



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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November 2014

President's Message

Dear Friends,

I went out to the greenhouse today and brought in a couple of plants, *Cattleya labiata* *coerulea* and *Cattleya bicolor*. The *labiata* is mounted on a piece of persimmon wood. It has seven six-inch flowers off three spikes. Those flowers resemble nearly transparent, blue-tinted night gowns, with a touch of yellow and darker lavender in the lip. The large flowers are flouncy and open. The *bicolor* is mounted on a stick of oleander. All of its flowers come off a single spike, though there are a dozen of them. The flowers are waxen and substantial, mostly a reddish-maroon with blobs of mahogany. The lip is a cream tube, ending in a magenta flap.

I was particularly pleased with these plants, as I have been having the daughters water the greenhouse and garden for the last few days. My back has been acting up (and, after all, I pay their college tuition. They can help out a little). Anyway, I have not been paying super careful attention, and I was very pleasantly surprised. I have

always liked the *Cattleya* alliance. The flowers offer the classic orchid appeal and the plants are pretty easy to manage. Something is always in bloom.

So what's "blooming" for the Society? What should we be paying attention to? We have the annual Greenhouse and Garden Tour coming up on November 1. Thanks to **Dana Seelig** for arranging another trip to the greenhouses of the Huntington Gardens for that. Also thanks to Brandon Tam of the Huntington professional staff for facilitating the invitation. And this month marks the 35th Anniversary of the founding of the Newport Harbor Orchid Society! We've come a long way in that time.

Looking past the Christmas Party, February is not so far away. What plants are you going to bring in to the Expo? OK, I know there is no real way of knowing this far out—just plan on bringing in something and sign up to volunteer. After this, you will need to be flexible. The City of Costa Mesa is repurposing the Neighborhood Community Center. We are paid up until next March; sometime shortly after that we

Culture Class

Janice Krause will present the culture talk at the November 18th meeting. She'll be sharing some of her cultural secrets on how to bloom the diminutive *Rupicolous Laelias* (aka Brazilian Rock *Laelias*). Her talk will include a potting demonstration.

Editor's Note: So far this year we've been fortunate to have the invited speakers give the culture sessions. It's time, however, to ask for volunteers from the NHOS membership who would be willing to conduct a class in 2015: January, March, April, May, and June. If interested please notify Nancy Benay, 949 552-7713.

will be moving. NHOS has a committee headed by the much-esteemed **Richard Hara**, and we will have a new home, but change is coming.

Another change is necessary next summer. The Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival is going to need some new leadership, as there is significant burn out in the current committee. If you want that show to continue, and there is significant financial benefit for the NHOS, notify **Tina Coombe** now to join the planning committee. Looking forward to working with you.

Tom Harrison, NHOS President

November Speaker Brenda Oviatt

"Angraecoid Orchids: Keeping a Piece of Nature Alive"

November's speaker is Brenda Oviatt from Montana, co-owner of Botanica Ltd. She will speak on "Angraecoid Orchids: Keeping a Piece of Nature Alive." She will discuss the Angraecoid Species native to Africa and Madagascar, including their habitat and culture; many will be of rare species. It has taken us almost a year of waiting to finally schedule this busy lady.

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third Tuesday of each month

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

Bill Nerison (architect) and Brenda Oviatt (graphic artist). They began growing orchids in 1983, and over time their growing has evolved from a hobby into a two-part business. One half of the business involves growing and selling orchids (primarily species) to other interested growers. The other half of the business is focused on the ex-situ propagation of endangered angraecoids and the education of hobbyists and growers concerned with the plight of many species of plants and animals from Africa and Madagascar.

Brenda will provide the plant table that will include some angraecoids. She is taking pre-orders from a listing found on Botanica Ltd's website at www.botanicaltd.com and will also bring plants for sale at the meeting. If you pre-order plants, specify the society name to facilitate delivery.



Please give Brenda a warm welcome, since she will be coming from "cold country". We will be sharing her with the Orange County Orchid Society and the South Bay Orchid Society.

Norito Hasegawa
First Vice President

Membership Corner

We are pleased to say that **Pam Neil** has rejoined the society, and her info will be in next month's newsletter.

For those of you who were not at the October meeting, the 2014-15 rosters will be available the next time we see you at a monthly meeting. We do find that **Jim Miller's** phone number is incorrect. For those of you who have rosters, please change it to 714-227-7480, not 337.

Our sincerest condolences to long-time member Dr. Maclyn Somers, whose wife, Geraldine (Gerry), passed away on October 1, after a long illness. A memorial service will take place on Friday, November 7, 2014, 11:30 a.m., at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, CA. A reception will follow.

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Patricia "Pat" Rowland: May 15, 1923-August 31, 2014

Sadly, we recently lost our orchid friend, mentor and a remarkable woman, Patricia 'Pat' Rowland at the age of 91. Pat passed away in her sleep on August 31, 2014.

An OC native, Pat was born on May 15, 1923, in Huntington Beach. In 1943 she married Lee Rowland. The orchid bug first bit Lee and their son, Bud, but Pat was soon to follow. Thus began the Rowland Collection.

They were responsible for numerous early hybrids of miniature cymbidiums, many of which were awarded. Hybrids with other orchid genera were next with more awards to follow. Through it all Pat continued with her other creative passions. She painted, made jewelry and pottery and other art throughout her life.

In 1979 Pat and Lee joined a small group of about 10 orchid enthusiasts to create the Newport Harbor Orchid Society, and at the very first meeting 300+ eager orchidists showed up. Soon the society split into the NHOS and the Orange County Cymbidium Society, which soon became a branch of the Cymbidium Society of America. This November 2014 is the 35th anniversary for both societies. In 1980 the first cymbidium society show was held.

Pat became an accredited judge for both the American Orchid Society and the Cymbidium Society of America. She taught many of us budding orchidists the ins and outs of ribbon judging and when buying a new orchid, the qualities to look for as well as proper culture. She shared her knowledge very freely and we all benefited greatly from it.

Pat was known, loved and revered throughout the world of orchids. We have lost a great lady.

Lynn Wiand

Coming Soon! 2015 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo & Sale

Yes, the 2015 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo is coming soon: Friday-Sunday, February 13, 14, & 15, 2015, at the Westminster Mall. This year's theme is "Orchids: Jewels of the Jungle," and plans are already underway.

We'll be needing lots of wonderful volunteers to help make it a big success, so please contact:

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Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Remember, if you volunteer a total of six hours during the show, you will receive a show t-shirt.

2015 Ron Capps Memorial Auction

SAVE YOUR PLANT DIVISIONS!

The 2015 Ron Capps Memorial Auction on February 17, 2015, is just a few months away. One of our major sources of funding, we depend heavily on your contributions to have a successful event.

Please help us with any **healthy** blooming or non-blooming plants you may have in your collection. More information to follow in future newsletters.

Joe Rupp
Second Vice-President

Refreshments

Members from **Winn & Chitsaya Winmaw** to **Gisele Ferolito** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

Photos by our November Speaker, Brenda Oviatt



October 2014 Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	LC Barbara Kirch	LC Blue Boy 'Gainsborough'	BLC Sun Coast Sunspot x SLC Katherine Clarkson Bill MacCorkell	Winn Winmaw
CYMBIDIUM	Kay Firebaugh Cym. dayanum Espie Quinn Ctsm Ha Bui	No second – two firsts	Cym Unk Guy Gottschalk	Sharon Pyatt
DENDROBIUM	Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash' Ha Bui	Den. Remy Hartman Rosemary Krumme	Den. glomeratum Ha Bui	Janice Krause
EPIDENDRUM	Protechia cochleata alba Lynn Wiand	NA	NA	Janice Krause
MAXILLARIEAE	Lycaste grande Lynn Wiand	NA	NA	Winn Winmaw
ONCIDIUM	O. Stanley Smith 'Sweet Corn' Dick Hess	Odcn Hambuthren 'Golden Lock' AM/AOS x Oda Jubilee Volunteer 'Royal Flush' HCC/AOS Gen Gundersen	NA	Janice Krause
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph. Pinocchio Joe Rupp	Phrag sedenii Lisa Humphreys	P. Prim Puddle x Telestar Lynn Wiand	Janice Krause
PHALAENOPSIS	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLEUROTHALLID	NA	NA	NA	NA
VANDA	Tricoglottis brachiata Joe Rupp	Vanda pelatasheria Winn Winmaw	Ascda Unk Bill McCorkell	Sharon Pyatt
MISCELLANEOUS	Stenoglottis Venus 'Jamboree' Joe Rupp	Spathoglottis gracilis Dick Hess	Bulbo. frostii Dick Hess	Winn Winmaw
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	Onc. Tequila Sunrise John Cox	NA	NA	Nancy Benay
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points		Tricoglottis brachiata	Joe Rupp	Terry Root



Mark Your Calendars...

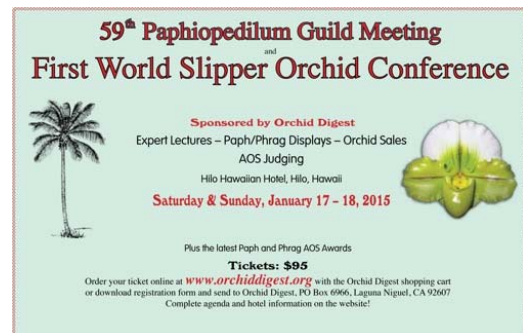
Saturday, November 8: **Hatfield Orchids** will be bringing plants to sell at Yamada Co., 706 West Gardena Blvd., Gardena 90247. Hands-on potting demo starts at 11:00 a.m. They are offering virus testing for \$5 each.

Saturday–Sunday, January 17-18, 2015: **59th Paphiopedilum Guild Meeting and 1st World Slipper Conference**, Hilo, HI. Sponsored by *Orchid Digest*. More information: www.orchiddigest.org.

Wednesday, January 21, 2015: Orange County Orchid Society's Annual Auction. More information: www.ocos.net.

Friday-Sunday, February 13-15, 2015: Newport Harbor Orchid Expo and Sale. Macy's Wing, Westminster Mall.

Tuesday, February 17, 2015: Ron Capps Memorial Auction, Newport Harbor Orchid Society.



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