



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

January 2026

President's Message

Hi everyone!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a good start. I had a good start by filling my rain barrels early. I collected 19 barrels, which comes out to be 1045 gallons. If anybody needs any barrels, I have 10 extra I don't need. Just reach out to me any time.

Coming into the new year, I'm looking forward to having a successful year for our club, and I was told that I need to look for my re-

placement as president of the club.

If any of you are interested, reach out to me anytime. The position is not as difficult as you might think, and you get a cool gold badge. It makes a huge difference when you have a great group of people in your administration to help. I'm grateful for that.

I hope all who came to our annual Christmas dinner enjoyed it. Some have asked me about doing the orchid gift exchange like we used to in the past. If enough of you agree to it, maybe we will try it next time.

Culture Class

7:00 p.m.

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

Thank you, **Valerie**, for all your help organizing the event and thank you to all who helped out.

Looking forward to enjoying the next year with you all and see you at the next meeting.

Take care,

Michael Miranda
NHOS President

January Speaker

Donna Ballard

Donna Ballard a native Southern Californian and an accredited American Orchid Society judge.

After over 30 years of loving, caring for, and studying plants, she went on to work as a professional interior house plant maintenance technician until four years ago.



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

Donna now spends her time as first Vice President of the San Fernando Valley Orchid Society, creating talks for them and other societies, and volunteering as a board member at large for the Orchid Digest Corp.

She currently has approximately 520 square feet of greenhouse and shade house growing areas where she has over 1300 cattleyas, paphiopedilums, cymbidiums, dendrobiums, sarcochilus, miniature vandas and novelty phalaenopses as well as several other genera.



Mark Your Calendar 2026

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.

January 20

February 17

March 17: Auction (tentative)

April 21

May 19

June 16

July 21: Installation Dinner at Michael Miranda's house

August 18

September 22: Fourth Tuesday of the month (tentative)

October 20

November 17

December 15: Christmas Party

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