



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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June 2015

President's Message

Dear Friends,

Virus is, I admit, not an especially sexy subject, in orchids anyway, though there is a general feeling of “venereal disease” disgust when broaching the subject. Last month’s talk was probably not a bad idea, going over the testing procedures.

Bad news is still useful for making decisions – but we still don’t want to chuck out the plant on a false positive. Anyway, next month we’ll have a talk on something beautiful – Brazilian *Cattleya* Species!

Many thanks to **Nancy Benay** for completing another year as *Orchids Aweigh* editor. The newsletter looks as sharp as ever. She’s done a really great job. Nancy has “served her debt” to the Society and is stepping down, though. Newsletter editor

is not, so to speak, a life sentence. So we need a new editor to start in July or August at the latest. Many of you dear folks are quite capable.

The job basically entails receiving emails from a number of authors on set topics. You’ve read the thing; mostly you just copy last year’s format. There is some correcting for spelling and grammar and occasionally for content.

The articles are then sent to **Chris Aschan**, the talented co-editor who puts it together and sends it to the printer and webmaster. Someone else will handle photos (**Tina Coombe**), any printing and distribution (**Richard Hara**).

There is also no original writing composition involved, unless you want to. I won’t abandon you either. If the newsletter editor is out of town, someone (probably Nancy

Culture Class

The June Culture Class will be conducted by **Michael Miranda** on “Outside Growing, *Sobralias*, etc.”

or I) will substitute for an issue. Also the commitment can be for a set number of issues (12, for instance). Bottom line: New editor or no newsletter. Sorry, dear friends. Contact me, if you’re willing.

On another front, good news, we now have all the Board of Directors’ slots filled for 2015-16.

I’m going to the Orchid Digest Speakers’ Day on Saturday, June 13. It was great last year and the Huntington’s always fun. See you there.

Tom Harrison, NHOS President

June Speaker

Francisco Miranda

“Brazilian *Cattleya* Species”

This month’s speaker is Francisco Miranda of Miranda Orchids, formerly of Brazil, now in Florida. One of my initial contacts with Francisco was during the Rio de Janeiro World Orchid Conference in 1996 when he was the Speaker’s Chair. He will speak on “Brazilian *Cattleya* Species.”

Born in Rio de Janeiro, Francisco studied Biology and began his taxonomic studies in the orchid family in 1981. For the next four years he lived most of the time in Manaus, where he studied Amazon orchids and began his Master’s degree. Shortly after returning to Rio de Janeiro, he com-

pleted his Master’s on “*section Cattleyodes of the genus Laelia*.”

Since then, his main interest has been on the Brazilian *laelias* and *cattleyas*. He is the author of several papers ranging from species descriptions to subjects of growers’ interest in Brazilian, German and U.S. publications. He is also author of two books.

In 2000 he moved to Florida where he operates Miranda Orchids, a nursery specializing in Brazilian species and the *Cattleya* alliance. He also leads trips to Brazil and frequently visits Brazilian habitats to find new and/or interesting orchid species.

He promises a great plant opportunity table and will also have plants for sale. You may pre-order from his website at www.mirandaorchids.com. Be sure to state at which society you’ll pick up the plants, since he’ll be speaking at six societies.

We’ll take Francisco to dinner before the



meeting to Mimi’s Café across the shopping center facing Harbor Blvd. at 5:30 p.m., reservations under NHOS. Please RSVP to Norito by Sunday, June 14.

See you then.

Norito Hasegawa, First Vice President

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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Dear NHOS Members,

I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to attend this year's Orchid Digest Speakers' Day Program on Saturday, June 13, 2015, from 12:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m., Ahmanson Classroom, Botanical Center at the Huntington Library, Art Collections & Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA.

It will be a wonderful day with six very exciting speakers. Steve Beckendorf will take you to the cloud forests of Peru; Harold Koopowitz and Steve Hampson to the primary forests of Madagascar; Peter Lin will share some insights on what's trending in *Phalaenopsis* hybridizing; and Marc Hachadourian will give some hints regarding orchids you might not want to grow.

The program will conclude with a glimpse at orchids from a very different perspective: through the eye of award-winning botanical artist Carol Woodin.

In addition to outstanding lectures, there will be:

- Orchids for sale from Andy's Orchids, Big Leaf Orchids, Cal Orchid, and Sunset Valley Orchids.
- AOS Judging at 10:00 a.m.
- Sales and book signing of *Orchid Tales* by Harold Koopowitz.
- A silent auction and time to catch up with friends during the happy hour and dinner.

Admission to the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens is included in the registration fee.

Register on line:

www.orchiddigest.org.

Registration: \$65 (\$80 at the door). For more information, contact Simone Friend, [or-
chidsimonef@aol.com](mailto:orchidsimonef@aol.com) or myself, ndbenay@gmail.com or 949 552-7713.

Best,

Nancy Benay
Secretary, Orchid Digest Corporation



Please mark your calendars and save the date:
Saturday, June 13, 2015.

Orchid Digest Speakers' Day:

Orchid Potpourri

Ahmanson Classroom in the Botanical Center
at the
Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical
Gardens, San Marino, CA

12:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Expert Lectures-Orchid Displays-Orchid Sales-
Silent Auction-AOS Judging-Dinner

Scheduled Speakers:

Steven Beckendorf—

"Searching for Orchids in Southeastern Peru"

Marc Hachadourian—

"Orchid Species You Should Not Try to Grow!"

Harold Koopowitz and Steven Hampson—

"Madagascar: Leaping Lemurs and Orchids"

Peter Lin—

"Trending *Phalaenopsis* Novelty Hybridizing"

Distinguished Orchid Digest Lecture:

Carol Woodin, "An Artist on the Orchid Trail"

Tickets:

\$65 (\$80 at door) for afternoon seminars, wine and
cheese happy hour, dinner and evening entertain-
ment.

Reservations available online at

www.orchiddigest.org

or contact Simone Friend at Orchidsimonef@aol.com or
call (562) 431-1247. When contacting by e-mail, please
include phone number, e-mail address and mailing
address.

There is limited space, so don't wait to buy your ticket.

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NHOS Installation and Awards Banquet Preview

Save the date: Tuesday, July 21st, is the annual NHOS Installation and Awards Banquet chez Michael Miranda. We'll be doing a German food tour so get your dirndls and lederhosen ready.

Coordinators are Elisabeth Hau, Michael Miranda, and Phil Duke. Per the usual format, the society will provide two main courses, and the rest is potluck.

More to follow in the July newsletter.

Membership Corner

The time is fast approaching when it is DUES TIME! June 30th is the end of our fiscal year, and renewal payments are greatly appreciated.

We will continue to give double tickets to those who pay by mail to me or pay at the June meeting. After the July banquet date, the bonus goes away. Of course, We DO accept funds after that but the sooner the better, please.

Any changes to emails, phone numbers, and/or address changes gratefully received. Thanks for your cooperation, always.

Laura Perry, Membership Secretary

Theme... Theme... Theme

Feeling creative? Submit your theme suggestions for the February 2016 Orchid Expo and Sale to Richard Hara, worknut49@aol.com, no later than Monday, July 15, 2015.

We will vote on the theme at the June 16th meeting, a bit earlier than in the past, but this will give the show committee extra time to design the flyer.

Refreshments

Members from **Tom Lindell** to **Espie Quinn** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!



May 2015 Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	No Cattleyas on display			
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. Devon Railway 'New Horizon' Kayoko Nebrig			Lynn Wiand
DENDROBIUM	Den. Roy Tokunaga Espie Quinn	Den. anosmum Gen Gundersen	Den. Aussie Child x Den. Jazz Tina Coombe	Kayoko Nebrig
EPIDENDRUM	Epi. parkinsonianum Ha Bui	Encyclia Cindy Gen Gundersen	Encyclia mooreana X Standard Setter Lynn Wiand	Winn Winmaw
MAXILLARIEAE	Zygo. Kiwi Korker Espie Quinn			Nancy Benay
ONCIDIUM	Cuitlauzina pendula Ha Bui	Onc. pumilum Rick Wells	Onc. harrisonianum 'Butch' Lynn Wiand	Joe Rupp
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph. delenatii alba Michael Miranda	Paph. William Ambler Joe Rupp	Paph. haynaldianum 'Phil Plocher' Lynn Wiand	Winn Winmaw
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal. Sogo Lisa Jan Hennessey			Winn Winmaw
PLEUROTHALLID	Masdevallia imposter Merle Robbooy	Pleuro. seltigera Joe Rupp		Nancy Benay
VANDA	Ascid. Motes Burning Sands Nancy Benay	Jumellea arachnanthe Gen Gundersen	Seidenfadenia mitrata Chitsaya & Winn Winmaw	Ha Bui
MISCELLANEOUS	NA			
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	Milt. Spectabilis John Cox	Sedirea japonica John Cox		Kayoko Nebrig
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points		Cym. Devon Railway 'New Horizon' Kayoko Nebrig		



Mark Your Calendars...

Saturday, June 6, 2015: Hatfield Orchids are selling cymbidiums at Yamada Company. Pre 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Event will be held at 706 W. Garden Blvd., Gardena, CA. A potting demonstration will be at 11:00 a.m. Virus tests available for \$5.

Saturday, June 13, 2015: Orchid Digest Speakers' Day at Huntington Gardens Botanical Center, Ahmanson Classroom in San Marino, CA. 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. \$65 Pre-registration. \$80 at the door. More information: www.orchiddigest.org or contact Simone Friend, orchidsimonef@aol.com or Nancy Benay, ndbenay@gmail.com.

Sunday, June 14, 2015: "One Day, One Orchid Workshop." Slipper Orchid Botanical Art Workshop by Carol Woodin at Huntington Gardens Botanical Center in San Marino, CA. **9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** \$110 to \$125 depending on membership (see website). Fee includes admission into the gardens. More information: www.orchiddigest.org or contact Simone Friend, orchidsimonef@aol.com or Nancy Benay, ndbenay@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 20, 2015: Annual Orchid Auction. Hosted by Orchid Society of Southern California. 2:00 p.m. Meeting Hall, First Christian Church at 221 South Sixth Street, Burbank, CA. More information: www.orchidssc.org.

Friday, August 7 to Sunday, August 9, 2015: Summer 2015 Summer Orchid and Exotic Plant Festival. Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA. Event hosted by Newport Harbor Orchid Society. More information coming soon.



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