



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

August 2020

President's Message

Hello NHOS members!

I hope this message finds you and your family healthy and well!

The NHOS monthly meeting for August was a new normal for our members, in which we all re-connected via Zoom meeting. There were total 29 members attending, including a guest from another garden society to see how Zoom works for the

club. I have received favorable feedback from members regarding our successful initial Zoom meeting.

Our August speaker, Tim Culbertson did the outstanding job of making of blue orchids with his efforts and tricks, which we all enjoyed.

We can include a show and tell program at the beginning of our September meeting, so please be ready with your blooming orchids to put up for show!

I also encourage members to send pictures of your blooming orchids to me @winn_winmaw@yahoo.com so we can post those on our Facebook page to be enjoyed by other orchid enthusiasts.

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

Thank you,

Winn Winmaw
NHOS President

NOTE: This month's speaker was originally scheduled to give this talk in March, but we had to cancel due to the pandemic. We are very pleased that he can join us via Zoom this month. So if you think you've read this bio and seen these pictures before, you're right, you have. See you at the Zoom meeting, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.

September Speaker Scott McGregor

Scott McGregor has been growing orchids since he was 12, when a neighbor gave him a plant. That plant had a short life, but the hook was set, and he found books and sources for orchid species while growing up in St. Louis.

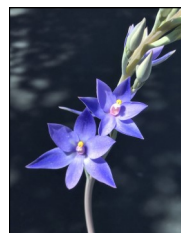
His collection has morphed over time, living in different location around the world, but has always centered around the more unusual species. Scott grows all his plants outdoors, without a greenhouse, just "subtracting some sunlight and adding some water" to what nature provides in Southern California.



He especially enjoys finding new species that grow well in our climate (many are far more adaptable than most people

would believe), and now grows over 500 different orchid species, along with cloud forest companion plants such as Heliconia and epiphytic Utricularia. He rarely uses chemical insecticides or fungicides, preferring fresh air, beneficial insects and our native tree frogs.

Scott retired from the corporate world a few years ago, and stays active on corporate boards and working with non-profit groups that promote science education for kids. He resides with his family in San Juan Capistrano, California.



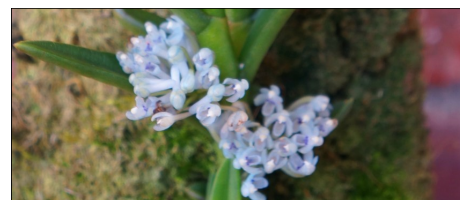
ZOOM Information

Here's the information you need for our September meeting.

Join us on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82793911665?pwd=ZUFBaHNzOVJCZyZlMFIQWVRteTRNTU09>

Meeting ID: 827 9391 1665
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Membership Corner

Another reminder about dues.

Dues are still as follows: Single \$20.00; and Double (two people at the same address) \$25.00.

Please send to me, Laura Perry, 1412 Priscilla Lane, Newport Beach, 92660. My phone number is 949 642 4148, if you have any questions.

Hope all is well with all of you.

Laura Perry
Membership Secretary

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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Lourens Grobler, Afri Orchids, Pretoria, South Africa.

My 10 Favorite African Orchids

Lourens has been growing orchids since he was 10 years old and now co-owns Afri Orchids, a nursery that for 40 years has specialized in species from around the world. The collection includes approximately 4,000 species. Lourens is the co-author of the *Field Guide to the Orchids of Northern South Africa and Swaziland*. He is an accredited South African Orchid Council Judge and chaired the judging committee at the 21st World Orchid Conference.

Andrea Niessen, Orquideas del Valle, Cali, Colombia

Orchids in Nature in Colombia

Andrea Niessen, a native of Cali, Colombia, former virologist and lifelong orchid grower, has served as the president of the Asociación Vallecaucana de Orquidología and judge of the Colombian Orchid Committee. A popular speaker, Andrea has given lectures around the world. With her husband Juan Carlos Uribe, Andrea owns Orquideas del Valle, an orchid nursery that has been researching, reproducing and exporting Colombian orchids for over 25 years.



Lou Jost, EcoMinga Foundation, Baños, Ecuador

Orchids as Guides to the Conservation of Unique Biodiversity

Lou, an internationally renowned expert in molecular phylogenies, has made significant contributions to the protection of orchids and orchid habitat in the New World Tropics. Originally from the US, Lou was fascinated by tropical diversity, and worked in Mexico and Costa Rica before moving to Ecuador in 1994. He has described a number of new Ecuadorian orchid species, many found in unprotected areas. Lou formed the EcoMinga Foundation in 2006 to build large reserves to protect strategic biodiversity hotspots.

Alek Zaslawski, AWZ Orquideas, Vitória, Brazil

Beautiful Brazilian Mountains (and the Orchids that Grow There)

Alek, an engineer, grew up surrounded by orchids, and traveled with his father to see and photograph orchids in nature. He joined his father to establish AWZ Orquideas in 1991, and they began to reproduce many of the species in their collection because of their rarity and disappearance from the wild. Now with over 20,000 plants from around the world, the nursery has some of the finest known varieties of Cattleya Alliance species.

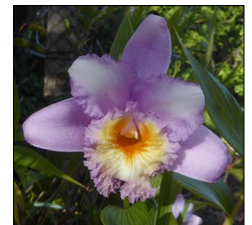


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Help Wanted!

NHOS is in need of a new webmaster. We need someone to update the website and send out notices to members. Can you do this? Do you know someone who can? Please contact Winn Winmaw at winn_winmaw@yahoo.com.

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