



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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President's Message

The Newport Harbor Orchid Expo "The Many Faces of Orchids" at Westminster Mall was a great success thanks to our amazing volunteers! **Ha Bui** put together an exquisite orchid display with beautiful orchids brought in by our own members. Our NHOS members received many awards for a variety of orchid categories and our displays.

Ha Bui also was a big part of the organizing this event. **Richard Hara** deserves a special kudos for all his hard work running around the mall and behind the scenes keeping everything going like a well-oiled machine. He even celebrated his birthday with us all day (and night) on Valentine's Day!

Rosemary Krumme was also a big help organizing all of the volunteers for the show. There were lots of places where you



Culture Class | 7:00 p.m.

Ken Cameron will talk about Orchid classification changes.

could see our awesome NHOS members with smiles on their faces enjoying the event and the camaraderie of fellow members. Many of us had our arms full of newly purchased orchids between our shifts! It was nice getting to know some of our new NHOS members who jumped right in to volunteer for this event!

A special thanks to **Paula and John Butler** for teaching the orchid repotting classes each day. The classes were full each day with many people who have never owned an orchid before! Everyone left smiling with their new *Cattleya* orchids and lots of orchid culture information.

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March Speaker Ken Cameron "Vanilla Orchids"

Our speaker this month is Ken Cameron. He will be coming to us from cold and snowy Wisconsin. I'm sure he will appreciate our weather while he's here, even if it's raining.

Ken Cameron received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1996 under the supervision of Dr. Mark Chase, with whom he spent a year at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. He served as an Assistant Professor of Biology at Guilford College for two years before accepting a research position at The New York Botanical Garden, where he was Director of the Molecular Systematics Laboratory for almost ten years.



In 2008 he joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a Professor of Botany and Director of the Wisconsin State Herbarium, a collection of more than 1.2 million specimens.

In addition to being recognized as the first biologist to use DNA sequence data to reconstruct the evolutionary history of the entire orchid family, Ken is considered the world authority on the systematics of the orchid subfamily Vanilloideae.

His research on *Vanilla* and its relatives was recognized as the most outstanding paper delivered at the 1996 annual meeting of the American Society of Plant Taxonomists and also by the structural section of the Botanical Society of America in the same year.

In 2011 Timber Press commissioned him to publish *Vanilla Orchids: Natural History and Cultivation*. His orchid research has been featured in magazines and newspapers including *The New York Times*, as well as on television (HGTV & NOVA) and radio.

Ken has been invited to deliver keynote lectures at various botanical meetings, including the 17th World Orchid Conference in Malaysia, the 1st Andean Orchid Conference in Ecuador, and the 50th MidAmerica Orchid Congress in Nashville, TN.

He has published more than 50 papers in the area of orchid systematics, and five of his seven current doctoral students are also researching aspects of orchid biology.

Dinner with the Speaker

Please RSVP to Alex Allen by Monday, March 14 if you plan to attend dinner with the speaker. Questions and RSVP: nhosinfo.org/contact.

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.

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

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

Membership Corner

Our Membership Corner on the newly refurbished web site is reaping great rewards.

At the show a new member dropped by to tell us she had just joined via the web. Her name is **Yi-Lin Tam**, and she is joined by **Luana Farrar**, **Nancy Ward** and **Ron DeWilde**. **Ron Nash** was at the auction running the computer program for sales, and he has rejoined after a few years' absence.

Glad to have them and to see their enthusiasm. Hope I didn't miss anyone.

Laura Perry
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2016 Ron Capps Memorial Auction

Thanks to all who helped with our February auction. The whole process went very smoothly, everyone had a good time, and a lot of attendees went home with some real treasures.

Our society is fortunate to have a great relationship with many local vendors who are happy to support us. Cal Orchid, Lico, Sunset Valley, Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, Tuyets, Casa de las Orquideas, Kawamoto, Andy's, as well as others growers who donated at the Orchid Expo.

Members donated plants as well, which helped a great deal in boosting our revenue. We were also able to obtain gift cards from Armstrong Nurseries. It was nice to see several non-member guests in attendance. We grossed \$3,611 and likely will net about \$2,811.

Again, thank you, thank you, thank you to all for making this a special event.



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During one of the classes, George Hatfield came in to give an orchid to a retired military man in a wheelchair. It was such a sweet gesture by George and everyone was clapping for the receiver of the orchid as well as George. I later found out that George was giving orchids to other people at the event who were in a wheelchair or just needed a little surprise! What a great guy!

Another fun event at the show was the Vietnamese Bonsai and Art Exhibit. Many of our own NHOS members had pieces on display there: **Tina Coombe** (photography), **Ha Bui** (photography) and our new member, **Ron DeWilde** (painting). The art and bonsais were incredible. It was nice to see so many people, young and old, enjoying the exhibit throughout the weekend.

Just two days after the show we had our yearly NHOS Orchid Auction! We had beautiful orchids up for bidding, some new faces in the audience, great food and lots of great information on each orchid with **Merle Robboy** as our auctioneer! Thank you to **John Cox** and **Joe Rupp** (and the auction committee) and our auction runners and volunteers for all the time spent making this auction a success!

It is hard to mention all the people working behind-the-scenes to make these two big Newport Harbor Orchid Society events successful, but we appreciate everyone's support and positive attitudes in the planning and implementation of the orchid show and auction. They are the two of the three main events that bring in money to fund our speakers, the community center and other exciting member events (greenhouse tour, holiday luncheon, etc.) throughout the year.

See you at the March meeting!

Darla Miller
NHOS President

Refreshments

Members from **Marcie Gonzalez** to **Barbara Livingston** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

2016 NHOS Orchid Expo

The NHOS 2016 Orchid Expo "The Many Faces of Orchids" was a big success. Thanks to the hard work of the Orchid Expo Committee and all the many people who volunteered to work at the Orchid Expo.

Thank you to our fifteen vendors, the Vietnamese Orchid and Bonsai Societies. The Vietnamese Orchid Society and Bonsai Society sponsored a unique and interesting art and bonsai display.

Thank you, also, to all volunteers who made our potting classes a special learning experience. We had 64 people register and participate in the classes.

Again thank you to our many volunteers, vendors and everyone who attended the 2016 Orchid Expo, and Bonsai and Art displays.

Check out our NHOS Newsletter at www.nhosinfo.org and register to receive the newsletter each month for more information about all of our Newport Harbor Orchid Society activities.

By Rosemary Krumme

Awards for the 2016 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo

AOS Show Trophy	Newport Harbor Orchid Society Display
Orchid Digest Trophy	Newport Harbor Orchid Society Display
Mayor's Trophy	Paphiopedilum Fumi's Delight, Huntington Library, Art Collections & Botanic Gardens
President's Trophy, Best Use of Theme	Huntington Library, Art Collections & Botanic Gardens
Best Culture Species	Coelogyne cristata, Species Orchid Society
Best Culture Hybrid	Cymbidium Angel Eyes 'Ivory Queen' B/CSA, Casa De Las Orquideas
Best Specimen	Bulbophyllum medusa, Species Orchid Society
Best of Show	Angraecum Crestwood, Sunset Valley Orchids
Best of Section	
Cattleya Alliance	Blc. Lovesound X Lc Tropical Sunset, San Diego County Orchid Society
Cymbidium	Cymbidium Greek Goddess 'Pink Lady', Casa De Las Orquideas
Dendrobiums	Dendrobium aberrans, Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society
Maxillaria	Maxillaria picta, Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Oncidium & Allied Genera	Osmoglossum pulchellum, Species Orchid Society
Paphiopedilum	Paph Fumi's Delight, Huntington Library, Art Collections & Botanic Gardens
Phalaenopsis & Doritis	Phalaenopsis Gan Lin Fancy 'Harlequin', Orchid Design
Pleurothallid Alliance	Masd. macrura 'Kees', Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Vanda & Allied Genera	Angraecum Crestwood, Sunset Valley Orchids
Other Genera	Dendrochilum tenellum, Newport Harbor Orchid Society



Expo
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Mark Your Calendars...

Friday, March 4 to Sunday, March 6: Wild World of Orchids, 71st Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, 1250 Orchid Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93111. \$22 for three-day pass or General Admission \$14. More information: <https://sborchidshow.com>.

Friday, March 11 to Sunday, March 13: Andy's Orchids Annual Spring Open House. Andy's Orchids, 734 Ocean View Ave, Encinitas, CA 92024. More information: 888-514-2639 or <http://andysorchids.com>.

Friday, March 11 to Sunday, March 13: 70th Annual Show and Sale, hosted by the San Diego County Orchid Society. Scottish Rite Events Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108. More information: 619-543-9078 or www.sdorchids.com.

Saturday, March 19 and April 16: 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/events/>.

Saturday, June 4: Orchid Digest 2016 Speakers Day Program. Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens. More information: <http://orchiddigest.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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