left) were the first to volunteer to help water plants at Chuck Straub's home.

Ben plans on joining NHOS when he stops having classes on Tuesday nights.

If you would like your picture taken and posted to the newsletter, volunteer!



A plethora of people and plants at the August NHOS meeting.



2012 August Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATLEYA	Catt bowringiana Michael Miranda	Oestedella myriantha Michael Miranda	Laelia pumila Steve & Eileen Kaufmann	Lynn Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	Cymbidium Zig-Zag 'Kiwi' Ha Bui	Cym devonianum 'Larabee' Gen Gundersen		Lynn Wiand
DENDROBIUM	No Entry			
EPIDENDRUM	Epidendrum vesicatum Lynn Wiand	Encyclia guatemalense Nancy Benay	Encyc No Name Elisabeth Hau	Dave Smith
ALLIANCE				
MAXILLARIEAE	Angulocaste Olympic Snowdon Dorothy Goldberg			Barb Livingston
ONCIDIUM	Miltonia Goodale Mora Mary Ellen Gerberick	No Name Dorothy Goldberg	Oncidium Dorothy Wisnom Dorothy Goldberg	Dave Smith
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph. Vera Pellecia Brandon Tam	Paph Roth Dorothy Goldberg	Phrag Fritz Shomberg Joe Rupp	Guy Gottschalk
PHALAENOPSIS	No Entry			
PLEUROTHALLID	No Entry			
VANDA	Robert's Delight Ha Bui	Motes Beauty Dorothy Goldberg	Renanthera monachica Lynn Wyand	Guy Gottschalk
MISCELLANEOUS	Isochilus Linearis Merle Robboy	Habenaria rhodocheila Merle Robboy	Physosiphon Tubatus Lynn Wiand	Roberta Fox
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	Catt Jerome Shultz x BC Wainae Leopard Rosemary Krumme			Unknown
CULTURAL AWARD	Paph Vera Pellechia Brandon Tam			Peter Lin
WINNER—7 points				

Mark Your Calendars...

Saturday-Sunday, September 22-23, 2012: South Bay Orchid Show and Sale. Saturday Sales 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Show 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday Sales and Show 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes, CA. Information: 310-707-7097 or www.southbayorchidsociety.com.

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.

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. Sunday San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA. Information: www.sdbgarden.org/orchid.htm or 760-436-3036.

Saturday, October 13, 2012: NHOS Annual Greenhouse and Garden Tour. We are planning something special this year and are not quite ready to announce. Look to the October issue of *Orchids Aweigh* for details. Expect also a special email flyer for details on this exciting event!

Sunday, October 14, 2012: Southern California Orchid Species Society Annual Auction. Preview Starts 12:30 p.m., Auction at 1:00 p.m. Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman, Placentia. Information: www.socalorchidspecies.com.



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