



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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January 2018

President's Message

By the time you read this it is probably 2018, so let me wish you Happy New Year!!! But back to December and all the hard work everyone kicked in to plan for our annual Christmas/Holiday Party.

All of Santa's helpers were busy scurrying around gathering up all the orchids, supplies, foods, decorations and music to make this one of the best Christmas parties ever! And it was!!!

To begin, our Chief Chef **Phil** could not join us since he had a vacation to Mexico planned... Oh, what to do now?? Well, the Board of Directors put their heads together and came up with a few really bright ideas... some of which were used and, of course, some of which were not used... but that is just how things go.

As a result, volunteers leaped at the chance to jump in and get things rolling. **Rick and**

Arlene Wells and **Jan Hennesey** roasted turkeys and produced some fabulous stuffing and gravy! The one-and-only **Michael Miranda** graciously donated a delicious ham, and we all thank him very much for his generosity!

Meanwhile, our 1st Vice President, **Marilyn Bauer**, was craftily negotiating for some beautiful orchid favors for our members attending the party. Very nicely done, Marilyn. All plants were admired and readily adopted by raffle ticket method.

Lily Hara and her merry elves not only did an amazing job of organizing all the food on the Pot Luck table, but kept things neat and orderly while the hungry groups lined up to gaze upon and select from Class A menu items. Thanks to everyone who brought in their signature dishes, and all so beautifully presented.

Thank you, **Rose Nakabara** for purchasing all the traditional Poinsettia centerpieces,

Culture Class 7:00 p.m.

Culture class at 7:00 p.m., right before the general meeting. Please join us.

and thanks to your team of magnificent helpers who set all the holiday tables. Without your expertise in this area, the ambiance would not have appeared.

Michael Miranda provided all the Christmas music and equipment to play it. Again, thank you, Michael, for all your energy and generosity... the music brought the whole party together with many members singing and humming along... so nice.

The plant exchange was expertly emceed by Marilyn... fun was had by most. Thanks, Marilyn!

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January Speaker Nancy Benay

"An Introduction to the Native Orchids of France"

This is not so much a bio as a tale of two of Nancy Benay's major interests that have happily converged and become an important component in her life. She is a long-time orchid hobbyist and Francophile, who has traveled for over 50 years (helas), having studied, lived, and traveled extensively in France at various times in her life.

Her interest in orchids began quietly in Western New York in the mid-1980s, with the gift of a Phalaenopsis. After Nancy's husband, Jacques, retired in 1990, they returned to Southern California. In 1998 she joined the Newport Harbor Orchid

Society and shortly thereafter the orchid bug hit.

Not only did her collection grow exponentially in a short time, but given her love of travel, she hankered to see orchids in their natural habitat and has had the good fortune to see them growing in Malaysia, Ecuador, Thailand, Australia, Bolivia, Madagascar, South Africa, and Hawaii.



When Nancy discovered (thank you, Lisa Humphreys) that orchids also grow all over Europe, including France, it was a

major "aha" moment for her. Who knew? Imagine orchid hunting in France while exploring its beautiful regions and its tourist sites.

In summer 2008 Nancy set off with her daughter Francoise, her future son-in-law Ryan, and his mom, Meg, to visit Southwestern France, where native orchids abound. Since then she has not turned back, seeking to learn and gain expertise in the beguiling French native orchids.

She has made many trips and met many French "orchidophiles" and native orchid experts. In 2016 Nancy organized and

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Dinner with the Speaker

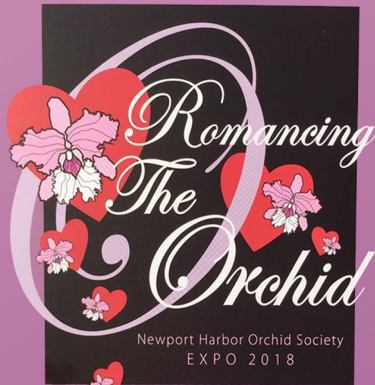
Dinner will be at Cucina Roma, 1773 Newport Blvd., Costa Mesa 92627. Reservations are at 5:30 p.m. Please be prompt so we can get the speaker to the meeting on time.

RSVP to Marilyn Bauer by Monday, January 15, if you plan to attend. Questions and RSVP: mjbauer@gmail.com.

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

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

Newport Harbor Orchid Society Orchid Expo & Sale 2018



Orchid Displays
Vendor Sales
Re-potting Classes
Botanic Art & Bonsai Exhibit

February 9, 10 & 11
Westminster Mall
Orange County, CA

Friday: 10am-9pm
Saturday: 10am-7pm
Sunday: 11am-6pm



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"Romancing the Orchid" NHOS Orchid Expo, February 9-11, 2018

The Newport Harbor 2018 Orchid Expo is coming to the Westminster Mall on the following dates and times:

Friday, February 9
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 10
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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

This year the Expo will be upstairs in the Penney's wing, since there will be a "Cultural Fair" on the first floor honoring the Lunar New Year and all cultures. Admission is free, parking is free and handicap accessible.

The NHOS Orchid Expo will feature orchid sales (16 vendors), orchid displays, a bonsai display, and potting workshops. Potting workshops will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. The fee is \$6.00 to cover cost of an orchid, pot, and bark. You can sign up in advance on the NHOS website nhosinfo.org.

This year's theme is "Romancing the Orchid". Plans are complete, and we all need to spread the word. Please invite family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers to come to the Expo. **Fliers are available for anyone willing to distribute them.**

We 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 Ron DeWilde.

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I really hope I haven't forgotten anyone. Your efforts were truly appreciated, and I hope you know that.

A little bird told me that one of our esteemed members will be our guest lecturer in January. Make sure you attend to learn yet more about our love... orchids.

"Romancing the Orchid" show and sale needs volunteers. Sign up with Rosemary Krumme.

Once again, I wish each and every one of you and your families a very healthy and happy 2018.

Valerie Sanders, NHOS President

We need volunteers as follows:

Wed 2/7 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
For set up.

Thurs 2/8 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
For set up of orchid displays and to assist vendors with their set-up (three-hour shifts).

Fri 2/9 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Three-hour shifts at the info desk, plant hotel, and display rooms.

Sat 2/10 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Three-hour shifts at the info desk, plant hotel, and display rooms.

Sun 2/11 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Three-hour shifts at the info desk, plant hotel, and display rooms.

Sun 2/11 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
For clean up.

We need ribbon judges on Friday 2/9, 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. If you volunteer as a judge, you need to work three more hours to receive a t-shirt.

NHOS members who plan to sell their orchids in Member Sales must sign-up to work in the booth. To sign-up please contact Joe or Ann Rupp at 714-329-5155 or joerupp@earthlink.net.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at the January general NHOS meeting, or you may contact Rosemary Krumme at 714-892-2278 or Roseqk@verizon.net.

Thank you in advance from the NHOS Orchid Expo Committee.

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conducted her first tour for the Orchid Conservation Alliance and will be doing a second tour in May 2018 for the Orchid Digest Corporation. She looks forward to sharing both of these loves and obsessions with you at the January meeting.

Nancy has served the Newport Harbor Orchid Society as both Corporate Secretary (2000-2003), President (2003-2005), and had a second go-around from 2012-2014. She is also an assistant editor for the *Orchid Digest* and has been the Digest Secretary since 2012.



Sharing Holiday Spirit!



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 till 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
joerupp@earthlink.net or
714-329-5155 (cell).

Regards,

Joe Rupp

Refreshments

Members from **Robert Huber** through **Margaret Nerio** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting. Thank you!

NHOS Show and Tell Guidelines, January 2018

Before the meeting, prepare your plants for showing:

1. Take off dead leaves and trim off any damaged leaf ends. Use scissors to try to match the natural curve of the leaves. Don't forget to sterilize your tools between plants.
2. Check for bugs. A spray of 70% alcohol will kill any you find.
3. Place plant into a decorative container or basket, add a topping of Spanish Moss, if you have it. If your plant has pendulous spikes, bring something to set it on so the spikes hang freely.
4. Properly stake the flower spikes so the "faces" are looking right at you.
5. Clean the leaves. A dampened paper towel will work.

At the meeting:

1. Place plants on the **proper plant table** before 7:30 p.m., when judging begins. The **Novice Section** is for beginners, new members, or members who have not yet won three blue ribbons in this section. After winning three blue ribbons in Novice, you will automatically move up to the regular judging.
2. Fill out an entry form for each plant you are showing. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY and check for spelling (you can Google it). Write your first and last name on the entry form. HINT: take four empty forms home with you and print your own copies so you can fill out your forms at home before you leave for the meeting.
3. If you arrive late and the show and tell table is full, PLEASE don't push the plants of the early arrivers to the back and place your plant in front.
4. **Do not** bring a recently purchased, in-bloom plant. It's not fair to compete with a plant that was nurtured and grown into blooming size. If you have owned your plant less than six months, please make a notation on the entry form to help the judges.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO JUDGE!

It's fun, you just pick what you like! You can judge any category you have not entered plants into. Please print clearly on the judging form. It is great to get new input into the judging.

Happy New Year!

Mark Your Calendars...

January 27 -28 (Saturday-Sunday): The winter “Orchids in the Park” **Show and Sale** will be held at the historic “Casa del Prado” in Balboa Park, San Diego, CA. Andy’s Orchids will be selling orchids! Admission and parking: FREE! More information: www.andysorchids.com.

February 9-11 (Friday-Sunday): “Romancing the Orchid” hosted by **Newport Harbor Orchid Society**. 1025 Westminster Mall (Macy’s Wing) Westminster, CA. Orchid displays by vendors and societies, vendor sales, re-potting classes all three days, botanic art and bonsai exhibit. More information: <http://nhosinfo.org>.

February 23-25 (Friday-Sunday): Pacific Orchid Exposition Show and Sale. Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA. More Information: <http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org>.

March 9-11 (Friday-Sunday): The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara, CA. More information: SBOrchidshow.com or #SCORCHIDSHOW.

Our Greenhouse Tour has been moved to Winter/Spring 2018! Date, time and more information to be announced soon! Keep an eye on the newsletters; we have some great plans in the works. —Darla Miller, Greenhouse Tour Committee Chair

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



Orchids
Presented by the
San Diego County Orchid Society
January 27-28
Saturday Noon – 5 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Balboa Park's
Casa del Prado, Room 101
Near the Natural History Museum
Free Admission
Show and Sale
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