



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

Norma Hertzog Community Center | 1845 Park Avenue | Costa Mesa, CA 92627

November 2025

President's Message

Hi everyone!

Hope everyone had a good Halloween this year. Now that we have rolled back on the time, we are getting really short on daylight. I don't get much time now to work in the garden after work.

On October 23rd we lost a member of our club and a dear friend of mine, Elisabeth Hau. It was a Thursday; she passed peacefully in her sleep. When I found out, I immediately went to her house where I found the police.

I stayed a while answering questions as I was the last person she had talked to. She told me that she had chocolates for me. Later that night I couldn't sleep, and at 1:00 a.m. I felt a big hug and her cheek pressing against mine, and I smelled her fragrance. I knew it was her saying goodbye so I responded and said "I'll miss you". She slowly let go and went away. I know she is at peace now. To me, it was a perfect death. Rest in peace, Elisabeth.

On the lighter side, I went to the Huntington Library Orchid Show with Rudy and Kaye, and we had a very nice time. Our display came out beautifully, and I want to thank all of you who volunteered for the display.

Soon afterward I got a call from the director of the Spring Garden Show at South Coast Plaza. She saw our display at the Huntington and was impressed. She wants us to have a booth at her garden show this April, and I would like to do that. We need all the volunteers we can get, so please step up and volunteer.

Thank you, Peter Lynn, for your lecture on the culture of the Epidendrum family. Thank you, **Merle**, for your presentation on the plants for judging. Thanks to all members who brought snacks and helped run our meeting. Hope to see you next time.

Take care,

Michael Miranda
NHOS President

Culture Class

7:00 p.m.

Our speaker, Nico Goossens will conduct the culture class at 7:00 p.m., right before the general meeting. Please join us.



Elisabeth Hau

November Speaker

Nico Goossens "Phalaenopsis and Their Culture"

The topic of Nico's talk will be phalaenopsis and their culture, with an emphasis on growing them epiphytically. He will show us how he developed a new way of mounting them that prevents death and changes the adjustment period to nothing.

An excerpt from Nico's biography:

"I was born in Indonesia and left when I was five, with my family during the political turmoil of Sukarno's presidency. This was after Indonesia gained independence from Dutch Colonial rule in 1949 and perpetuated by the Japanese invasion during World War II. We immigrated to San Diego when I was only nine.

My involvement with orchids was started when I was given a box of desiccated imported orchids abandoned during quarantine after fumigation in 1976.

Not knowing anything about their culture, I gained some knowledge from joining the local society. Unfortunately, during my hard years working as a

carpenter, these orchids eventually passed away.

I started my orchid business with Lisa Humphreys in 1994 and built the various greenhouses to support our hobby and business. We traveled to many countries attending World Orchid Conferences and tours looking at orchids in situ. We attended many orchid shows throughout the state, from San Diego to San Francisco. My knowledge of orchid culture grew and involved many genera.

During the COVID shutdown, I built five greenhouses and continue building greenhouses and shade structures for hobbyists to this day."

Meetings are held on the **third Tuesday** of each month.
General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar 2025

Our regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month, at the Norma Hertzog Community Center in Costa Mesa.

Please bring a goody to share at the regular monthly meeting.

November 18

December 16: Holiday Party

Andy's Orchids Winter Open House

Andy's Orchids is having their Winter 2025 Open House on December 12-14, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Their nursery boasts over 7000 species amongst 700,000+ rare and exotic, beautifully mounted and potted orchids. No appointment is necessary for the open house. Andy's is located at 734 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas, CA 92024.

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9th Annual International Orchid Show and Sale at the Huntington Library and Gardens

Huge thanks to Winn Winmaw, Kira Jones, Dean Shoffeitt, Thet Htun, Dave Grable and Tom Harrison for the set up and tear down of NHOS's exhibit at the show.

There was no lack of good plants, despite the awkward timing (just before the monthly meeting).

Thanks also go out to Merle Rob-boy, Rick Wells, Guy Gottschalk, Espie Quinn, Judy Dahle, Kayoko Nebrig, Bill MacCorkell, Kaye Firebaugh, Julie Ford, and Michael Miranda for lending the effort plants.

It was a terrific success, as always.



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October Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATLEYA	Lc. Dinard 'Blue Heaven' Kay Firebaugh	C. deckeri 'Brecht' Brian Hensch	Blc. Amy Wakasugi Hoa Nguyen	Dean Shoffeitt
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. dayanum Espie Quinn	No Entry	No Entry	Lynn Wiand
DENDROBIUM	Den. hibiki Brian Hensch	No Entry	No Entry	Bill MacCorkell
EPIDENDRUM	Epidendrum schweinfurthianum Merle Robboy	Epi. marmoratum Lynn Wiand	Enc. rhynchophora Merle Robboy	Roberta Fox
MAXILLARIEAE	Max. tonsbergii 'Spooky' Lynn Wiand	Lyc. macrophylla alba Merle Robboy	No Entry	Barb Livingston
ONCIDIUM	Brsdm. Longlen 'Bill Switzer' Kaye Firebaugh	Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight' Espie Quinn	Brsdm. Yellow Star 'Golden Gambol' Barb Livingston	Lynn Wiand
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph. Chiu Hua Dancer Hoa Nguyen	Paph. Henryanum Brian Hensch	Paph. Chu Chu Bill MacCorkell	Espie Quinn
PHALAENOPSIS	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry
PLEUROTHALLID	Masd. Cheryl Shohan 'Red Hot Mama' Rick Wells	Pths. strupifolia Lynn Wiand	No Entry	Espie Quinn
VANDA	Rent. Sunrise 'Prasong' Michael Miranda	Vg. Apple Blossom Bill MacCorkell	Vf. Suihou Guy Gottschalk	Barb Livingston
MISCELLANEOUS	Ddc. magnum Kaye Firebaugh	Hwra. Lava Burst Merle Robboy	Sngl. Stenoglottis Merle Robboy	Lynn Wiand
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Paph. gigantifolium x sanderianum Hoa Nguyen			Peter Lin

October Meeting Snaps

