



Press Release: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Oceans of Orchids Show and Sale  
Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, 2005  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days  
Costa Mesa Community Center  
1845 Park Ave, Costa Mesa, CA

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On Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, the Newport Harbor Orchid Society will host its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchid Show and Sale at the Costa Mesa Community Center, 1845 Park Ave. (two blocks from Triangle Square). Show hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m both days. Admission is \$4.00, seniors \$3.00, two-day \$5.00.

This year's theme, "Oceans of Orchids" will feature hundreds of different orchid species and hybrids most of which grow easily outdoors in Southern California's coastal climate. There will be something for everyone.

Synonymous with elegance, intrigue, and whimsy, orchids are among the most beautiful of flowers in the plant family, coming in all shapes and colors. Their beauty will be showcased in numerous exhibits offered by hobbyists and professional growers. In addition to the displays, there will be a sales area featuring fifteen select growers from all over Southern California, including Paphanatics, Ontario Orchids, Granite Hills Orchids, Tho's Orchids, Gibbel's Orchids, to name a few.

Orchid culture classes will provide the new grower with tips on watering, feeding, light and temperature requirements. All of the speakers are expert growers who are eager to share their knowledge, growing tricks, and enthusiasm for orchids. New this year is a hands-on potting workshop for the new grower who has never repotted an orchid.

Founded in 1979, The Newport Harbor Orchid Society is celebrating its silver anniversary this year. Special commemorative pins marking the anniversary will be for sale at the show. With over 250 members from Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Diego Counties, the NHOS meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Costa Mesa Community Center. Visitors are always welcome.

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