



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the **NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY**

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February 2013

President's Message

What a great turnout we had at the January 15th meeting. Over 80 members and guests packed the meeting room for Teresa Hill's talk on Miltoniopsis. At a time when many other societies are losing members, we are growing at a healthy rate. And thank you to **Norito Hasegawa** for conducting the culture class.

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it is long on the NHOS' major fundraising events: The 12th Newport Harbor Orchid Expo at the Westminster Mall followed by the Ron Capps Memorial Auction at our February meeting (See Mark Your Calendar for details).

Please support these events by recruiting family and friends to attend. We also need lots and lots of volunteers for the show as well as the auction. And, of course, we hope to see all members at both events.

Nancy Benay
NHOS President

Culture Class

Thanks to **Norito Hasegawa** for a brilliant demonstration on how to prepare orchids for show going into the show season. And thanks, also, to **Joe Rupp** for a gracious pass off to Norito. We will hear from Joe, probably in March. As for February—there is no culture class. Buy some orchids at the Auction!

No February Speaker

As above, buy some orchids at the Auction. We'll be back to normal in March.

Meetings are held on the
third Tuesday of each month

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

Show Us Your Bloomers: 12th NHOS Orchid Expo & Sale February 8, 9, 10, 2013 | Westminster Mall | Orange County, CA

This will be our fourth year for the Orchid Expo at the Westminster Mall, and with each year the show has grown in reputation and attendance. It's a time for orchid hobbyists and enthusiasts from around the Southland to come together and celebrate the beauty and diversity of orchids. As of this writing, eight societies will put in displays and 21 vendors will staff the sales area. In addition, there will be orchid art exhibits, potting workshops, and a Kids Club workshop. For more information, visit <http://www.nhosinfo.org/shows/2013/home.html>. Come enjoy the show!

NHOS Display at Expo

Thanks to Nancy Benay for putting together our club display for Expo again this year. You can bring in your blooming orchids on Wednesday, February 6, 7am-9pm, or on Thursday, February 7, 7am-1pm. It's essential that as many members as possible bring in super plants. Nancy will do us up proud, if she has the material to work with. And it is our show, after all. Please bring plants!

Member Sales at Expo

Jack Kittrell is coordinating Members Sales at Expo again. You can start bringing in plants to be sold on Thursday, February 7 at 1pm. If you don't already have the tags and paper work, you can pick them up at the sales table. You can also bring in plants during the show. For further details, give Jack a call at 714-536-8361.

Volunteer Schedule

Remember that carrying off an event of this size takes lots of time and commitment from all society members. Many have already signed up. The following is a reminder of our volunteer schedule.

Wednesday, February 6, 7:00pm

Set up tables with tablecloths, help lay out plastic floor coverings.

Thursday, February 7, 7:00am-9:00pm

Greet vendors, distribute vendor instruction packets, assist vendors and societies by unloading plants and equipment, help with plant registration for AOS, CSA, and ribbon judging.

Friday, February 8, 7:00am-9:00pm

Sales security (7am start), ribbon judges (8:30am start), information table, plant hotel, display room security (10am start), judges luncheon set up (10:30am start).

Saturday, February 9, 7:00am-9:00pm

Sales security (7am start), information table, plant hotel, display room security (10am start), potting workshop assistance (4pm start).

Sunday, February 10, 7:00am-9:00pm

Sales security (7am start), information table, plant hotel, display room security (11am start), potting workshop assistance (4pm start), show break down and clean-up beginning (6pm start).

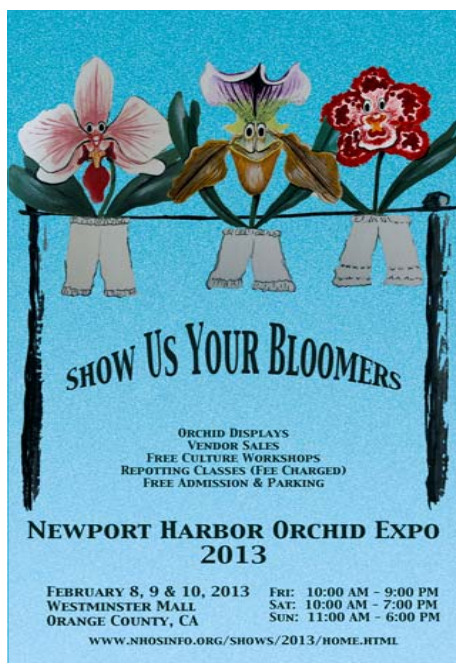
Volunteer Please!

We still need volunteers for Expo. We need people for the plant hotel, information booth and display rooms for Friday (10am to 9pm), Saturday (10am to 7pm) and Sunday (11am to 6pm).

Please contact me at 949-759-1464 or tina.coombe@gmail.com. **Volunteers who work for six hours will receive a show t-shirt.**

May you always have love to share, health to spare, and friends who care!

Tina Coombe



Membership Corner

We have lost another member. While we have not seen her for some time, we are sorry to hear of the death of **Anne Gazda**. She was a stylish, witty lady who was always one of the first to sign up when needed. She was gracious and helping. I remember that when **Georgia Farmer** could no longer drive, Anne always saw that Georgia got to meetings or to special events. A true friend!

It was so nice to see so many members at the last meeting. Some we have not seen in a long time; some were new faces. Visitors were **Stephanie Wilds, Ed Miltimore, Linda Beze, and Patrick Danahy**. New members are **Kathy and Eric Callewaert**. Welcome to you all and please come often.

Laura Perry
Membership Secretary



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A Different Kind of Orchid Show (or Going Native)

Want to take your orchid experience a step further and see wild orchids growing in their native habitat? If you are in Northern California in March, plan to take a side trip to Butano State Park, which is located midway between Half Moon Bay and Santa Cruz, to see *Calypso bulbosa* in bloom.



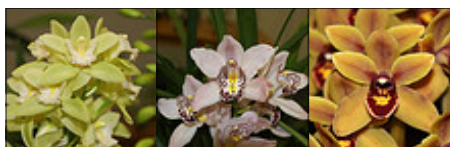
Rather rare in the area, the native purple calypso orchids are also called "Fairy Slippers" and have two-inch flowers, purple petals and sepals, and a patterned lip. Named after the Greek oceanid nymph, Kalypso, who lived in peaceful isolation in a luxurious cave on an island called Ogygia, the Calypso orchid prefers solitude in undisturbed forest regions.

For more information: <http://www.parks.ca.gov/Trail/TrailInfo.aspx>.

Orchid Conservation Alliance's Tour to Guangxi and Fujian in South China

The Orchid Conservation Alliance's Orchids in the Wild tour for Spring 2013 will be to Southern China and will be led by Holger and Wenquing Perner of Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology, Ltd. Holger last spoke to the NHOS in January 2012 on the orchids of China.

It is a 14-day tour that begins on May 8 and ends on May 21, 2013. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Peter Tobias, OCA President, at 760-518-5120 or peter@orchidconservationalliance.org.



2013 Ron Capps Memorial Orchid Auction

Tuesday, February 19, 2013
Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center
1845 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa
Free Admission – Free Parking

The auction this year will present an exceptional selection of over 200 plants from the premier commercial growers in Southern California and the members of our society.

We are expecting to have a lot of blooming plants as well as some exceptional plant arrangements. Come early to view the plants and register for bidding. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for viewing. The bidding will start at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Joe Rupp at joerupp@earthlink.net or 714-329-5155. More information: www.nhosinfo.org.

Auction Reminder

We need plants and people. Donate your divisions, extra plants, duplicates and whatever else you might think would be a good auction item. Blooming plants are especially welcome.

Also, always make sure your gift plants don't have any bugs or viruses. We need volunteers to help make the event a success. Set up is at 5:30 p.m. Bring a friend or two. If you have any questions, phone me (see above).

Be there!

Joe Rupp
Second Vice President

Refreshments

Members from **Merle Robboy to Richard Wulff** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

Pacific Orchid Exposition February 21-24, 2013 San Francisco, CA

As president of the San Francisco Orchid Society, I would like to extend my personal invitation to an incredible orchid event, the Pacific Orchid Exposition.

It is one of the largest, if not the largest, orchid shows in the United States. It features an amazing display of orchids, with over 40 different exhibits with tens of

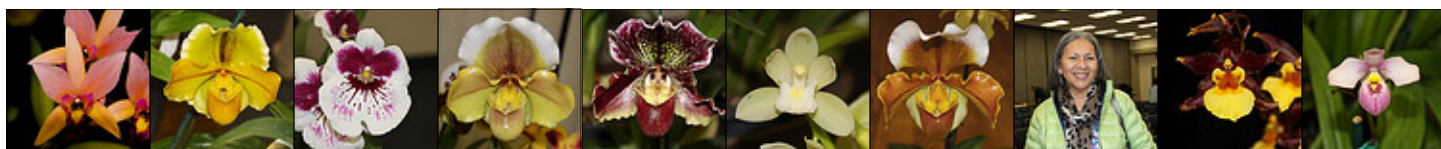
thousands of orchids. The POE also features an incredible variety of vendors, 54 confirmed, including national and international orchid nurseries, several different orchid supply companies, bromeliad vendors, and even a few orchid art and pottery vendors. You can also preorder plants from the vendors if you contact them from the online links posted on our web page.

There is a Gala Benefit Preview on Thursday evening, February 21 featuring wine tasting, gourmet food, jazz, a silent and live auction, and the first view of orchids

on display. This is followed by three days of the show, featuring seminars, orchid sales, docent tours, silent auction, and conservation activities.

For more information about the show, tickets, vendors, parking, directions and accommodation: <http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/poe.html>.

Mary Gerritsen, President
San Francisco Orchid Society



CSA Judging Pacific South Region

As CSA is scaling back due to the lack of judges, the only locals hosting monthly judging are the Torrance Cymbidium Society. Location: J.H. Hull, 2080 W. 231st Street, Torrance CA. Dates: February 6, March 13, April 3, May 1, and June 5. Time: Plants have to be in at 6:30 p.m. See Ha Bui for more information.

2013 January Judging Results

GENUS POINTS	FIRST PLACE 5 pts	SECOND PLACE 3 pts	THIRD PLACE 1 pt	JUDGES
CATTLEYA	LC Angel Heart Espie Quinn	BLC Momilalam Merle Robboy	Laelia anceps 'Fort Caroline' Espie Quinn	Lynn Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	Cym Radiant Pearl 'Old Ivory' Ha Bui	Cym N/A (unregistered) Ha Bui	Cym Reginetta Dorothy Goldberg	Guy Gottschalk
DENDROBIUM	Den Auvil's Gold "Ray" Ha Bui	NA	NA	Guy Gottschalk
EPIDENDRUM	Epi corifolium Lynn Wiand	Leptotes harryphillipsi Lynn Wiand	Encyclia cyperifolia Tom Harrison	Bob Laughlin
MAXILLARIEAE	Max schunkeana Lynn Wiand	Max desvauxiana Merle Robboy	Max schunkeana Nancy Benay	Dave Smith
ONCIDIUM	Ada aurantiaca Richard Hess	Colmanara Wildcat Merle Robboy	Odontocidium Mystery Espie Quinn	Dave Smith
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph insigne Lynn Wiand	Phragmipedium Don Wimber Richard Hess	Phragmipedium Hanne Popow Richard Hess	Roberta Fox
PHALAENOPSIS	NA	NA	NA	Dave Smith
PLEUROTHALLID	Masdavalia Copper Angel Unk	NA	NA	Guy Gottschalk
VANDA	Ascocenda unk Michael Miranda	Rhynchostylis gigantea 'red' Lee Brandt	Angraecum eburneum var. brevicar Merle Robboy	Guy Gottschalk
MISCELLANEOUS	Neolaunchea pulchella (Isabella pulchella) Dorothy Goldberg	Bulbophyllum tingabarinum (Bulbo pingtungense) Merle Robboy	Isochilus linearis Dorothy Goldberg	Roberta Fox
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	Paphiopedilum wardii Janice Kraus	Laelia Anceps 'Santa Barbara Sunset' Janice Kraus	NA	Lynn Wiand
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Ada aurantiaca Richard Hess			Theresa Hill



Mark Your Calendars...

Friday-Sunday, February 8-10: 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: NHOS Annual Ron Capps Memorial Auction. Costa Mesa Community Center. Preview at 6:30 p.m.; auction begins at 7:00 p.m. Note: This is the February meeting. Information: www.nhosinfo.org.

Wednesday, February 20: AOS Judging. Central Coast Judging Center, Santa Barbara at the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara's monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. Louis Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De La Vina Street.

Thursday-Sunday, February 21-24: Pacific Orchid Exposition "East Meets West." Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, CA. Information: www.orchidsanfrancisco.org; 415-336-2752; denniswestler@aol.com.

Friday-Sunday, February 22-24: The South Bay Home & Garden Show, Long Beach Convention Center.

Saturday-Sunday, March 2-3: South Bay Orchid Show "Orchids-R-Easy." Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA 90502. Information: www.southbayorchidsociety.com.

Friday-Sunday, March 8-10: 68th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show "Orchids in Focus." Earl Warren Showgrounds, Highway 101 and Las Positas. Information: www.sborchidshow.com.

Thursday-Saturday, March 21-23: AOS Trustees and Members Meeting. Note: This is being held in conjunction with the San Diego County Orchid Society's Annual Show. Information: www.aos.org.

Friday-Sunday, March 22-24: San Diego County Orchid Society's International Show and Spring Sale "Orchids by the Sea." Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA. Note: Go on-line for a coupon discounting admission costs: www.sdorchids.com.

Saturday, March 23: Orchid Digest Members Meeting. Scottish Rite Temple, San Diego, CA. 2:00 p.m. Note: This is being held in conjunction with the San Diego County Orchid Society's Annual Show. Information: www.orchiddigest.org.



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