



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

June 2021

President's Message

The calendar has turned to June, which usually means the hotter months are ahead of us, so be prepared to protect your plants from intense heat with shades, water often at the same time and we will enjoy summer blooming orchids.

Our Vice Present, **Julie Ford**, arranged another good speaker for last month. Tom Mirenda presented "Tom's African Adventure." Tom covered different regions of Africa, orchids, shows, roadside nurseries, cut flower productions, local people and their culture, foods, and native wild animals. I hope you all enjoyed the May Zoom meeting.

At the last Board Meeting, it was voted that the current board members will con-

tinue to serve for an additional year. Because of the pandemic and lack of a meeting venue for the past year, board members felt it best to preserve continuity by retaining the present board.

We are going to have busy months ahead:

Thanks to **Michael Miranda** for hosting the Annual Banquet at his home which will be on the third Tuesday, July 20. See details in accompanying article. It will be wonderful to see everyone again. It's been a long time.

Plant Sales at Sherman Library and Gardens Plantorama, July 17-18.

Summer Orchid and Exotic Plant Festival at Westminster Mall, August 13-15.

Members are encouraged to volunteer for

the upcoming events. Kudos to **Rosemary Krumme** for taking charge of the volunteer program and to **Joe Rupp** for taking charge of the plant sales.

Please e-mail me your blooming orchid photos for our show-and-tell program for the June 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. I hope you all enjoy the NHOS show-and-tell program as much as I do.

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

Thank you,

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NHOS President

June Speaker

Bas van Eijk

My name is Bas van Eijk; I was born and raised in The Netherlands. In 2013 I left with two suitcases from The Netherlands to pursue a dream I had: starting my own orchid farm in California.

I had the great opportunity to work for a large orchid wholesale grower on the West Coast and later on the East Coast. I met my wife, Alison, while working in Carpinteria while she was studying in Santa Barbara.

We both moved to the East Coast where she managed a hydroponic lettuce farm and fell in love with the industry. After a year and a half, there was another opportunity to come back to California, where I worked for a large cut flower grower in Arroyo Grande.

In the spring of 2018, I found our current greenhouse by using the satellite option on



Google Maps. I left a note for the owners and from there it all went fast.

My business partner and wife Alison wrote a business plan for the SBA and we were able to obtain a loan to make the greenhouse suitable for orchid production. Now, two years later, we are growing at a fast pace, and we are excited for the future.

Here is a little summary of what I will talk about:

- History
- My trip throughout the USA

- Introduction of Phalaenopsis Orchid
- Crop Cycle
- Climate Control
- How to Care for Your Phalaenopsis
- How to Re-Bloom Your Phalaenopsis
- Questions

I'm looking forward to seeing you all, via Zoom, at your June meeting.



Newport Harbor Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Date: June 15, 2021
Time: 07:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82793911665?pwd=ZUFBaHNzOVJCZyZlMFIQWV_RteTRNUT09

Meeting ID: 827 9391 1665
Passcode: 951892

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

General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Orchid Sales at Sherman Gardens

NHOS will be participating in Sherman Gardens Plantorama on July 17 and 18.

We will have tables and limited space available to us for our members to sell plants, if desired.

As this is not an NHOS sponsored event, there will be no official "Member's Plant Sales."

If interested in participating, each member will be responsible for their own plants... labeling, pricing and handling their sales transactions. We will be there as a Society but each member will be selling their plants on their own.

At our Summer Garden Show in August at Westminster Mall, Member's Plant Sales will be conducted as in past events.

Any questions, please contact Joe Rupp at 714-329-5155 or Ann Rupp at 714-329-7721.

Blooms from the Past



NHOS Celebration Banquet

This year our annual July banquet will again be at the home of Michael Miranda, on July 20. We will celebrate the waning of the COVID 19 Pandemic, that vaccination is a reality and that we can all get together once again, at least outside.

This year the banquet will be free to all members: totally catered, food, drinks, and dessert included. Please do not bring food. We will abide by current CDC rules regarding distancing and wearing face masks.

Do not worry if you have not paid dues; they were suspended for the year.

Since we need a head count by July 10, we ask that you respond to Rosemary Krumme as soon as possible, via email at Rosegk@verizon.net or cell phone at 714-269-8877.

Thank you, and we hope to see you there.

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