



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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April 2016

President's Message

Dr. Kenneth Cameron gave a very interesting lecture on Vanilla Orchids at our March meeting. I learned so many new facts that I'm thrilled I was able to get one of his books so I can review the information at a more leisurely pace.

It seems it is a lot harder to grow a vanilla orchid to get a quality vanilla pod than I anticipated, so I guess I may have to be satisfied with just my beautiful green *Vanilla planifolia* vine. I'm intrigued at the idea of trying vanilla in savory recipes. Yum!

Ken was also gracious enough to speak at our culture class on the DNA sequencing

of orchids and why there are so many name changes in the orchid classifications. He has a whole list of orchid topics that he offers. We hope we will see him again in the near future.

Alex Allen has booked another awesome speaker for April! Ron Kaufmann is the director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance and will be speaking about Orchids of Tropical America. He will be offering his book *Orchids of Tropical America* for \$25.00 at the meeting. Be sure to pre-order your copy at info@nhosinfo.org.

Enjoy this gorgeous spring weather. I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting!

Darla Miller
NHOS President

Culture Class | 7:00 p.m.

This month's culture class will feature four experienced orchid growers from our society. Bring them your orchid growing questions. If you have a plant that doesn't look right, bring in a leaf or even the whole plant (in a bag so we don't contaminate any other plants) and let our experts figure out what's wrong. Also, we will have orchid virus test kits available for purchase for \$5. One kit tests one plant. You can take the kit home and test that plant that looks suspicious to you. One kit per person.

April Speaker

Ron Kaufmann

"Orchids of Tropical America"

Our speaker in April will be Ron Kaufmann, chair of the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation Committee and a founding director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. Ron has been growing orchids for two decades and has travelled extensively to view orchids in the wild in Asia and South America, particularly Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia.

His talk, titled "Orchids of Tropical America", will discuss why orchids are among the most diverse families of plants, as well as stories about orchid explorers and the many ways in which orchids attract animals, including humans. This presentation is based on the recently published book *Orchids of Tropical America*, which he co-authored with Joe Meisel (Ceiba Foundation for Tropical Conservation) and Franco

Pupulin (University of Costa Rica and Lankester Botanical Gardens). Ron will have copies of his book for sale for \$25.00 (which is cheaper than Amazon!).

Ron is a marine biologist by training, and his scientific work includes studies of Antarctic and deep-sea ecosystems as well as



marine communities in coastal Southern California. His orchid collection began with a reedstem *Epidendrum* and progressed to a diverse assemblage that contains mostly species orchids.

Ron has a long-standing interest in conservation and has been a member of the SDCOS Conservation Committee for more

than 15 years and chair since 2004. Since 1991, the Conservation Committee has awarded more than \$185,000 to support projects in 21 different countries. Ron also helped to found the Orchid Conservation Alliance and serves on the boards of the OCA, EcoMinga Foundation (a conservation foundation based in Ecuador) and Orchid Digest.

Ron grows most of his orchids in a 36 x 24 foot greenhouse and several outdoor shade-covered areas around his house in San Diego. Friends have suggested that he build a second, much larger greenhouse to accommodate the many plants that often make walking through his greenhouse an exercise requiring extensive training in gymnastics and yoga to avoid serious injury. Thus far, this recommendation hasn't been followed, although the temptation is always there.

Dinner with the Speaker

Dinner with the Speaker: Please RSVP with Darla Miller by Monday, April 18 if you plan on attending dinner with the speaker. Questions and RSVP: darla.miller@earthlink.net.

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

Always happy to introduce new members. Last meeting, **Joan Luta** and **Abe Sanchez** became part of our happy little group. Delighted to have them and hope they make it to lots of meetings. Seems Joan, at least, won at the Raffle. Might have missed part of that. Welcome!

Laura Perry
Membership Chairman



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SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016 FOURTEENTH ORCHID DIGEST SPEAKERS DAY

Crazy About Catts

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

Fred Clarke

“Modern Splash and Spotted Cattleyas
and How To Grow Them”

Keith Davis

“Superior Culture for Cattleyas”

Munekazu Ejiri

“New Cattleyas from the Far East”

Francisco Miranda

“The Genus *Cattleya* in Brazil -
Species and Groups”

EVENING PRESENTATION

James Comstock

“Cattleyas in 3-D”

Tickets: \$65 (\$80 at door)

for afternoon seminars, wine-and-cheese happy
hour, dinner and evening entertainment.

Reservations online at

www.orchiddigest.org

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When contacting by e-mail,
please include phone number, e-mail address
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**Space is limited,
so don't wait to buy your ticket!**



ORCHID AUCTION
May 19 2016
Preview—6 PM
Auction Begins—7 PM
Free Admission
& Parking

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists
Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic
Garden
301 North Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91066

Refreshments

Members from **Bill MacCorkell** to
Joe & Ann Rupp are asked to pro-
vide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

March Meeting...



Photos...



2016 March Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 points	3 points	1 point	
CATTLEYA	Rhyncholaelia glauca Gen Gundersen	Pot. Louise Clarke 'Earl' Earl Felt	Cattleya intermedia Tom Harrison	Winn Winmaw
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. Johney Cash Barbara Livingston	Cym. Ruby Sarah 'Gemstone' Joe Rupp	Cym. Peppers Fire 'Fiesta' Barbara Livingston	Guy Gottschalk
DENDROBIUM	Den. delicatum Bob Latimer	Den. Golden Aya Richard Hess	Den. aphyllum Winn & Chitsaya Winmaw	Nancy Benay
EPIDENDRUM	Epi. corifolium Lynn Wiand	Epi. polybulbon Ha Bui	No entry	Barb Livingston
MAXILLARIEAE	Ada aurantica Lynn Wiand (Oncidium Alliance)	Maxillaria rolfei Lynn Wiand	No entry	Barb Livingston
ONCIDIUM	Onc. barbatum Tom Harrison	Brsdm Longlon 'Bill Switzer' Kay Firebaugh	Osmoglossum pulchellum Lynn Wiand	Nancy Benay
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph. Leeannum #1 Lynn Wiand	Phrag. Don Wimber Richard Hess	Paph. haynaldianum Jan Hennessey	Harold Koo- powitz
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal. amabilis Jan Hennessey	No entry	No entry	Miko Yang
PLEUROTHALLID	No entry	No entry	No entry	
VANDA	Ascocentrum pusillum Merle Robboy	Renanetia Sunrise Winn & Chitsaya Winmaw	Aerangis fastuosa Richard Hess	Nico Goossens
MISCELLANEOUS	Mediocalcar decoratum Guy Gottschalk	Coelogyne Unchained Melody Ha Bui	Dendrochilum tenellum Lynn Wiand	Tom Harrison
POINTS	3 points	2 points	1 point	
NOVICE		LC. Meadowgold		Peter Yang
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Prothechea polybulbon	Ha Bui		Ken Cameron



Mark Your Calendars...

Friday, April 1 to Sunday, April 10, 2016: Norman's Orchids 2016 Spring Open House. Norman's Orchids Showroom, 11039 S. Monte Vista Ave., Montclair, CA 91763. Three-day pass \$22 or General Admission \$14. More information: 909-627-9515 or <http://www.orchids.com> (events page).

Wednesday, April 13, 2016: Annual Orchid Auction by Cool Growing Orchid Society. Garden Grove Masonic Lodge, 11270 Acacia Pkwy, Garden Grove, CA 92840. Preview at 6:30 p.m.; Auction at 7:00 p.m. Free admission, parking and refreshments. More information: www.coolorchids.org.

Saturday, April 16, 2016: Hatfield Cymbidium Orchid Sale. Yamada Company, 706 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena, CA 90247. See NHOS website for more details: <http://nhosinfo.org/events/> (events page).

Thursday, May 19, 2016: Orchid Auction by San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists. Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden, 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91066. More information: <http://www.sgvo.org> (events page).

Saturday, June 4, 2016: Orchid Digest Speakers Day "Crazy for Catts". Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA. 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. More information: www.orchiddigest.org (events page).

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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