

Palomar Orchid Society

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November 2010

Dates to Remember:

- **Nov. 3, Wednesday**
POS General Meeting
- November 6-7, 2010
Santa Barbara
Orchid Estates
Open House
- December 1, 2010
POS Holiday Party
Chin's - San Marcos
- December 4-5, 2010
Rudvalis Orchids
Open House
- December 4-5, 2010
Sunset Valley Orchids
Open House
- December 4-5, 2010
Casa de las Orquideas
Open House

November Meeting - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 3

James Rose, Cal-Orchids

"Lycaste skinneri and Its Hybrids"

If you have been to any orchid show, or any time traveling in the Santa Barbara area visiting nurseries, you have probably seen or visited Cal-Orchids. We are very pleased to have as our speaker this month, one of the owners of Cal-Orchids, James (Jim) Rose. This is a treat for us as he speaks on *Lycaste skinneri* and its hybrids.

Jim attended the University of California Santa Barbara as an anthropology major. In 1971 he began working at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. After 16 years there, and becoming manager, he left to establish his own nursery with his wife, Lauris. In 1987 they purchased Orchids By Rowe, a 2 acre cymbidium nursery 2 blocks from the Pacific Ocean, and created a world renowned orchid nursery providing one of the largest varieties of orchid species and hybrids in the U.S.



James and Lauris Rose.

Cal-Orchid maintains an active breeding program and stud collection built upon decades of international travel. Jim is very well known for having a distinctively selective "eye" for the new unusual plant, and Cal-Orchid's new and long-time customers enjoy reaping the benefits.

The nursery's inventory features the *Cattleya*, *Cymbidium*, *Odontoglossum*, *Masdevallia*, *Lycaste*, *Paphiopedilum* alliances as well as a good assortment of African species. More recently, Jim and Lauris have become recognized for their superior "Pacific" line of reed-stem *Epidendrum*s, which have evolved over 12 years of selective breeding. Many of us have one of these epis in our collection.



Lycaste skinneri
(Photo by Lourens Groubler)

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October Culture Class 6:30 pm
General Lycast Culture
By James Rose



We don't often have speakers who are well-versed in Lycaste culture. If you have ever wanted to know how to grow this genera, this is the Culture Class for you. Jim Rose can teach us everything we want to know about these unique orchids. They can become beautiful specimens when you know how to do it!

You don't want to miss this class! Be at this Culture Class at 6:30 sharp!

If you want to turn your life around, try thankfulness. It will change your life mightily."

~Gerald Goode

He who thanks but
 with the lips
 Thanks but in part;
 The full, the true
 Thanksgiving
 Comes from the heart.

~J.A. Shedd

WELCOME

We would like to welcome our new members:

Tom & Gisela Felter
Janet Lomba
James Mickelson

Welcome to our Society!

We also welcome guests to our society and hope they return to join us!

Elf Mitton
Pat Tucker
Mo Rafael
Diana Chernofsky

We are so glad you came to visit!



From the Refreshment Committee:

Remember: All members with last names beginning with **A, B, C, D, E, and F** share at break time!

We appreciate everyone's effort in supplying our meeting with goodies. It makes for a great meeting all around! Thank you!

Need a Ride? We know that some of you may not be able to attend our monthly meetings or other events because you cannot drive a car at night, or for some other reason. We do not want that to stop you from coming! Get a ride with another member! You can do this by getting in touch with our membership chairperson, Renee Daly. Call her at 760-929-0367 and she will get in touch with a member who will give you a ride! We have lots of members who would be more than happy to help get members to the meeting. Just Call Renee!



Message from the Board

Dear POS Members and Friends,

As the year 2010 draws to an end we would like to express my thanks to all the Palomar Orchid Society members who made it a success. A society like ours can only work when all the members take an active part and have fun together.

We are extremely lucky to have a core of members who are always there to make things run smoothly. Some of the tasks such as setting up chairs, bringing food, writing articles for the newsletter, bringing flowering plants and cookies, etc are very obvious. But there are countless more things to do that we cannot all mention here It would fill the pages of the newsletter. All of these things cannot be done by just a few.

Please, continue to help your society. More members need to become involved. The more hands we have helping, the easier the job is for everyone. There is something for each and every one of you to help with.

November is also election month for the society and we encourage all members to come and vote. Our nominating committee consisted of Lena Shiroma, Cher Whelan, and Christina Hsing. They did a fine job in providing a great slate for us for

the coming year. Please review the slate below and come ready to vote. We will also be taking nominations from the floor if interested.

We also vote for "Member of the Year". It honors the Society member who, in the eyes of his/her peers, has been most valuable to the organization during the current year (See below.) All current members are eligible (except Renee Daly who was last year's Member of the Year). Also, please, give your reason why this society member deserves this honor.

We hope to see many members and their spouses, guests etc. next month at our annual dinner at Chin's Restaurant, San Marcos. We are grateful to Estelle Hoffman for organizing this wonderful event. Please buy your tickets from Estelle at the November meeting or send her your check in the amount of \$25.00 per person.

Thank you, Dr. Merle Robboy, for your orchid culture recommendations and presentation of "Orchids of Costa Rica" last month. From fantastic photographs of specimen plants to closeups, we got a glimpse of the incredible number of orchids that grow in Costa Rica.

We welcome James Rose of Cal Orchids, Santa Barbara, as our November speaker. We hope that you will be as excited as we are about his program "Lycaste skinneri and its hybrids" and, as a result, become future Lycaste fans."

See you Wednesday

The POS Board

Slate of Officers for 2011

President – *Gil Ho*

1st VP/Programs - *Alex Nadzan and Renate Schmidt (Co-chairs)*

2nd VP/Raffle/Photographer - *Debra Funakoshi*

3rd VP/Membership - *Renee Daly and Sandi Sandquist (Co-chairs)*

Secretary – *Lena Shiroma*

Treasurer - *Christina Hsing*

First Year Trustees – *Pat Schmidt*

Cher Whelan

Janet Lomba



Nominations from the floor for each position are invited.

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Jim has published in the AOS, Orchid Digest, and CSA magazines, and is well respected for his knowledge as well as his distinctive sense of humor. He lectures all over the world...from Japan to South Africa, to Europe, at orchid shows and World Orchid Conferences. Jim and his wife Lauris recently attended the Gauteng International Orchid Show held in Pretoria, So Africa.

He is a Cymbidium Society of America Judge, former member of the AOS Conservation Committee, and active member of the Japan Grand Prix Organizing committee where he has judged every year at the world famous Tokyo Dome.

Lycaste orchids are one of those orchids that reward us with beautiful blooms, tantalizing fragrances, and also very interesting foliage during the summer. They lose those leaves during their winter rest period when they need a dry cool place to get ready for those spring blooms. When one thinks of Lycaste orchids, we think of the *Lycaste aromatica* which is a very popular plant here. Members can go to Jim's website (<http://www.calorchid.com/>) before our meeting to see the assortment of Lycastes that Cal-Orchid is



Lycaste skinneri var. *ruborosa*
(Photo by OrchidWiz)



Lycaste Imshootiana
(*Lyc. skinneri* x *Lyc. cruenta*)
(Photo by Lynn O'Shaughnessy)



Lyc. Memoria Bill Congleton
(*Lyc. Imshootiana* x *Lyc. macrobulbon*)
(Photo by Ed Wise)



Lycaste Frank Holt
(*Lyc skinneri* x *Lyc. costata*)
(Photo by Roger Van Roy)

currently offering for sale. If you see something that you would like to purchase, send him an email and ask him to bring it when he comes here.

Jim will be furnishing the plant opportunity table and have additional plants for sale. We hope to see some of his new crosses there. And we hope that you don't miss this opportunity to hear a great out of the area speaker with a very interesting topic!

Honor Our Outstanding Performers

Each year we honor the members that made the greatest current contribution to the success of Palomar Orchid Society. At our upcoming meeting in November we will be placing our votes for this honor. All current members are eligible except for last year's winner -- Renee Daly.

Ballots will be available for voting at the November meeting. Please come to the meeting to vote for the Outstanding Member of the Year. The winner will be announced and the award will be presented at the Holiday Party in December.



The POS Board

Palomar Orchid Society
Holiday Party

Dec. 1, 6:30 pm

5 course dinner, \$25.00 per person

Chin's Restaurant

1650 Descanso
San Marcos, CA

Purchase your tickets at the November Meeting!

See Betty or Estelle at the meeting.

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

There is a November 26th deadline for reservations, so if you can't make it to the meeting, send your check to:

Estelle Hoffman

3569 Mira Pacific Drive

Oceanside, CA 92056

or call

760-433-3344

Come and have good food, good times!

Everyone attending will
receive a blooming Holiday Orchid!

Photos from the
San Diego Orchid Fair

Much Thanks to Debra Funakoshi for the photos.



Anita Spencer's Blc. Hawaiian Progress. It won a 3rd Place in the Cattleya Alliance Hybrids Section, Standard Cattleya Hybrids



Renate Schmidt's Lc. Azure Delight, which one First Place in the Cattleya Alliance Hybrids Section, Compact Cattleya Hybrids



Jerry Spencer's Angraecum Longiscott 'Lea' AM/AOS. It won First Place in the Orchid Specimen Section, Best of Show and Best Amateur Cultural Award.



Lena Shiroma's Laelia anceps hybrid, which won Third Place in the Cattleya Alliance Hybrids Section, Standard Cattleya Hybrids



Gil's Paph. Stone Eridans (Paph. Lady Isabel 'Martha' x Paph. haynaldianum "SVO") which won First Place in The Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium and Cypripedium Hybrids Section,



POS members Merle Robboy, Pat Schmidt, Deborah Amis, and Iso Zehner in our booth on Saturday, October 2.



POS member Merle Robboy giving his presentation on growing paphs and phals at the Fair.

Photos from the October Meeting

Much Thanks to Debra Funakoshi for the photos.



Gil's Tolumnia Rainbow



October guest speaker Harry Phillips of Andy's Orchids and a few of the specimen plants he brought to show and talk about.



Pat and Linda Rusnell's C. Portia 'Westonbird'



Renate's Bulbophyllum echinolabium 'Jonathan'



Richard Gordon's C. San Diego Starburst (C. San Diego Surprise x C. Batemanniana 'Hawaii')



Tom Wisniewski, Jack Dimond and Harry Phillips talking orchids.

MONTHLY REPORT ON AOS JUDGING AT SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Helmut Rohrl

Judging at the Encinitas site (San Diego Botanic Garden, Administration (Ecke) Building) begins at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of each month. The facility opens at 6:30 pm.

Anyone interested in orchids is encouraged and welcome at the sessions. Visitors may join the judging teams at their tables, but cannot participate in the judging process.

Anyone who wants to exhibit plants for judging but is unable to bring the plants to S. D. Botanic Garden, please contact one of the local judges or have others bring the plants to the facility.

Helmut was not able to attend October's meeting, however, he is still looking for a photographer to help capture the beauty of the orchids brought in for judging. See Below:

Concerning Plants for Judging Sessions:

The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. They are:

Encinitas

(S.D. Botanic Garden), 1st Monday at 7 pm

San Marino

(Huntington Botanical Gardens), 2nd Saturday at 10 am

Long Beach

(Whaley Park) on the 4th Saturday at 7 pm.

Visitors –with or without plants – are welcome anytime.

If a member of the SDCOS wishes to have flowering plants judged at one of these sessions but is unable to take the plants to the judging facility, please contact one of the following AOS judges:

Loren Batchman (Solana Beach) 858-755-7572

Helmut Rohrl (La Jolla) 858-452-0976

Ann and Paul Tuskes (Clairemont) 858-274-5829

Helmut Rohrl



Photographer Needed:

I am looking for someone who may want to come to the Encinitas Judging session and take digital pictures of the entrants for submittal to the POS and SDCOS newsletters.

No pay, just satisfaction in helping the societies and the chance to educate yourself on orchids and the judging process.

Call Helmut at 858-452-0976 if you are interested in helping out!



1. Sign up for Holiday Party;

2. Get orchids ready for winter;

3. **Renew Membership!**

(Use the form on next page to renew your membership for the 2011 year. Take to meeting or mail in - it's so easy!)

Membership Application/Renewal
Palomar Orchid Society
 January 1 to December 31, 2011



2011

Last **First** **Middle**

Street

City **State** **Zip**

Phone

Email Address Please provide to receive the monthly newsletter and other information.

- Individual Membership \$20
- Family Membership \$25
- General Fund \$ _____
- Speaker Fund \$ _____
- Name Badge (\$6.50 each) \$ _____
- Other \$ _____
 (Please specify: _____)

Additional Names (Family Member option)

Additional Names (Family Member option)

\$ _____

Total amount enclosed

Make checks payable to: **Palomar Orchid Society**

Mail to: Renee Daly c/o Palomar Orchid Society
 5210 Frost Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92010

or bring to a meeting!!

Do not write in this section - Official Use ONLY

Amount enclosed: _____

Date Received: _____

Cash

Check

Orchid Fair

Flower Fields

Auction

Referral

Other

November/December Checklist
from the American Orchid Society
...by Ned Nash and James Rose



American Orchid Society

Monthly Checklist for November and December

Cattleya

Growers of just about every level of expertise will have begun to notice autumn conditions by now. Days are becoming shorter, hence cooler; the sunlight has less intensity as a result of the sun's lowering angle, nights are longer and generally cooler. Plants are responding by slowing and ripening their growth in preparation for winter.

The first cultural change noticed should be a reduced frequency of watering, as the plants dry out more slowly. This is a function of both the reduced day length and lower temperatures, as well as the plants' slowing growth rate. Reduced water needs signal a reduced need for fertilization. Note that the key word is reduced, not eliminated. Feed less frequently and at lower dosage, but feed. Growths, made during summer's heat, and relatively soft and green, will be ripening -- hardening -- in preparation for a brief period of rest (in many cases).

Many of these ripening growths will have a sheath, presaging the coming winter or spring flowering season. In some cases, these sheaths will have been evident since as early as July. (Early sheath development does not mean early flowering on plants with winter-spring seasons.) You may notice that some of these sheaths are showing signs of yellowing. This is not abnormal. Autumn's more pronounced temperature fluctuation can lead to water condensation inside the sheath, hastening the normal process of senescence, so yellowing sheaths can be left on the plant only so long before they must be carefully removed to preserve the bud primordia within. Water condensation left unchecked can rot the bud primordia. The sheaths can be safely removed by slitting open and peeling down toward the pseudobulb.

Paphiopedilum

The flowering season for the "toads" or "bulldog" paphs is just getting underway. These cannot be grown everywhere, but where cooler summer nights allow their growth, there is no longer-lasting or more exotic display than these. Paphiopedilums are, in general, not heavy feeders, and it is especially important with this type to reduce nitrogen levels now for best flowering and spike length. Be watchful for water accumulating in the growth around the sheath, or for the late-season warm spell, either of which can lead to the sheath's rotting. As the spikes emerge, do not change the orientation of the plant toward the light, as this can lead to a crooked or twisted spike.

While paphiopedilums rarely like to dry out entirely, water needs are significantly reduced beginning now. Overwatering at this time of year can quickly lead to root rot or erwinia problems. Now is the time to practice good sanitary practices in your greenhouse or growing areas, as pest and disease problems have a way of multiplying rapidly in the darker and more crowded conditions that generally mark the winter growing area. With paphiopedilums, especially, "cleanliness is next to godliness" and if the growing area is littered with old foliage, weeds and dying flowers, keeping the plants alive and flowering will be next to impossible.

Phalaenopsis

Shortening days and cooler nights are the signals for inflorescence initiation in phalaenopsis. In more northern climates, or on the west coast, growers have already begun to see the early inflorescences that may be ready for Christmas. In the eastern areas, nights in the greenhouse will now be in the low to mid 60s, depending on the thermostat setting, so the first of our phalaenopsis will not begin to bloom until Valentine's Day at the earliest.

A reduction in nitrogen levels will go a long way to giving the best possible spiking, as will a boost in potassium and phosphorus. In other words, a "bloom booster"-type fertilizer is definitely indicated in the next few months. Disease and pest problems are best dealt with now, especially as mealybugs hide in the bracts and flower buds. Once they have established themselves, they are difficult to eradicate, and flower damage or crippling results. Potential disease problems can be dealt with by the application of a copper-based compound to control/alleviate rot problems before they start. There is nothing more frustrating than to have shepherded your plants through a growing season, only to have them decline before your eyes.

Upcoming Events



Saturday, November 6 Sunday, November 7, 2010 S.B.O.E. Annual Fall Open House

1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93111 ~ (805) 967-1284 ~ FAX: (805) 683-3405
HOURS : Mon - Sat: 8am to 4:30pm ~ Sun:: 11am to 4pm
(closed all major holidays)



SUNSET VALLEY
ORCHIDS
AND
RUDVALIS ORCHIDS

ANNUAL FALL OPEN
HOUSE

DEC 4-5
9 AM TO 4 PM

MORE INFO NEXT
MONTH
MARK YOUR
CALENDARS

Casa de las Orquideas is once
again having an

Open House

Dec 4-5

9 am to 4 pm

We have lots of new cymbidium seedlings and meristems
waiting to make their debut!

Special guest growers, including Andy's Orchids and
The Rowland Collection, will also be here.

Watch our website at www.orquideas.com for further details,
and contact us at casa@orquideas.com or (858) 755-7572.

Our address is 170 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach, CA 92075.
Parking is limited - please consider carpooling.

Loren and Nancy Batchman
Casa de las Orquideas

Orchid Odyssey

Third Friday of each month (November 19 this month)
First Sunday of March, June, September, and December

The Zoo's orchid greenhouse, home to over 3,000 [orchid plants](#) from over 800 species, varieties, and cultivars, is open to Zoo visitors during Orchid Odyssey.

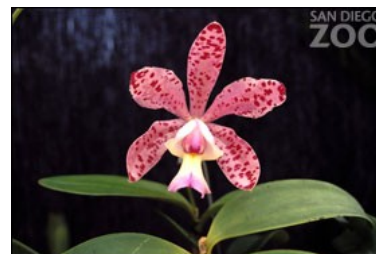
Our orchid expert, as well as members of the San Diego County Orchid Society, are on hand to answer questions during this "open house."

The orchid greenhouse is located on the path just west of the African

Kopje's meerkats.

Please note: There are no Botanical Bus Tours offered on Sunday Orchid Odyssey days.

SAN DIEGO ZOO





Palomar Orchid Society
Membership Chairperson
5210 Frost Ave
Carlsbad, CA 92008

Next Meeting:
Holiday Party
December 1



It's All About Orchids!

Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the Carlsbad Women's Club, 3320 Monroe, Carlsbad. Go east off 5 on Carlsbad Village Drive 1/2 mile to Monroe, turn South on Monroe to Women's Club. OR go west off El Camino Real at Carlsbad Village Drive to Monroe and turn south to the Women's Club. Beginner's Culture Class starts at 6:30 pm. The regular meeting begins at 7:00 pm. In December we will be having our Holiday Party at Chin's Restaurant. The next regular meeting will be on January 5, 2011.

Other Nearby Orchid Societies

San Diego County Orchid Society: First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm, Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. Membership: Bob Clark, 858-270-8352, email bclark@sdorchids.com

San Diego County Cymbidium Society: Third Wednesday of the month. Always a speaker, Q&A session and raffle. 7:00 PM. Free admission and refreshments. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas. (760)732-0055.

Open Houses\Other Orchid Sightings

San Diego Zoo Orchid Greenhouses: Third Friday each month, 10 am to 2 pm. Free with admission. Contact: Janette Gerrity 619-231-1515, ext. 4306

San Diego Botanical Garden Judging Center: First Monday each month, 7:00 pm. Encinitas. Bring plants in to be judged.