



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the **NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY**

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President's Message

I greatly enjoyed Brenda Oviatt's talk on Angraecoids. I grow several (and have killed a few) but am open to more. Look to the roots was Brenda's basic advice: Long green tips, good; thinner roots, more watering; smaller mounts with a bit of moss (or coconut fiber) on top of the roots.

The talk was bittersweet, however. Madagascar, a treasure trove of Angraecoids, is in desperately worsening shape (overpopulation and bad eco-political management) and likely to lose much flora and fauna along with its habitat. Brenda suggests that hobbyists have an important role to play in maintenance of orchid genetic material and its expression as repositories.

The pre-meeting dinner at the Il Dolce restaurant was mostly well received. However, we will probably continue to try other local establishments. Norito Hasegawa mentions the time and place of the "meet and greet" the speaker dinner in his overview. If you are interested (and I recommend it), be sure to note the location and give Norito a heads-up. Don't assume it is Mimi's Cafe.

A Note from Norito

The NHOS wants to thank the membership again for their fantastic support of the monthly meetings, speakers and plant table so far this year.

We had a great turnout for Terry and Samantha Root in October and Brenda Oviatt in November. To show our appreciation, the NHOS Board will again like to award our members with a "thank you" plant at the holiday potluck; however you must be in attendance. Santa does not make deliveries!

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month

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

Note: The banquet will replace the general meeting and there will be no culture class this month.

At the Board of Directors meeting, **Richard Hara** announced that the Costa Mesa Community Center will be available until June of 2014. Richard's committee has several strong leads as a replacement and will continue to report back with additional information as the new year unfolds.

The Show Committee has reported that our 2015 Expo is rolling along. It's February 13-15 but there will be set up opportunities for volunteers on the February 11 and 12 as well. Please be ready to help out for about six hours total (this qualifies you for a show t-shirt) and, of course, bring something in bloom to the NHOS display.

Finally, the Annual Auction will occur as usual but it will be driven primarily through member donations and a selection of vendor purchased plants. Please, please, find something or three that you can pass along.

I look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 16.

Merry Christmas to all,

Tom Harrison, NHOS President

As an added note, I noticed a phenomenal, nearly unheard of event at our last NHOS meeting: the retention and attendance of NHOS presidents past and present at any one meeting including Bill Fogarty (1983-84), Merle Robboy (1985-87), Lynn Wiand (1993-95), Fred Anderson (1997-99), Nancy Benay (2003-05; 2012-14), Tom Harrison (2007-09; current), Denise Claycomb (2009-11), and Linda Ianelli (2011-12). But most societies suffer a "burnout" of presidents, and they usually are no-shows. Good for us.

So Merry Christmas to the Christians, Happy Hanukkah to the Jewish and Happy New Year to the rest!

Norito Hasegawa, First Vice-President

P.S.— In March 2015 we have confirmed a speaker from Australia, Jim Cootes, on "Philippine Orchids." Don't miss it!

The sun is shining, the grass is green
The orange and palm trees sway
There's never been such a day
In Costa Mesa, CA

**We're Dreaming of an
Orchid Christmas
at the 2014 Holiday Potluck!**

In the tradition of the season, the NHOS will hold its Annual Holiday Potluck at the Tuesday meeting on December 16. There will be no culture class, but there will be an abundance of great food, great friends, and a plant exchange.

The society will provide the main course -turkey, ham and beef tenderloin. Special thanks goes to Phil Duke, chef extraordinaire and to Rose Nakabara for her table decorations. Members are asked to bring a dish that will serve 10-12 people. Categories by last name are:

**A-G Appetizer or salad
H-N Side dish to compliment
the main course
O-Z Dessert**

[Note: desserts are always very popular, but appetizers, savory dishes, and salads are equally appreciated.]

**6:00 p.m. Help set up
6:30 p.m. Drinks and appetizers
7:00 p.m. Dinner**



Orchid Gift Exchange:

We hope that everyone will bring an orchid plant or orchid related item (not wrapped) for the exchange. As in previous years, your name will be put on the gift when you come in. When your gift is picked, your name will be called and you will then pick the next gift (and so on). The more people who participate, the more fun it is. See you there!

2015 Ron Capps Memorial Auction

It's a little more than 60 days away. Just a reminder to save your divisions and any other quality, healthy and possibly blooming plants in your collection to donate to our annual auction.

We make this appeal every year, and it's really important because without the plants our members donate, we don't have an auction. We do get plants from vendors at the show but it only makes up a small percentage of the plants sold. Your orchids help support the society's everyday expenses and we do appreciate your generosity.

Next year's event will be on Tuesday, February 17, at our regular monthly meeting. Show your support by being there and bringing a friend or relative.

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Orchids: Jewels of the Jungle

NHOS Spring 2015 Orchid Expo Is Coming Very Soon!!

Yes, the Newport Harbor 2015 Orchid Expo is coming to the Westminster Mall, February 13, 14, and 15, 2015.

The hours are:

Friday, February 13, 10am-9pm
Saturday, February 14, 10am-7pm
Sunday, February 15, 11am-6pm

The show will include orchid sales, displays, and potting workshops on Saturday and Sunday at 4 pm. Parking is free, and the mall is handicap accessible.

This year's theme is "Orchids: Jewels of the Jungle," and plans are well underway.

We need all of you great volunteers to help make it a huge success. **Volunteers who work six hours will receive a free t-shirt designed by Ha Bui.**

We need volunteers starting on

Wednesday 2/11/15 for set up from 7pm to 9 pm

Thursday 2/12/15 for set up of displays and vendor tables from 8 am to 8 pm (four-hour shifts).

We also need volunteers to work three-hour shifts at the info desk, plant hotel, and display rooms, on **Friday, 2/13/15**, from 9 am to 9 pm; **Saturday, 2/14/15**, from 10 am to 6 pm; and **Sunday, 2/15/15**, 11am to 6 pm. We also need volunteers for **clean-up on Sunday from 6 pm to 9 pm.**

Anyone wishing to volunteer, please contact :

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The designer for this year's Orchid Expo t-shirt is none other than Ha Bui. A whole new career for Ha, this image is the first version of the graphics for the shirt.



Membership Corner

My personal thanks to **Norito Hasegawa** for the wonderful programs he has been finding for us. Brenda Oviatt was terrific!

Glad **Denise Claycomb** was back to hear this one. She had a successful knee surgery, and we are happy to see her again. **Carol Latimer** has been really down for awhile; fortunately she is doing much better, which is good news. **Rick Wells** will soon have knee replacement, so hold a good thought for one of our raffle gurus.

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving.

Laura Perry
Membership Secretary

Plant of the Month: *Encyclia polybulbon*

[Editor's Note: The NHOS is fortunate to have so many outstanding growers as evidenced by the quality and diversity of the orchids that are displayed at our monthly meeting. I thought it would be both informative and fun to add a new column to the newsletter that will feature information about the orchid that won the culture award at the previous month's meeting. We begin with Lynn Wiand's *Encyclia polybulbon* selected by Brenda Oviatt who was the November speaker.]

Encyclia polybulbon is a species found from Mexico to Nicaragua and also in Jamaica and Cuba and can take cool to warm temperatures. My *Encyclia polybulbon* has an interesting history.

One of our members, Cressy Murray, collected the plant in Belize in 1987 when a group of NHOS members travelled there. In 1998 Cressy gave me a tiny three-bulb division on a tiny piece of cork as a Christmas gift. I remounted it onto a nice piece of manzanita that I thought fit it perfectly. It has continued to grow new bulbs each year until it has reached it's current size. I have never remounted it.

It grows on my patio in Corona del Mar under a lattice covered patio and is one of my favorite plants. I water it once a week or if it rains a week after rain. I use 20-20-20 Nutricote time release fertilizer.

Lynn Wiand



November 2014 Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATLEYA	Epicatt Happy Elephant 'Little Saigon Gems' Ha Bui	BLC Anna Balmores 'Superba' Gen Gundersen	BLC Chia Lin 'Shinsu #1' AM/JOGA Merle Robbooy	Lynn Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	FDK After Dark (Morm. Painted Desert 'SVO' HCC/AOS x Ctsm Donna Wise 'Susan' AM/AOS Joe Rupp	Catasetum Lucius Dick Hess	Catasetum Armstrong Ha Bui	Lynn Wiand
DENDROBIUM	Den Princess Cherry Dance Rick Wells	Den glomeratum Lisa Humphreys	Den takahashii Nico Goossens	Winn Winmaw
EPIDENDRUM	<i>Encyclia polybulbon</i> Lynn Wiand	Epi. difforme x barbeyanum Winn Winmaw	NA	Roberta Fox
MAXILLARIEAE	Lycaste June Simpson 'Ashley' Ha Bui	Lycaste Shoalhaven x sib Nico Goossens	Max. picta Nancy Benay	Roberta Fox
ONCIDIUM	Rodroquezia decora Kay Firebaugh	Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildes' Kayoko Nebrig	Cochlioda sanguinea Nico Goossens	Barbara Livingston
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Phrag. Fritz Schomburg (kovachii x besseae) Nancy Benay	Phrag. Jason Fischer (Mem. Dick Clements x besseae) Nico Goossens	Paph. insigne Lynn Wiand	Fred Anderson
PHALAENOPSIS	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLEUROTHALLID	Masdevalia scabrilingue Laura Perry	NA	NA	Lisa Humphreys
VANDA	Holcoglossum wangii Lynn Wiand	Angraecum giryaime x comorense Espie Quinn	Angraecum distichum Kayoko Nebrig	Winn Winmaw
MISCELLANEOUS	Liparis viriflora Lisa Humphreys	Dendrochilum cootsii Lynn Wiand	Bulbo. lasiochillum Nico Goossens	Joe Rupp
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	Blira Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'	NA	NA	Lisa Humphreys
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points		<i>Encyclia polybulbon</i>	Lynn Wiand	Brenda Oviatt



Mark Your Calendars...

Open Houses at North San Diego County Growers, the week-end of December 5-7, 2014:

- **Friday and Saturday, December 5-6: Andy's Orchids Holiday Open House.** 734 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas, CA 92024. More information: www.andysorchids.com.
- **Saturday and Sunday, December 6-7: Sunset Valley Orchids Annual Open House.** 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Once-a-year discounts on plants. 1255 Navel Pl., Vista, CA 92083. More information: 760-310-0778 or <http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com/>.
- **Saturday and Sunday, December 6-7: Casa de las Orquideas.** 170 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach, CA 92075. More information: 858-755-7572 or www.orquideas.com. Guest growers: Anita and Jerry Spencer.

Saturday December 20: Hatfield Orchids is selling his orchids at Yamada Company. 706 W. Gardena Blvd, Gardena. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Potting demonstration at 11:00 a.m. If you have a cultural problem with your cymbidiums, bring them to the sale so they evaluate and give you advice. They also offer virus tests for \$5. Bring a cutting of your leaf in a plastic bag.

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.



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