



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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February 2021

President's Message

Goodbye January and Welcome February!

Lunar New Year 2021 will fall on Friday, February 12, 2021, and it is the year of the Ox! This weekend would have been our NHOS annual event, Orchid Expo and Sales, celebrating Valentine's Day and the Lunar New Year together. This year, we are taking a break because of the pandemic. We will resume once everything has settled down, and we can arrange another show.

Good News!! The NHOS Board of Directors has agreed to waive the membership dues from July 2020 to July 2021 since our expenses are less. Members who have al-

ready paid their dues will not have to pay for the following year. Thank you, **Paula Butler**, for bringing this wonderful idea to our members.

Our January speaker, Arthur Pinkers, presented *Laelia anceps* and its hybrids. Arthur's presentation was very informative with good quality pictures. Arthur has been helping at our February orchid shows for several years, as an AOS judge and professional photographer. Our VP, **Julie Ford**, has been working very hard to bring us fantastic speakers every month.

Please e-mail me your blooming orchid pictures for our show-and-tell program for the February meeting! I am sure you all have a good collection of orchids starting to bloom, getting ready for spring.

My e-mail address is winn_winnmaw@yahoo.com.

Happy Lunar New Year to all. I hope that good fortune follows you wherever you go.

Also wishing you a beautiful day filled with all the love, orchids, and happiness you deserve for Valentine's Day.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our February Zoom Meeting!

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NHOS President



February Speaker

Ron Parsons

"Orchids of Southeastern Australia"

Ron Parsons has been growing orchids for more than 45 years and has been interested in species orchids for most of that time. Ron loves to photograph orchids and most other flowers whenever he can, whether it be on trips to see them in nature or in collections. He loves to travel to see orchids in the wild, and does so as often as possible.

Ron has more than 90,000 digital images, most of which are of orchids, and still retains a slide library that exceeds 100,000 botanical images. He has 4000 published photos that have appeared in magazines, periodicals, journals and books.

Ron has co-authored four botanical books, all with Mary E. Gerritsen. The first two, published by Timber Press, are *Masdevallias*, *Gems of the Orchid World* and *Calochortus*, *Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives*. Their third book, a large, 18.5

pound, two-volume set, *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species* was published by Redfern Natural History Productions in January 2014, and has 1200 pages, 1800



photos (1600 are his), and features 500+ species in detail with many others included for comparison.

In 2019 *The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture* was released and is on its third printing. Currently they are working on a second edition of *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*, which will have over 1200

new photos, including photos of more than 500 species not in the first edition. There will now be four volumes and more than 2600 photos, with up-to-date text revision and taxonomy.

Talk description:
"Orchids of Southeastern Australia"

For five weeks of the austral spring of 2011, from early October to mid-early November, I traveled through southeastern Australia. My trip started on the island state of Tasmania (the north and north-west) where friends took me out to see and photograph orchids I would not have found on my own.

From there I traveled to Victoria where I was taken to Grampians National Park in the west, the Anglesea Peninsula west of Melbourne, and Wilson's Promontory to the southeast of Melbourne, where again many exciting orchids were found. Next stop was Canberra for a few days, then to areas both north and south of Sydney in New South Wales where many fantastic ground, lithophytic and epiphytic orchids were seen. My incredible trip ended with several days spent on the beautiful isle of Bruny Island, southeast of the capitol of Hobart, an island off an island off an island!

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

General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Monthly Meeting**

Date: February 16, 2021

Time: 07:00 PM Pacific Time

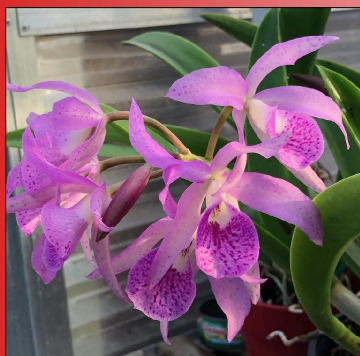
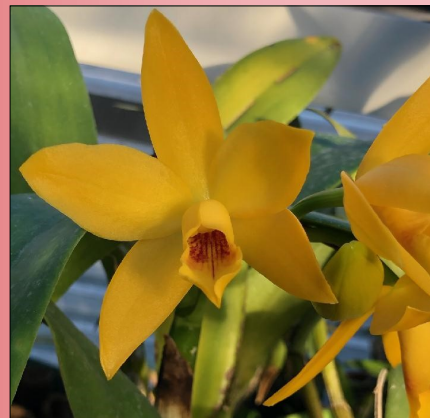
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