



ORCHIDS AWEIGH

Newsletter of the NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

July 2026

President's Message

Hi everyone!

This is my last presidential message. I have enjoyed these last two years as president, and I welcome our new president, **Dean Shoffeitt**.

I couldn't have been very successful without a great group of people on the board to help me. It takes a very patient and dedicated group to run such a club as ours. I hope it lasts for many more years. Now I get to enjoy the former presidential life.

Coming up on Tuesday, July 21, is our Annual Installation Banquet. It begins at 6:30 p.m. The theme is Mediterranean. We will have food and music associated with the region. The

cost is \$20 per person, cash on arrival to Mary Kermani. The event is at my house: 356 Costa Mesa St., Costa Mesa, CA 92627. See you there.

Thank you, **Dean**, for your lecture on your visit to the World Orchid Conference in Dresden, Germany. Great pictures of the excursion! Also, thank you, **Merle**, for the presentation on the orchids for judging, and thank you all for your help in running our meeting each month. I will miss being your president but still enjoy being a member.

Take care,

Michael Miranda
NHOS President

Annual Installation & Awards Banquet

Tuesday, July 21
6:30 p.m.

At the home of

Michael Miranda
356 Costa Mesa St.
Costa Mesa CA 92627

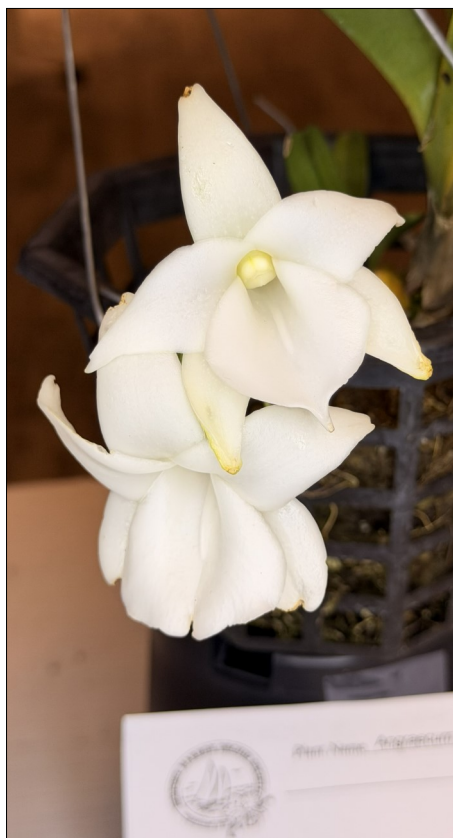
\$20 per person

Mediterranean Cuisine

Please join us!



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.

July 21: Installation Dinner at Michael Miranda's house

August 18

September 1: First Tuesday of the month

October 20

November 17

December 15: Christmas Party



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2025-2028
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Calendar Update

Please note that our normal third Tuesday of the month meeting for September has been changed to the first Tuesday.

That is, NHOS will be meeting on September 1.

Please adjust your calendars.



Website Update

Kira Jones is updating our website: nhosinfo.org.

Kira is interested in posting Orchid growing problems, triumphs and questions. She would also like to post solutions, or at least advice, on diseases, pests, general growing conditions, and so forth. Pictures would be welcome.

Please contact Kira at the meeting. More announcements will follow.

New Committees Formed

Two important opportunities have come out of the latest board meeting.

One: NHOS has formed an Expo Show Committee. Some board members have already volunteered, but we will need more members. Please see Kira Jones if you are interested.

Two: Mary Kermani is leading a Treasurer Committee, in order to look for opportunities to cut costs. She will need volunteers.

SBOS Fall Show and Sale

The South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale will take place September 19–20, 2026, at the Palos Verdes Art Center, 5504 Crestridge Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

See the following website for more information: southbayorchidsociety.com/Show.

10th Annual International Huntington Orchid Show

The 10th Annual International Huntington Orchid Show is taking place October 9–11, 2026.

Participating members will gain access to the Huntington grounds. More information to follow.

Please contact Tom Harrison, Kira Jones, Winn Winmaw, or Dean Shoffeitt if you are interested in transporting plants and/or helping with the installation.

Judging Results 2026 (not including June)

Merle Robboy
First Place with 121 Points

Hoa Nguyen
Second Place with 118 Points

Espie Quinn
Third Place with 91 Points

Submitted by Bill MacCorkell
(hope to see you in August)

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<https://fascinationoforchids.com/2026/FONL2607.pdf>



June Judging Results				
GENUS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	JUDGES
POINTS	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
CATTLEYA	Laelia purpurata var. alba	Laelia purpurata var. carnea 'Bion'	Laelia purpurata var. carnea	Tom Harrison
	Espie Quinn	Espie Quinn	Rosemary Krumme	
CYMBIDIUM	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
DENDROBIUM	Dendrobium Bertha Chong x Blue Violeta	Diplocaulobium tetaculatum	No Entry	Michael Miranda
	Kira Jones	Lynn Wiand		
EPIDENDRUM	Encyclia cochleata Kira Jones	No Entry	No Entry	Lynn Wiand
MAXILLARIEAE	Anguola dubia Dean Shoffeitt	Maxillaria tenuifolia 'Yamada' Espie Quinn	Prominea xanthine Dean Shoffeitt	Barb Livingston
ONCIDIUM	Oncidium phymatochilum Espie Quinn	Brassia verrucose Dean Shoffeitt	Oncidium phymatochilum James Livingstone	Lynn Wiand
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Paphiopedilum Dolce Cat Merle Robboy	Phragmipedium humboldtii Dean Shoffeitt	No Entry	Tom Harrison
PHALAENOPSIS	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
PLEUROTHALLID	Masdevallia Redwing Barb Livingstone	Dracula severa Michael Miranda	No Entry	Julie Ford
VANDA	Vanda Merv. L. Velthuis x Vanda Bitz Hearthrob	Vanda Somsri Gold 'Pachara'	Vanda lamelata	Jan Hennesey
	Kira Jones	Kira Jones	Kira Jones	
MISCELLANEOUS	Cirrhopetalum thalorum Lynn Wiand	Dichaea glauca Merle Robboy	Cynorkis gibbosa Dean Shoffeitt	Barb Livingston
POINTS	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	
NOVICE	No Entry	No Entry	No Entry	
CULTURAL AWARD WINNER—7 points	Anguola dubia Dean Shoffeitt			Roberta Fox

No June Gloom: June Meeting Pix

