



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

June 2025

President's Message

Hi everyone!

We are coming to our annual close for this year and reflecting on how much our club has gone through, so many changes. We relocated our meeting place several times, survived the pandemic, changed our venue for our show several times, and have seen many members come and go. There is a lot of history within our club and I hope it continues for a long time.

Next month, in July, is our annual installation banquet, which will be held at my house, and I hope you all will attend. This year the theme will be Ita-

ly. There will be Italian food and music in the garden. I've held this event at my house for so many years and have gone through so many themes I can't think of any new ones to do. It's hard work but I enjoy doing this for our club.

I would like to thank Brandon Tam for his lecture on the amazing collection of Paphiopedilums at the Huntington Library and detail for the care for the plants. Also, thank you **Merle** for your presentation of the display plants. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Take care.

Michael Miranda
NHOS President

Culture Class

7:00 p.m.

Our speaker, Fred Clarke, will hold a question and answer session. Bring your orchid questions or photos and get advice. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the smaller room off the main auditorium. Please join us.



June Speaker

Fred Clarke "Catasetum Species and their Cultivation"

Catasetum and related genera are from the Tribe Cymbidiaceae. They have been considered an orchid oddity, or "botanical", of interest mainly to the seriously addicted enthusiast. These plants have a brief deciduous period in winter, when the plants need a definite dry rest period bordering on neglect.

These robust orchids are native to low-land tropical forests in Central and South America and are usually grown in warm or intermediate conditions. Commercially, Catasetum have occupied a small market niche on the edge of a sea of Cymbidiums, Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis, Dendrobiums, Epidendrums, and so on.

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

This talk will feature some excellent species and hybrids of Catasetum. Learn about the fascinating sexually dimorphic flowers flower by a complete plant culture section.

The presenter will be Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista. Fred has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Paphiopedilum, Australian Dendrobium, and some others to be named if they work out!

His pioneering work in Catasetum in-

tergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received over 100 awards worldwide.

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.



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.

June 17

July 15: Installation Banquet

August 19

September 30 ***This is the fifth Tuesday

October 21

November 18

December 16: Holiday Party



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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
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Bark for Sale

We bought too much bark.

Three bags available: #2 Kiwi Orchid Bark, 50 liters, 1.76 Cu. Ft. \$54 per bag.

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May Judging Results				
GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTELEYA	Bc. Bill Worsley x C. cinnabarina Julie Ford	Lc. Rojo 'Cardinal' x Ctna. Why Not Gen Gundersen	Cattleya Nold Dean Shoffeitt	Barb Livingston
CYMBIDIUM	Cym Charles Weckerle Thrun Espie Quinn	No Entry	No Entry	Bill MacCorkell
DENDROBIUM	Den aggregatum Winn Winmaw	Den hancockii Lynn Wiand	Den hancockii Dean Shoffeitt	Gen Gundersen
EPIDENDRUM	Epi parkinsonianum Lynn Wiand	Epi Sunburst Micheal Miranda	No Entry	Barb Livingston
MAXILLARIEAE	Lyc Abou Sunset Rick Wells	Max caespitifica Merle Robboy	Lyc Corrimal Merle Robboy	Lynn Wiand
ONCIDIUM	Onc Jiaho Queen Dean Shoffeitt	Onc hastattum Merle Robboy	No Entry	Lynn Wiand
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Phrag caudatum x Giganteum ???	Paph Nold Hoa Nguyen	Paph Yang-Ji Hawk Kira Jones	Dean Shoffeitt
PHALAENOPSIS	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
PLEUROTHALLID	Masd coccinea var magenta Rick Wells	No Entry	No Entry	Espie Quinn
VANDA	V. Princess Mikasa 'Blue' Jan Hennessey	Aergs mistisidia ???	Aer Daisy Michael Miranda	Dean Shoffeitt
MISCELLANEOUS	Euph andamanesis Merle Robboy	Cyn angustifolia Dean Shoffeitt	Bulb eberhardtii Merle Robboy	Tom Harrison
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Epi parkinsonianum Lynn Wiand			Brandon Tam

Room with an Orchid View: May Meeting Pix

