



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the **NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY**

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May 2013

President's Message

Happy Spring! Or is it Happy Summer? Or Happy Winter? It's been a real weather roller coaster ride these last few days so no wonder our orchids are confused. And wouldn't you know that the pump in my evaporative cooler decided to conk out in the middle of our two-day heat wave with temperatures rising to 92 degrees Fahrenheit outdoors?

It's moments like these when I wonder why I did not choose to grow cacti and succulents rather than obsessing over orchids. A few drops of water here and there, no repotting or regular fertilizing. Moreover, I would not have the Irvine Ranch Water District reproaching me on my monthly over consumption of water.

I want to thank Greg Allikas for an informative presentation at the April meeting on digital orchid photography. I'm not sure that one can do credit to such a broad topic in less than an hour. And thanks to Tina

Coombe for having hosted Greg during his short stay in Orange County.

This is the time of the year when there is a lot of activity going on behind the scenes as we wind down the current year's activities and lay the foundation for next year. The nominations committee has just about completed its work; you can read the proposed slate in this newsletter.

At the May 2nd Board of Directors meeting, we approved the budget for 2013-2014, which will be shared with you in the June issue of *Orchids Aweigh*. June marks the beginning of the NHOS membership renewal drive. Membership fees remain the same—\$20 for a single membership and \$25 for a dual membership. Add \$5, if you choose to receive a paper newsletter. Laura Perry would love to be inundated with renewals at the June meeting. The sooner everyone renews, the sooner we can publish the annual directory and put the membership drive behind us.

Coming on July 16th is the annual installation and awards banquet at Michael Miranda's house. Always a delightful evening, this year's event will feature a Japanese theme. And finally, the NHOS will host the first-ever Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival at the Westminster Mall; dates: Friday, August 9, through Sunday, August 11, 2013. More information will follow.

Looking forward to seeing you at the May 21st NHOS meeting and at Fred Clarke's talk on Aussie Dendrobiums. Fred is much in demand as a speaker on the international circuit, and last September he was among a star studded cast of speakers at the 19th Australian Orchid Council's Conference and Orchid Show in Perth, Australia. Happily we don't have to pay his r/t airfare from LA to Perth as it would consume our entire year's speakers' budget. Welcome, Fred.

Happy Mother's Day!
Nancy Benay, President

May Speaker

Fred Clarke

"Aussie Native Dendrobiums and their Cultivation"

Our friends down under have been breeding their native Dendrobiums and creating some fantastic flowers, the word is out! Aussie Dens are easy to grow, tolerant of heat and cold, have fragrant flowers, and re-bloom from the old bulbs!!! They grow well with Cattleyas and in frost free areas, and they are perfect plants for the shade house. In conclusion Fred will make a PowerPoint presentation on the "best practices" for growing these remarkable plants.

Fred has been growing orchids for 33 years and has been hybridizing for 25 of those years. With over 25 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery: Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Aussie Dendrobium and Paphiopedilum hybrids.

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the **blackest** flower ever witnessed". This grex has received eight FCC's, eight AM's and the coveted "Award of Distinction" on the first flowers

shown for judging!

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region.

His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

If you would like to chat and have dinner with our speaker, Fred before the meeting, just RSVP me at 714-458-5615 by Sunday, May 19th. We will meet at Mimi's Restaurant across from the Community Center facing Harbor Blvd. at 5:30 p.m. Reservations will be under Newport Harbor Orchid Society.



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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.

Sunset Valley Orchids will provide the plant table for the evening. Expect a great variety of dendrobiums, cattleyas, bulbophyllums and a few paphs. Buy plenty of tickets. We take cash and checks, no credit cards.

By the way, the June speaker is Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids known for his paph and phragmipedium species and hybrids. He will not be providing a plant table (it will be from Cal Orchids), but he will accept pre-orders from his catalog, which is available on his website at www.pipingrockorchids.com (hard copies will be available at the May meeting).

Orders may be placed until June 12. Be sure to designate the society at which you plan on receiving your order. Everything must be pre-paid before delivery. He has many rare and unusual things.

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Orchid Digest Speakers' Day

Mark your calendar for the eleventh Orchid Digest Speakers' Day, "Wonderful World of Orchids." Hosted at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, California on Saturday, June 8, 12:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Ahmanson Classroom, it will feature an all general flower display, orchid sales, expert lectures and dinner.

AOS judging will be held at 10:00 a.m. and you are encouraged to bring your blooming plants for the flower display at 11:00 a.m. There will be a prize for best species and best hybrid.

The lecturers will include: Thomas Mirenda (Virginia), Ron Kaufmann (San Diego), Paul Tuskes (San Diego), Mario Ferrusi (Toronto). The dinner speaker will be Alex Pridgeon (Florida).

The vendors will include: Cal Orchids, Sunset Valley Orchids, Andy's Orchids, Canaima's Orchids, and Marsh Hollow Orchids.

Tickets cost \$60 (\$75 at door) for afternoon seminars, wine and cheese happy hour, dinner and evening entertainment. Reserve online through June 5. After June 5 contact:
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Space is limited, so make your reservations now!

Membership Corner

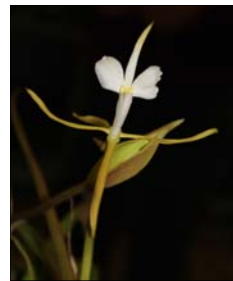
So nice to see you all at the last meeting. For those of you who were not there, we just learned of the death in September of our member Elizabeth Kishaba. She was always an interested member, and I had just sent her an email telling her we missed her. Sorry to hear of her passing.

I sent membership applications home with three people, and we do have a new member: Jan Hennessey. Happy to have you with us, Jan.

See you this month,

Laura Perry, Membership Secretary

April Showers Bring Orchid Flowers



Refreshments

Members from Janice Krause to Margaret Nerio are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

2013-2014 Nominations

The Nominating Committee's recommendations are:

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Board of Directors

Three-year Term (expires 2016):
Dana Seelig, Earl Hare, Vacant

Two-year Term (expires 2015):
Judy Dahle, Chitsaya Winmaw, Winn Winmaw

One-year Term (expires 2014):
Tina Coombe, Michael Miranda, Anne Rupp

- Open nominations will be held during the May 21st meeting.
- Elections will be held during the June 18th meeting.

More April flowers....



2013 April Judging Results

GENUS POINTS	FIRST PLACE 5 pts	SECOND PLACE 3 pts	THIRD PLACE 1 pt	JUDGES
CATTLEYA	SLC Dream Cloud 'Sparkler' Joe Rupp	Cattleya amethystoglossa 'Supreme' Lee Brandt	LC Straight Answer Dana Selig	Richard Hess
CYMBIDIUM	C. (Cariga x Tracy) x Lucky Shamrock Espie Quinn	C. Orchid Conference 'Green Light' Espie Quinn	C. Dorothy Stockstill Joyce Hare	Kayoko Nebrig
DENDROBIUM	D. linguaforme Lynn Wiand	D. Rainbow Dance Nico Goossens	D. thyrsiflorum Kayoko Nebrig	Jim Miller
EPIDENDRUM	E. parkinsonianum Lisa Humphreys	Leptotes bicolor Lynn Wiand	Leptotes pohlitincoi Nico Goossens	Peter Yang
MAXILLARIEAE	Maxillarieae sp Merle Robboy	Maxillarieae variabilis Nancy Benay	Lycaste brevispatha Nancy Benay	Winn Winmaw
ONCIDIUM	Tolumnia Buck Hollow 'Orange Mist' X Spicey Pink 'Billy B' Nico Goossens	O. harrissonianum Elisabeth Hau	Brasada Mem. Bert Fields Nico Goossens	Barbara Livingston
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Phrag. Ashley Wilkes Joe Rupp	Phrag. kovachii x Eric Young Joe Rupp	Paph. vietnamense x sib Richard Hess	Barbara Livingston
PHALAENOPSIS	Sarco. hartmanii Espie Quinn	Phal. schilleriana Lisa Humphreys	Phal. Unk Marvel Carlson	Lynn Wiand
PLEUROTHALLID	P. schedei Kayoko Nebrig	NA	NA	Winn Winmaw
VANDA	Papilionanthes biswasiana Winn Winmaw	Vanda lamellate Espie Quinn	Angraecum Crestwood Kay Firebaugh	Lynn Wiand
MISCELLANEOUS	Phaius hybrid Joe Rupp	Polystachya ? Lynn Wiand	Bulb. kanburiense Lynn Wiand	Jim Miller
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	NA	NA	NA	NA
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Maxillaria picta Merle Robboy			Greg Allikas



Mark Your Calendars...

May 3-5: Orange County Spring Home and Garden Show, Anaheim Convention Center.

May 11-12: San Diego Epiphyllous Society Annual Mother's Day Sale and Show, Balboa Park Casa del Prado. More information: www.sandiegoepi.org.

May 16: San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists Auction, Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Gardens, 310 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, 91106. More information: www.sgvo.org.

May 18: Casa de Las Orquideas 13th Annual Super Seedling Sale, 170 South Nardo Ave, Solana Beach 92075. (858) 755-7572. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. More information: www.orquideas.com.

June 8: Orchid Digest Speaker's Day, Huntington Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, 91108. More information: www.orchiddigest.org.

July 12-14: 33rd Annual Summer Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House, Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, 93111. Friday & Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

June 15: The Orchid Society of Southern California Orchid Auction, First Christian Church Meeting Hall, 221 South 6th St., Burbank. More information: www.orchidssc.org.

No Santa Barbara Orchid Fair

In 2013 there will be no Santa Barbara Orchid Fair due to low attendance the past few years. In late 2013 we will evaluate whether the Fair will occur at Earl Warren in the summer of 2014. We so appreciate your patience and understanding during these challenging times. Santa Barbara Orchid Estate will have a Summer Open House in July 2013.

Questions? Call us at (800) 553-3387 or email us at sboe@sborchid.com. The 69th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show will occur (as usual): Friday, March 14 through Sunday, March 16, 2014, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Thank you so much for your time.
Hope to see you in July or anytime!

Alice, Parry, and Wayne



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