



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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November 2013

President's Message

We could not have selected a more perfect day for this year's very successful greenhouse and garden tour. About forty members and guests went from surprise to surprise as we caravanned from **Dorothy Goldberg's** house and garden, to **Tom and Rosmarie Harrison's**, and finally to **Ann and Joe Rupp's**.

First and foremost, it was most impressive and inspiring to see the stellar and very methodical cultural practices of all three fellow growers in addition to the diversity and quality of their plant collections, both orchids and other.

Dorothy's Shangri-La near the beach always takes me aback with the sheer volume, density and diversity of orchids and non-orchids in her collection. To complete his landscaping, **Tom Harrison** has worked like a busy beaver building raised flower beds covered with slate and glass

tile, and the result is eye-catching and functional. In fact a few of us tried to hire Tom to do similar work in our yards, but he tactfully declined. Since he wisely grows most of his orchids on mounts, he is not plagued with having to repot (sigh).

And finally, all of the care and love that Joe puts into his orchids is obvious in his absolutely spotless greenhouses and shade areas. Congratulations to each of you, and on behalf of the NHOS, a very sincere thank you for all of the time you put into preparing for our visit. Our appreciation to **Bob Laughlin** who helps Dorothy with her garden, and thank you to **Dana Seelig** for having organized the tour.

November is a transition month in our growing areas as cooler weather is in the forecast and night-time temperatures drop, both a welcome respite from two plus months of extremely dry summer heat. It is time to de-bug your plants, clean up your growing areas, bring in the warm to

Culture Class Calendar

November 2013 | **Lynn Wiand**
"Getting Plants Prepared for a Show"

January 2014 | **Peter Lin**
"Judging, Tips on How"

March 2014 | **Dick Hess**
"Paphs and Phrags"

April 2014 | **Dana Seelig**
"Cattleya Culture"

May 2014 | **Michael Miranda**
"Outside Growing, Sobralias, et al"

June 2014 | **Ha Bui**
"Cymbidiums"

August 2014 | **Joe Rupp**
"Paphs and Phrags 2"

September 2014 | **Guy Gottschalk**
Topic TBA

hot growing orchids before winter sets in, perform equipment maintenance, and, for those of you who have a greenhouse, be

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November Speaker Arnold Gum

"Multi-Floral Paphiopedilums"

The November speaker for NHOS is going to be Arnold Gum. I assure you he won't be a half-baked turkey; he'll come with cranberries, gravy and all the trimmings. We'll have a great time!

Arnold grew up in Honolulu, where he inherited his love for orchids from his Dad, who had a particular affection for cattleyas, and who introduced Arnold to some of Hawaii's best orchid growers. Arnold spent his free time chatting with growers and hybridizers, who graciously shared their knowledge and patiently allowed this precocious youngster to prowl through their collections. Two phalaenopsis rap-

idly turned into several thousand plants and the make-shift plant shelves gave way to a real shade house. A visit to the Stanley Taba Orchid Nursery yielded two flasks in which, with the help of Arnold's 7th grade science teacher, Arnold sowed some Vanda teres seed. This eventually grew into flasks at every windowsill.

Thus, it was no surprise, that Arnold turned five years of carefully recorded germination data into an award winning science fair exhibit. It was equally no surprise that Arnold left for college. (His talented mom took care of his 3000 plus plant collection.) Even in the midst of the engineering program at Stanford, Arnold managed to head down to Santa Cruz with David Ai, one of his Hawaiian orchid



friends (and owner of City Mill), to visit the Phalaenopsis Orchid Nurseries.

Orchids have followed Arnold through two Bachelor's degrees, a Master's degree and a J.D., and from Hawaii to California to Colorado and back to California. It's probably fair to call it an addiction at this point, and Arnold treats the topic with a fair amount of humor. Arnold is a long time AOS judge and grows a wide variety of orchid genera including paphiopedilum, phalaenopsis, stanhopea, cattleya and related genera, sobralia, dendrochilum, oncidium, dendrobium and a host of varied species.

Arnold's talk encompasses a survey of multi-floral paphiopedilum hybridizing, focusing on the interaction between the different sections of paphiopedilum and looking at some of the unique and beautiful results. The discussion also touches on

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Meetings are held on the
third Tuesday of each month

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

Photo Fun from the 2013 NHOS Greenhouse and Garden Tour



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2014 NHOS Orchid Auction

It's a little more than 90 days away. Just a reminder to save your divisions and any other quality, healthy and possibly blooming plants in your collection to donate to our annual auction.

We make this appeal every year and it's really important because without the plants our members donate, we don't have an auction. We do get plants from ven-

dors at the show but it only makes up a small percentage of the plants sold. Your orchids help support the society's everyday expenses and we do appreciate your generosity.

Next year's event will be on February 18th at our regular monthly meeting. Show your support by being there and bringing a friend or relative.

Joe Rupp

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sure your heater is in working order as it won't be long until you fire them up!

With 2013 beginning to wind down and the rush of holiday hysteria soon upon us, let me bring to your attention some of the activities coming up in the next few months. December 17 is our holiday potluck and party. The society will have a gift plant for each member who attends.

January and early February are crunch time in preparation for both the 2014 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo, which is February 7-9 and the NHOS Auction on February 18. As always we will need volunteers. Look for the volunteer sign-up sheets at each meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving to all,

Nancy Benay
President 2012-2014



Refreshments

Members from **Margaret Nerio** to **Helen Tangcay** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

A Note on Judging

From my point of view—monthly ribbon judging is one of the best features of NHOS. It encourages better growing, sharing of plant culture, competition in showing quality plants, and member participation. Step up and give it a try; other members will step up to help.

By the way, the novice category should be for anyone who has not received any ribbon in the past two or three years. It's there to encourage more participation from shy growers.

Nico Goossens

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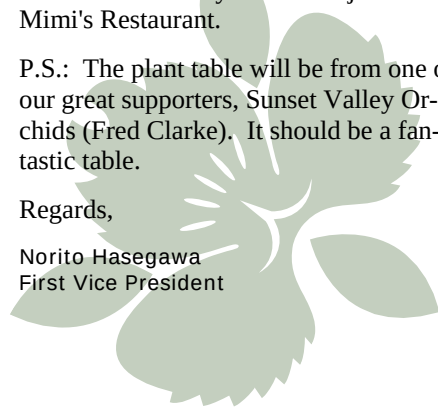
paphiopedilums in their native habitats to provide guidance on growing conditions favored by plants in the different sections. The talk concludes with a discussion of the challenges and possibilities for paphiopedilum hybridizing, followed by questions.

We'll be taking Arnold to dinner at Mimi's Restaurant across the parking lot from the meeting place at 5:30 p.m. Reservations will be under NHOS/Norito Hasegawa. RSVP to Norito by Sunday, November 17th if you want to join us at Mimi's Restaurant.

P.S.: The plant table will be from one of our great supporters, Sunset Valley Orchids (Fred Clarke). It should be a fantastic table.

Regards,

Norito Hasegawa
First Vice President



2013 October Judging Results

GENUS POINTS	FIRST PLACE 5 pts	SECOND PLACE 3 pts	THIRD PLACE 1 pt	JUDGES
CATTLEYA	BLC California Girl Kayoko Nebrig	Laelia anceps Jack Kittrell	LC Tiny Treasure Joyce Nugent	Guy Gottschalk
CYMBIDIUM	Catasetum Susan Fuchs X Orchidglade Robert Latimer	Gramatophyllum scriptum Elisabeth Hau	C. dayanum Lynn Wiand	Roberta Fox
DENDROBIUM	D. prenticei Nico Goossens	NA	D. seasig Nancy Benay	Guy Gottschalk
EPIDENDRUM	E. capricornu Elisabeth Hau	NA	NA	Lynn Wiand
MAXILLARIEAE	NPP Adelaide 'Pure Jade' X Zga. Pine Road 'Green Dragon' Rosemary Krumme	NA	NA	Nancy Benay
ONCIDIUM	O. onustum Rick Wells	Anselia africana Earl & Joyce Hare	Miltonia regrellia Lynn Wiand	Roberta Fox
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Phrag. besseae X Scarlet O'Hara Nancy Benay	Paph. henryanum Lynn Wiand	Paph. Betty Bracey 'Swingtime' Lynn Wiand	Joyce Nugent
PHALAENOPSIS	None			
PLEUROTHALLID	None			
VANDA	Vanda (Neofinetia) falcata #1 Janice Krause	Holcoglossum wangii Lisa Humphreys	Vanda (Neofinetia) falcata #2 Janice Krause	Lynn Wiand
MISCELLANEOUS	Stenoglottis longifolia Kay Firebaugh	NA	NA	Janice Krause
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	None			
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	BLC California Girl	Kayoko Nebrig	George Hatfield	



Mark Your Calendars...

November 13-17: American Orchid Society Members' Meeting, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, Florida. Featuring Dr. Kiat Tan, Mr. Munekazu Ejiri and Mr. Fred Clarke! More information: www.aos.org.

November 23-24: The Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Orchid Fall Show and Sale "Sea of Orchids," Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. AOS and CSA judging. More information: www.sborchid.com or fmorchids@hotmail.com.

December 7-8: Casa de Las Orquideas Annual Open House, 170 S. Nardo Ave, Solana Beach, CA. More information: www.orquideas.com. Note: Sunset Valley Orchid's and Andy's Orchids are also having an open house on this weekend.

January 18-19, 2014: 1st Paphiopedilum Guild Meeting by Orchid Digest, 58th Paphiopedilum Guild Meeting, Montecito Country Club, 902 Summit Road, Santa Barbara, CA. More information: www.orchiddigest.org.

January 18-19: The Annual Cymbidium Society of America Cymbidium Congress—concurrent with the above. More information: <http://www.sborchidshow.com/pages/Groups/Group.html>.

February 15-16: 2014 South Bay Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale. Torrance Cultural Arts Center. More information: <http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html>.

March 14-16, 2014: 69th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, "Complements and Contrasts." More information: <http://www.sborchidshow.com/pages/Visit/Visit.html>.

March 15, 2014: The Annual Cymbidium Society of America Cymbidium Congress—concurrent with the above. More information: <http://www.sborchidshow.com/pages/Groups/Group.html>.

Special Note: George Hatfield will be selling on the following Saturdays: 11/23, 12/21, 1/11, 2/1, 3/8, 4/5, 5/17, 6/14, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Yamada's, 706 W. Garden Blvd, Gardena, CA. More information: 310-327-5668.



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