



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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March 2014

President's Message

February proved to be a very busy yet exciting month for the NHOS. This year's Newport Harbor Orchid Expo was immensely successful as was the Ron Capps Memorial Auction. A very sincere thank you to each member of the show and auction committees! Both groups worked extremely hard and devoted countless hours to make sure that each event ran smoothly.

And what is most amazing is that we managed to pull off our two biggest activities of the year within ten days of one another. And a very big thank you to everyone who volunteered during the show and auction. We could not do it without everyone's support, and it is certainly very gratifying to see so many people work together collaboratively.

The feedback for the show has been very positive—record attendance, excellent orchid displays, quality artwork, intriguing bonsai displays, and floral arrangements. Sales were brisk so the vendors were all quite happy, which in turn made us very happy. Jim Rose of Cal Orchid

made two hasty trips to their nursery in Santa Barbara to load up on plants. A few days ago I received a very nice note from Alice Gripp of the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate thanking us "for producing such a smooth-running and successful show."

Approximately ninety people attended the Ron Capps Memorial Auction on February 18th, and amazingly over half were non-NHOS members. Bravo, **Joe Rupp!** **Merle Robboy**, auctioneer extraordinaire, moved the bids along and kept us laughing, and by 10:05 p.m. the last plant had been sold. And at that point, I felt enormous relief and a sense of satisfaction.

As I work on this message, rain and winter have finally arrived in Southern California. With the water shortage on, I hope you are filling your rain barrels and other catchment basins. What we don't do for our orchids.

Looking forward to seeing you at the March 18th meeting,

Nancy Benay
President, 2012-2014

Culture Class

Paula and John Butler, long time orchid hobbyists, will conduct a repotting demonstration at our March meeting.

Looking Ahead to April

Gene Crocker, formerly of Carter & Holmes of North Carolina, will speak to us. He will not be bringing plants for sale, but will take pre-orders. The website, www.carterandholmes.com, contains all of the items available in the catalogs. They offer a **25 % discount** on pre-orders of regularly priced plants from the catalog or website. You will also receive a **bonus plant** for every five plants ordered.

Orders need to be received at least by 10 days before the meeting date to allow time for processing. If you place an order, please specify NHOS to facilitate distribution. Plants will be delivered to the April meeting.

If you have questions, please email Gene Crocker directly at twocrockers@gmail.com or contact Carter and Holmes at 800-873-7086 or orchids@carterandholmes.com. Anyone may take your order as long as you specify the society name.

March Speaker

Winn Winmaw

"Orchid's of the Shan Plateau"

This month's speaker is none other than Newport Orchid Society member Winn Winmaw. Winn and his wife, Chitsaya, are members of the NHOS Board of Directors. Winn was born in Shan State, eastern Burma, where *Cymbidium lowianum*, *Vanda coerulea* and *Paphiopedilum charlesworthii* are found abundantly in the wild. The first orchid that Winn collected

from the forest floor was a dendrobium species. He was 7 years old. With this he began taking care of orchids in his family's garden.

As an undergraduate studying physics at the University of Rangoon, Winn was a member of the Department of Botany's orchid society. Later he lived in Japan for four years for further study and training. In 1988, he moved to the United States and settled in Orange County. Eventually he began collecting and growing orchids here. Today he has a large orchid collection, many of which are vandaceous orchids. He grows his plants in a shade house and greenhouse. He has been a member of the Newport Harbor Orchid Society since 1995.

Recently Winn has made several trips back to Burma and has explored orchids in nature. He shares his orchid experiences by giving presentation to orchid societies. Last December Winn made another orchid expedition to the Shan Plateau, the eastern part of Burma. The Shan Plateau can reach an altitude of over 2,000 meters (6,562 ft) with beautiful landscapes and a humid subtropical climate. It is pleasantly warm during the daytime and cool at night.



Meetings are held on the
third Tuesday of each month

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

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Membership Corner

While at the information desk on Friday, February 7th, a man approached the desk and said, "Before I do anything else, I want to join the Society." I knew immediately there was a reason for me to be there. I told him he had come to the right place/person, he signed up and here he is: Steve Mullin, a neighbor of Rick and Arlene Wells, among others, in San Clemente. Welcome, Steve.

I will not post his info; but if you have reason to contact him, let me know and I will provide. We have another new member who got the application from our website, Stan Sholik. As a matter of fact, he was at the auction Tuesday at the invitation of Linda Iannelli. Good job, Linda and we are delighted to have Stan as part of our group. Welcome!

Laura Perry
Membership Chairman

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Spring Greenhouse and Garden Tour April 26, 2014

Given the popularity of the NHOS Greenhouse and Garden Tour, held annually in the Fall, I thought it would be fun to do one in the Spring. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 26, 2014; the destination is North County San Diego.

The activity is free for all society members; \$8.00 for non-members. I will organize carpools for interested members, since it is a "longish" commute. Sign-ups will be taken at the March 18th and April 15th meetings. It should be a very fun day. The schedule is as follows:

9:15 a.m.

Meet at Nancy Benay's house, Irvine, for those carpooling. Depart at 9:20 a.m.

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sunset Valley Orchids, Vista. Fred Clarke will do a brief presentation leaving time to wander through the greenhouses and select plants for purchase.

12:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Lico Orchids, Encinitas. There will be lunch and a greenhouse visit. You can also purchase plants at Lisa and Nico's. They grow a wide variety of species and hybrids.

2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Peter Tobias' greenhouse and garden, Encinitas. This is a novel experience as Peter grows mainly species mounted on two big avocado trees in his backyard just as they grow in nature. Peter is President of the Orchid Conservation Alliance and will have just returned from a trip to Brazil.

Nancy Benay

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Winn will cover the following during his presentation: His orchid talk at the closing ceremony of a vocational education class on orchid growing; a mountain near his hometown, where he collected his first orchid, when he was seven years old; the camping experience at Ashemyin Anauk-myin Mountains that run North to South with the highest peak at 2115 meters (7,070 ft); wild orchid collecting; and, of course, pictures of orchid habitats that are difficult to reach without experienced guides and porters. According to Winn, this journey was the most adventurous and treacherous compared to his previous orchid expeditions.

The society welcomes anyone who wishes to join Winn and Chitsaya for dinner at Mimi's Restaurant across from the Costa Mesa Community Center on March 18th at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP Norito at 714-458-5615 by Sunday prior to the meeting.

See you there,

Norito Hasegawa
First Vice President



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Refreshments

Members from **Jan Hennessey to Bill MacCorkell** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

Ribbon Judging

As the February meeting was the auction, there were no plants to judge. Everybody would like to see what you have in bloom for March.

Newport Harbor Orchid Society Auction Photo Gallery

2014 NHOS Ron Capps Memorial Orchid Auction

Thanks to all who helped with our February Auction. The whole process went very smoothly, everyone had a good time and a lot of attendees went home with some real treasures.

Our society is fortunate to have a great relationship with many local vendors, who are happy to support us. CalOrchid, Hatfield's, Sunset Valley, Diamond Orchids, Orchid Zone, Casa de las Orquideas, Kawamoto, as well as other growers, donated at the Orchid Expo. Members donated plants as well, which helped a great deal in boosting our revenue. It was also great to see so many non-member guests in attendance.

We grossed \$4,641 and will likely net about \$3,800. Again, thank you, thank you, thank you to all for making this a special event.

Joe Rupp
Second Vice President



Newport Harbor Orchid Expo Show Photo Gallery

An Orchid's Journey: "Best of Show"...



Preparing to lift the plant onto the display.



Pride of place in the display setting.



How the mighty are fallen: a trip home by truck.



Bidding the bloom a fond farewell.

Images of an Orchid Show...



VIPs enjoy the show: (L-R) Dang Bui; Tri Ta, Mayor of Westminster; guest; Margie Rice, former Mayor of Westminster; Ha Bui and Nancy Benay.



Newport Harbor Orchid Expo Show *Awards*

Cattleya, Best of Section & Memorial Alba Connor Award
Best Cattleya

Schomburgkia rosea by Andy Thanh Nguyen

Standard Cymbidium, Best of Section & Ann and Guy
Gottschalk Best Cymbidium Award

Cym. Spotted Leopard "Royale" by Ha Bui

Novelty and Miniature Cymbidium, Best of Section

Cym. Ha Bui "His Majesty" by Ha Bui

Best Phalaenopsis and Best of Section

Phalaenopsis Hybrid by Ngoc Huynh

Vanda, Best of Section

Rynchostylis gigantea "Orange Star" by Mai Dong

Best Paphiopedalum & Ron Capps Memorial Award

Paph. villosum by Kay Firebaugh

Paphiopedilum, Best of Section

Paphiopedilum Charjan x Paphiopedilum Winston Churchill by Andy Thanh Nguyen

Dendrobium, Best of Section

Dendrobium hilli variety Don Brown by Minh Yen

Best Oncidium

Odcdm. Midnight Miracle "Masai Red" by Kay Firebaugh

Pleurothallid, Best of Section

Masdevallia angulata by Rick Wells

Maxillaria, Best of Section

Maxillaria schunkeana by Lynn Wiand

Other Genera, Best of Section

Coel. cristata by Nick Braemer

Commercial Display CSA

1st Place: Lico Orchids

2nd Place: CalOrchid

3rd Place: Tuyet's Orchids

Society Display AOS

1st Place: Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society

2nd Place: Vietnamese Orchid Society

3rd Place: South Coast Orchid Society

Hobbyist Display

1st Place: Joe Santy

2nd Place: Ha Bui

American Orchid Society Trophy

Vietnamese Orchid Society (Hoa Lan Viet Nam)

Best of Show & Best Specimen AOS

Dendrobium hilli variety Don Brown by Minh Yen

Best Culture, Species

Renanthera imschootiana, Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society

Best Culture, Hybrid

Cymbidium Sara Jean Ice Cascade, Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society

Orchid Digest Trophy

South Coast Orchid Society

President's Trophy, Best Use of Theme

South Coast Orchid Society



Ha Bui Receives Peoples' Choice Award

The Orchid Expo Show Committee thought it would be fun to let the public select its favorite orchid and decided to call it the People's Choice Award.

The "people" selected Cymbidium Ha Bui "His Majesty" grown by none other than Ha Bui. This is truly stunning in color with green petals and a contrasting yellow lip and lots of flowers on a very long spike.

Congratulations, Ha.



Mark Your Calendars...

March 21-23, 2014: A Symphony of Orchids 2014 Show & Sale by San Diego County Orchid Society. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA, 92108. More information: www.sdorchids.com or 760-529-2947

March 10, 2014: Annual Orchid Auction by Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society. St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Hall, 6201 E. Willow St., Long Beach, CA. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. More information: www.lbaos.com or (562) 431-7025.

March 14-16, 2014: Orchids in Focus by Santa Barbara International Orchid Show @ Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA. More information: www.sborchidshow.com or (805) 403-1533.

March 15, 2014: San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists Orchid Auction. Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA, 91066. More information: www.sgvoh.org.

Special: Hatfield Cymbidium Orchids will be for sale at the Yamada Company, 706 W. Garden Blvd, Gardena, CA, on the following Saturdays: March 8, April 5, May 17, June 14. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. More information: 310-327-5668.



2014 Orchid Show and Sale
San Diego County Orchid Society
presents
"A Symphony of Orchids"

Friday, Mar 21, 3PM - 7PM	Admission \$7.00
Saturday, Mar 22, 9AM - 6PM	Weekend Pass \$10.00
Sunday, Mar 23, 10AM - 4PM	Children under 12 free

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