



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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March 2017

President's Message

Wow! February was a BUSY month for the Newport Harbor Orchid Society and it's members. The NHOS Orchid Expo "Ride the Orchid Wave" was a huge success! The displays were beautiful, the vendors were busy and everyone was smiling.

Kudos to the Orchid Expo planning committee: **Ha Bui, Tina Coombe, John Cox, Judy Dahle, Ron DeWilde, Phil Duke, Richard Hara, Tom Harrison, Jan Hennessey, Rosemary and Joe Krumme, Bill MacCorkell, Margaret Nerio, Ann and Joe Rupp, Dana Seelig, Rick Wells, Chitsaya and Winn Winmaw.** They worked for months preparing for our biggest event of the year!

As usual, **Richard Hara** and **Ha Bui** were the leads on this event and did an amazing job! **Ron DeWilde** designed the cool t-shirts and artwork this year. **Rosemary Krumme** coordinated all the volunteers

and made sure every shift was covered. **Winn Winmaw, Bill MacCorkell, and Ron DeWilde** were busy entering all the plants for judging into the program late into Thursday evening. **Winn Winmaw** coordinated the judging teams and **Chitsaya Winmaw** organized a lovely luncheon for the judges. **John and Paula Butler** taught potting workshops on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with 60+ new orchid enthusiasts!

Our Ron Capps Memorial Annual Auction took the place of our February general meeting. This was led by **Joe Rupp** and the auction committee: **Ann Rupp, Jan Hennessey, Tom Harrison.** We had lots of beautiful orchids up for auction. The bidding was brisk and exciting. Many new people joined us, and several became NHOS members that evening!

We appreciate **Merle Robboy** auctioneering again this year. **Ron Nash** was there to save the day by entering all the auction bids. A special thank you to all of the

Culture Class 7:00 p.m.

Our speaker, Peter Tobias, will conduct the culture class. Please join us.

members who helped during these two huge fundraisers. Both of these events help bring in the funds needed to book amazing orchid speakers throughout the year.

Also, the Nominations Committee will be formed this month and will be calling members for their support on the Board starting in July. It's fun to serve with this great group of people. I know everyone has busy lives, but it means a lot when everyone takes a turn so other people get to try new positions and give back to the society in different ways.

See you on March 21st at our general meeting.

Sincerely,

Darla Miller
NHOS President

March Speaker

Dr. Peter Tobias

"How to Create Your Own Orchid Reserve"

Our guest speaker for March is Dr. Peter Tobias speaking on "How to Create Your Own Orchid Reserve."

A retired Associate Professor of Biochemistry at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Peter is a member of the San Diego County Orchid Society and also President of the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA), which he co-founded in 2006.

Peter began growing orchids as a hobby in Chicago during the early 1970s with a white phalaenopsis orchid. After moving to Encinitas in 1980, his hobby really

"bloomed." His collection of primarily species orchids is mostly grown outdoors.

The success of a local conservation group in the San Diego area led to the idea that orchid lovers anywhere might support an organization devoted to orchid habitat protection, and OCA was founded.

OCA is a non-profit corporation with the principal goal of fostering the development of wild orchid reserves and to promote the conservation of orchids and orchid habitat around the world.

OCA also sponsors trips to see orchids in their natural habitat. This year they are going to Greece and Crete, the Amazon and Ecuador. Some of the trips feature instruction in photography or botanical illustration also. More information at <http://orchidconservationalliance.org>.



Dinner with the Speaker

Dinner will be at Santa Monica Seafood. Reservations are at 5:30 p.m. Please be prompt so we can get the speaker to the meeting on time.

RSVP to Darla Miller by Monday, March 20, if you plan to attend:
darla.miller@earthlink.net

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

It was a busy few weeks for the Corner. After the NHOS Orchid Expo and the Auction, we have several new members and we hope to see them again soon.

They are **Mike and Dianne Clayton, Barbara Lamb, Barbara Chlupek, Cathy Cordova and Star Licudine.**

Welcome to all of them. They all supported the Auction!

Laura Perry
Membership Secretary

Next NHOS Board Meeting

The next NHOS Board Meeting has been moved to a new date for May. The Board will be meeting on Monday, May 8th, 7:00 p.m., at Sherman Gardens Cafe.

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Jan Hennessey
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Winn Winmaw
Vacant

One-year Term (expires 2017)
Elisabeth Hau
Bill MacCorkell
Michael Miranda

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NHOS February 2017 Orchid Expo a Big Success

The NHOS February 2017 Orchid Expo "Ride the Orchid Wave" was a big success. Thanks to the hard work of the Orchid Show Committee and all the many people who volunteered to work at the Orchid Expo.

Thank you to our 16 vendors and the Vietnamese Orchid and Bonsai Societies. The Vietnamese Orchid and Bonsai Societies sponsored a unique display of orchid paintings and photographs as well as bonsai and orchid arrangements.

A special thank you goes to the Orchid Societies and vendors for their displays, and to the AOS and Ribbon Judges.

Thank you, also, to the volunteers who made our potting classes a huge success and learning experience. We had 65 people who registered and attended the classes.

Again, thank you to our many volunteers, vendors, societies, and everyone who attended the NHOS February 2017 Orchid Expo, Bonsai and Orchid Art displays.

Check out our monthly newsletter at nhosinfo.org.

Rosemary Krumme

2017 NHOS Orchid Expo Awards

AOS Show Trophy

Vietnamese Orchid Society

Mayor's Trophy

Orange County Orchid Society

President's Trophy

South Bay Orchid Society

Best Culture, species

Dendrochilum aff. glumaceum, Andy's Orchids

Best Culture, hybrid

Lc. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime', H. Bui

Best specimen

Cleisocentron glkusingii 'Blue', Huntington Library, B. Tam

Best of Show

Paph. Prince Edward of York, Huntington Library, B. Tam

Setting up the Show



2017 NHOS Annual Auction

There isn't enough space on this page for the appreciation and thanks to all who helped make our 2017 auction such a success.

The volunteers, year in and year out, show up to label plants, arrange the stage, make the right plants available to Merle for bidding, run plants to successful bidders and take on all the other very important tasks that go into an event like this.

I am very grateful for all your help and to all of you who showed up to enjoy the auction and perhaps take home a great new addition to your collection.

Also, a special thanks to all who donated plants for the auction. It wouldn't be much without your contribution.

Our gross this year was approximately \$4,100 and will help sustain the Society though this coming year.

Again, thanks for all your support.

Joe Rupp
Auction Chairman

The Auction in Action



NHOS Recognizes Ha Bui

Congratulations again to Ha Bui. The NHOS Board of Directors voted to make Ha a "Life Member" for his dedication and hard work over the years for the Society.

Ha has been very involved over the years in the orchid shows and putting together beautiful displays! He has won many, many awards for our society in displays all over Southern California.

Just recently, Ha and his wife, Vanessa, have taken over the maintenance of the NHOS website. Be sure to congratulate him on his new status as a Life Member and thank him for all his efforts for the society.



Calling All Blooming Orchids!

We need your blooming orchids for the NHOS display at the San Diego Orchid Show on March 24-26. Set-up is March 23. You can bring your orchids to the next general meeting or drop them off at Joe Rupp's or Richard Hara's house.

NHOS Equipment Inventory

Please provide a list of any NHOS equipment you have to Darla Miller, President. The list of equipment is due by the Installation Dinner in July 2017. Thank you for your help.

Refreshments

Members from **Harold Koopowitz** through **Trish Newhard** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting. Thank you!

Fifteenth Orchid Digest Speakers Day

Saturday, June 10, 2017
12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Ahmanson Classroom, Botanical Building
Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens
San Marino, CA

ORCHIDS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Featuring

Cindy Hill "My Top Ten Favorite Species Orchids and How I Grow Them"

Alan Koch "Sarcophilus: Past, Present and a New Direction"

Harold Koopowitz "Orchids in Northern Thailand"

Dennis Wigham "Native Orchids: Ecology and Conservation"

Ernest Hetherington Distinguished Lecture:

Ken Cameron: "Vanilla, Orchid Evolution, & the Genomic Revolution"

Scheduled Vendors include: Andy's Orchids, Cal Orchid, Gold Country Orchids, and Sunset Valley Orchids

Tickets: \$65 (\$80 at the door) for afternoon seminars, live auction, wine and cheese happy hour, dinner and evening entertainment.

Reservations online at www.orchiddigest.org

or contact Simone Friend at simonef@orchiddigest.org or call (562) 431-1247. When contacting by email, please include phone number, email address and mailing address. Space is limited so don't wait to buy your ticket!



Mark Your Calendars...

Ongoing Saturdays, February 4 & 18, March 4 & 25: Hatfield Orchids Cymbidium sale. Yamada Company. 706 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena, CA 90247. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hands-on potting demonstration at 11:00 a.m. More information: (310) 327-5668.

March 13, 2017 (Monday): LBAOS Annual Orchid Auction. St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Hall, 6201 E. Wil-low St., Long Beach, CA. Preview at 5:30 p.m. Auction at 6:00 p.m. More information: www.lbaos.com or (562) 972-0450.

March 17-19 (Friday-Sunday): 72nd Annual Santa Barbara International Or-chid Show. Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. More information: <https://sborchidshow.com/tickets/>.

March 24-26 (Friday-Sunday): San Diego Orchid Society Show and Sale. Scot-tish Rite Center, Mission Valley, 1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA. More information: www.sdorchids.com or (619) 543-9078.

April 7-9, 2017 (Friday-Sunday): Andy's Orchids Spring Open House. 734 Ocean View, Encinitas, CA. More information: www.andysorchids.com or (888) 514-2639.

April 12 (Wednesday): Cool Growing Orchid Society Annual Auction. 11270 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA. Registration and preview at 6:30 p.m. Auction be-gins at 7:00 p.m. More information: www.coolgrowingorchids.com.

April 21 (Friday): South Bay Orchid Society First Annual Auction. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA. Preview at 6:30 p.m. Auction begins at 7:00 p.m. More information: www.southbayorchidsociety.com.

SOUTH BAY ORCHID SOCIETY

FIRST ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

Friday April 21, 2017 7-10pm

Preview 6:30pm

Free Entrance Free Parking Refreshments

Quality plants from nurseries, vendors, hobbyists, commercial growers & society members

Blooming Orchids, Species & Hybrids, Rare Plants Indoor and outdoor growers

South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC
www.southbayorchidsociety.com

Cash or Checks only

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



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