



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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January 2019

President's Message

Welcome, NHOS members, to this New Year!

Once again, thanks to everyone who teamed up to make our Christmas/Holiday Party the best yet! Santa's helpers planned, gathered, and executed everything needed to present a wonderful, merry gala! **Phil** roasted two turkeys and a ham with all the trimmings and our member cooks, provided a beautiful appetizer table, complimented the main dishes with tasty sides and oh the desserts! I'm getting hungry again just thinking about them.

Marilyn Bauer and **Rick Wells** presented our members with their Christmas/Holiday gifts... can you guess? Yes, of course, orchids for everyone! Thank you! **Lily Hara** and her jolly helpers manned the potluck table and kitchen, keeping everything neat, orderly and moving comfortably. Thanks to everyone who brought in their signature delicious dishes.

January Speaker Tom Mirenda

Tom Mirenda has been cultivating plants since his early childhood and lives to create beauty with plants in Botanic Garden settings. Originally trained as a Marine Biologist, Tom moved to Hawaii in his early 20s to pursue a MB career and worked on the trophic relationships of denizens of coral reefs in the Northwest Hawaiian Islands (Midway and French Frigate Shoals).

There he realized he was better suited to Horticultural pursuits and took positions at New York Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanical Garden and at the Incredible Greentree Estate in Long Island where he cared for a first-class Orchid collection. During this time, Tom also was the floor

Thank you, **Rose Nakabara**, for purchasing all the traditional poinsettia centerpieces and all jingle bell helpers who set all the festive tables! Entertainment this year was provided by the Godivas, a trio of ladies dressed in red dresses and Santa hats playing music of the 50s and 60s and, of course, popular Christmas songs.

January is a restful (?) month, as nothing much happens this month. What am I thinking? Our faithful Expo committee, meeting monthly, led by **Richard Hara** and **Ha Bui**, continues to plan, plan, plan for the NHOS Show and Sale in February... quickly followed by the annual Auction, chaired by **Joe Rupp**. There will also be the final membership vote on the "no video" amendment to the By-Laws.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank a few Committee Chairpersons, who often silently do their assignments with little recognition. In no particular order, I'd first like to thank:



manager of the legendary New York International Orchid Show.

Eventually Tom accepted the Orchid Collection Specialist Position at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC where he cultivated and curated a huge diverse orchid collection for the past 17 years. The collection was used to create massive four- to five-month long educational orchid exhibits displayed to literally millions of visitors each year.

For the past 13 years, Tom has contributed two monthly columns for the *Orchids Magazine*, the *Bulletin of the American*

Culture Class 7:00 p.m.

Our speaker, Tom Mirenda, will conduct the culture class right before the general meeting. Please join us.

Paula Butler, our newsletter editor who monthly and magically produces our NHOS *Orchids Aweigh*. I personally don't know how she does it!!

Joe Rupp, NHOS Auction Chairman, for gathering orchids from all over, then planning and executing our annual fundraiser with his trusted team.

Michael Miranda, NHOS Culture Class, who flawlessly and regularly heads up this popular monthly event, and presents a "luck of the draw" orchid for one lucky attendee.

Happy 2019! Wishing each of you a healthy and happy year and orchid blooms all around!!

Valerie Sanders
NHOS President

Orchid Society, and has developed an international following, as a writer, speaker and advocate for orchid conservation around the world.

Last year, Tom co-authored *The Book of Orchids* with two scientists from Kew Gardens. He has done speaking tours in the British Isles for the last three summers and presented at the last three World Orchid conferences and several IOCC and AOCs on conservation topics. Tom was a founding member of the North American Orchid Conservation Center and continues his support of orchids conservation there, and around the world.

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Dinner with the Speaker

Dinner will be at Yard House, Triangle Square, Newport Blvd., Costa Mesa. 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 Sunday, January 13 if you plan to attend. Questions and RSVP: mjrbauer@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.

Membership Corner

And a happy new year to y'all! That's my Southern background coming out. We have a new member and hope to see her at the next meeting. Her name is Jo Ann Copp, and we are happy to welcome her. See you soon.

Laura Perry
Membership Secretary



Refreshments

Members from **Guy & Ann Gottschalk** through **Angela Liu** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting. Thank you!

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Last fall, Tom took a major gamble and left the security of his job with the Smithsonian to take a leadership position at the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden, an exceptionally beautiful jewel on the lush Hamakua coast just north of Hilo on the Big Island (aka the Orchid Island!).

What Tom found there was an orchid paradise where myriad spectacular orchids of all types, both lowland and montane species and hybrids seem to thrive, simply planted in the trees, placed thoughtfully in the landscape.

Ultimately, Tom believes the HTBG concept to be a viable model world-wide for orchid conservation, and he encourages the cultivation of orchids in garden settings by diverse stakeholders in the orchid community.

Tom also believes that it is only with the cooperation of Botanical Garden Professionals, Commercial Growers, Academia and committed orchid collectors and backyard growers, that orchids will survive the vicissitudes of climate change.

Coming Soon: "Orchid Mania" NHOS Orchid Society Expo, February 2019

Yes, the Newport Harbor Orchid Society 2019 Orchid Expo is coming soon to the Westminster Mall. Dates and times are:

Friday, February 8 10 am - 9 pm
Saturday, February 9 10 am - 8 pm
Sunday, February 10 11 am - 6 pm

Parking is free and handicap accessible. Potting workshops are at 2:00 pm each afternoon; the cost is \$6.00 including a pot and plant. Many of your favorite vendors will be there and also some new ones.

This year's theme is "**Orchid Mania**," and plans are well under way. We need all of you great volunteers to help make it a real success. **Volunteers who work six hours will receive a free t-shirt**, with our theme, designed by Ron DeWilde (NHOS artist), on the back.

We need volunteers as follows:

Wednesday 2/6 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
For set-up.

Thursday 2/7 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
For set-up of displays and vendor tables (three-hour shifts).

Friday 2/8 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
For three-hour shifts at the info desk, plant hotel and display rooms.

Saturday 2/9 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
For three-hour shifts at the info desk, plant hotel and display rooms.

Sunday 2/10 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
For three-hour shifts at the info desk, plant hotel and display rooms.

Sunday 2/10 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
For clean-up.

Anyone wishing to volunteer: please contact **Rosemary Krumme** at **714-892-2278** or Rosegk@verizon.net.

Members who are planning to sell their orchids at the Member Sales Booth are required to volunteer if they bring more than four plants to sell. The hours worked will count toward the six hours needed to receive a free t-shirt. Please contact **Ann or Joe Rupp** at **714-329-5155** for more information.

Please come and bring all of your friends and neighbors and help make our Orchid Expo a huge success. Thank you from the show committee.

Rosemary Krumme

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Change of Meeting Venue for the Next Few Months

The next several months will be a little confusing because we have to give up our regular meeting room while the Costa Mesa City Council's meeting room is being refurbished.

In January ONLY, we will meet on our regular day, the third Tuesday, but we will meet at the Downtown Recreation Center, 1860 Anaheim Ave., Costa Mesa.

Beginning with the February meeting, we will meet at our regular meeting room, at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, but we will meet on the SECOND Tuesday.

Check the Newsletter each month for the up-to-date information.



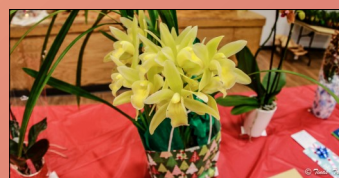
Huntington Orchid Show

The NHOS display did well at the Huntington Orchid Show. We received the AOS display trophy and a Silver/AOS Certificate with 86 points for the display. The display also received second place from the Huntington in the display over 40 sq. ft. category.

As for the individual plants, we received *many* ribbons, but worth mentioning is Best of Section in the Miscellaneous category that went to Fred and Jan Anderson for their Dendrochilum. And Lynn Wiand won for Best Specimen.

At the November NHOS meeting, Ha presented the trophies to the winners and also presented the AOS display trophy to Lynn Wiand for all her contributions of quality plants over the years!

2018 Holiday Hijinks!



Mark Your Calendars...

January 16 | Friday - Sunday | Preview 6:30 pm; Auction 7 pm.

Orange County Orchid Society Annual Auction. Yorba Linda Public Library Community Room, Lower Level, 18181 Imperial Hwy, Yorba Linda, CA. More information: www.ocos.net. Starting on January 3, find a list of sale items available on the website.

February 8-10 | Friday-Sunday

Orchid Mania! Newport Harbor Orchid Society Orchid Expo and Sale. Westminster Mall, 1025 Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA. More information: www.nhosinfo.org/orchidshow.

February 22-24 | Friday-Sunday

Pacific Orchid Exposition. Country Fair Building "Hall of Flowers", 9th and Lincoln, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA. More information: www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/orchid-events/pacific-orchid-expo-poe/.

March 15-17 | Friday-Sunday | 9 am - 5 pm

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara, CA. More Information: www.sborchidshow.com.

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



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