



# ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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March 2013

## President's Message

March has been another incredibly busy month for all things orchids. The NHOS participated directly or indirectly in three regional shows—the South Bay Orchid Society Show, the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, and finally the San Diego Orchid Show.



First, congratulations to **Ha Bui** whose Cym. Thuy-Hong Bui 'My Van' was selected as the Grand Champion Cymbidium at the SBIOS. Actually, this is the SBIOS top honor, and judging from the number of beautifully grown cymbidiums in the show, competition had to be extremely tight. All the more touching is the fact that Ha made this cross and named it for his mother who passed away when he was 17 years old. Again congratulations for this distinguished award.

Commendations to **Ha, Jim Miller, Richard Hara, Phil Duke, Joe Rupp, Arlene** and **Rick Wells** for their collaborative efforts on the NHOS display at the San Diego County Orchid Society's Show. The display was absolutely stunning in terms of the design, execution, range and quality of the orchids. Proof is the collective number of awards, trophies, including the Orchid Digest Trophy for best display, and the ribbons that filled the exhibit. It is no small feat to transport the props and plants to and

## Culture Class

Conducted by **Roberta Fox**, "Pushing the Envelope" is for the backyard grower who wants to grow a broader selection of orchids, an exploration of resources that can help them determine how they might meet the needs of a wide range of plants beyond the "usual suspects."

from San Diego and to install a display of this size in less than a day. Kudos to you all!

Moving along, what a fun and high-energy meeting we had on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Ron Kaufmann gave an outstanding talk on the rupicolous orchids of Brazil. It was quite the eye opener to see first-hand the harsh environment in which these plants grow and flower on rock outcrops in full sun with nothing more than grasses, Vellozias, and detritus to protect the plants, with nightly mist as the main source of moisture. Who would believe that a pleurothallis could

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## April Speaker Greg Allikas

"Orchid Photography for the Digital Age"

Greg Allikas is known for his brilliant photographs of orchids. He has been a commercial photographer in the Palm Beaches and is well known for his library of theater photography.

An orchid grower since 1970, Greg is awards photographer for the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center, Florida-Caribbean Judging Center in Miami, and many annual South Florida orchid shows including Fort Lauderdale, Delray Beach, Martin County, Naples and Boca Raton.

His photos are regularly seen in numerous AOS publications, including the annual calendar and *Orchids* magazine. He has written articles for both *Orchids* magazine and *Orchid Digest* and has been published in Germany, South America, Sweden and in the Russian magazine, *World of Orchids*.

Greg also has many photos in the Sunset and Ortho books on orchids, and he supplied all of the photography for *Growing Orchids is Fun* (Hollingsworth), *Orchids to Know and Grow* (Sheehan & Black), and *Orquideas en la Gran Ciudad* (Verdura). The latter is the first book on orchid culture written and published in Spain.

In 2005 Greg was honored to consult on, and supply photography for, a United Nations Postal Administration endangered species stamp release featuring 12 endangered orchid species. He has also received



the Silver Medal from the American Orchid Society for his service.

Greg is a popular speaker and in demand at orchid societies across the US.

He especially enjoys field trips to photograph orchids in their native habitats and rarely turns down an invitation to see and photograph orchids growing in the wild.

Greg is the proprietor of the popular Orchid Photo Page on the World Wide Web at [www.orchidworks.com](http://www.orchidworks.com). Greg and his partner, Kathy, maintain a mixed collection of about 1,000 orchids comprised of Cattleyas & Laelias, Vandaceous, Den-drobiums and Oncidium allies as well as many unusual species orchids.

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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.

## Membership Corner

Thanks to Janell Schuck for taking over for me at the last meeting. She was Membership Chairman for years before turning it over to me, so she was well prepared. We welcomed several guests at the meeting: Sharon and Dan Whelan were first timers; Earl Felt is an old friend of Norito Hasegawa; Fred Anderson, a long time member and past president, now living in Oregon, was here. I was sorry to miss all of them.

See you this month,  
Laura Perry, Membership Secretary

## Refreshments

Members from **Mary Gerberick** to **Harold Koopowitz** and **Stephen Hampson** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

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survive, let alone bloom, in full sun? Amazing. Try that here, and the plants would quickly shrivel and die!

And many, many thanks to Chef **Phil Duke** for his delicious and copious St. Patrick's Day feast, which has become an annual tradition at the March meeting. Once again you definitely spoiled us, Phil. I laughed at seeing members walk out with doggy bags!

Looking ahead, the election of new officers and board members will take place in May. This year's nomination committee includes **Jim Miller** (chair), **Earl Hare**,

**Barbara Livingston**, and **Winn Winmaw**. I would certainly like to encourage members to become involved in society governance. It is vital to have new people with fresh ideas join the board, and this is actually an excellent time to do so given our solid budget and membership base. The slate of candidates will be announced in May.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. It should be very special.

Happy Growing,  
Nancy Benay, President

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All members are welcome to join Greg Allikas for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Mimi's restaurant across the shopping lot from the meeting place. Please RSVP to Norito by Sunday, April 14, at 714-458-5615.

The plant table will be supplied by one of our faithful and longtime supporters, Casa de Las Orchideas of Solana Beach. As well as cymbidiums, Nancy Batchman assures us there will be a few zygotetals included. Some sarcochilus from Rowland Collection of Garden Grove will be included also.

Norito Hasegawa, First Vice President

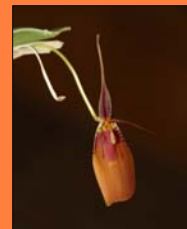
## AOS Corner

Interesting Orchid Hybrid Trivia from AOS Website: The total number of grex names in the register is currently 154,660. This figure increases daily. Each year The International Orchid Register adds between 3000-4000 new hybrids.

The most popular genera for hybrids are: Phalaenopsis - 31,382; Paphiopedilum - 23,871; Cymbidium - 14,688; Dendrobium - 11,910. So far there are about 2349 hybrid generic names, but not all of these are in use. There are about 5,600 species involved in hybridization.

Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

## March Meeting Madness



## Spring Shows—Wow!

What a spectacular line up of Spring shows. Starting with our “Show Us Your Bloomers” show in February, our society mounted a huge central display bedecked with ribbons and trophies.

Something special I had never seen in my 50 years of international travels, including seven World Orchid Conferences, was the display put in by the Vietnamese Orchid Society to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Never have I seen such immense painting, photographs and bonsai plants set up in such an original manner, lit up better than some museum exhibitions. If they do it again they deserve a special recognition. What a gem exhibit that was!

The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show in mid-March was a huge success for our member Ha Bui, who won the Grand Champion Best in Show Cymbidium with a cross named after his late

mother—Cymbidium Mem. Thuy-Hong Bui ‘My Van’. It garnered a B/CSA and AM/AOS. This is a first, as far as we can determine, ever won by an amateur outdoing the perennial winners who are usually commercial firms.

Not only that, Ha also won the best pendulous Cymb. with this plant, and with Cymb. Satsuma Beach ‘Hideko’ he garnered the Cymbidium Beauty Award given to the prettiest Cymbidium, which is not necessarily “awardable” but has character and charm that attracts attention.

Also he won best standard Cymb. with Kirby Lesh ‘Cinnabar’. Congratulations Ha! It takes courage to place a display of that size by yourself, especially knowing that it’s now the biggest Spring show in the whole US.

Accolades again go to the display by our society, NHOS, at the San Diego International Orchid Show, where the AOS trustees met. A surf board was the focal point

in the display, but was covered with so many ribbons and trophies it was hardly visible. We won the Orchid Digest Trophy for the best exhibit by an amateur or society.

I, myself, placed a single entry plant of Paph. Ross Otto ‘Round As Can Be’ and received a rarely given FCC from the American Orchid Society and a Gold Medal from the Cymbidium Society of America, the second one given to a Paph in probably 50 years.

Coincidentally the gentleman it was named after, a Calgarian, became an official AOS judge at this AOS meeting. He is happy. We look forward to another successful 2014 but it will be hard to duplicate this year's spectacular Spring shows.

Norito Hasegawa

## 2013 March Judging Results

| GENUS<br>POINTS                           | FIRST PLACE<br>5 pts                               | SECOND PLACE<br>3 pts                                            | THIRD PLACE<br>1 pt                             | JUDGES           |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>CATTLEYA</b>                           | Pot. Paradise Beauty ‘Marcela’<br>Gen Gundersen    | SLC Lucky Chance ‘My Vans’<br>Gen Gundersen                      | DL Mizoguchi ‘Cloud Cover’<br>Joe Rupp          | Bill Mac Corkell |
| <b>CYMBIDIUM</b>                          | Cym. Devon Odyssey<br>Jack Kittrell                | C (Red Squire x Kerianne)<br>Earl & Joyce Hare                   | C Mem. Marvin Gaye<br>Barbara Livingston        | Lynn Wiand       |
| <b>DENDROBIUM</b>                         | Den. Delicatum<br>Winn and Chitsaya Winmaw         | D Little Saigon Cutie ‘My Van’<br>Ha Bui                         | D Speciokingianum x gracilicaule<br>Espie Quinn | Ann Rupp         |
| <b>EPIDENDRUM</b>                         | NA                                                 | NA                                                               | NA                                              | NA               |
| <b>MAXILLARIEAE</b>                       | Max. prophyrostele<br>Lynn Wiand                   | M variabilis<br>Nancy Benay                                      | M skunkiana<br>Nancy Benay                      | Winn Winmaw      |
| <b>ONCIDIUM</b>                           | Gdlra Tahitian Dancer<br>Michael Miranda           | Onc intergeric hybrid Unk<br>Unk                                 | Onc. Golden Afternoon<br>Mary Ellen Gerberick   | Roberta Fox      |
| <b>PAPHIOPEDILUM</b>                      | Phrag. Sedenii x longifolium<br><br>Joe Rupp       | Phrag. Haley Decker<br>(Kovachii ‘Laura’ x St. Quen)<br>Joe Rupp | Paph. Tranlienianum<br><br>Lynn Wiand           | Roberta Fox      |
| <b>PHALAENOPSIS</b>                       | Phal. Unk<br>Rosemary Krumme                       | P Chainport Dorothy<br>Gen Gundersen                             | NA                                              | Bob Laughlin     |
| <b>PLEUROTHALLID</b>                      | Pleurothallis Shiedei<br>Kayoko Nebrig             | Restrepia sanguine<br>Nancy Benay                                | NA                                              | Lynn Wiand       |
| <b>VANDA</b>                              | (Renanthera x Rhynchostylis)<br>“Renezimal August” | Renanetia Sunrise<br>Winn and Chitsaya Winmaw                    | NA                                              | Bob Laughlin     |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>                      | Cym. Unchained Melody<br>Barbara Livingston        | Dendrochilum tenellum<br>Lynn Wiand                              | Dendrochilum pulcherima<br>Espie Quinn          | Nancy Benay      |
| POINTS                                    | 3 pts                                              | 2 pts                                                            | 1 pt                                            |                  |
| <b>NOVICE</b>                             | Cym. Kiwi Baron ‘New Horizon’<br>Margaret Nerio    | Cym. Unk<br>Margaret Nerio                                       | Vanda Pachara Delight<br>Valerie Sanders        | Lynn Wiand       |
| <b>CULTURAL AWARD<br/>WINNER—7 points</b> | Dendrobium Little Saigon Cutie<br>‘My Van’         |                                                                  | Ha Bui                                          | Ron Kaufmann     |



## Mark Your Calendars...

**Saturday, April 13:** Orchid Spring Sale, Mariposa Garden, 6664 South Street, Lakewood, CA 90713. Information: [www.mariposagarden.com](http://www.mariposagarden.com) or 562-920-5588.

**Wednesday, April 17:** AOS Judging Central Coast Judging Center, Louis Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De La Vina St., Santa Barbara, CA. 6:30 p.m. check-in; 7:00 p.m. judging in conjunction with Orchid Society of Santa Barbara meeting.

**Friday, April 19:** Orchid Odyssey. The San Diego Zoo's Orchid greenhouse is open to the public. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive, San Diego, CA 92101. Information: [www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org) or 619-231-1515.

**Thursday, May 16:** San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists Auction, Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Gardens, 310 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91106. Information: [www.sgvo.org](http://www.sgvo.org).



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