



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the **NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY**

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January 2020

President's Message

I want to wish all members a Happy New Year, Happy 2020!!

I appreciate all the hard work done by everyone who helped plan our annual Christmas/Holiday party. Thanks to our Chief Chef, **Phil Duke**, who planned and made arrangements for the event even though he could not join us since he was on vacation in Mexico.

Rick and Arlene Wells, and Jan Hennessee roasted delicious turkeys, and the stuffing and gravy were all excellent, as usual! Thank you to **Rich and Lily Hara** for organizing all the food on the potluck table.

Thanks to **Rose Nakabara** for purchasing all the centerpieces. Also, thank you to all the helpers who set up the holiday tables

and cleaned up as well. Last, but not least, thank you to all members who brought the wonderful home-made side dishes and desserts for the party. **Marilyn Bauer** did a magnificent job of gathering beautiful and healthy orchids for favors for our members.

Rubin from Sunset Valley Orchids kindly contributed special gifts to our society so we were able to award some special members who volunteer in different areas: show set up, clean up, show promotion and display, recruiting volunteers, upkeep of membership and roster, and lots of other behind-the-scenes work.

Those special members that we awarded with blooming orchids are **Laura Perry, Richard and Lily Hara, Ha Bui, Rosemary Krumme and Rick and Arlene Wells!** Great job all our special volunteers!! Also, we always appreciate all the

Culture Class

7:00 p.m.

The Culture Class will take place at 7:00 p.m., right before the general meeting. Please join us.

volunteers who help our society.

Marilyn Bauer did an outstanding job on our Gift Exchange program, and it was very successful! A big thank you to **Valerie Sanders** for organizing the holiday entertainment. I noticed our members really had fun with some unexpected and talented carol singers including myself!!

I wish Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all NHOS members and your significant ones!

See you all in January, 2020!

Winn Winmaw
NHOS President

January Speaker Roberta Fox

"Take a trip on the Rio Negro in Brazil"

Join Roberta as she shares the highlights of an Orchid Conservation Alliance trip to the Rio Negro in Brazil, a magical region of water and sky and orchids.

Roberta began growing orchids nearly 25 years ago, when she received a Cymbidium plant from a co-worker. She went to the New Otani show that year and was completely captivated. She was so overwhelmed by the variety, she did not buy anything – the last time THAT happened!

She joined several societies, and one orchid followed another. As the collection increased in size and variety, the process of learning how to care for the plants led to an interest in their origins and relationships.

This in turn led to a focus on orchid species, since she found that the best way to understand the needs of a hybrid was to learn about the natural growing conditions of the underlying species.



Her current collection is about one-third hybrids and the balance species (the mix keeps shifting toward species, since those are nearly all of the new acquisitions). She has a small greenhouse, but nearly 90% of the orchids (around 1800 at last count) live outside, about five miles from the coast.

Roberta gravitates toward those orchids that can handle the southern California temperature range, because greenhouse space is very limited, but there is "always room for one more" in the backyard.



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

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

Please note: There will be no dinner with the speaker this month.

Library Corner

Since Roberta Fox, our January speaker, will be showing us all sorts of lovely orchids from her trip to Brazil, I will bring some appropriate books on cattleyas and laelias found in South America.

I will also have some current issues of orchid magazines for your perusal if you are interested. Happy Growing in the New Year!

Barb Livingston

Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will take place right before the regular meeting: January 21, 6:00 p.m., at the Costa Mesa Senior Center.

Refreshments

Members from **Marvel Carlson** through **Robert Hubert** are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting. Thank you.

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"Orchids on Parade" Newport Harbor Orchid Society Orchid Expo, February 2020

Yes, the Newport Harbor Orchid Society 2020 Orchid Expo is coming soon to the Westminster mall, on the following dates and times:

Friday, February 7: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 8: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 9: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Potting workshops are at 2:00 p.m. each afternoon; the cost is \$6.00 including a pot, bark and an orchid. Many of your favorite vendors will be there and some new ones, too. There will be orchid society and vendor displays for your viewing pleasure.

This year's theme is **"ORCHIDS ON PARADE"**. Plans are well under way and 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 on the back designed by NHOS artist Ron DeWilde.

We need volunteers as follows:

Wednesday, February 5 5:30 p.m. - 9:00

For set up.

Thursday February 6 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For set up of displays and vendor booths (three-hour shifts).

We also need volunteers to work three-hour shifts at the information desk, plant hotel, and display rooms on

Friday February 7 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday February 8 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday February 9 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

And, we need volunteers for cleanup on

Sunday February 9 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to volunteer, please contact **Rosemary Krumme** at **714-892-2278, 714-269-8877 (cell)** or Rosegk@verizon.net.

Members who are planning to sell their orchids at the Member Sales Booth are required to volunteer in the booth if they bring more than four orchids to sell. The hours worked will count toward the six hours needed to receive a free tee-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

Bus Trip to Santa Barbara Orchid Show

It's getting closer! It's time to sign up for our NHOS bus trip to Santa Barbara on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

The bus will leave promptly at 7:30 a.m. from the Home Depot parking lot on Harbor in Costa Mesa and returns around 6:00 p.m.

The fee is only \$40 and includes your entry to the 75th Santa Barbara Orchid Show, as well as stops at Cal Orchids and Santa Barbara Orchid Estates.

Coffee, donuts, snacks and other goodies are provided. But best of all, you don't have to drive! So sign up now before all the seats are gone.

Cash or check made out to NHOS. Contact Michael Miranda, 949-650-5142, for more information.

It'll be here before you know it.....

Our annual auction is little over a month away at the 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 my cell number, 714-329-5155, or at joerupp@earthlink.net.

Joe Rupp



A bunch of us went to visit Helen Tangeay, founding member of NHOS, before the holidays. It was great to see her.



A Feast for All!

Holiday Hijinks



Mark Your Calendar...

January 25-26, 2020 | Saturday, Sunday

“Winter Orchids in the Park Show and Sale 2020.” Hosted by the San Diego Orchid Society. Balboa Park’s Casa del Prado, Room 101. Saturday, noon -5:00 p.m. (early bird sales start at 10:00 a.m.). Sunday 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. More information: www.sdorchids.com.

February 7-9, 2020 | Friday, Saturday, Sunday

“Orchids on Parade.” Hosted by the Newport Harbor Orchid Society. Westminster Mall. More information on page two inside this newsletter or at <https://nhosinfo.org/orchidshow>.

February 21-23, 2020 | Friday, Saturday, Sunday

“2020 Orchids in Focus.” Hosted by the San Francisco Orchid Society. Golden Gate Park, 1199 9th Ave., San Francisco, CA. In SF County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers). More information: <http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org>.

March 13-15, 2020 | Friday, Saturday, Sunday

“Orchids – A World of Adventure” 75th Anniversary Show Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. Earl Warren Showgrounds in beautiful Santa Barbara, CA. General Admission \$14 or Three-day Pass \$22, and special prices for seniors and children. More information: www.sborchidshow.com
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Check out the NHOS website for the latest information on orchid and other botanical events: <http://nhosinfo.org/events/>.



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