



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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May 2014

President's Message

April was both a busy and fun month for the NHOS. It was great to have Gene Crocker, former Vice-President of Carter and Holmes, talk on "Unusual Orchids" at the April 15th meeting. He definitely captured the essence of "orchid mystique" and why orchids are so fascinating. Incidentally, Gene is very much in the spotlight these days; the June 2014 issue of *Orchids* will feature an interview with Gene Crocker on Cattleyas, and he will return to the Southland on June 14th to give the Distinguished Orchid Digest Lecture at the annual Speakers Day Program.

The North San Diego Spring Greenhouse and Garden Tour turned out to be quite successful with 40 members and guests in attendance. It was a day of exploration, conviviality, great orchids, and good food! Sincerest thanks to Fred Clarke, Sunset

Valley Orchids; Peter Lin, Diamond Orchids; Peter Tobias, President, Orchid Conservation Alliance; and to Lisa Humphreys and Nico Goossens of Lico Orchids for hosting us. It turned out that Fred was delayed at the Flower Fields due to damage from the high winds and rain on Friday night, but Peter filled in quite nicely.

Arriving at Peter Tobias', what better than to see a *Cyrtorchilus macranthum* in bloom vining its way around one of the two avocado trees and next to it a blooming *Dracula*, both difficult to grow in Southern California; but, with Peter's coastal conditions and vigilant culture, he pulls it off well. To conclude the trek, Lisa and Nico served us a wonderful and generous barbeque lunch, all freshly prepared, and opened their greenhouse to us. They have a very diversified and interesting collection of hybrids and species.

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Culture Class

Michael Miranda on "Outside Growing, Sobralias, etc."



May Speaker

Wayne Ferrell

"Cool Tolerant Vandaceous Orchids"

Wayne Ferrell will be our speaker for May. He is one of the busiest speakers on the circuit, and it has taken over a year to get him to NHOS. It's been several years since he's spoken to us. He plans to speak on the "Cool Tolerant Vandaceous Orchids." Most of us think of the vandaceous alliance as being warm growers, but surprisingly, there are many cool growing ones as well.

Many orchid hobbyists skip growing some of the beautiful and fascinating species and hybrids from this tribe because they think that a greenhouse is necessary to do so. In

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month

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



reality, several orchids from this group, including many *Vandas*, *Angraecoids*, *Renantheras*, and relatives can be grown in unheated areas with minimal coverage. In this program, Wayne will show slides of many of these orchids and discuss their background, habitat, and culture.

Wayne started working at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate in 1988, first working with *Phalaenopsis*, then *Cymbidiums*, and now as general manager. He speaks at orchid societies throughout California and has written articles for the *CSA Journal* as well as the Bronx Botanical Garden.

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate will provide us with a terrific plant table. Wayne may also bring some plants for sale, as well.

If any of the members wish to join us for dinner with Wayne at Mimi's Restaurant, facing Harbor Blvd. across from the Costa Mesa Community Center, please RSVP Norito at (714) 458-5615 by Sunday, May 20.

Plan to buy a lot of tickets and see you there!

Regards,

Norito Hasegawa
First Vice President

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Well our weather roller coaster continues; in the last few days we have gone from winter temperatures and rain to September-like heat and gusty Santa Ana winds. With summer approaching and California's current drought, I think most of us are concerned about how to maintain our orchids that are so dependent on water and lots of humidity.

I've decided to temporarily turn off my reverse osmosis system, which, under the circumstances, is inefficient and to use Irvine Ranch Water District water. I'm also installing catchment basins under the benches to increase humidity in the green-

house and recycling this water for use in the outdoor flowerbeds.

If any of you have good ideas for dealing with the water shortage, I invite you to share them with the rest of the group. We'll publish them in the newsletter.

In response to the questions and comments that I received regarding the electronic version of the April newsletter, please be advised that you can access it directly on the Newport Harbor Orchid Society's website: nhosinfo.org. There is no need to wait for Tina's e-mail notification with the link to the newsletter. As volunteers we give our time generously and with good intentions, and sometimes given our vari-

ous commitments and other activities, there are occasional delays or oversights.

Looking forward to seeing you at the May 20th NHOS meeting.

Happy Mother's Day,

Nancy Benay
President



Refreshments

Members from Valerie Sanders to Peter & Miko Yang are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

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Mark your calendar! TWELFTH ORCHID DIGEST SPEAKERS' DAY! "ORCHIDS AROUND THE WORLD"

Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, California
Saturday, June 14, 2014 – 12:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Ahmanson Classroom

Orchid Displays – Orchid Sales – Expert Lectures – Dinner

Open at 11:00AM to bring your blooming plants for the flower display

Prize for best species and best hybrid

Scheduled Speakers:

Mary Gerritson – Orchids of Borneo

Tom Miranda – Orchids of Sicily

Ron McHatton – Orchids of Madagascar

Jim Sloniker – History of Orchids in Santa Barbara County

2014 Orchid Digest Distinguished Lecture: Gene Crocker – Cattleyas

Remember!! AOS judging at 10:00 AM

VENDORS: Cal Orchids; Sunset Valley Orchids, Andy's Orchids, Carter & Holmes

Tickets: \$65 (\$80 at door)

Register online at www.orchiddigest.org (Click on Speakers Day 2014)

or call Simone Friend, 4349 Dogwood Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740

Phone: (562) 431-1247, E-mail: orchidsimone@aol.com

Limited Space!! Make Your Reservations Now!

NHOS Garden Club Booth at the OC Fair!

This year, NHOS members will enjoy hosting a Garden Club booth at the OC Fair! The Garden Clubs will be located in Centennial Farm, an ideal location, where all the Garden & Floral competitions take place.

There will be one eight foot table and two chairs. Duties will include, but are not limited to, greeting the public, promoting NHOS membership, discussing orchids and their culture, and passing out literature/ brochures. No selling is allowed.

We are recruiting volunteers to staff the booth. Additional announcements and sign up sheets will be made available at the May and June NHOS meetings. **Volunteers will receive Fair admission for each day they work, as well as free parking passes!**

Dates and shifts available for this "first come, first serve" opportunity:

Friday, July 11	12PM-3PM	3PM-6PM	6PM-8PM
Saturday, July 12	10AM-2PM	2PM-5PM	5PM-8PM
Sunday, July 13	10AM-2PM	2PM-5PM	5PM-8PM

Please respond to Valerie Sanders at valeriesanders4444@yahoo.com with your shift request. Once the shifts are filled, a second list will be compiled for "on call" use in case of sickness or emergency.

2014-2015 Nominations

The Nominating Committee's recommendations are:

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Three-year Term (expires 2017)

Alex Allen, Bill McCorkle, Michael Miranda

Two-year Term (expires 2016)

Dana Seelig, Earl Hare, Vacant

One-year Term (expires 2015)

Judy Dahle, Chitsaya Winmaw, Winn Winmaw

Open nominations will be held during the meeting on May 20th.

Elections will be held during the meeting on June 17th.

Spring Greenhouse & Garden Tour



2014 April Judging Results

GENUS POINTS	FIRST PLACE 5 pts	SECOND PLACE 3 pts	THIRD PLACE 1 pt	JUDGES
CATTLEYA	SLC Jewel Box 'Dark Waters' Merle Robboy	C. skinneri 'Guaria Morada' Dick Hess	C. intermedia v. flaema Jim Miller	Lynn S. Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	C. Pacific Express Earl & Joyce Hare	Ansellia Africana Kay Firebaugh	C. Brookstreet x Gordon Gibbs Lynn S. Wiand	Jim Miller
DENDROBIUM	D. Hagoromo Spring Fuji Kayoko Nebrig	D. farmeri Dick Hess	D. Aussie Chip Chitsaya & Winn Winmaw	Nancy Benay
EPIDENDRUM	E. atacazoicum (bifalce) Lynn S. Wiand	NA	NA	Kayoko Nebrig
MAXILLARIEAE	Zygopetalum New Era Lynn S. Wiand	NA	NA	Winn Winmaw
ONCIDIUM	O. maerlatum Barb Livingston	Brassia rex 'Sakata' Joe Rupp	Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos' Kayoko Nebrig	Winn Winmaw
PAPHIOPEDILUM	P. hirsutissimum Lynn S. Wiand	P. Toni Semple Joe Rupp	Phrag. Pearcei Dick Hess	Nico Goossens
PHALAENOPSIS	Sarcochilus melba Winn Winmaw	Dtps Happy Valentine 'Shapely' Joe Rupp	P. Unk Joe Rupp	Barb Livingston
PLEUROTHALLID	Masd coccinea	NA	NA	Barb Livingston
VANDA	Renanthera monachica Joe Rupp	Ascozentrum garayii Merle Robboy	Jumellea Comarbo Merle Robboy	Kayoko Nebrig
MISCELLANEOUS	Cynorkis uncata Dick Hess	Chysis langleysensis x linninghei Dick Hess	Chysis bractescens Dick Hess	Lynn S. Wiand
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	Paph The Ole Perfessor Wendy Austin	NA	NA	Lynn S. Wiand
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	SLC Jewel Box 'Dark Waters' Merle Robboy			Gene Crocker



Mark Your Calendars...

May 15, 2014: Orchid Auction sponsored by San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists. Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91106. More info: www.sgvoh.org/.

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.

May 30 to June 1, 2014: San Jose Orchid Exposition and Wine Tasting sponsored by Real Orchid Growers. Winchester Mystery House, 525 S. Winchester Blvd., San Jose, CA. More information: <http://realorchidgrowers.com>.

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.

Note: In 2014 there will be no Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. Watch for news of the 70th Anniversary show in 2015.



Orchid Auction
May 15, 2014
Preview at 6 PM
Auction Begins at 7 PM
Free Admission & Parking
San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists
Los Angeles County Arboretum
& Botanic Garden
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