



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the **NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY**

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September 2014

President's Message

Hi All,

Firstly, sorry for the lateness of the newsletter. It was me. School started and I got a bit overwhelmed. I am subbing as editor this month. Thanks, however, to **Nancy Benay** for being the editor of Orchids Aweigh. I hope she has had a wonderful time in South Africa and Madagascar. I am looking forward to the talk and pictures and her more timely dealings with the newsletter.

Thanks to the show committee for putting on the Exotic Plant and Orchid Sale this Summer at the Westminster Mall. We had plenty of member help and we made some money. Vendor views were a bit mixed.

September Speaker Dennis Olivas "Diseases and Pests"

Dennis Olivas was born on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. As a lad, he helped his mom grow her orchids and got hooked. He joined the Future Farmers of America and his project was raising and selling these beautiful and exotic plants. In 1980 he moved to the mainland and swore off the orchid family.

This did not last for long, as he was introduced to Rod McLeallan's Acres of Orchids. From there his whole life became one downward spiral. First he filled his home with upwards of 6,000 plants. Later he leased greenhouse space for his ever-burgeoning orchid collection. A glutton for punishment, Dennis let his collection grow to overflowing a 3,000 sq. ft. greenhouse in Half Moon Bay.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month

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

Some understand that a Summer show is not a Spring show; others would have liked more in sales nonetheless. I bought stuff (from Lico) as usual at any rate.

The weather is hot. September is California's hottest month. Generally that's not ideal for orchids, especial pleuros and the cloud forest lot. I tend to overwater. It raises the humidity and brings the temperature down in the greenhouse a bit—good. Unfortunately, it rots roots—even on mounted orchids. Ultimately I always have a few casualties. (Alas.)

I enjoyed the talk on Brazilian Catts. It has been a group that I have been collecting for some time now. The chief bit of knowledge that I came away with was that the unifoliate need to stay in the green

With the help of close friends from the Bay Area, Napa and Fresno, Dennis moved his obsession to a greenhouse in Daly City in November of 2013. He found himself in a whole new ball game, learning how to raise orchids without heat but in an area that gets a lot of sun and higher temperatures.

Dennis was President for the Peninsula Orchid Society, San Francisco Orchid Society, Diablo View Orchid Society and the Santa Cruz Orchid Society. He is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society. Dennis belongs to over 14 orchid societies and tries to assist them whenever possible

Give a big "Aloha" to Dennis Olivas. I approached Dennis to talk to us about a year ago and the answer was wait till I retire—well, he retires in September so I signed him up for our September meeting. There is no rest for the wicked, they say, and the way things are going, he'll be busier than when he was duly employed. NHOS hasn't had a proper talk on "Diseases and Pests" so Dennis will tell us about these important subjects, and he'll do

Culture Class

Dennis Olivas will give a basic "Orchids 101" talk.

house over the Winter; the bi-foliates may survive outside.

A reminder: There will be a Board of Directors meeting on the normal meeting day at the Community Center at 6PM, just before the meeting.

All the best,

Tom Harrison
President

a quick cultural session on "Orchids 101." This talk will contain some basic pointers on the culture of orchids at 7:00: p.m.

Dennis will provide the plant table and bring plants for sale. Please support him.

We'll take Dennis out to dinner at 5:30 p.m. on meeting night at Mimi's Restaurant facing Harbor Blvd. across from our meeting place, but please RSVP Norito by Sunday, September 14. Please bring some friends who need some basic know-how on raising orchids. It'll be a great meeting. Even the experienced grower can use a few hints, as well.

Norito Hasegawa
First Vice President



Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival Photo Gallery



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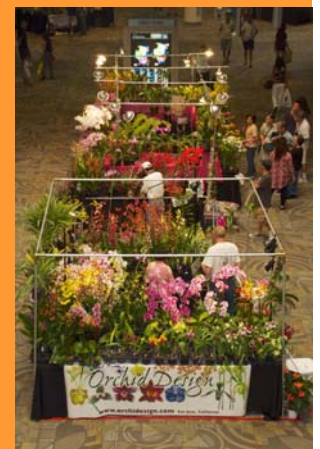
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Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make this show a success. We couldn't have done it without you. And a special thanks to the Show Committee for being so fantastic.



Michael Miranda's Garden

I encourage you to look up an article in the *OC Register* on Michael's Garden. He has been offering up it regularly to the Society for the Banquet for years and is now getting a little outside recognition. Very well done, Michael!

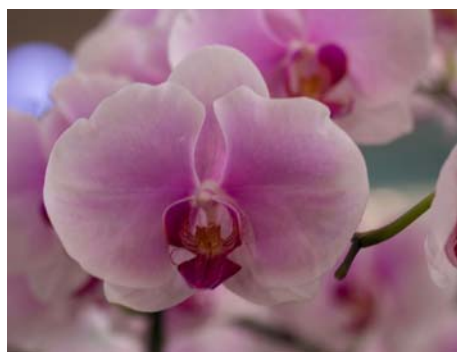
Tom Harrison

Membership Corner

Our last meeting brought us three new members: **Ed and Jill McGlasson** and **Terri Epperson**. Welcome to all and step up the way the **Maedas** did this last weekend.

Maybe it was a first for new members, but there they were, cheerfully manning the desk at the OrchidFest (my title) this last weekend, after only a few weeks as members.

Laura Perry
Membership Chairman



Refreshments

Members from **Carol and Bob Latimer** to **Terry Patsel** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

2014 August Judging Results

GENUS POINTS	FIRST PLACE 5 pts	SECOND PLACE 3 pts	THIRD PLACE 1 pt	JUDGES
CATTLEYA	Schomburgkia exaltata Irma Adams	C. Doris McGrow Gen Gunderson	C. Forbesii Nancy Benay	Lynn S. Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	NA	NA	NA	NA
DENDROBIUM	D. unifolium Espie Quinn	D. bracteosum Nancy Benay	D. sanderianum Lynn S. Wiand	Winn Winmaw
EPIDENDRUM	E. difforme Lynn S. Wiand	Barkaria aphrodite Bill MacCorkell	Encyclia prismatocarpum Merle Robboy	Jan Hennessey
MAXILLARIEAE	Lycaste macrophylla alba Merle Robboy	Zygonisia 'Blue Bird' Gen Gunderson	Zygo Kiwi Kerber Espie Quinn	Nancy Benay
ONCIDIUM	Psychopsis Mendenhall alba 'Yellow Butterfly' Joe Rupp	Tolumnia sylvestre Nico Goossens	Ada bennettiorum Merle Robboy	Lynn S. Wiand
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Phrag. Haley Decker Joe Rupp	Paph. dianthum Lynn S. Wiand	Paph. Bengal Lancer Dick Hess	Winn Winmaw
PHALAENOPSIS	P. Unk Jan Hennessey	NA	NA	Roberta Fox
PLEUROTHALLID	NA	NA	NA	NA
VANDA	Renanthera azimah Joe Rupp	V. roeblingiana Ha Bui	V. Paki Winn Winmaw	Nancy Benay
MISCELLANEOUS	Habineria medusa Dick Hess	Cunorkis purpurascens Dick Hess	Chondorhyncha lendyana Dick Hess	Joe Rupp
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	NA	NA	NA	NA
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points		Psychopsis Mendenhall alba 'Yellow Butterfly'	Joe Rupp	Alan Koch



Mark Your Calendars...

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.

Friday-Sunday, October 3-5: Andy's Orchids Fall Open House. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 734 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas, CA 92024. More information: www.andysorchids.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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