



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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January 2016

President's Message

The Holiday Party was a great success thanks to everyone's participation and good cheer. We appreciate the efforts of **Phil Duke** and his elves cooking up the main entrees! All the potluck items were delicious too! We're hoping that **Tom Harrison** will share his sweet potato recipe with us soon.

The orchid gift exchange was fun, and it was so nice to see the variety of plants, books and other orchid items. We appreciate the queen of gift exchange, **Jan Hennessey**, stepping up to help us organize the exchange. Finally, a BIG THANKS to

Alex Allen for getting an amazing deal on the holiday orchid gifts from Ruben and Dean. Many of you recognize Ruben and Dean from SVO's booth. Please thank them for supporting the club!

We are fortunate to have Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids as our January speaker. Alex Allen is working hard lining up Fred and other amazing speakers! If you want to get a peek at some interesting orchid species, photos and culture, here is SVO's website: sunsetvalleyorchids.com.

A reminder for the Orchid Expo in February: we NEED your bloomin' orchids and lots of volunteers for set-up and throughout the event! Watch for the

Culture Class

January speaker Fred Clarke will conduct our class at 7:00 p.m. Please join him!

sign-up sheets or contact **Rosemary Krumme** at <http://nhosinfo.org/contact/>. If you volunteer for six hours or more, you get a show t-shirt, and they are going to be AWESOME this year thanks to **Winn Winmaw's** creative design!!!

I hope you are enjoying your family and friends during the holiday season. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in the New Year!

Darla Miller, NHOS President

January Speaker

Fred Clarke

"Catasetum Species, Hybrids and their Culture"

We're very fortunate to have Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista as our speaker this month. He will be talking about "Catasetum Species, Hybrids and their Culture."

Catasetums are from the Tribe Cymbidieae. Individually, it has been considered an orchid oddity, or "botanical", of interest mainly to the seriously addicted enthusiast. These plants have a brief deciduous period in winter, when the plants need a definite dry rest period bordering on neglect. These robust orchids are native to lowland tropical forests in Central and South America and are usually grown in warm or intermediate conditions.

Commercially, *Catasetum* have occupied a small market niche on the edge of a sea of Cymbidiums, Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis, Dendrobiums, Epidendrums, and so on. Until recently, they have not attracted

much attention from hybridizers, but in the past several years some spectacular hybrids have been produced, receiving great acclaim and an increasingly large collection of awards from the American Orchid Society.

This talk will feature a widescreen computer slide show on some of the species, new hybrids and plant culture of *Catasetums*.



Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 35 years and has been hybridizing for 25 of those years. He has over 28

years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry.

Fred is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Australian Dendrobiums and Paphiopedilum hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out!

His pioneering work in Catasetum inter-generic hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the



grev, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the **blackest** flower ever witnessed." This grex has received eight FCC's and over 41 awards worldwide.

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

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Please RSVP to Alex Allen by Monday, January 18, if you plan to attend dinner with the speaker. Questions and RSVP: orchidaficionado@gmail.com.

Note: Location may change. Dinner reservations are at 5:30 p.m. Please be prompt so we can get the speaker to the meeting on time.

Alex Allen, 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.

Happy Holiday Faces at the Holiday Potluck!



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LAST CALL.....

Our annual auction is little over a month away, at our February meeting, and we really need any clean, healthy plants you might be willing to part with.

If you can't bring them the night of the auction, please bring them with you to this month's meeting, and I'll be glad to plant-sit them until the auction.

Your donation will be greatly appreciated and will help the society pay for speakers and such for the next year.

You can reach me at nhosinfo.org/contact or my cell number, 714-501-6141.

--John Cox, Second Vice President

Refreshments

Members from **Catherine Petit** to **Art Zimmerman** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!



"The Many Faces of Orchids"

NHOS February 2016 Orchid Expo is just a month away!

Yes, the Newport Harbor Orchid Society's 2016 Orchid Expo is coming up, February 12-14, at the Westminster Mall. The hours are:

Friday, February 12 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 13 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 14 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The show will include orchid sales, displays, and re-potting workshops on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. There is a \$5.00 fee at the re-potting workshop to cover the cost of the plant and materials.

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

This year's theme is **"The Many Faces of Orchids."** Plans are almost complete, but we need everyone to spread the word. Please encourage and invite family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to come to the show. Fliers are available for anyone willing to distribute them.

We also need all of you great volunteers to help make the show a huge success. **Volunteers who work six hours will receive a free t-shirt designed this year by Winn Winnmaw.**

We need volunteers!

♦ **Wednesday, February 10 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

For set up.

♦ **Thursday, February 11 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Four-hour shifts for set-up of displays and to assist vendors.

♦ **Friday, February 12 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Three-hour shifts at the info desk, plant hotel, and display rooms.

♦ **Saturday, February 13 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**

Three-hour shifts at the info desk, plant hotel, and display rooms.

♦ **Sunday, February 14 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**

Three-hour shifts at the info desk, plant hotel, and display rooms.

♦ **Ribbon judges** needed **Friday, February 12, 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

♦ **Volunteers** for clean-up, **Sunday, February 14, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

NHOS Members who plan to sell their orchids at Member Sales must sign up to volunteer. You may contact Joe Rupp at 714-329-5155 or nhosinfo.org/contact.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at the January NHOS meeting or you may contact Rosemary Krumme at 714-892-2278 or nhosinfo.org/contact; or John Cox at 714-501-6141 or nhosinfo.org/contact.

Thank you, in advance, for all of your help,

The 2016 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo Committee

--Rosemary Krumme



Mark Your Calendars...

Friday, January 15, 2016: San Diego Plant Day & Orchid Odyssey 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. San Diego Zoo. 2920 Zoo Drive, San Diego, CA 92101. At the zoo they have 948 taxa and 22 of their own orchid species that are conservation-worthy. You can see all kinds of rare, unique, historic and gorgeous orchids in the Orchid House (open on the third Friday of every month). More information: <http://www.sandiegozoo.org/CF/plants/collectiondetail8.html>.

Saturday, January 9 and 23, 2016: Hatfield Cymbidium Orchid Sale. Yamada Company. 706 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena, CA 90247. See our link for more details on this event: <http://nhosinfo.org/event/hatfield-orchids-sale-2/>.

Friday, February 12 to Sunday, February 14, 2016: “Many Faces of Orchids” Orchid Expo. Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA. Event hosted by Newport Harbor Orchid Society. More Information: <http://www.nhosinfo.org>.

Be sure to check out our NHOS website for the latest information on orchid and other botanical events happening: <http://nhosinfo.org/events/>.



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