



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the **NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY**

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February 2015

Member Sales at Expo

There will be a member plant sales table at this year's Orchid Expo. You can bring plants in beginning on Friday morning, February 13, at 9 am and throughout the three days of the Expo. If you would like to obtain the sales tags and paperwork before the show, contact Richard Hara at worknut49@aol.com or 714 651-9970.

Everyone who sells plants is required to volunteer in the plant sales area for a minimum of two hours during the show. The seller will receive 75% and the NHOS will receive 25% after sales tax is taken out.

Only orchids and sphagnum moss can be sold in the member plant sales area. Your plants are to be healthy and established in their pots. Diseased plants will be returned to their owner or discarded. Please clean them up removing old spikes, dead leaves, old sheaths, weeds, and oxalis.



Meetings are held on the **third Tuesday** of each month

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

Jewels, Jewels, Jewels of the Jungle Watch out for that Expo!

Yes, the 2015 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo is coming in less than two weeks to the **Westminster Mall on February 13, 14, and 15, 2015.**

The hours are:

Friday February 13, 10am-9pm
Saturday, February 14, 10am-7pm
Sunday, February 15, 11am-6pm

The NHOS Expo is the first of a long list of California Shows. This year's theme is "Orchids: Jewels of the Jungle" and for three quick days the mall will be transformed into a "Jungle of Orchid Jewels."

Admission is free, parking is free, and the mall is handicap accessible.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy including orchid sales by 17 vendors as well as member sales, orchid society displays, a large floral art display and bonsai display by the Vietnamese Orchid Society.

On Saturday and Sunday at 2pm, there will be potting workshops with a charge of \$5.00 that includes a pot, a plant and bark. To register, e-mail Paula and John Butler at jbutler1@socal.rr.com.

Please come and enjoy the show, but remember that making the Expo a huge success requires the support and help of all society members. So recruit all your family, friends, and co-workers to attend the show. Remember to enter your best blooming orchids so we can showcase our members' growing talents.

Last but not least, please volunteer your time during the show, and thank you to everyone who has already signed up.

NHOS Display

A big thank you to **Darla Miller** who has volunteered to design and install this year's display. Bring your cleaned, watered, and tagged orchids no later than noon on Thursday, February 12, so they can be a part of the NHOS display.

Please Volunteer!

Volunteers who work **six hours** will receive a **free t-shirt** designed by none other than Ha Bui, but you must **sign-up in advance** with Tina or Rosemary and provide them with your size.

Volunteer opportunities include:

Wednesday, 2/11:
7pm-9pm for set-up

Thursday 2/12:
8am-8pm (four-hour shifts) for set-up of displays and to assist vendors

Friday, 2/13:
9am-9pm (three-hour shifts) for information desk, plant hotel, and display rooms

8:30am-12 noon, Ribbon Judging
Continental breakfast and lunch provided. To sign-up contact **Winn Winmaw** at 714-962-1380 or winn_winmaw@yahoo.com.

Saturday, 2/14:
10am-6pm (three-hour shifts) for information desk, plant hotel and display rooms

Sunday, 2/15:
11am-6pm (2.5-hour shifts) for info desk, plant hotel and display rooms
6pm-9pm for tear down and clean up

To volunteer, contact:

Tina Coombe at 949-759-1464 or tina.coombe@gmail.com; or

Rosemary Krumme at 714-892-2278 or Rosegk@verizon.net.

Darla will need help with installation. Each member is responsible for registering his or her own plants.

Detailed instructions can be found on the show website at nhosinfo.org. Plants should be picked up at 6pm on Sunday, February 15.



Membership Corner

What a wonderful meeting Monday night. To echo Nancy's remarks about Joe Rupp's Cultural award, I was amazed at the presentation, etc. What hard, talented work to develop that plant.

As for the Membership Corner, not only did we omit **Dang Bui**, as recently reported, but entirely missed **Norm Nakamishi**. He is now in the Database, and I can provide his info to whomever needs to contact him. Hope he can come more often.

On to the show, and are you signed up to help yet? Tina really needs to know on whom she/we can count. See you there.

Laura Perry
Membership Secretary

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59th Paphiopedilum Guild & First World Slipper Orchid Conference

101 orchid enthusiasts from the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Taiwan gathered in Hilo, HI, on the week-end of Saturday, January 17-Sunday, January 18, 2015 for the 59th Paph Guild and the First World Slipper Orchid Conference.



It proved to be a high-spirited event combining excellent lectures, a luau, receptions, and open houses at some of the Big Island's leading orchid nurseries. And all of this in a tropical setting overlooking Hilo Bay.

There were presentations by eight internationally recognized Slipper Orchid experts, including Harold Koopowitz (Professor Emeritus, UCI, and past editor-in-chief of the *Orchid Digest*), Jerry Fischer (Orchids Ltd.), Sam Tsui (Orchid Inn), John Robertson (Australia), Hadley Cash (Marriott Orchids), Dennis Kao (Secretary-General of Taiwan Paphiopedilum Society and President of Taiwan Orchid Growers' Association) and Ron Kaufmann (Chair, SDCOS Conservation Committee and Orchid Conservation Alliance).

The NHOS was well represented with ten NHOS members in attendance at the conference. We were pleased and surprised to see long-time member Dorothy Goldberg and her daughter Natalie at Paph Guild. Now a resident of Las Cruces, NM, Dorothy reported that she still grows a few orchids on her window sills and enjoys seeing some of her orchids that are now at home in Natalie's green-



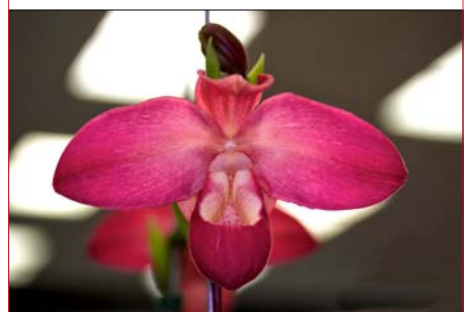
Culture Corner

The phrag. Hybrid cross of Eric Young 'Rocket Fire' 4N to Kovachii 'gigantic form' was one of those unexpected gifts I received when I purchased this seedling on ebay in 2012.

It was probably one of the healthiest plants I have ever purchased from any grower. It arrived in a four-inch pot with two growths and hasn't stopped growing since. This is the second blooming cycle and it has four strong spikes with flowers measuring six inches across.

I grow it in a greenhouse year round. It receives anywhere from 3500 to 4000 foot candles of natural light per day. Along with my other phrags. I feed it *Better Grow Orchid Plus* fertilizer at every watering diluted to 1/8 to 1/10th teaspoon per gallon. I love growing slipper orchids even though they can be rather high maintenance. The rewards are more than worth the effort.

Joe Rupp



Editor's note: If you have any good cultural tips please submit them for publication in the newsletter.

Refreshments

Members from **Harold Koopowitz and Steven Hampson** to **Alan and Diane Reynolds** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

President's Message

I'm making a list and checking it twice, and no, I'm not Santa. But, I am reviewing my collection. I have decided to kick a certain group of orchids out of the greenhouse – the dead ones. Watering at inopportune times, snails, bad juju, whatever; I'm pretty good at killing them. I, however, know a very reliable method of orchid propagation – buy more. It's show season and there certainly are going to be enough vendors and venues.

Our own Expo is just a couple of weeks away. In addition to volunteering (not just the six hours – thank you for the t-shirt minimum, more like 26 hours), I will do some spending to “support the vendors”. Also I'll bring in a few plants for the NHOS display. We all have to do our bit.

If you're interested in leadership, see me. We're always interested in new Board members and the Nominations Committee

will be formed in March to find and maintain next year's crop of officers. Also, when you get the call to serve, please keep an open mind. We need to take turns. Maybe yours is now.

On that general subject, congratulations are in order for **Norito Hasegawa** and **Laura Perry**. The NHOS Board has just elevated both to “Life” membership status for their dedication and hard work over the years. Please give thanks and high-fives to both, when you see them.

Finally, as you know, the auction takes up the February meeting. Bring your divisions; bring your (healthy and attractive) extras. This is an important fundraiser for the Society and it is primarily member driven. No successful auction = no Dr. Mary Gerritsen on the orchids of Borneo. Enough said. See you at the show.

Tom Harrison
NHOS President

NHOS AUCTION 2015

It's getting ever closer... the biggest fundraiser of the year. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 17. It won't be nearly as successful without the support of our members. We need plants and people, and you can help with both.

Simply donate your divisions, extra plants, duplicates, and whatever else might be a good auction item. Blooming plants are especially welcome. As always, please make sure your gift plants don't have any unfriendly bugs or viruses.

If you attend, be sure to bring a friend.

If you have any question or need more information, contact Joe Rupp at 714-329-5155 or joerupp@earthlink.net.



2015 January Judging Results

GENUS POINTS	FIRST PLACE 5 pts	SECOND PLACE 3 pts	THIRD PLACE 1 pt	JUDGES
CATTLEYA	Laelia anceps var Veitchiana Kayoko Nebrig	Brassavola nodosa 'Susan Fuchs' Bill MacCorkell	LC Fame N Glory Ha Bui	Winn Winnmaw
CYMBIDIUM	C. Little Saigon Sunset Ha Bui	FDK After Dark Nico Goossens	C. Peter Pan x Vogelsang Bill MacCorkell	Nancy Benay
DENDROBIUM	Den tetragonum Nancy Benay	NA	NA	Lynn Wiand
EPIDENDRUM	Encyclia polybulbon Ha Bui	NA	NA	Kenton Boettcher
MAXILLARIEAE	Maxillaria picta Lynn Wiand	Xylobium leontoglossu Merle Robboy	NA	Roberta Fox
ONCIDIUM	Tol. Buck Hollow x Spicey Pink Nico Goossens	Onc. Mayfair Bill MacCorkell	Onc. Tsiku Margurita Bill MacCorkell	Roberta Fox
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Phrag. Eric Young 'Rocket Fine 4n' x Phrag. kovachii 'Gigantic Form' Joe Rupp	Paph Coro Beauty Lynn Wiand	Paph Henying Makuron x Luna Moth Nancy Benay	Bill Fogarty
PHALAENOPSIS	NA	NA	NA	NA
PLEUROTHALLID	Pleurothallis leptifolia Lynn Wiand	NA	NA	Janell Schuck
VANDA	Ascocenda Adisak Blue Chitsaya & Winn Winmaw	Angraecum Veitchii Espie Quinn	Rhyncostylis gigantea (Sagarik's strain) Joe Rupp	Earl Felt
MISCELLANEOUS	Dendrochilum tenelum 'January' Ha Bui	Bulbo. lasiochilum Nico Goossens	Coelogyne mooreana Nico Goossens	Barbara Livingston
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	NA	NA	NA	NA
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points		Phrag Eric Young 'Rocket Fine 4n x Phrag. kovachii 'Gigantic Form'	Joe Rupp	Mary Gerritsen



Mark Your Calendars...

Saturday, February 7: Annual Orchid Auction. Event will be held at Lake San Marcos, Lake Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos CA. More information: 760-732-0055 or orchidy1@mac.com.

Wednesday, February 11: Annual Orchid Auction hosted by the Cool Growing Orchid Society. Event will be held at Garden Grove Masonic Lodge, 11270 Acacia Pkwy, Garden Grove CA. More information: www.coolorchids.org.

Friday–Sunday, February 13-15: NHOS Spring 2015 Orchid Expo “Orchids: Jewels of the Jungle”. Event will be held at Westminster Mall, CA. More information: www.NHOSinfo.org.

Tuesday, February 17: NHOS Orchid Auction!!! Event will be held at 1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa, CA. More information: www.NHOSinfo.org.

Friday–Sunday, February 20-22: The Thrill of Discovery. Sponsored by San Francisco Orchid Society, Pacific Orchid Exposition. More information: www.orchidsanfrancisco.org.

Monday, March 9: Long Beach Annual Orchid Society’s Annual Orchid Auction Event will be held at St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church Hall, 6201 E. Willow St., Long Beach, CA. More information: www.lbaos.com.

Friday–Sunday, March 13-15: 70th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. Event will be held at Earl Warren Show Grounds: 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. More information: www.sborchidshow.com.



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