



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

April 2026

President's Message

Hi everyone!

We're finally into our spring weather and longer days, which allows me to be more productive in my garden through the day.

I've been working hard getting my garden ready for the Installation Banquet coming up in July. I'm still thing of a theme for this year, and I was thinking of Peruvian or Mediterranean food this time. If any of you have any suggestions let me know.

Last month's club meeting was very enjoyable. Not having a speaker was a bit of a change, but having members talk about their display plants and having a Q&A was very educational. I think we should do this a little more often.

Remember that at the end of this month we have a booth at the garden show at South Coast Plaza. We need you to step up and volunteer as much time as possible. I'm donating my plants to sell.

I'm still looking for someone to replace me as president. The Instal-

Culture Class

7:00 p.m.

No culture class this month.

lation Banquet will be here soon, and we need to fill in those vacant seats asap. Please step up and give some of your time so our club will keep thriving.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Take care,

Michael Miranda
NHOS President

April Speaker

James Livingston

"The Flask"

James Livingston is an experienced horticulturist and avid orchid grower from Santa Ana, CA.

Having spent time with Ecuagenera CA, Verdant Vivariums, Tropical Exotique, and Live Art Plantscapes in addition to a personal practice selling plants and growing outdoors, in greenhouses, and in terrariums, as well as a love of travel to the tropics, he possess a well-rounded knowledge of orchids and tropical plants in general.

He prefers species orchids and will gladly admit to being an orchid snob.



For this talk James will go over the process of acclimating orchids as seedlings from flasks; why we use flasks for orchids; and the importance of genetic diversity that comes from their use.

Each attendee will go home with a seedling and instructions on how to finish the acclimating themselves.

James will bring as well a selection of around 30 flasks available for purchase. They range from \$70-\$600. These flasks will be available via cash or Zelle.



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.

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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South Coast Plaza Garden Show, April 23-April 26

Sign up at the next NHOS meeting, Tuesday, April 21, at the Norma Herzog Community Center (the usual place) to help out at the upcoming garden show at South Coast Plaza.

You can deliver your plants for donation (all proceeds go to the Society) or sale (25% plus tax to the Society) on Wednesday, 4/22, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. or on Thursday, 4/23, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

There are still some unfilled shifts on Thursday, 4/23, and Sunday, 4/26. Valerie Sanders will sign you up; so call, respond per email, or see her at the meeting. Thank you for your help, so badly needed.

Bromeliad Society Event

The greatest sale in Bromeliad History is going to happen right here in Costa Mesa. Come to the Hilton on Bristol Street on Friday, April 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and/or Saturday April 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the bromeliad international show.

BROMELIAD PLANT SHOW & SALE

Don't miss the first World Bromeliad Conference in the greater Los Angeles area since 1984!

When: April 17-18, 2026

Where: Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa
3050 Bristol St. Costa Mesa, CA

What: Huge Bromeliad Sale & Judged Bromeliad Show

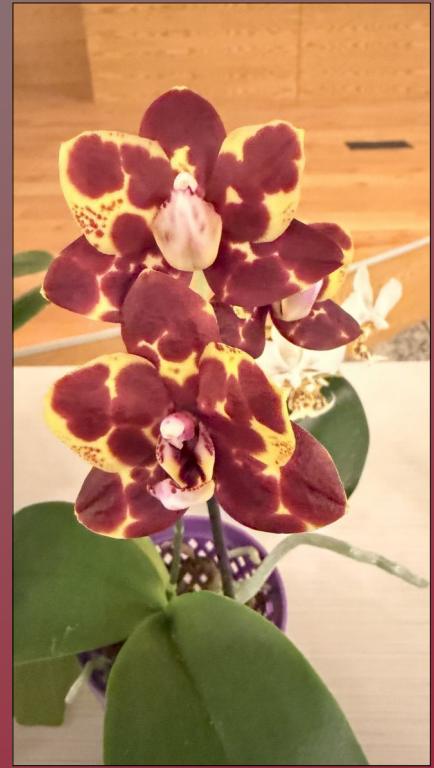
See a beautiful display of the best bromeliads in Southern California. The sale includes plants from nurseries in Florida and San Diego. Choose from hundreds of different species and hybrids, most of which may be grown outdoors in Southern California. The show and sale are free and all-day hotel parking is \$20 (cheaper hotel parking at spothero.com.) For additional conference information and to learn about bromeliads go to BromSale.com.



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March Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	Lc. Dennis Olivas 'Best' Espie Quinn	Laelia. blumenscheinii Merle Robboy	Blc. Ingers Espie Quinn	Lynn Wiand
CYMBIDIUM	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
DENDROBIUM	Den. delicatum Merle Robboy	Den. Brilliant Smile 'Royal' Rick Wells	Den. linawianum Espie Quinn	Valerie Sanders
EPIDENDRUM	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
MAXILLARIEAE	Max. picta Lynn Wiand	Max. variabilis Merle Robboy	Max. curtipes Merle Robboy	Tom Harrison
ONCIDIUM	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paph. Wossner 'Black Wing' Hoa Nguyen	Paph. Hung Shen Cape Hoa Nguyen	Paph. Lady Roth Hoa Nguyen	Lynn Wiand
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal. #4 Kira Jones	Phal. Noid Rosemary Krumme	Phal. #1 Kira Jones	Kay Firebaugh
PLEUROTHALLID	Pleurothallis Frank Gilta	No Entry	No Entry	Bill MacCorkell
VANDA	Jum. arachnantha Hoa Nguyen	V. luzonicca Kira Jones	Vg. Apple Blossom Bill MacCorkell	Espie Quinn
MISCELLANEOUS	Bulb. arfakianum Merle Robboy	Eptcs. gigantea Michael Miranda	Ddc. cootesii Lynn Wiand	Espie Quinn
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Lc. Dennis Olivas 'Best' Espie Quinn			Michael Miranda

March Meeting Pix

