



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

January 2025

President's Message

Hi everyone!

The holidays have finally passed and a new year has just begun. I hope everyone had a good celebration. I know I did, spending lots of time with family and friends and eating a lot. I really enjoyed seeing all of you at the holiday dinner, dressed in cheerful attire.

This coming year I'm looking forward to our club enduring and hopefully gaining new members.

This February at our Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival we will hopefully be successful and get our name out to the public so more people will gain interest in orchids. I've realized that the younger generation is not very interested in orchids, and we need to find a way to get them interested again.

The members that are on the show committee are working really hard to make this big fundraiser for our club a success. I hope many of you will step up and volunteer some time and effort during the sale because we need all the help we can get.

Culture Class

7:00 p.m.

Culture class at 7:00 p.m., right before the general meeting, in the smaller room off the main auditorium. Please join us.

I know some of us members are unable to do some of the heavy lifting but there are many other positions that can be easily handled. So please sign up, during our January meeting, and help out.

Thank you very much.

Michael Miranda
NHOS President

January Speaker

Donna Ballard

**"Dendrobium phalaenopsis,
Australia's Other Dendrobium"**

Donna was born, raised, and went to school in the San Fernando Valley.

After over 40 years of loving and studying plants, she went on to work as a professional interior house plant technician and is now retired.

She is currently First Vice President of the San Fernando Valley Orchid Society. She is also an active member of the Orchid Society of Southern California, an Accredited AOS Judge, the AOS Pacific South Judging Region Treasurer, and is on the AOS Board of Education.

Donna currently has approximately 1400+ orchids and 485 square feet of both greenhouse, shade house and interior growing areas.



She grows Cattleyas, Paphiopedilums, Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, Sarcochilias, miniature Vanda and Phalaenopsis orchids, as well as several other miscellaneous genera.

Her talk, "Dendrobium phalaenopsis, Australia's Other Dendrobium!" will discuss where they evolved, their basic culture, and how to get them to grow outside here in California



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 meetings.

January 21

February 7-9 Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival, Westminster Mall

February 18 Auction

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17



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NHOS Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival February 2025

The NHOS Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival is about five weeks away, from February 7 to February 9, at the Westminster Mall. Parking and admission are free. The mall is handicap accessible and right off the 405 freeway.

There will be ten+ vendors, many of our favorites and some new ones. There will be exotic plants and orchids for sale as well as a Bonsai and art display by the Vietnamese community.

All exotic plant Bonsai and orchid lovers, please come to the festival and tell all your friends, neighbors and co-workers about the festival.

Festival hours are:

Friday, February 7 10 am - 8 pm

Saturday, February 8 10 am - 8 pm

Sunday, February 9 10 am - 6 pm

Members who are planning to sell their orchids in the NHOS booth will be required to work at least one shift in the booth. Please contact **Paula Butler** at **714-856-6222** if you are planning to sell your plants and sign up to work a shift.

In order to make the Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival a huge success, we need great volunteers. Fortunately, there are many of you in our society. We need you new members, too; it is fun meeting new people and making new friends.

Please contact **Rosemary Krumme** at **714-892-2278** or Rosegk@verizon.net if you wish to volunteer.

We need volunteers on the following days and times:

Wednesday, February 5 6 pm - 9 pm

For set-up of vendor tables.

Thursday, February 6 9 am - 6 pm

For vendor assistance (three-hour shifts, one person per shift).
Can distribute fliers.

Friday, February 7 10 am - 8 pm

For plant hotel/information booth.

Saturday, February 8 10 am - 8 pm

For plant hotel/information booth.

Sunday, February 9 10 am - 6 pm

For plant hotel/information booth and clean-up.

Thank you and see you there.

Rosemary Krumme
NHOS Show Committee

Plastic Boxes for Sale

We still have these black collapsible plastic boxes available to purchase for \$20. They are the perfect plant carrier, and they fold down flat for storage. Let me know how many you'd like.

Paula Butler
714-856-6222





NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

presents

EXOTIC PLANT & ORCHID FESTIVAL 2025

FRIDAY February 7 10 am - 8 pm

SATURDAY February 8 10 am - 8 pm

SUNDAY February 9 10 am - 6 pm

WESTMINSTER MALL

1025 Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA 92683

Free Admission & Parking

<https://nhosinfo.org/>



NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

Discover the Beauty of Orchids!

Visitors Welcome – Bring a Friend!

Monthly Meetings Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 PM

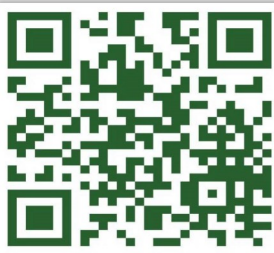
- ✿ Inspiring Expert Speakers
- ✿ Tips & Tricks for Orchid Care
- ✿ Showcasing Stunning Orchids
- ✿ Plant Opportunity Table for Rare Finds



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Next regular meeting is January 21

Auction February 18

Join our passionate community
of orchid enthusiasts
and learn everything you need
to grow thriving, gorgeous orchids

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newportharbororchidsociety.org](https://www.facebook.com/newportharbororchidsociety.org)**





Holiday Party Merriment!



Orchid Show and Sale
March 29 and March 30, 2025
Hours 10 am - 4 pm




Palos Verdes Art Center
5504 Crestridge Rd.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Admission:
Adults: \$5.00
Children under 12 Free

For more info:
southbayorchidsociety.com/Show