



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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July 2015

President's Message

Dear Friends,

My term is up and at the up-coming installation banquet I'll be turning over the President's job to **Darla Miller**. I understand that she's away on a long planned vacation that day, so we'll have to install her in absentia. I wasn't there a year ago either, though, I wish I had been on vacation.

Anyway, thanks to **Michael Miranda** for the generous use of his house as host for the party. *Und vielen dank an allen die mithelfen um unsere Fest zu ermöglichen* (German food, so thanks in German).

Thanks again to **Nancy Benay** for her time as newsletter editor. While I'm picking up the duty myself this month, that will not be the case next month. Somebody please step forward. See me or Darla or Nancy and we'll get you set up to edit for success. OR Orchids will have sailed Aweigh (Bon Voyage, we won't be seeing you).

Kudos to **Nancy, Karen** et alii. Orchid Digest Speakers Day was great. I went to the cactus garden in the morning – had a nice little conversation with Dick Hess on the way. I listened to a half dozen or so excellent presentations; snacked and ate well. And, of course, I bought an orchid (a little stick mounted Dendrobium from Andy's). Great stuff, very self indulgent; go next year.

I call my greenhouse "140 square feet of Brazil" and have many of the plants that Francisco Miranda showed in his slides. I've taught geography as well and like the climatic zone lesson that was inherent in his talk. I don't really have a particular favorite Brazilian orchid; I like whatever's in bloom at the moment. The intermediaries are about the easiest, though and very re-

warding. I did take note of Francisco's mild dig on the varieties not being truly representative of what's in nature. I think that it is one way for the "species growers" to enjoy some variety. The pupuratas in particular are especially fun.

Thanks to the incoming NHOS BOD for their willingness to do a necessary, if not exciting, job. In addition to Darla Miller, **Rosemary Krumme** and **John Cox** will complete our list of officers. Everybody else is basically being recycled and I am very thankful for their institutional memory and steadfastness. It keeps us going.

Finally, I thank **Norito Hasegawa**. We have been lucky and honored to be the recipients of his connections and wisdom as 1st VP. The speakers these past few years have been excellent and the Board meetings greatly enriched by his presence. Many blessings to him as he steps down.

Very dearly and truly yours,

Tom Harrison, NHOS 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.

Culture Class

Next class in August; enjoy the July banquet.

Es ist ein Fest! Kommen Sie, schauen Sie, machen Sie mit am 21. Juli!

Annual Installation and Awards Banquet

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

At the house of

Michael Miranda
356 Costa Mesa St.
Costa Mesa, CA 92627
949-650-5142

6:30 p.m.
Cocktails and Appetizers

7:00 p.m.
Buffet Dinner

The Specialties of Germany

Bratwurst
Bavarian Potato Salad
Bavarian Sauerkraut
Strudel

\$15.00 per person

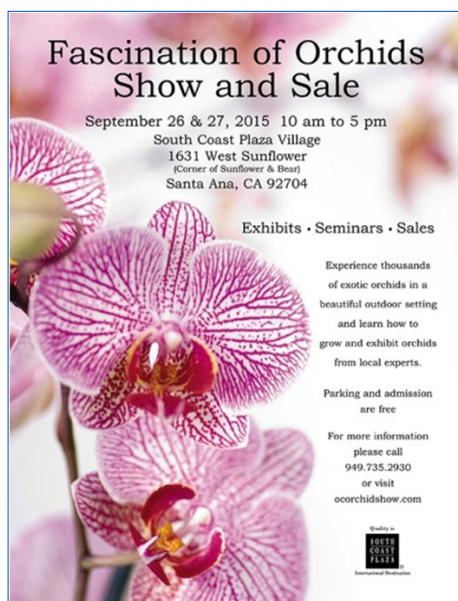
Bring a dish to share
for eight people:

Last name A-F: Dessert
Last name G-O: Appetizer
Last name P-Z: Salad or
Side Dish

The NHOS will provide water & soft drinks. Please bring your own beer and wine.



Wir freuen uns Sie am 21. Juli zu sehen.
(See you there!)



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Water Conservation SoCal's Long Hot Summer

With our current drought, water conservation is a major topic of concern and discussion for all Californians. This winter's historically low snowpack and below average rainfall increased the intensity of the state's water supply issues.

Now we are faced with how to reduce water consumption to meet the imposed restrictions to achieve an "aggregate statewide 25% reduction in potable urban water use." Despite the gloomy reports there is some hope on the horizon.

As orchid hobbyists we face a special challenge in how to keep our orchids properly watered in view of the mandated reduction, especially as we approach Southern California's long hot summer months. As a resident of Irvine, my goal is to stay off of the IRWD's notorious list of water bandits labeled as "inefficient, excessive, or wasteful" consumers, so I've been doing some creative thinking of ways to cut back elsewhere in my garden to save my precious orchids.

I've decided to shut down my RO system since it produces so much waste water, despite the fact that I've been diverting the "bad" water into my flower beds. Thanks to good news from Alex Allen, also an Irvine resident, I don't have to convert to a more expensive deionized (DI). Alex has been testing the city water and reports the salt contents to be extremely low, (208 to 275 ppm) so my orchids are going to survive on city water.

If you live in Costa Mesa or get your water from the Mesa Water District, appar-

ently you have no water problems. Interestingly, there is an abundant underground fresh water supply. 100,000 years ago the area was a redwood forest, and over time the climate shifted, flood plains formed, and the former forest was buried beneath layer upon layer of sediment. Water filtered through, merging with the water released by the trees themselves.

The district is now purifying redwood-tinted water the color of "weak tea" from hundreds of feet down. Unlike all of the other regional water districts, the Mesa Water District has managed to wean itself off directly imported supplies completely, at least for now. Hopefully this water is beneficial for orchids.

And for our neighbors in San Diego, with its notoriously bad water, there is also hope. The historic Carlsbad Desalination Project will bring the largest, most technologically advanced and energy-efficient seawater desalination plant in the Western Hemisphere to San Diego County. The project is scheduled to be completed and operational later this year, at which time the plant will provide water for nearly 112,000 San Diego County households.

While we are definitely water challenged, there is encouraging news on the horizon. We are in an El Nino year, and the International Research Institute of Climate Sociology (IRI) based at Colombia University, NY, recently released their latest El Nino update: they are calling for a strong El Nino for winter 2015-16. Translation: a wet winter, so get your water storage barrels ready!

Nancy Benay



Membership Corner

At the end of last month's meeting, only ONE person there had not paid dues! A record of some sort, I am sure.

And, thanks to all who did ante up, the *double raffle ticket offer* still holds up to the banquet night on July 21st. Tempting! After that, the nagging, begging begins.

Surely you don't want that, do you? Remember, renewals are \$20.00 for a single member, \$25.00 for two people at the same address and an additional \$5.00 for each listing, if you receive a hard copy of the newsletter.

I will be at the banquet and my name and address is in the roster. I hope, of course, that you got a copy of that this last year. Anyway, I am at 1412 Priscilla Lane, Newport Beach, 92660 or I am sure Richard Hara will accept a check to cover the banquet cost AND your membership. Now let's see who reads this column!

Thanks, as always,

Laura Perry
Membership Secretary

NHOS Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival 2015

Yes, the NHOS Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival is coming very soon. It is just a month away—August 7-9 at the Westminster Mall. Parking and admission are free.

Many of our favorite orchid vendors and a few new ones will be selling exotic plants and orchids. Everyone please come and tell all your friends, neighbors and co-workers about the festival.

Festival Hours:

Friday, August 7: 10 am to 9 pm
Saturday, August 8: 10 am to 7 pm
Sunday, August 9: 11 am to 6 pm

Members who are planning to sell their orchids in the NHOS booth will be required to work in the booth. Please contact Ann Rupp 949-329-5155, if you are planning to sell. In order to make the Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival a great success, we need great volunteers. We have many of you in our society.

Please contact Rosemary Krumme at 714-892-2278 or Rosegk@verizon.net, if you are able to volunteer.

We need volunteers on the following are days and times:

Wednesday, August 5: 6 pm-9 pm

◆ For set-up

Thursday, August 6: 8 am-noon

◆ For registering vendors

Friday, August 7: 10 am-9 pm

◆ For the plant hotel and information booth

Saturday, August 8: 10 am-7 pm

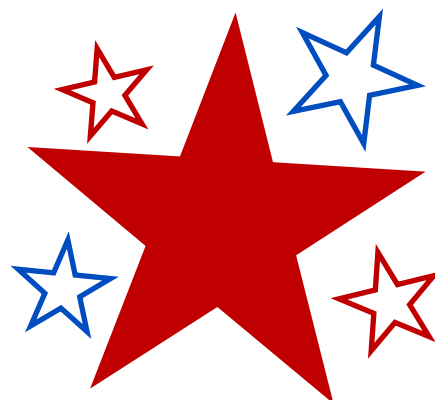
◆ For the plant hotel and information

Sunday, August 9: 11 am-9 pm

◆ For the plant hotel, info booth & clean-up

Thanks and see you there.

Rosemary Krumme



Summer Show Committee: Tuesday, July 14 at 6 PM

Those interested should come to the Sherman Gardens in Corona del Mar. Bring something for the potluck. Beat the traffic and meet a few of us at Avila's at 5pm. Thanks!

Darla Miller
(949) 433-2615

June 2015 Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATLEYA	Cattleya purpurata 'Clito' (formerly Laelia) Espie Quinn	Lc Stonehouse 'Leonard Webster' Espie Quinn	Cattleya tenebrosa Rick Wells	Lynn Wiand
EPIDENDRUM	M Epi feruginium Chitsaya & Winn Winmaw	Encyclia alata Gen Gundersen	Encyclia hanburyi Bill MacCorkell	Lynn Wiand
DENDROBIUM	Den palpabrae) Bill MacCorkell	Den Bill Takamatsu Gen Gundersen	Den Gillieston 'Jazz Queen' Gen Gundersen	Nancy Benay
MAXILLARIEAE	Lycaste aromatica Rick Wells	Promenea Colmiana Merle Robboy	Bifrenaria tryianthina Espie Quinn	Nancy Benay
ONCIDIUM	Psychopsis mendenhall 'Yellow Butterfly' Joe Rupp	Miltoniopsis Arnold Linsman Barb Livingston	Brscdm Kauai's Choice Lynn Wiand	Kay Firebaugh
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph haynaldianum HCC/AOS Lynn Wiand	Phrag Tall Tails Lynn Wiand	Paph hirsutissimum Lynn Wiand	Nico Goossens
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal No Name Joe Rupp	No Entry	No Entry	Winn Winnmaw
PLEUROTHALLID	Pleurothallis sarracenia Lynn Wiand	Pleurothallis tribuloides Lynn Wiand	No Entry Roberta Fox	Roberta Fox
VANDA	Renanthera Kasum 'Red Dragon' Kayoko Nebrig	Rhyncostylis retusa 'Burma' AM/AOS Winn Winmaw	Renanthera citrina Espie Quinn	Roberta Fox
MISCELLANEOUS	Capanemia uliginosa Lynn Wiand	LCHS orstedii x acuata Chitsaya & Winn Winmaw	No Entry Merle Robboy	Nico Goossens
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	NA	NA	NA	
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points		Cattleya purpurata 'Clito' (formerly Laelia)	Espie Quinn	Francisco Miranda



Mark Your Calendars...

July 10-12, 2015: Cal-Orchid Open House. 1251 Orchid Dr., Santa Barbara, CA. More information: www.calorchid.com.

July 10-12, 2015: Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House. 1250 Orchid Dr., Santa Barbara, CA. More information: www.sborchid.com.

August 7-9, 2015: Newport Harbor Orchid Society Summer Exotic and Orchid Festival. Westminster Mall.

September 26-27, 2015: Fascination of Orchids Fall Show. South Coast Plaza Village. More information: www.fascinationoforchids.com.



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