



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

June 2026

President's Message

This past month's meeting was very unusual. There was some miscommunication; and we ended up having all of us in the culture classroom. But we made it work, although we didn't have an auction or raffle or plant presentation. This month we will be back to normal.

Thank you, Mitchell Schneider, for your presentation on Oncidinae and Miltonia. Mitchell has a very comedic lecture style that I enjoy. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting, where our own **Dean Shoffeitt** is speaking.

Coming next month is our annual installation banquet, where we swear in the new council members. We also celebrate our past year and award those who earned points for bringing their plants in for judging.

The event will be held at my house in place of the normal meeting, Tuesday, July 21st at 6:30PM. My address is 356 Costa Mesa Street, Costa Mesa, California 92627.

The theme is Mediterranean. We will have food catered by Istanbul Grill along with music from that region. You are welcome to bring a salad and/or dessert. If you would

Culture Class

7:00 p.m.

No culture class this month.

like to bring your own wine or spirits, that's fine, too.

The cost is \$20 per person, and you're welcome to bring a date. Pay in cash when you arrive and there is no need to RSVP. Just show up and enjoy the evening.

Take care,

Michael Miranda
NHOS President

June Speaker

Dean Shoffeitt

"My Visit to the 2026 World Orchid Conference in Dresden, Germany"

Dean Shoffeitt started growing plants nearly 50 years ago during high school, when he got a part-time job in the greenhouse at a garden center in the Chicago suburbs. That led to undergraduate and graduate degrees in botany, and a lifetime of growing whatever interested him.

He picked up his first orchid, a *Leptotes bicolor*, while he was in college. Over the years, his plant interests have included palms, cycads, bromeliads, amaryllis, and succulents and caudiciform plants. His main interests currently are orchids and carnivorous plants.

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

Dean started growing orchids in a more serious way in 2020, and his



collection now includes terrestrial orchids, cattleyas and laelias, dendrobiums, lycastes and anguloas, slipper orchids and numerous others.

He is currently on the Board of the South Coast Orchid Society and the Southern California Carnivorous

Plant Enthusiasts. He is also the incoming president of the Newport Harbor Orchid Society.

Dean is always interested in learning more about orchids, which is what got him started coming to club meetings, and he also enjoys attending orchid shows, symposia and conferences.

He speaks German, spent a year studying at the University of Munich, and has visited the country many times, so when he learned that the WOC was happening in Dresden this year, it seemed the perfect reason to plan a trip to Germany. He shares some of his experiences at the conference in this presentation.



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.

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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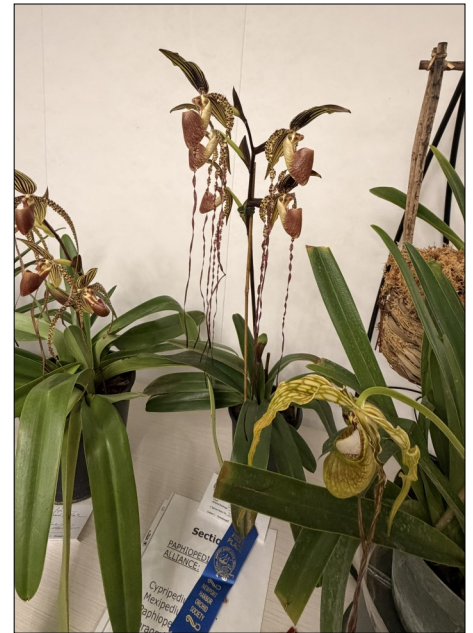


Orchid Digest and The Huntington present Speakers Day

This event takes place on June 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Huntington, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA 91108.

Registration includes: four speakers, vendors, book sales, silent auction, happy hour, dinner, recording.

Go to <https://www.orchiddigest.org> for details and sign-ups.



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May Judging Results

GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	Laeliocattleya Stone House 'Leonard Webster' Espie Quinn	Schomburgkia tibicinis Michael Miranda	Laelia purpurata 'Rosa Cereja' Espie Quinn	Dean Shoffeitt
CYMBIDIUM	Cymbidium aloefolium Merle Robboy			Tom Harrison
DENDROBIUM	Dendrobium parishii Hoa Nguyen	No Entry	No Entry	Dean Shoffeitt
EPIDENDRUM	Barkeria spectabilis Dean Shoffeitt	Barkeria melanocaulon Dean Shoffeitt	No Entry	Tom Harrison
MAXILLARIEAE	Lycaste tricolor 'Rick' x Lyc. Suave 'Perfect Pixie' Lily Hara	Lycaste tricolor 'Rick' x Lyc. Suave 'Perfect Pixie' Rosemary Krumme	Maxillaria tenuifolia 'Yamada' Hoa Nguyen	Dean Shoffeitt
ONCIDIUM	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paphiopedilum Yang Ji Hawk Hoa Nguyen	Phragmipedium gigantea x caudatum Brian Hench	Paphiopedilum Prince Edward of York Hoa Nguyen	Tom Harrison
PHALAENOPSIS	Phalaenopsis Yellow Lady Merle Robboy			Tom Harrison
PLEUROTHALLID	Pleurothallis racemiflora Winn Winmaw	No Entry	No Entry	Dean Shoffeitt
VANDA	Vanda Boonchoo x Dr. Anek 4N Hoa Nguyen	Renanthera imschootiana Hoa Nguyen	Vanda falcata Guy Gottschalk	Dean Shoffeitt
MISCELLANEOUS	Cynorkis angustapetala Espie Quinn	Dendrochilum philippinense Espie Quinn	Eulophia andamanensis Merle Robboy	Dean Shoffeitt
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Pleurothallis racemiflora Winn Winmaw			Mitchell Schneider

May Meeting Pix

