



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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August 2014

President's Message

Dear All,

Sorry I wasn't at the Installation and Awards Banquet. That morning I had a stroke. I was untying my shoes for work—summer school—and noticed rather bad double vision. It wouldn't go away. I tried to iron my shirt and had a heck of a time doing it, so I lay down to rest a bit, hoping that maybe I had just slept on my eye wrong.

My wife, God bless her, asked how I was doing. I told her of the double vision. She wanted to go to the emergency room; I preferred to just lie in bed for a few minutes. She noticed that I had slurred speech. I did too. I wasn't making many signs toward getting up from bed so she dialed 911.

After a CT scan they gave me TPA, which cleared the clot and restored full function. I stayed in ICU for two days and went home. I went back to work on the following Monday and was prescribed aspirin.

After subsequent blood work and doctors' appointments, I was told that the cause was "cryptogenic" or "we don't know." I was not in any way at risk, and I didn't do anything wrong. I was told to rest for four weeks and then carry on.

This has nothing to do with orchids, of course. The take-away of the story is: Don't wait; call 911, if you recognize the signs of a stroke. Getting the medicine in short time is crucial to recovery.

Many of you called and emailed. I didn't return or reply always. Sorry, the daughters screened for a few days. We'll catch up at the August Exotic Plant Sale. I hope

Culture Class

Alan Koch will conduct this month's culture class on *Cattleya* culture.

you're coming to help a bit. I'll be there—more on that at the August regular meeting.

Norito Hasegawa, by the way, has a spectacular rest of the year set up. It'll be exciting. Thanks to him and to Nancy Benay for resuming her role as *Orchids Aweigh* editor. Although I'm really quite well off, I'm glad that there is a solid board supporting the Society. Make sure you thank them too.

Blessings,

Tom Harrison
President

August Speaker Alan Koch "Brazilian Cattleyas"

Thanks to NHOS members for supporting our society with great turnouts for the speakers and supporting the plant tables for the past two years. Most societies are on the losing end when it comes to plant tables, but we are keeping up with the costs of providing you with one. It's all for us to enjoy so keep on doing what you're doing.

For August we have a very popular speaker: Alan Koch, who will speak on "Brazilian Cattleyas." Thank you to Dana Seelig for planning his visit.

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Coun-

try Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleyas. He started growing orchids in 1969 with three Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space.

With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 250,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trendsetter in miniature Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the *Orchid Digest*, *Orchids*, as well as many international publications.

He has also been published in several proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge and is



Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and three terms on the Board of Directors, as well as two terms as an AOS Trustee.

Alan will be selling many species and hybrids at the meeting; hopefully many will

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

Welcome to **Marianne Cooper** who has joined our ranks. A friend of **Elizabeth Hau**, she came to the dinner in July and got to meet a number of our group. We hope she can take advantage of our culture classes and wonderful speakers!

Any number of you have NOT yet paid your dues. Another reminder email will be on the way shortly.

I want to add get well wishes to both **Tom Harrison**, who is recuperating from a stroke he suffered on Tuesday, July 15, and to **Guy Gottschalk**, who had foot reconstruction surgery in June. According to inside reports Guy has become very proficient with his knee scooter. Looking forward to seeing both of you at the August meeting.

Laura Perry
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Annual Installation and Awards Banquet / Ribbon Judging Awards for 2014

We wine and dined in great style at the July 15th Installation and Awards Banquet at Michael Miranda's house, thanks to Jock Stalker, executive chef.

Congratulations to the following members who won top honors for 2013-2014 Ribbon Judging:

First Place: **Dick Hess**
Second Place: **Joe Rupp**
Third Place: **Dr. Merle Robboy**
Novice: **Wendy Austin**

Outstanding Judges

First Place: **Lynn Wiand**
Second Place: **Winn Winmaw**
Third Place: **Guy Gottschalk**

Each winner received a gift certificate to the Orange County Farm Supply. Beginning this month the ribbon judging competition for 2014-2015 starts afresh.

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be about the subject, including species and their hybrids. He will provide, I'm sure, a lush plant table. Come out and support him. Hopefully he'll arrive in time for dinner. For those who want to meet him, we will convene at Mimi's Restaurant facing Harbor Blvd. across from the meeting place. RSVP to Norito at 714-458-5615 by Sunday, August 17th.

Hope you're having a great Summer!

Norito Hasegawa
First Vice President

Refreshments

Members from **Mary Gerberick** to **Barbara Lane** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

Festival Time is Almost Here!

NHOS is hosting its second Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival at the Westminster Mall, Friday, August 22 through Sunday, August 24, 2014. Invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to come to the show and enjoy the magical world of orchids! The show is free, with easy access, and plenty of parking. Help us get the word out!

This event has a simpler format than the winter show—with plant sales, including orchids, exotic and specialty plants, art and bonsai exhibits—but it does not include seminars and displays. Since last year's summer show was very successful, the vendors are delighted we are doing it again and are anxious to support it. A large sales area will feature expert commercial growers who will be offering unique species and hybrids for sale.

We will need plenty of volunteers!

Wednesday, August 20, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 21, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. for vendor check-in & setup.

Volunteers for the Plant Hotel and the Information Booth (3-4 people each shift):

Friday, August 22, 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 23, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 24, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

We will need volunteers for clean-up:

Sunday, August 24, at close of festival (6:00 p.m.)

Contact the following members for volunteer signups:

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Images from Past Meetings and Events



Watch for Installation Banquet photos in the September issue of *Orchids Awake*.

Theme Selected: 2015 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo and Sale

We have a great theme for next February's Newport Harbor Orchid Expo and Sale: "Orchids: Jewels of the Jungle."

It should lend itself to some very visually rich interpretations in the displays. You might want to make a mental note of the show dates, which straddle Valentine's Day and the Tet festivities: Friday, February 13, 2015-Sunday, February 15, 2015.

American Orchid Society Representative

Many thanks to Bill MacCorkell, who has agreed to be our AOS Representative. Bill is also beginning a three-year term as an NHOS director.



Mark Your Calendars...

Friday-Sunday, August 22-24: Newport Harbor Orchid Society will hold its second annual **Summer Exotic and Orchid Festival at the Westminster Mall**. 2015 Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA. More information: www.nhosinfo.org.

Saturday-Sunday, September 20-21: Orchid Show and Sale. Orchids-R-Easy classes all weekend. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes, CA. More information: www.southbayorchidsociety.com.

Saturday-Sunday, September 27-28: Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. South Coast Plaza Village, 1631 West Sunflower, Santa Ana, CA 92704. More information: www.ocorchidshow.com.

Saturday-Sunday, October 4-5: San Diego International Orchid Fair. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA. More information: www.sdbgarden.org.



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