



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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January 2014

President's Message

Here we are at the beginning of a new year and typically, it is the time for taking stock of previous year's accomplishments and gathering renewed energy and resolve for the coming year. For the NHOS, 2013 proved to be a very good year with two successful shows and auction, many outstanding speakers, and very high energy meetings. I hope that 2014 will be equally successful.

The December NHOS Holiday Party was definitely a lot of fun and extremely well attended. Big thanks to **Phil Duke, Rose Nakabara, Arlene and Rick Wells** for organizing the potluck and to all of you who contributed tasty dishes. Our gourmand tendencies were evident from the abundance of appetizers and variety of desserts. Perhaps in the future, we should forget the savory dishes and do one big dessert buffet!!!

The Orchid Santa provided everyone with a gift plant, and we had some really lovely and interesting orchids on the exchange table. It was certainly one of the nicest I have seen in recent years. We also hon-

ored **Bùi-Xuân-Đang**, founder and advisor to the Hoa Lan Viet Nam (Vietnamese Orchid Society). Over the years Dang Bui has been an avid supporter of the Fascination of Orchids Show and the Newport Harbor Orchid Expo and Sale.

As we go into the winter show season, the 2014 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo and Sale is a little over a month away, followed ten days later by the annual Ron Capps Memorial Auction. There is no time to lose. Both of these events are our major fundraisers for the year with the proceeds providing funding for our speakers and special events.

As a group we are very fortunate to have so many enthusiastic supporters, and I do hope that if you are physically able to do so, each of you will volunteer in some capacity.

The NHOS will have a large display in the show interpreting the theme "Orchid Paradise." I have developed a rather elaborate design and will need lots of tropical foliage for the backdrop in addition to a large number of interesting, unique, and well-grown orchids to bring life to my design.

January Speaker

Fred Clarke

"The Evolution of Spotted Cattleyas"

Happy New Year! We are having an encore presentation this month from one of our great supporters, Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids. Within the past year Fred presented us with a talk on the Australian dendrobiums but this time it will be on the evolution of the spotted cattleyas, especially the yellow and pinks.

We have not had a talk on the Cattleya

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month

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

Alliance so I thought we could squeeze him in to start the new year. He agreed, so he is taking time off from his work in the Flower Fields in San Diego County. He is also an AOS judge, grows everything—novel cattleyas, paphiopedilums, Catase-tum Alliance, dendrobiums and bulbophyllums. His plant table should reflect the variety of things he grows.



Fred is a very meticulous speaker. He explains the background of his breeding

Culture Class

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

If you have not already done so, please take stock of your plants that are in bud and begin grooming them now for the show. More will follow at our January 21st meeting and in the February newsletter.

Wishing each of you a very Happy and Healthy 2014,

Nancy Benay
President



and usually accompanies this with detailed growing techniques: Fertilizing, watering and repotting.

If any of you want to give him a pre-talk welcome, join us for dinner at Mimi's Restaurant across the shopping center bordering on Harbor. We will meet there at 5:30 p.m. Reservations are under NHOS/Norito Hasegawa. Please RSVP me by Sunday, January 19th, if you plan to attend.

Again, a Happy New Year! Hope you all had a great time at our Year End Party. I did!

See you soon,

Norito Hasegawa
First Vice President

Refreshments

Members from **Michele Tengan** to **Ha Bui** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!



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OCA Tour to Brazil, March 2014

Interested in seeing the native orchids of Brazil? If so, the Orchid Conservation Alliance has just announced an organized tour to Brazil from March 14 to 29, 2014, to visit the Reserva Serra Bonita, Chapada Diamantina, and Salvador, Bahia. Home to many native orchids, the Chapada Diamantina is best known for the variety of rupicolous laelias.

This trip is scheduled to see those plants in prime bloom time. Leading the tour will be Rosario Braga, OCA Director resident in Rio de Janeiro, and Cecilia Azevedo, Professor in the Department of Natural Sciences, State University of Southeast Brazil, Vitoria da Conquista, Bahia, and an expert in the orchids of the Chapada Diamantina.

The cost of the trip is US\$2525 per person for double occupancy or US\$2925 per person for single occupancy. This fee covers all travel, lodging, meals, and entrance fees to parks and reserves. Not included in the trip fare is r/t travel to and from Brazil, incidentals, and most alcoholic drinks.

If you are interested, contact Peter Tobias, President, OCA at tobias@scripps.edu.

The NHOS Auction 2014 Cometh

Our annual auction is little over a month away, at our February meeting, and we really need clean, healthy plants with which you might be willing to part.

If you cannot bring them the night of the auction, please bring them with you to this month's meeting, and I will be glad to plant sit them until the auction. Your donation will be greatly appreciated and will help the society pay for speakers and such for the next year.

You can reach me at joerupp@earthlink.net or my cell number, 714-329-5155.

Regards,

Joe Rupp
Second Vice President

Expo! Expo! Expo!

The 2014 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo is just a month away. Show dates are Friday, February 7, 2014-Sunday, February 9, 2014. As always, we need lots of volunteers for the show.

First and foremost please encourage, entice, and invite family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to come to the show. It's free and open to the public. Access is easy, and parking is abundant and free. Complete show information is available at nhosinfo.org.

Second, we need volunteers to help out before, during, and after the show. Areas where we need help are:

- Setting up the tables on Wednesday evening, February 5.
- General assistance throughout the day on Thursday, February 6, helping with show set-up, assisting vendors, etc.
- Lots of volunteers for ribbon judging on Friday, February 7, at 9:00 a.m. There will be a judges' luncheon at noon.
- Lots of volunteers for the information table, plant hotel, security, and to assist with the potting workshops on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.
- Take down and clean-up immediately after show closing on Sunday evening, February 9.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the January general meeting.

Thanks in advance to everyone for your help.

2014 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo Committee

Oops

Carol and Bob Latimer are founding members of NHOS and have participated in many different positions for years—and for that we are grateful. However, in the newsletter they were incorrectly listed as Lafferty. Sorry, Carol. Sorry, Bob. It happens.



Cool Yulesters enjoy the 2013 Holiday Potluck!



Vietorchis furcata

As some of you may remember at the holiday party, Dang Bui presented me with one of his paintings of *Vietorchis furcata*,



a newly discovered Vietnamese orchid. Both touched and surprised by the gift, I am delighted to add the painting to my collection.

Since none of us were familiar with the genus or species, Dang Bui sent me a link to a research article from a journal entitled *Taiwania*, 58(4): 251–256, 2013, that fully describes the plant and flower.

“*V. furcata* is a rare local endemic with very restricted distribution in Central Highlands of central Vietnam, where a few populations were discovered. No nectar has been observed in the flowers, and they

are probably pollinated through food deception of insects. The bright yellow flowers are easy to see on the forest floor, and some of the observed flowers had empty thecae; probably the pollinia had been removed by pollinators.”

—Nancy Benay



Ribbon Judging: We did not have any due to the Christmas party. Bring something amazing to the January meeting so we can give it a prize and you some recognition.



Mark Your Calendars...

January 15, 2014: Orange County Orchid Society's Annual Auction, Yorba Linda Public Library Community Room, lower level at 18181 Imperial Hwy, Yorba Linda, CA 92886. Starts at 6:30 p.m.

January 18-19: 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 7-9: Orchid Paradise by Newport Harbor Orchid Society, Westminster Mall, 1025 Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA. More information: www.nhosinfo.org

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>.

February 20-23: Pacific Orchid Exposition "Orchids and all that Jazz" by the San Francisco Orchid Society. More information: www.orchidsanfrancisco.org or flarose@prmagic.com or 650-548-6700. **Note:** *If we could get a count of who would like to go to this from NHOS, we could get a group rate! Let Nancy know if you are interested!*

Orange County Orchid Society

ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

EVERYONE WELCOME!

CYMBIDIUMS - CATTLEYS
PHALAENOPSIS
PAPHIOPEDILUMS
DENDROBIUMS - ONCIDIUMS
SPECIES
AND MANY OTHER GENERA
ORCHID SUPPLIES
GOOD VALUES
AND LOTS OF FUN
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**Wednesday
January 15, 2014**

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6:30 P.M.
Preview
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7:00 P.M.
Auction Begins



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