



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

March 2026

President's Message

Hi everyone!

We're entering the third month of the year, and it seems like this year is flying by pretty quickly.

I have many orchids in bloom now, especially my cymbidiums and dendrobiums. My garden is waking up from the winter and, it being such a mild winter, a lot of my vines never died back, and I have to do a lot of trimming down so they won't grow too thick.

Just last month Rudy and I attended the celebration of life for Elisabeth

Hau at Roger's Garden. Her son, Christofer, and his family, arranged to host it there because Elisabeth always said that it was her favorite place to visit. It was nice to see some of you there.

I gathered all of her orchids, cleaned them up, repotted them into her nice pots, and took them there so everyone could leave with an orchid from Elisabeth. It was the least I could do. She was a dear friend of mine, and I'll miss her very much. Rest in peace, Elisabeth.

Thank you, **Jack Zhu**, for your presentation on Asian cymbidiums

Culture Class

7:00 p.m.

No culture class this month. Please join in the Member Show-and-Tell.

at our February meeting. Thank all of you who help run our meeting every month. And thank you, **Merle**, for your presentation on the display plants for judging.

I'll be asking every month if there is anybody willing to step up to take over my position as president. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Take care,

Michael Miranda
NHOS President

March Speaker

You (and Merle Robboy)

"Member Show-and-Tell"

For March we have something experimental planned. We're going to try an extended show-and-tell session, guided by the faithful and very knowledgeable Merle Robboy.

As the plant table for February was so well done, we are asking that everyone bring at least one blooming plant, and, frankly, more is better.

Merle will then go down the plant table and select various plants. It is our wish that the owner of the plant stand and explain how they have



grown the plant and perhaps describe their growing area and tell the club what their collection looks like. If the plant owner also wants to go into the botanical details of the plant or plant type, great; if not, Merle will fill in some details.

Club members will then have the opportunity to pose questions of either the grower and/or Merle.

Eventually we'll work our way through the display tables in this extended Q&A format. So, bring your plants, bring your questions, and bring your answers.

Thanks in advance to Merle, and thanks to Kira for making arrangements and facilitating.



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.

March 17

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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2025-2028

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Events

Andy's Orchids Spring Open House

March 13 - 25, 2026

10 AM - 4 PM

734 Ocean View Ave.

Encinitas

Info: www.andysorchids.com

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

March 20 - 22, 2026

9 AM - 4 PM

Earl Warren Showgrounds

Santa Barbara

Info: www.sborchidshow.com

South Coast Orchid Society Auction and Sale

March 23, 2026

6:30 PM to 9 PM

Whaley Park Community Center

5620 E. Atherton St.

Long Beach

Specimens, Divisions, Seedlings,

Books, Supplies and more.

Info:

www.southcoastorchidsociety.com/

South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale

April 18-19, 2026

10 AM - 4 PM

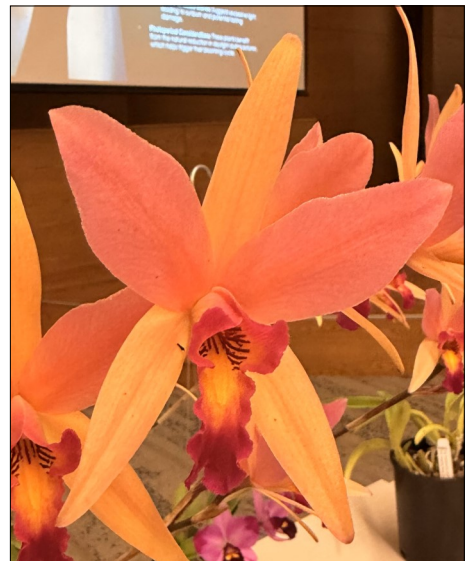
Palos Verdes Art Center

5504 W. Crestridge Rd.

Rancho Palos Verdes

Info:

www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show



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February Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTELEYA	Lc. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime' Espie Quinn	Rl. glauca Kay Firebaugh	C. loddigesii Kayoko Nebrig	Lynn Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	Cym. Sola 'Cinnamon' Michael Lum	Cym. Mary Green Espie Quinn	Aslla. africana Hoa Nguyen	Dean Shoffeitt
DENDROBIUM	Den. speciosum Australia Dean Shoffeitt	Den. speciosum Michael Miranda	Den. Nagasaki Dean Shoffeitt	Lynn Wiand
EPIDENDRUM	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
MAXILLARIEAE	Lyc. #4 Kira Jones	Lyc. #5 Kira Jones	Gptm. Arlene Armour x Zga. Kuta Square Bill MacCorkell	Dean Shoffeitt
ONCIDIUM	Ada. Aurantiaca Dean Shoffeitt	Brsdm. Kenny Merle Robboy	Onc. Mayfair Kay Firebaugh	Bill MacCorkell
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph. Rebecca Koopowitz Hoa Nguyen	Paph. Prince Edward of York Hoa Nguyen	Paph. delenatii Bill MacCorkell	Espie Quinn
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal. HDX Bill MacCorkell	Phal. NOID Kira Jones	Phal. Joy Spring Canary Kira Jones	Espie Quinn
PLEUROTHALLID	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry
VANDA	Rhy. retusa T. Nguyen			Barb. Livingston
MISCELLANEOUS	Cal. Arisanensis Dean Shoffeitt	Strs. speciosum Dean Shoffeitt	Ddc. convulaeriforme Espie Quinn	Barb Livingston
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Lc. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime'			Jack Zhu

February Meeting Pix

