



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

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President's Message

It seems that every day we wake up and learn something new about how to navigate and cope in this ever-changing world. I hope all NHOS members and their loved ones are doing well during this challenging time.

When I first got the order from my work about "Work from Home", our team members including myself, were not so keen to work from home. We are still adjusting with how we manage our time and deal with the current issues. There are positive things about working from home. The first one is you gain commuting time and have less stress from navigating our freeways. Also, when I had the first week-end off and could not go anywhere it was a rare opportunity.

Spring has sprung and the weather is getting better, so I took the opportunity to clean up some of the unwanted weeds from the orchid growing area and other parts of my yard, re-potted overgrown orchids which I sometimes neglect to do, cleaned up the lifeless orchids, processed the used potting media for compost and re-arranged the orchid growing area. I am sure you also find time to do so. Most weekends are busy with social activity, I really enjoy doing it without any pressure!

For the second week of my stay-at-home weekends, I started some vegetable seeds. Some of them are already expired, but I took a chance to sow those seeds hoping I will have a good food source from my own yard. I started looking for edible plants and searched how to process them, such as how to preserve the grape leaves. Current rain helped me gather rainwater for my orchids, and I am quite satisfied with it!

One of the best things about working from home is being surrounded by the beauty

and fragrance of spring blooming orchids all the time!

Now, we have more time to call friends and family members from far and near. Facetime or video phone calls are fun for us. We did not have a chance to do that often before. We just realized how important it is to take care of each other by doing that.

I also have more time to post pictures and information on some other Facebook orchids and garden clubs pages. So please e-mail your blooming orchid pictures, and we will arrange to post those on the NHOS Facebook page and newsletter so we all enjoy your stunning orchids. E-mail addresses for Winn Winmaw and Paula Butler: winn_winmaw@yahoo.com and paulavbutler@gmail.com.

With all the uncertainty right now, we're not sure about the feasibility of holding our regular monthly meeting in May. We will keep you informed as soon as we know anything.

Your health and well-being mean everything to us, and we will continue to be with you every step of the process. For now, take a moment to breathe and be with your loved ones. Please stay safe, healthy, and happy gardening.

Kindly,

Winn Winmaw
NHOS President

NHOS Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival On Hold for Now!

Due to the Coronavirus quarantine and social distance mandates, the NHOS Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival at Westminster Mall is on hold for now.

We will keep you updated on our website and in our monthly newsletter. When the quarantine is lifted and the Westminster Mall is open we'll then consider holding the Festival, providing the mall representatives are willing.

Our monthly NHOS Society meetings are canceled for now, as the Costa Mesa Senior Center is also closed until further notice.

For now, it would be fun to post photos on Facebook so we all can share the beautiful spring orchids that we have in bloom.

God bless you all, keep you well and help you find all the food, medicines and other necessities you will be needing.

Thank you from the Show Committee,

Rosemary Krumme

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

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





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