



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

December 2025

President's Message

Hi everyone!

This is my last president's message for the year. I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving; I sure ate a whole lot. Now we're all looking forward to the Christmas holiday season.

Rudy and I will be very busy on the weekends this month, going to many holiday parties and events. Almost every event I go to I make my chocolate dipped strawberries. I'll make 250 to 300 strawberries this month. I do enjoy making them because people enjoy eating them.

I've been keeping in touch with Elisabeth's son. He will hopefully have the celebration of life for Elisabeth in February of next year. I've been bringing her orchids to my house and have been repotting, cleaning them up, and putting them in nice pots. It's a lot of work, and unfortunately most of the plants do not have tags. These repotted plants will be taken to the memorial so everyone who would like one can have an orchid from Elisabeth.

Thank you, Nico, for your lecture on phalaenopsis as epiphytic plants. It's a wonderful new way to grow phals, and I can't wait to try it. Thank you, **Merle**, for your presentation on the display plants and thank you all who helped make our meeting function so well.

I hope to see you all at our annual Christmas dinner. Happy Holidays!

Michael Miranda, NHOS President

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



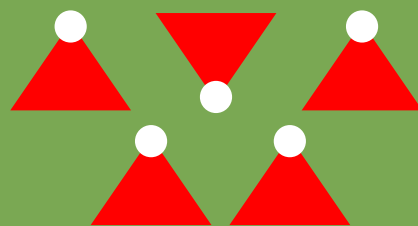
Join in Our Jolly Holiday Party

Newport Harbor Orchid Society members and guests are invited to a festive Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 p.m., at the Stonefire Grill in Fountain Valley, phone: 714-968-8300.

Put on your "ho-ho-ho" hats and come prepared for a lovely dinner, a relaxing evening, and plenty of merrymaking with NHOS friends!

The cost is \$25 per person, member or guest. Money will be collected when you arrive. We've made arrangements for 30 people.

Call or text "Merry" Kermani at 714-747-1451 and leave a message to confirm.



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.

December 16:

Holiday Party
6:30 p.m.
Stonefire Grill
Fountain Valley
Phone: 714-968-8300



Paula Butler, Passing

Dear Friends and Family,

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of Paula. She left us peacefully at home, surrounded by the love of her family.

In keeping with her wishes, we ask that, in lieu of flowers, you consider making a donation to a charity of your choice, or to the Newport Harbor Orchid Society, an organization close to her heart.

We also wish to acknowledge Kaiser Permanente Hospice, whose compassionate care was integral in easing Paula's passing.

Paula was cherished by all who knew her, and her presence will be profoundly missed.

With gratitude and love,

The Butler Family

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.



NHOS Spring Garden Tour

I'm still looking for another garden to put on the tour. If you are interested in a visit, contact me, or just say yes, when I ask you. The tour will be on a Saturday in April.

Tom Harrison

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November Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	C. maxima 'La Pedrena' Espie Quinn	Blc. Nacomche Hoa Nguyen	L. anceps Espie Quinn	Lynn Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
DENDROBIUM	Den. tetragonum 'Dark Form' Barbara Livingston	Den. Hibiki Clifford	Den. victoriae-reginae Clifford	Charles Buckner
EPIDENDRUM	Din. polybulbon Linn Wiand	No Entry	No Entry	Espie Quinn
MAXILLARIEAE	Max. sophronitis Lynn Wiand	Max. praestans Merle Robboy	Max. meleagris Barbara Livingston	Espie Quinn
ONCIDIUM	Sigmatostilyx Lynn Wiand	Onc. ornithorhynchum Merle Robboy	Burr. Guann Shin Pink Lady Merle Robboy	Espie Quinn
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph. Jang-Yi-Hawk Hoa Nguyen	Paph. areeanum Kay Firebaugh	No Entry	Julie Ford
PHALAENOPSIS	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
PLEUROTHALLID	Pths. platystylis Barbara Livingston	Pths. imperialis Merle Robboy	No Entry	Lynn Wiand
VANDA	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
MISCELLANEOUS	Bulb. rothschildianum 'Geoff' Merle Robboy	Coel. fimbriata 'Kokomo' Merle Robboy	Sngl. longifolia Merle Robboy	Dean Shoffeitt
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Paph. areeanum Kay Firebaugh			Nico Goossens

November Meeting Peeps

