



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the **NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY**

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September 2013

President's Message

September already? While I am reluctant to see summer on the wane, I am definitely relieved to have the Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival behind us. It was a lot for the show committee members to take on. It was organized in record time, just a little over four months, in fact. But in the end, it proved to be quite successful on many levels, and the NHOS can certainly be proud of this accomplishment. Attendance was very solid; sales were brisk. This made the vendors happy, and in turn eased our nerves.

We had lots of help and cooperation from the Vietnamese Orchid Society and Mr. Dang Bui, who organized a substantive and extensive floral art exhibit with work

by local painters and photographers (including three of **Tina Coombe's** photographs) in addition to a breathtaking bonsai display. They also partnered with us to advertise the festival in the local community, which was an enormous boost. Many thanks to NHOS members who helped with set-up, volunteered at the information desk, and helped with take down. Limited space does not permit me to list names.

Earnings from this sale as well as those from the winter show and the annual auction benefit all members directly by giving the NHOS the financial stability to invite speakers such as Tom Mirenda, Glen Decker, Greg Allikas, and others whom we would ordinarily not be able to afford.

To sustain the planning of these additional

Culture Class

The class will be good because it is always good, even if the topic is unknown in advance.

events, however, requires some new recruits. The show committee is just beginning its work on the February 2014 Orchid Expo, and if you would like to join the committee, contact **Richard Hara** at 714-651-9970. Meetings are once a month; each member volunteers for one specific assignment so that it is not an overwhelming task. We inject a little fun into the process with a potluck dinner prior to each meeting. Please volunteer.

Nancy Benay
President, 2012-2014

September Speaker

Roy Tokunaga

"Dendrobiums and their Culture"

Aloha! September's speaker will be the world-renowned Roy Tokunaga from Hawaii. He'll do a program on Dendrobiums and their culture with less emphasis on the Australian types since we had a previous program by Fred Clarke on that group.

Roy grew up on the beautiful island of Maui, in the Hawaiian Island chain. He left Maui for Honolulu, Oahu to attend the University of Hawaii. It was in the honors program that his favorite mentor, Dr. Yoneo Sagawa, introduced him to orchids and the new emerging technology of orchid seed germination and cloning.

Roy eventually earned a bachelor's in education in order to teach biology. He was recruited to work at an orchid cloning

laboratory, E&R Orchids. For seven years he honed his skills in seed germination and cloning. In 1981, Tokunaga partnered with Harry Akagi to start H&R Nurseries in Waimanalo, Hawaii on the island of Oahu. He is an accredited judge for the American Orchid Society as well as the Honolulu Orchid Society.

Roy has been hybridizing, cloning, and germinating seeds for more than 30 years. H&R maintains a laboratory to do its seed germination and grows orchids under two acres of shade houses. H&R has been re-focusing to excel in the culture of species as well as providing hybrids in the Dendrobium and Cattleya alliances. Roy's passion has been the proper nutrition of orchids and the mythical flower booster.

Roy will be providing the plant opportunity table. He will be bringing plants to sell as well. Society members may also go online www.hrnurseries.com and pre-order plants but be sure to designate at which society meeting you'll pick up your order. Please pre-order before September 12 to ensure that you get your plants on time.



Everyone be sure to give Roy a great Southern Californian welcome; wear your luau shirts or muumuus! Anyone who would like a little more time to get to know Roy better can join the dinner group at Mimi's Restaurant facing Harbor Blvd. across from the Costa Mesa meeting place. Be there by 5:30 p.m. on the 17th. Our reservations will be under the NHOS. An RSVP to Norito by Sunday, September 15th would be appreciated.

Aloha and see you there!

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.

Refreshments

Members from **Bill Forgarty** to **Janice Krause** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

Announcing the 2014 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo Theme

Drum roll please! The 2014 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo theme will be "Orchid Paradise", as determined by vote at the meeting on August 20.

Membership Corner

I'm currently sorting out left over dues issues. If you have any questions, please-contact me at 949-642-4148 or kperry9507@aol.com.

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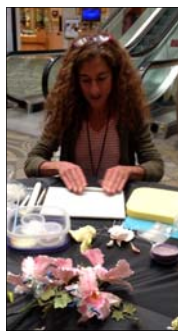
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NHOS Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival Photos



Calling All Volunteers: The Southland Orchid Show Needs You!

The Southland Orchid Show Committee is proud to present the "Orchid Masquerade" show on October 18-20, 2013 at the Huntington Botanical Gardens and Library. We hope that you will help make this show a success by volunteering. A complimentary lunch will be served. Volunteers will receive a commemorative show pin.

Contact me at 714-907-5743 or wardbrendar@hotmail.com.

Thank you for your help,

Brenda Ward

The 2013 NHOS Greenhouse and Garden Tour Cometh

Our annual Greenhouse and Garden Tour will take place this year on Saturday, October 19. Our gracious hosts are

Dorothy Goldberg: 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
Tom Harrison: 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
Ann & Joe Rupp: 12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

This is a fun opportunity to see a wide variety of plants, species and hybrids, hear from experts about their growing experiences, and see many unique garden touches. As an added feature, plants will be available for sale at Dorothy Goldberg's and the Rupp's.

We will lunch at the Rupp's house, our final stop. Please help us plan for the lunch by letting us know if you will be attending. RSVP at the September meeting per the sign-up sheet or email me at atarrowbear@gmail.com. Driving instructions will be provided at the September meeting and via the NHOS website. A reminder with instructions will also be sent out one week or so before the event.

This event is free for members and \$8.00 for each non-member's guest. To ask questions, volunteer, or RSVP, email me. I look forward to seeing you on another great tour!

Dana Seelig

But Wait, There's More... Greenhouse and Garden Tour Extra

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Greenhouse Tour on October 19th. We're pleased to be a part of the tour and will be hosting lunch at our home.

I'll also be selling quite a few plants: Australian Dendrobiums, named Cymbidiums, Cattleyas, Encyclias, Iwanagaras, divisions of Laelia Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime', Pleuros, Renanthera Kalsom, plus a variety of other plants.

We'll also have various sized, beautiful, mounted Staghorn Ferns ready to take home and hang up. Be sure to sign up to attend. We'll be looking forward to seeing you.

Joe Rupp

On the Road Again: Interview with the Bonsai Master

It has been a few years since I've done one of my roving orchid reporter articles. And while I have not had much time of late to be sleuthing around in members' growing areas, I did have the opportunity during our recent Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival to interview the Bonsai Master, Mr. Dau Tran, who displayed 21 of his bonsai, or miniature plantings, as part of the Floral Art Exhibition sponsored by the Vietnamese Orchid Society.

Personally, I thought the bonsai were one of the highlights of the overall festival, and there is an interesting story to be told, which I will do very briefly. It's one with parallels for our orchid world.

In addition to the title of Bonsai Master, Dau Tran is also known as a Master of Kung Fu, his first hobby. And it is through Kung Fu that he came to the art of Bonsai.

Not the traditional path, at least to my way of thinking. Years ago his Kung Fu Master thought Dau Tran needed to increase his sense of calm and thus introduced him to the world of miniature plantings.



First, he learned how to cultivate the miniature trees, which took a period of five years. From there he was given the challenge of sculpting mountains in a vertical style. The next hurdle was to fashion mountains using only horizontal lines.

Thus he began creating miniature living landscapes referred to in Vietnamese as hòn non bộ. He also creates miniature forests using small-leafed ficus that he designs to be viewed from all four sides, rather than from just one side.

Having studied both the Chinese style (penjing) and the Japanese style of the art form, Dau's goal is to bring nature into his house. He considers his bonsai to be his children. A magnificent Cypress Tree that is part of his large collection is between 60 -70 years old. Dau Tran follows careful cultural standards fertilizing his trees twice a month and uses regular tap water that he lets stand to remove the chlorine. He repots his cypress every four years and his ficus every two years.

And to conclude, yes, the art of Bonsai has taught Mr. Tran to be calm and patient.

Nancy Benay

2013 August Judging Results

GENUS POINTS	FIRST PLACE 5 pts	SECOND PLACE 3 pts	THIRD PLACE 1 pt	JUDGES
CATTLEYA	C Bacta 'Grape Wax' Joe Rupp	LC Toshi Oaki 'Pizzaz" AM/AOS Dorothy Goldberg	BLC Solar Flare 'Paradise' Joe Rupp	Lynn S. Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	C Dayanum 'Larabee' Gen Gunderson	Cycnoches herenhasanum Merle Robboy	NA	Lynn S. Wiand
DENDROBIUM	D bracteosum Dick Hess	D Judith Nakayama Merle Robboy	D bracteosum Dick Hess	Bob Laughlin
EPIDENDRUM	Encyclia radiata Lynn S. Wiand	Encyclia cochleata Dick Hess	Encyclia belezensis X Epi Orchid Jungle "Mendenhall" Richard & Lily Hara	Tom Harrison
MAXILLARIEAE	Chondroyhyncha lendyana Merle Robboy	Cochleanthes aromatic Var. santafensis Dick Hess	NA	Winn Winmaw
ONCIDIUM	Tricentrum microchilum Kayoko Nebrig	Odcdm Everglades Elegance 'Nancy Lee' HCC/AOS Dick Hess	NA	Bob Laughlin
PAPHIOPEDILUM	P Joyce Hasegawa Dick Hess	P tigrinum Lynn Wiand	P haynaldianum Lynn Wiand	Harold Koopowitz
PHALAENOPSIS	Paph venosa Nancy Benay	Paph Unk Joe Rupp	NA	Winn Winmaw
PLEUROTHALLID	P grobii Laura Perry	NA	NA	Nancy Benay
VANDA	Ascds Adisak Blue Winn Winmaw	Vanda (Neofinetia) falcate Nico Goossens	Renanthera Kalsom 'Red Dragon' Steve Hampson Joe Rupp	
MISCELLANEOUS	Eleanthe madagascariensis Dick Hess	Paphinia Majestic Dick Hess	Stnoglottis woodii Kayoko Nebrig	Karen Muir
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	NA	NA	NA	NA
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points		Tricentrum microchilum	Kayoko Nebrig	Tom Mirenda



Mark Your Calendars...

September 21-22: South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes. More information: www.southbayorchidsociety.com or 310-707-7097.

September 28-29: Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale, South Coast Plaza Village, 1631 West Sunflower (Corner of Sunflower and Bear), Santa Ana, CA 92704. More information: www.ocorchidshow.com.

October 13: Southern California Orchid Species Society's Annual Orchid Auction, Kraemer Memorial Park, Backs Community Building, Room 7 (lower level), 201 Bradford Ave., Placentia. Preview at 12:30 p.m.; auction at 1:00 p.m. More information: www.socalorchidspecies.com.

October 18-20: Southland Orchid Show "Orchid Masquerade", Huntington Botanical Gardens and Library. More information: wardbrendar@hotmail.com or 714-907-5743.

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.



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