



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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May 2016

President's Message

Our April meeting was a treat! **Alex Allen** put together a fun culture class with an expert panel answering orchid questions. **Ha Bui, Joe Rupp** and **Lynn Wiand** answered questions about orchid care from the attendees. I've included some of their tips on page three, "Orchid Culture Tips."

Our speaker, Ron Kaufmann, spoke about "Orchids of Tropical America." His talk and slide show presentation was so colorful and informative! We heard about the history of orchids, the varied genera in Tropical America and their culture, the interaction of the orchids and their pollinators.

Ron has published a book with other orchid experts – *Orchids of Tropical America* – an excellent reference book, and a perfect gift for any orchid enthusiast! If

you want to see the video that Ron mentioned, regarding the giant moth that Darwin predicted existed in the Amazon forest to pollinate the Darwin's Comet Orchid (*Angraecum sesquipedale*), check out the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMVNIWxfAU>.

We are looking forward to May's meeting and hearing Ron Parsons speak. Also, mark your calendar for our third Annual Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival at the Westminster Mall from Friday, July 22 through Sunday, July 24.

I hope you are having fun repotting your orchids!

I look forward to seeing you at the May meeting,

Darla Miller
NHOS President

Culture Class 7:00 p.m.

This month's culture class will be "Ask the Experts, Part 2". We had such a good response to last month's class, we are doing it again with a different panel of experts.

Bring in your orchid questions and even bring in a plant you have a question about. If you're concerned that your plant may have a disease, please put it in a bag so it doesn't infect any other plant.

Orchid virus test kits will be available for purchase for \$5. You can take the kit home and test that plant that looks suspicious to you. Each kit tests one plant. One kit per person, please.

May Speaker Ron Parsons

"Orchid Hunting on the Island of Rhodes"

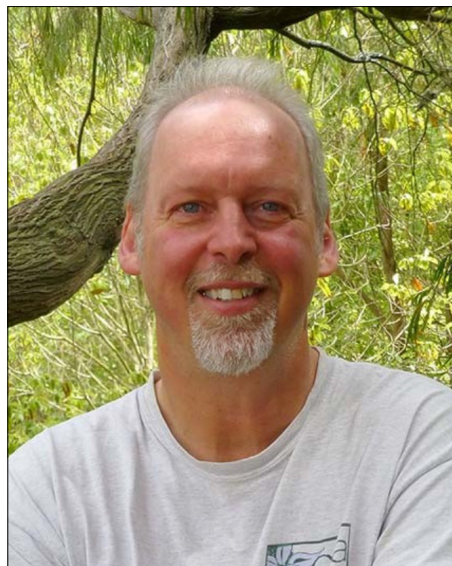
Ron Parsons has been growing orchids for going on 40 years and has been interested in and has grown species orchids for most of that time.

He loves to photograph orchids and other flowers whenever he can, whether it be in collections or on trips to see them in nature. His photographs appear often in *Orchid Digest* and *Orchids*, as well as other publications.

Ron has co-authored three books, all with Mary Gerritsen. The latest, a two-volume set called *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*, was published in January of 2014. The most recent book has nearly

1200 pages, 1800 photographs, and features more than 500 species.

In the spring of 2010, from March 28 to April 4, he traveled with his co-author Mary Gerritsen and three German friends throughout the island of Rhodes. Although Rhodes belongs to Greece, Turkey can clearly be seen at 11 miles away.



The travelers covered as much ground as they could, driving on as many roads to as many orchid localities as possible to find these beautiful flowers. The main genera to be found are *Ophrys*, *Orchis* and *Anacamptis*, but they found several other species in different genera for a total of 30 species.

Although it had been a dry winter, and they did not see huge numbers of many species, the season had sped up, revealing some typically later species that they would not have seen otherwise.

Ron's talk features the orchids seen, as well as a number of other wildflowers, and the spectacular scenery of this lovely Greek isle.

Dinner with the speaker

Please RSVP to Darla Miller by Monday, May 16, if you plan to attend 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.

Book Signing at May Meeting

Dr. Harold Koopowitz will be offering a book signing at the May Newport Harbor Orchid Society meeting to help raise funds for the *Orchid Digest*.

Orchid Tales and his newest book, *Diamonds and Disas* will be available. The books are \$20 each and all the proceeds will go to *Orchid Digest*.



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Nominations: 2016-2017 Officers & Board Members

The Nominating Committee's recommendations for officers and board members for the coming year are:

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Elisabeth Hau, Bill MacCorkell, Michael Miranda

Open nominations at the meeting on **May 17.**

Elections at the meeting on **June 21.**

NHOS Third Annual Summer Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival, July 2016

The third annual NHOS Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival is coming very soon.

This year it's scheduled on July 22-24, and once again at the Westminster Mall. The Mall is handicap-accessible, and parking and admission are free. Many of our favorite exotic plant and orchid vendors (and some new ones) will be selling exotic plants and orchids.

Everyone please come, and remember to tell your friends, neighbors, and co-workers about the festival.

Festival Hours

Friday, July 22	10 am to 9 pm
Saturday, July 23	10 am to 7 pm
Sunday, July 24	11 am to 6 pm

Thank you and we hope to see you there!

Rosemary Krumme
NHOS 2016 Festival Committee

April Meeting: Folk and Flowers



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Refreshments

Members from **Valerie Sanders through John & Paula Butler** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Thank you!

Orchid Culture Tips

Fertilizer Recommendations

Nutricote is a timed-release formula that can last up to 40-700 days (depending on the type chosen). Here is the company website explaining how Nutricote works: <http://arysta-hns-corp.com/nutricote-us.html>. It is available through Yamada Co., 705 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena, CA 90247, (310) 327-5668 or on Amazon: Nutricote total 18-6-8 type 180 (180 days) <http://www.amazon.com/Nutricote-Release-Fertilizer-Pounds-Orchids/dp/B00DFIU3HE>.

Sprinkling a little Epsom salts around the orchid can help provide extra magnesium to enhance flower pro-

duction. It is better to sprinkle it closer to the edge of the pot - away from the stems. See AOS.org reference for more information on benefits of Epsom salts: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-question-answer/epsom-salts.aspx>.

Virus Test Kits

Most orchids are very susceptible to viruses that can eventually kill a plant. The two most common orchid viruses, CMV (Cymbidium mosaic virus) and ORSV (Odontoglossum ringspot virus), are usually spread by humans, when propagating plants or cutting flowers.

Both viruses are very stable and can survive for a long time on hands, cutting tools and other surfaces. To be

sure you do not transfer these viruses, it is best to use sterile techniques: use a new single-edge razor, single use gloves, clean clippers for every orchid.

If you want to check your orchid(s) for viruses, Agdia has virus test kits that check for a variety of viruses. The best test kit is the one that tests for CMV (Cymbidium mosaic virus) and ORSV (Odontoglossum ringspot virus) in one kit. They run \$5-\$6 each. More information: <https://www.agdia.com/testing-services/Orchid.cfm>.



2016 April Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 points	3 points	1 point	
CATTLEYA	Rhyn. digbyana Espie Quinn	Schomburgkia Michael Miranda	Lc. Koolau Seagulls x Slc. Golden Treat Espie Quinn	Ann Rupp
CYMBIDIUM	Mini Cym. Hot Devon 'Bird of Paradise' AD/CSA Lynn Wiand	Cym. Mem. Ruth Burson 'My Van' Ha Bui	No Entry	Roberta Fox
DENDROBIUM	Den. chrysotoxum Guy Gottschalk	Den. Spring Dream Lynn Wiand	Den. Rainbow Dance Ha Bui	Earl Felt
EPIDENDRUM	Enc. Hybrid Elisabeth Hau	Enc. Cordigera Alex Allen	No Entry	Ann Rupp
MAXILLARIEAE	Anguloa ruckeri Alex Allen	Maxillaria picta Lynn Wiand	Maxillaria ochroleuca Kayoko Nebrig	Guy Gottschalk
ONCIDIUM	No Entry	Onc. maculatum Espie Quinn	No Entry	Dick Hess
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph. Saint Swithin Jan Hennessey	Paph. wilhelminiae Joe Rupp	Paph. Cross #2 Lynn Wiand	Guy Gottschalk
PHALAENOPSIS	Phalaenopsis Joe Rupp	Phalaenopsis Jan Hennessey	Phalaenopsis Elizabeth Hau	Roberta Fox
PLEUROTHALLID	Masd. Pixie Treasure Lynn Wiand	No Entry	No Entry	Guy Gottschalk
VANDA	Ascocentrum miniatum Merle Robboy M.D.	Mystacidium braybonae No name	Angraecum germanium Dick Hess	George Allen
MISCELLANEOUS	Neostylus Pinky Espie Quinn (Vanda)	Eulophia keithii Merle Robboy	Chiloschista sagawai Dick Hess	Rose Nakabara
POINTS	3 points	2 points	1 point	
NOVICE	Bc. Lindleyana Julie Ford	Leptotes bicolor Julie Ford	Phalaenopsis no name Joan Lutz	Sharon Pyatt
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Paph. Saint Swithin	Grower: Jan Hennessey		Ron Kaufman



Mark Your Calendars...

Saturday, May 7, 2016: Hatfield Cymbidium Orchid Sale. Yamada Company, 706 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena, CA 90247. More information: <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.sgvoh.org> (events page).

Summer Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival 2016



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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).

Saturday, June 18, 2016: Sunset Valley Orchids Open House. SVO, 1255 Navel Place, Vista, CA 92083, (760) 310-0778. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Discounts on all stock! Street tacos 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.! Raffles! Fun! More information: www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com.

Friday, July 22 to Sunday July 24, 2016: NHOS Third Annual Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival. Westminster Mall. More info to come soon, www.nhosinfo.org.

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



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