



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

March 2021

President's Message

It is very hard to believe it has been a one full year since we had to postpone our monthly meetings at Costa Mesa Senior Center because of the pandemic. I am glad, at least, our society and other orchid societies can still meet with Zoom to continue to enjoy show-and-tell and have orchid talks with speakers.

Our February speaker, Ron Parsons, from the Bay Area, presented Orchids of Southern Australia and it was a great opportunity to see native orchids as well as different types of plants, trees, birds, reptiles, animals and spectacular landscape sceneries.

Our members also learned how our adopted outdoor orchids thrive in their native habitat. Thanks to **Julie Ford** for arranging fantastic speakers for every month.

Please e-mail pictures of your blooming orchids for our show-and-tell program for the March meeting. My e-mail address is winn_winmaw@yahoo.com. I have been posting pictures from our show-and-tell program on our NHOS Facebook page after the monthly meetings so others can enjoy them, too.

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

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NHOS President

March Speaker Brandon Tam

"Growing Stanhopeas Outdoors in Southern California"

Brandon Tam is passionate about his career as the Orchid Collection Specialist at The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California.

Brandon's grandmother first introduced him to orchids when he was seven by giving him a white cymbidium. He volunteered at the Huntington during high school, and when he graduated at age 16, Dr. James Folsom, Director of the Botanical Gardens, offered Brandon a full-time position as the Orchid Collection Specialist. Brandon has managed the collection for over a decade.

While working with Dr. Folsom to rein-vigorate the Huntington's orchid collection, Brandon attended California State University Polytechnic, Pomona, and earned his Bachelor of Science in Plant Science degree in 2015.

Brandon now oversees one of the largest orchid collections in the United States, which has grown from 2,000 to over 10,000 plants in the past ten years. The Huntington's orchid collection is housed in over 26,000 square feet of growing area, which includes the Rose Hills Foundation Conservatory and three collection greenhouses, dedicated specifically for tropical plants.

Brandon will be talking to us about Growing Stanhopeas Outdoors in Southern California.

Stanhopeas have some of the most elaborate shaped flowers within the Orchid family with exotic fragrances. These short-lived flowers put on an amazing show and most people do not realize that they are easy to grow outdoors in Southern California! In this presentation, you will learn which species you can grow outdoors in our area and the best cultural practices for these plants.



Paph Guild & Paph Forum Present The Slipper Orchid International Speakers Day: A Virtual Experience

March 20, 2021 12:30-5:30 PM EDT
Speakers Live w/ Q&A. Event Recorded.

Registration Fee: \$30

The People's Choice Photo Contest!

Submit photos of your blooming plants to enter.

Vote for the People's Choice Award.

Don't miss this chance to hear these top slipper Orchid speakers!

Michael Tibbs: *An Update on Paphiopedilums in Europe*

Wenqing Perner: *Saving China's Slipper Orchids Through Sustainable Conservation*

Frank Cervera: *Phragmidipedium schlimii, a new look at an Old Species*

Ross Hella: *Breeding Miniature Paphiopedilums*

Check out vendor discount offers below!

Vendor Offers for Registrants are available **ONLY March 20**. Copy of registration email will qualify for discount

Deerwood Orchids (10% off)

Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology (10% off; Fall 2021 delivery)

Hillsview Gardens (10% off plus free seedling with each order)

Marriott Orchids (10% off on seedlings only; no flasks or divisions)

Orchid Inn (10% off plus regular quantity discounts)

Orchids Limited (10% off on paphs and phrags only)

Paph Paradise (10% off on purchase over \$100; 20% if over \$350)

Windy Hill Gardens (10% off)

Woodstream Orchids (10% off)

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Meetings are held on the
third Tuesday of each month.

General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Monthly Meeting**

Date: March 16, 2021

Time: 07:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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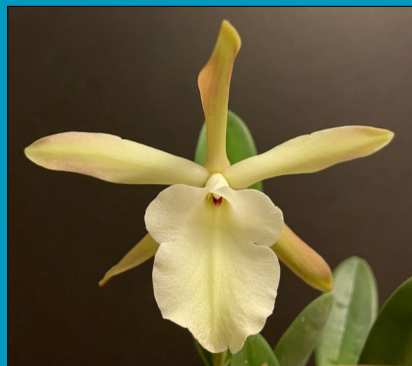
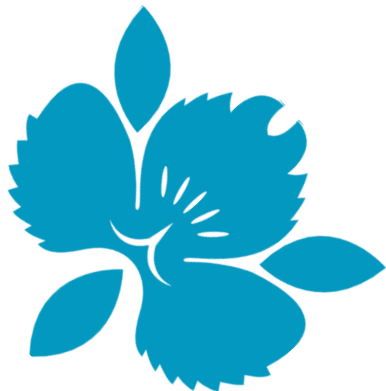
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