



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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April 2014

President's Message

Greetings from 35,000 feet over the Irish Sea just south of Cork, Ireland! As I write this note I am winging my way to France. Destination: a few days in Paris followed by two weeks in Provence and the Languedoc. Though the focus is cultural and historical in nature, I am also going to fit in some native orchid hunting near the Mediterranean. Hopefully, the Ophrys (the bee orchid) will be in bloom.

Southern California's Orchid March Madness is over, thankfully. It was lots of pleasure mixed with lots of frantic moments. First and foremost, congratulations to **Ha Bui** for his outstanding display at this year's Santa Barbara International Orchid Show! His Cymbidium Art Mendoza 'Ryan' took multiple top honors: Grand Champion Cymbidium, Best of Show, Best Specimen, Best First Blooming Seedling, and the Cymbidium Beauty Trophy.

The display was awarded 2nd Place Under 100 sq. ft. It was definitely impressive to

see the number of silver bowls gracing the display. We knew we were in the presence of royalty. This is the second year in a row that one of Ha's Cymbidiums has taken top honors.

Heading south to San Diego, the NHOS once again distinguished itself with a beautiful display. Despite all of my moaning and groaning beforehand, when it was all installed, there was an enormous sense of satisfaction, not to mention a feeling of relief. Truth be told, the fact that we had so many large and beautifully grown plants simplified the task.

Thank you to the following members for contributing orchids: **Ha Bui, Denise Claycomb, Kay Firebaugh, Roberta Fox, Lily and Richard Hara, Joyce and Earl Hare, Norito Hasegawa, Barbara Livingston, Kayoko Nebrig, Ann and Joe Rupp, Arlene and Rick Wells, Chitsaya and Winn Winmaw** and **Nancy Benay**. My apologies if I have forgotten anyone.

Culture Class

Dana Seelig will be reviewing cattleya culture.

And a huge thanks to **Denise Claycomb** and **Janice Krause** for helping to install the display and to **Rick Wells** and **Joe Rupp**, who transported plants and props to the venue. Many of the orchids won blue ribbons, best in section, and individual trophies. The display received the AOS Trophy and also first place in the Best Exhibit (Open) category.

Looking ahead to April, it is exciting to have Gene Crocker as our speaker. It is a meeting you will not want to miss. And don't forget the North San Diego County Greenhouse and Garden Tour on Saturday, April 26. You can still sign-up at the April meeting or via e-mail.

A bientôt,

Nancy Benay
President 2012-2014

April Speaker

Gene Crocker

"Unusual Orchids I Have Known"

Gene Crocker grew up in the northwestern part of South Carolina, not far from where he worked for 25 years as vice-president of Carter and Holmes Orchids in Newberry, SC. He obtained his first orchid plants in 1956, when he was 15 years old. These first plants were cattleyas, his first love, but he has an interest in all orchid genera. After graduating from Clemson University in textile chemistry, he obtained a second degree in meteorology from Penn State and served as a weather forecaster in the

Meetings are held on the
third Tuesday of each month

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

U.S. Air Force. He worked as laboratory manager for Cannon Mills, a famous manufacturer of sheets and towels, for twenty years before joining Carter and Holmes in 1986. He retired in December of 2010, but his home is only a three minute walk from the greenhouses. Gene and his wife Kitty have three children and six grandchildren.

As an amateur orchidist, Gene developed an interest in hybridizing, producing his first cattleya hybrids in 1961. The creative aspects of orchid breeding have been very enjoyable and rewarding for him, always giving something to anticipate. For over 25 years he has carried on the breeding program for Carter and Holmes started in the 1950s by Bill Carter. Many of his hybrids have received awards from the American Orchid Society (AOS), including two that received FCCs and one cross

that received an Award of Quality. His Doritaenopsis Newberry Parfait 'Picotee' received an Award of Merit from the Royal

Horticultural Society and has been popular in the "pot plant" trade throughout the world. Gene has traveled extensively, representing Carter and Holmes at various orchid conferences around the world. Perhaps his most enduring claim to orchid fame is the fact that he coined the term, "mericlone", in 1964. In 2013 he was recognized by the AOS for outstanding accomplishments in orchid hybridizing.



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It's always entertaining and enjoyable having dinner with our special guests each month. If you wish to join Gene Crocker for dinner at Mimi's Restaurant in the shopping center across from the meeting place, please RSVP Norito by Sunday, April 13. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting and walk to the restaurant. This should be a great meeting.

The plant opportunity table will be provided by Lico Orchids. Nico and Lisa are active NHOS members, providing many orchid accessories for our meeting, cultural forums and are exhibitors in our annual shows.

See you there.

Norito Hasegawa
First Vice President

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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 those members who are interested, since it is a "longish" commute. Sign-ups will be taken at the 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 9:20 a.m.

10:30 a.m.-Noon: 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.

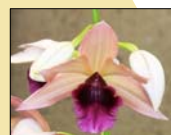
2:30-3:30 p.m.: Peter Tobias' greenhouse and garden, Encinitas. This is a novel experience as Peter grows mainly species mounted on two big avocado trees in his backyard just as they grow in nature. Peter is President of the Orchid Conservation Alliance and will have just returned from a trip to Brazil.

Nancy Benay

Membership Corner

Last month's newsletter went to press without my introducing one more member, **Jay Binstock**. Apologies, Jay, we are happy to have someone eager to learn. Several guests have taken home applications for membership, and we hope to see them again, soon.

Laura Perry
Membership Chairman



Refreshments

Members from **Michael Metcalf** to **Joe & Ann Rupp** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

NHOS Auction 2014: Vendor Acknowledgement

As previously reported in last month's newsletter, the annual auction was quite a success. NHOS recognizes in particular Nico and Lisa of Lico Orchids. As members, they have consistently supported our society by conducting culture classes, volunteering and donating plants at many of our functions. It is really appreciated. The following vendors donated to us. Consider this when it comes time to make purchases. In order to not overload the newsletter, member donations will be recognized next month.

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March Meeting Madness



2014 March Judging Results

GENUS POINTS	FIRST PLACE 5 pts	SECOND PLACE 3 pts	THIRD PLACE 1 pt	JUDGES
CATLEYA	Caulealia Snow Flake Joe & Ann Rupp	Schomburgia undulatsa Jack Kittrell	SLC Dreamland 'Sparkler' Joe and Ann Rupp	Lynn S. Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	C. Dorothy Stockstill 'New Horizon' Earl and Joyce Hare	C. Mem. Marvin Gaye Barbara Livingston	C. Red Squire x Keri Ann Earl & Joyce Hare	Tom Harrison
DENDROBIUM	D. thysiflorum Kayoko Nabrig	D. kingianum Mary Gerberick	D. speciosum Barbara Livingston	Guy Gottschulk
EPIDENDRUM	NA	NA	NA	NA
MAXILLARIEAE	M. Hematoglossa Kay Firebaugh	M. variabilis Lynn S. Wiand	M. picta Kayoko Nebrig	Judy Smith
ONCIDIUM	Odcdm Midnight Miracles Gen Gundersen	Ada aurantiaca Lynn S. Wiand	Odontoglossum unk Gen Gundersen	Guy Gottschulk
PAPHIOPEDILUM	P. Coro Beauty Lynn S. Wiand	P. Rosy Dawn Lynn S. Wiand	Phrag China Dragon Nancy Benay	Guy Gottschulk
PHALAENOPSIS	P. Unk Marvel Carlson	NA	NA	Joyce Nugent
PLEUROTHALLID	P. scheidii Kayoko Nebrig	P. Unk Barbara Livingston	P. truncate Kay Firebaugh	Lynn S. Wiand
VANDA	Papilionanthe bisaasiana 'Nyarna-Wadi' Winn & Chetsiya Winmaw	Renanthera Azimah 'Orchis' Joe Rupp	NA	Joyce Nugent
MISCELLANEOUS	Phaius Microburst Joe Rupp	Polystachya ottoniana Lynn S. Wiand	Leptotes pohlitincoi Richard & Lly Harr	Dave Smith
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	NA	NA	NA	NA
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points		Maxillaria hematoglossa	Kay Firebaugh	Wynn Winmaw



Mark Your Calendars...

April 12, 2014: Mariposa Garden Winter Festival. 6664 South Street, Lakewood, CA 90713. More information: www.mariposagarden.com or 562-920-5588.

May 17, 2014: 2014 Orchid Auction sponsored by the Palomar Orchid Society. The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos, 1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078. More information: www.palomarorchid.org.

May 31, 2014: Super Seedling Sale sponsored by Casa de las Orquideas. 170 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach, CA 92075. More information: casa@orquideas.com or 858-755-7572.

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



Orchid Auction
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Preview at 6 PM
Auction Begins at 7 PM
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