



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

Costa Mesa Senior Center | 695 W. 19th Street | Costa Mesa, CA 92627

November 2020

President's Message

I hope you are having a great day and this message find you safe and well!

Glad to see our members at Zoom meetings and hope to see more members in upcoming meetings.

The presentation given by Peter Linn last month was definitely an excellent one. It covered many different types of orchids throughout the world that we could experience without leaving our armchairs, since

our current situation limits our travel internationally. I really enjoyed it, and it reminded me of my orchid trips to Asia. I am sure all members appreciated Peter's presentation as well.

Now is the time for us to keep our orchids protected from the cold winter weather. Hope you all have had a chance to prepare for it. Cymbidiums and Australian Dendrobiums are on the way to show off their attractive blossoms, so we need to clean up the plants and give some support to the flower stems for a better display.

Please email pictures of your blooming orchids with their names. I will compile the pictures together for our Show and Tell program at our monthly meeting. My email address is

winn_winmaw@yahoo.com. I can post those on our Facebook page to be enjoyed by other orchid enthusiasts.

I am looking forward to see you all at our November monthly meeting via Zoom.

Thank you,

Winn Winmaw, NHOS President

November Speaker

Fred Clarke

Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower

Ever wonder what the most important requirements are for growing the best orchids?

Learn about the underlying reasons of how and why orchids grow as they do. Then explore the fundamentals and advanced growing techniques to best grow them. Orchid plant culture is explained as you have never heard it before. Learn how to become an 80 percentile grower; expect to be wowed by this talk!

The presenter will be Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista. Fred has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also

actively creating new Paphiopedilum and Aussie Dendrobium hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out!

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclark-eara After



Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received over 100 awards worldwide with nine FCC's and thirty AM's from the AOS judges!

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.



ZOOM Meeting Information

Newport Harbor Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Time: Nov 17, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82793911665?pwd=ZUFBaHNzOVJCZyZVlMFIQWVRteTRNUT09>

Meeting ID: 827 9391 1665
Passcode: 951892



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

General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Secret Santa for Holiday Fun and Festivity

The holiday season is fast approaching in our "new normal" 2020! Due to the COVID restrictions placed upon the NHOS for meeting space, we will not be able to gather to celebrate our traditional Christmas Holiday Party at the Costa Mesa Senior Center. The NHOS Board members value the friendships that have grown over the years, and we decided to try something different and unique to our present circumstances.

We will offer an opportunity for each member to participate in a Secret Santa mission. This is not mandatory and only offered as a fun way to share our love and passion for orchids with our members. If you would like to participate, please send Julie Ford an email that contains your name, address and email.

Julie will gather those interested and assign a member of NHOS to each participant to be a giver and a receiver of an orchid. Since this is a time of giving, please be generous and select a healthy and, if possible, flowering plant to gift. All plants should be delivered to the recipient by December 15, 2020. We realize this is a busy time of the year and please do not feel obligated to participate. We want to keep this fun and festive! If possible, please take a picture of yourself with your gifted orchid for the January newsletter!!

All members interested in participating please send the following information to Julie Ford at fordsjtt@gmail.com:

Your Name
Your address with city
Your email address

Okay, you Secret Santas... Enjoy the Season of Giving!



NEED HELP?

One of our newest members wants to learn more about orchid culture. Need help repotting, watering, general orchid care? He has offered to help any members with any orchid related work. In his current job he has been highly trained on how to control COVID-19. Face covering, social distancing, constant hand sanitizing. Contact Eric Perez at perez2468@yahoo.com or 714-906-8645 (talk or text).

Sunset Valley Orchids ZOOM Meeting Discount

Sunset Valley Orchids offers a 20% discount on all plant orders from your club members.

The special voucher code is ZOOM. When you check out, type ZOOM into the voucher code box on the shopping cart page and click "RECALCULATE" to apply the discount. This special discount is additive to the existing discount schedule, making for an excellent opportunity.

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