



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

February 2026

President's Message

Hi everyone!

Now that the holidays are behind us, we can look forward to spring. My orchids are creating their spikes and getting ready to bloom. I think I'll have a good blooming season this year. Hopefully the timing will be on my side so I can bring them in for judging. Sometimes they don't open till after the meeting or so early they start to wilt.

This spring we are not having our annual spring orchid show because

we have no venue. We really need to do some brainstorming to find a home for our show at a reasonable cost. It's a major fundraiser for us, which gives us the ability to keep our club running. If anybody has any suggestions for a cost-efficient venue, feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you to **Donna Ballard** for your presentation on the Australian dendrobium and its relatives, hybrids, and culture. Also, for doing the culture class. Thank you, **Merle**, for your presentation of the display plants for judging, and thanks to all who help out and bring snacks.

Culture Class

7:00 p.m.

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

Without you guys there wouldn't be much of a meeting. I'll keep asking if anybody wants to step up and replace me as president at the end of my term. Let me know asap, if you're interested. Hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Take care,

Michael Miranda
NHOS President

February Speaker

Jack Zhu

"Mastering the New Year Orchid: A Californian's Guide to Cymbidium sinense."

Jack Zhu is an orchid hobbyist from the Los Angeles area and the owner of Fang Hua Garden, specializing in Asian orchids. Jack has a deep interest in the culture and history of Asian Cymbidiums.

He is currently an accredited Judge in the AOS Pacific South Judging Region and has received more than forty AOS awards for Asian Cymbidiums.

Jack's talk is entitled "Mastering the New Year Orchid: A Californian's Guide to Cymbidium sinense." Discover the secrets to growing Cymbidium sinense, the "New



Year Orchid," a plant celebrated for centuries for its sophisticated fragrance and elegant foliage.

This talk provides a practical roadmap for California growers, highlighting the critical cultivation shifts needed to thrive in our unique microclimates. We will demystify the winter "chill" required for blooming and share insider tips on navigating the market to find authentic, high-quality cultivars.

Jack will also provide the opportunity table and the culture class.

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

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.

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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January Meeting Blooms



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January Judging Awards



January Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	C. Marcella Koss Merle Robboy	L. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime' Kayoko Niebrig	Brassavola digbiana Michael Miranda	Lynn Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	Cyc. Willy Gonzales x Cyc. Providence Kira Jones	Cym. Honey Bunny 'Sugar Candy' Merle Robboy	No Entry	Lynn Wiand
DENDROBIUM	Den. Hilda Poxon Espie Quinn	Den. Ausie Charms x King Zip Espie Quinn	Den. Strawberryx Hilda Poxon Espie Quinn	Winn Winmaw
EPIDENDRUM	Dinema polybulbon Kay Firebaugh	Dinema polybulbon Dean Shoffeitt	No Entry	Lynn Wiand
MAXILLARIEAE	Max. rolfei Lynn Wiand	No Entry	No Entry	Valerie Sanders
ONCIDIUM	Onc. Tsiku Margurite Bill MacCorkell	Psychmorchis fusilla Dean Shoffeitt	Onc. Gold Dust variegated Kira Jones	Winn Winmaw
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph. Michael Koopowitz x rothschildianum Hoa Nguyen	Paph. Yang J. Apple Hoa Nguyen	Paph. Villosum Winn Winmaw	Barbara Livingston
PHALAENOPSIS	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
PLEUROTHALLID	Pths. restrepioides Merle Robboy	Masd. tovarensis Barb Livingston	No Entry	Marilyn Bauer
VANDA	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
MISCELLANEOUS	Ddc. tenellum Lynn Wiand	Coel. ecarinata Dean Shoffeitt	Coel. filipeda Dean Shoffeitt	Roberta Fox
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Paph. Michael Koopowitz x rothschildianum Hoa Nguyen			Donna Ballard



January Meeting Peeps

