



NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER April 2005

April 19, 2005

**General Meeting: third Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.
Orchid Culture Class: 7:00 p.m.**

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Ribbon Judging Lecture by Norito

Norito was born in Los Angeles, California, USA 64 years ago. He is married to Joyce and has three children Lisa, Todd and Mark. He runs *Paphanatics UnLimited*, while also working as a dentist. Nearly 30 years ago, Norito became a judge in both the Cymbidium Society of America and the American Orchid Society. His interest lies mainly in the hybridization of all *Paphiopedilums* and also the propagation of the *Paphiopedilum* species as well. He is a member of the Cymbidium Society of America & the American Orchid Society and numerous local societies in Southern California.

Member News

- Bill Austin is recuperating from recent surgery and is reported to be doing well.
- We wish Irma Hughes a speedy recovery after her surgery.
- Marie Maher is finally home after a long hospitalization & rehab therapy.
- We were distressed to learn of the recent passing of Anne Gazda's son. Our sincerest condolences to Anne & her family.

Refreshment Table Request

NHOS members Mansour thru Palmer are requested to bring refreshments (healthy snacks) to the April 19 meeting. Thank you for sharing!



President's Message

When I started growing orchids, I thought it would be a relaxing diversion from life's daily routine. Huh, how wrong I was! With the arrival of spring, it's a race against time to repot our orchids, keep them watered and fertilized (especially with these late dreaded Santa Ana winds). Yet it is a much anticipated time of the year as the temperatures warm up and our plants reward us with their beautiful blooms. It makes all of our work worth it.

We had a very entertaining March meeting and learned a little about the San Diego County Orchid Society's Conservation efforts. The raffle table was a huge success (we actually turned a profit!) with so many beautiful *Masdevallias*, *Miltoniopsis* and many different species.

Thanks to Chuck Spain for conducting the culture class. And can you believe that Helen Tangcay is winning awards everywhere? Helen does get around. Most recently, *Cymbidium* Helen Tangcay won the Grand Champion *Cymbidium* Award at this year's Santa Barbara International Show. Congratulations to Helen and to Loren Batchman of *Casa de las Orquideas!*

Mark the week-end of April 30 and May 1 in your calendar. It's our *Oceans of Orchids* Show. We have a great list of vendor and there will be lots of beautiful displays. You can support the show by volunteering for a couple of hours, displaying your plants and bringing family and friends to the show.

Looking forward to seeing you and your plants on Tuesday, April 19th. Happy growing.

Nancy Benay, President

Oceans of Orchids Show

Our eighth *Oceans of Orchids* Show is coming up in less than a month: Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1. We need volunteers to help with the following: distribute posters and flyers, set up on Friday evening, April 29 and on both days of the show. If you have not already done so, you can sign up at the April 19th meeting or contact Richard Hara. We will also have a show bench and invite each of you to display your plants. There will be ribbon judging. Bring your plants to the Community Center by 7 p.m. on Friday evening. Do you want an individual display? Please contact Nancy Benay by Tuesday, April 19th so we can reserve the tables. You can also sell your plants on the members' plant sale table. Bring your plants in on Friday night or early Saturday. This is another great opportunity to clear some space in your growing area while earning some extra cash! Last year's show was beautiful and great fun, and this year's promises to be even better. Encourage your friends and family to attend.

Sophrónitis Coccínea

Two red stars radiating
Each with its own innate form,
One enhanced by the other
The sum infinitely greater than its parts



The magnificence of their creation
Is reflected by subtle variations,
One lighter than the other
The sepal markings more bold as well.

The golden glow of the column
Bespeaks warmth, openness, confidence.
The other appears shy and reserved,
Not yet fully at its zenith.

Yet they are both outstanding forms
Of natural wonders of selection.
Each perfect in its own place
With countless similarities of beauty.

Can people be as orchids?
Alike in context, thought and spirit?
Does one find the dissimilarities a detraction
Or are they a measure of enhancement?

The form and colors will fade with time
The images will remain fixed forever.
Nothing will detract from my mind's
Image of these shining red flowers.

-M.S. Robboy, M.D.

MARCH, 2005 JUDGING RESULTS

| GENUS POINTS | FIRST PLACE 5 | SECOND PLACE 3 | THIRD PLACE 1 |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| CATTLEYA | Cat. Ioddigesii Lynn Wiand | LC hybrid? Marvel Carlson | LC. Tokyo Magic Lea x SC. Beaufort Branston Sharon Pyatt |
| CYMBIDIUM | Cym. Cotton Candy "Wizard" Lynn Wiand | Cym. Flame Hawk Greg Fryling | Cym. Ann Mille Sharon Pyatt |
| DENDROBIUM | Den. Joy Wray Kay Firebaugh | Den. delicatum Espie Quinn | Den. gracilicaule Espie Quinn |
| EPIDENDRUM | Epi. Lilac Hedges x Epi. Maili Pink Sharon Pyatt | There's always next month! | Arrgh! I could have won a ribbon! |
| LYCASTE MASDEVALIA ZYGOPETALUM | Masd. Coccinea Greg Fryling | Zygo Redhead x Stinemost Greg Fryling | Masd. Copper Angel Kayoko Nebrig |
| ONCIDIUM ODONTOGLOSSUM | Odcdm. Golden Girl Kay Firebaugh | Colm. Wildcat "Bobcat" Merle Robboy | Oda. Red Lago Chuck Spain |
| PAPHIOPEDILUM PHRAGMIPEDIUM | Phrag pearcei Greg Fryling | Paph hirtsutissimum Owner Unknown | Don't miss your chance! |
| PHALAENOPSIS | Phal Maki Watanabe Kenton Boettcher | Sham Wishemrai Anita Woodcoff | Phal. Inspiration "Alvin" Lynn Wiand |
| VANDA | So sad. No Vandas this month! | | |
| ALL OTHERS | Maxillaria nemoylasso Kay Firebaugh | Phaius tancervilleae Greg Fryling | Masd. Copper Angel Kayoko Nebrig |
| POINTS | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| NOVICE | Phrag wallesii Deb Munson | BLC. Triumphal Coronation "Seto" Gen Gunderson | Cym. Dag "Dorothy" D. Wood |
| POINTS | 7 | | |
| CULTURAL AWARD WINNER | Maxillaria nemoylasso Kay Firebaugh | | |

Many thanks to Roberta Fox, Guy Gottschalk, Sandra Walters, Sharon Pyatt, Lynn Wiand and Merle Robboy for judging. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Kay Firebaugh for winning three firsts and the Culture Award.

Make sure to have your orchids in place by 7:30 to insure you get judged. The first table is reserved for the novices only.

Mark Your Calendar . . .



- ◆ April 2: *MARIPOSA GARDEN SPRING FESTIVAL*, 6664 South St, Lakewood (562) 920-5588
- ◆ April 8-10: *SAN DIEGO COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY 59TH SHOW*, Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, www.sdorchids.com/shows.htm
- ◆ April 9-10: *RAINBOW OF ORCHIDS*, South Bay Orchid Society, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3350 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors
- ◆ April 20-24: *MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS SHOW/ORCHID DIGEST ANNUAL MEETING*, Bloomington, MN Information: www.orchidsocietyofminnesota.com
- ◆ April 30-May 1: *NHOS' OCEANS OF ORCHIDS SHOW/PLANT SALE*, Costa Mesa Community Center
- ◆ May 9: *ORCHIDS & OTHER FLORAL WONDERS 3-D SLIDE SHOW*, by photographer James Comstock, San Diego Natural History Museum, Balboa Park, San Diego \$18, info@sdhortsoc.org
- ◆ May 19: *SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ORCHID HOBBYISTS' ANNUAL AUCTION*, 7 p.m., LA County Arboretum & Botanic Garden, 301 N Baldwin, Arcadia
- ◆ Check out www.thehungersite.org which has a tsunami relief orchid bracelet for \$14.95 plus shipping of which 100% of the price goes to tsunami relief funds.

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