



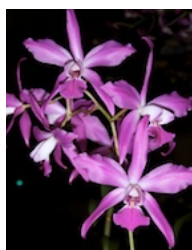
POS News

The Palomar Orchid Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the understanding and cultivation of both hybrid and species orchids. We welcome members of all levels to join us for orchid fun and learning! Our mission is to promote interest in the appreciation of orchids and to provide an opportunity for their display and the exchange and dissemination of information relating to their culture.

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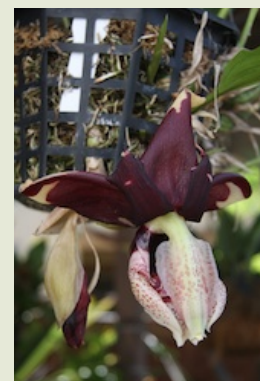


Stanhopeas – Upside-down Jewels of the Orchid World

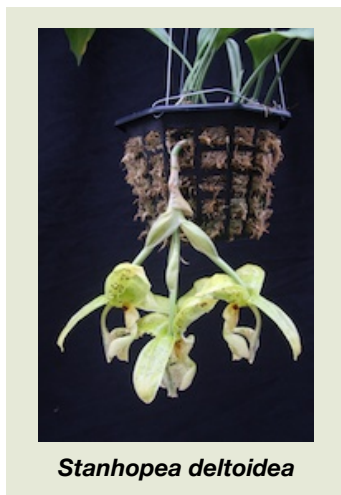
Gilbert J. Ho

Stanhopeas are the upside-down jewels of the orchid world. They are not often cultivated but fairly easy to grow in our Southern California climate with a few basic rules. These plants are highly fasci-

nating as their pendant flowers are among the most highly evolved and specialized of all orchid flowers. The flower spikes emerge through the bottom of the growing basket to hang freely like birds in flight. With an emphasis on the roughly 70 species currently recognized, Gil's talk will cover basic information about different *Stanhopea* growing conditions in nature and the origins of *Stanhopea* collecting and identification. Hybridizing *Stanhopeas* will be mentioned briefly and the talk will conclude with an overview of culture conditions for growing *Stanhopeas*



Stanhopea nigro-violacea



Stanhopea deltoidea

in our Southern California area. This section will serve as this month's culture class.

Gilbert J. Ho, MD, is a practicing cognitive neurologist in Rancho Bernardo, neuroscience researcher and volunteer professor in neurology at UCSD. He has been an avid orchid enthusiast and collector for about 12 years. Starting with one *Phale-nopsis* back when he first moved to San Diego for his neurology fellowship training, he has expanded over the years and

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that we are entering fall, and that the holidays are just around the corner. Cymbidiums will need some attention going into the end of year and the beginning of the next year in the peak of their blooming season. The POS also requires some attention as this time coincides with the election of officers and board members as well as the planning for our holiday party.

Before I talk about this though, I want to thank Debra Funakoshi for her dedication in setting up member and vendor caravans during the entire year. The caravan to Renate Schmidt and Merle Robboy with a stop at Sunset Valley Orchids was great fun! Caravan attendance has skyrocketed since Debra began the new format of focusing on members' collections rather than just organizing buying sprees. While there is nothing wrong with orchid buying sprees, by combining the two activities, members are hopefully learning something about how others grow orchids and solve common growing problems.

Election time is here again, and the nomination committee consisting of Cher Whelan, Maryanne Kind, Renee Daly, and Cathy Belt has assembled a complete slate with the exception of the treasurer position being vacated by Christina Hsing. I want to encourage members to consider helping with the treasurer position if you can. It will be streamlined so that activities mainly involve dealing with bookkeeping and giving and receiving monies from sales etc. An accountant will perform all the filing duties.

It is with gratitude to all those who have helped me over the four years of my terms as President of the POS, that I announce that this will have been my last year serving in this role. Although I will continue to attend meetings and help where needed, I have decided to focus on other things. If elected, the society will be in the very capable hands of Alex Nadzan. A big shout out of thanks to all who helped me keep things going over the years with the society.

The November meeting will be a treat (at least for me). Yours truly will be speaking on Stanhopea orchids with an emphasis on the species and growing Stanhopeas in general. I

don't want to give away too much, so to find out more, you will have to come to the meeting! See all of you there!

Happy Growing,



Gil Ho
President, POS

POS Board Elections

November is our Annual Meeting and Election of POS officers for 2013 as stipulated by the bylaws. All POS members are encouraged to attend and vote.

The Nominating Committee (Cher Whelan, Maryanne Kind, Renee Daly, and Cathy Belt) will be submitting a great slate of officers. The position of Treasurer is still open (please review revised responsibilities below). If anyone is interested in volunteering to be our Treasurer, please contact Cathy Belt prior to the meeting by phone: (760) 720-9424, or via email at: cjdelmas@juno.com. Nominations for Treasurer as well as any other position will also be taken from the floor.

Candidates Slate of Officers:

- President: Alex Nadzan
- 1st VP/Programs: John Kidwell
- 2nd VP/Raffle: Terri Lofthouse
- 3rd VP/Membership: Cathy Belt
- Secretary: Sandi Sandquist
- Treasurer: TBD**
- 1st Year Trustees: Carl Lofthouse
Patti Nelson
Vidya Sirsi

** The Treasurer receives dues, other monies, and disburses same to pay bills; deposits funds in bank; keeps records of receipts and disbursements; signs checks and has books reviewed annually.



Note: All Federal and State forms as required by law will be completed by a professional bookkeeper or accountant.

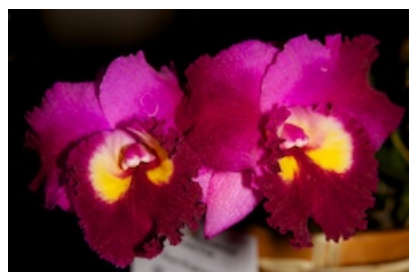
Nominations Sought for Member of the Year 2012

Each year we honor the member that made the greatest contributions to the success of Palomar Orchid Society during the past year.

Who do you think has made an outstanding contribution to the club this year? Nominate him/her for Member of the Year! Send the name of the individual, along with a description of their contribution to Debra Funakoshi by Friday, October 26. Her email address is dlf_3144@att.net.

All current members are eligible except last year's honoree, which was Debra.

We will vote at the next meeting to determine who will receive the honor and the name of the honoree will be revealed at the holiday dinner in December.



San Diego County Orchid Society

Fall Show and Sale



Free Admission
Balboa Park
Casa del Prado room 101
Saturday October 27, 2012 - noon until 5:00 pm
Sunday October 28, 2012 - 10:00 am until 4:00 pm

You are cordially invited to:

OUR ANNUAL
OPEN HOUSE

December 1st and 2nd, 2012
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please visit our special guests
 Andy's Orchids and other growers!

W.W.W.

Casa de Las Orquideas

170 S. NARDO AVE.
 SOLANA BEACH, CA 92075
 858-755-7572
 WWW.ORQUIDEAS.COM
 CASA@ORQUIDEAS.COM

Upcoming Events

October 19 - 21, 2012

Southland Orchid Show
www.orchidshow.org

October 25, 2012

SDCCS Members Auction and Taco Bar
 Ecke Building
 San Diego Botanic Garden

October 27 & 28, 2012

SDCOS Fall Show and Sale
www.sdorchids.com

November 3, 2012

Paul or Ann Tuskes
 (858) 274- 5829

November 3 & 4, 2012

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
 Open House
www.sborchid.com

Cal-Orchid Fall Open House
www.calorchid.com

November 6, 2012

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

November 7, 2012

POS General Meeting

November 16, 2012

SD Zoo Orchid Odyssey
events.sandiegozoo.org

November 17 & 18, 2012

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara
 Fall Show and Sale
www.orchidsb.net

November 21, 2012

SDCCS General Meeting

December 1 & 2, 2012

Casa de Las Orquideas Open House
www.orquideas.com

Rudvalis Orchids Open House
www.rudvalisorchids.com

Sunset Valley Orchids Open House
www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com

December 4, 2012

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

December 5, 2012

POS Holiday Dinner (TBA)

Other Orchid Societies' Meetings

San Diego County Orchid Society
 Meets First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in Room 101 in the Casa del Prado of Balboa Park in San Diego
 Bob Clark (858) 270-8352
bclark@sdorchids.com

SDCOS Species Group Meeting
 First Saturday of the month
 Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274- 5829

San Diego Cymbidium Society
 Regular meetings 3rd Wednesday of each month, September-June, 7pm,
 San Diego Botanic Garden, Ecke Building, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024

October Judging Report

There were 3 orchids awarded, including 2 FCC's



Den. Hibiki 'Sandra's Delight'
Exhibited by Helen Pfister
Awarded FCC/AOS 93 points



Dendrochilum magnum
Exhibited by Arnie Gum
Awarded FCC/AOS 92 points



Mtssa. Azete 'Uschi'
Exhibited by Helmut Rohr
Awarded HCC/AOS 76 points

Concerning Judging Sessions

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

San Diego

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104
1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

San Marino

Huntington Botanical Gardens
2nd Saturday of the month at 10 am

Long Beach

Whaley Park
4th Saturday of the month at 7 pm

Visitors, with or without plants, are welcome any-time. If a member of the POS 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:

- Rohrl, Helmut (La Jolla)
(858) 452-0976
- Tuskes, Ann and Paul (Clairemont)
(858) 274-5829

Text and photos by Phyllis S. Prestia Ed.D.

Gil Ho *cont.*

his collection now includes hundreds of plants including hybrids and some spe-



Stanhopea oculata x pozoi

cies from the genera *Paphiopedilum*, *Cattleya*, *Cymbidium*, *Oncidium*, and others.

In the last 4 years, he has focused his collection primarily on *Paphiopedilum*, *Stanhopea* and *Neofinetia*, maintaining them in a small greenhouse and several shade structures. Gil has been a member of the Palomar Orchid Society and the AOS for more than 10 years and has been active as an officer in the POS for many years. He has been serving in the position of president for the last 4 years. As his latest project, he is now fanatically collecting as many *Stanhopea* species and hybrids as can be found, and he also has developed an interest in their hybridization.



Stanhopea costaricensis

Gems From The Last Meeting



Alex Nadzan



B/c. Horizon Flight x S/c. Circle of Life – Alex Nadzan



S/c. Golden Wax 'Lone Star' x B/c. Love Sound 'Dogashima'
Alex Nadzan



B/c. Toshie's Magic – Alex Nadzan



Discussing flasking and hybridization



Vuystekeara Pacific Passion 'TOW'
Warren Stehle



Cym. Chens Ruby 'Gold Tiger' – Gil Ho



Neofinetia falcata
Alex Nadzan

Photos by Helge Weissig - full album at www.palomarorchid.org

Meeting Wrap-up

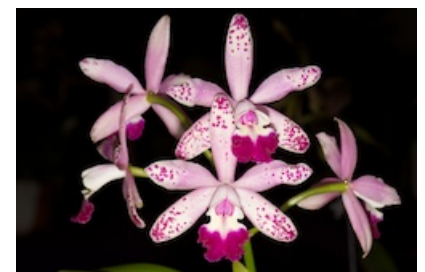
Alex Nadzan gave a presentation on hybridization of orchids for hobbyists. His talk touched on the challenges to and techniques used in the pollination, asymbiotic germination, and raising of seedlings in flasks. He answered many questions from the audience and, as the culture class portion of the meeting, demonstrated the de-flasking and initial potting of mature seedlings.

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly 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. Culture Class starts at 6:30 pm. The regular meeting begins

at 7:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be on October 3, 2012.



The Editor's Corner



Putting the final touches on this newsletter, I realized that it has already been a whole year since I started editing the POS newsletter. Where has the time gone? Unfortunately, I seem to have attracted a very contagious virus at the last meeting and I am not sure how much time this will leave me for anything else: during Alex's presentation on growing orchids from seeds I was acutely infected by the desire to try so myself.

All kidding aside, the fun of growing stuff on agar plates, working under sterile conditions, and observing genetic variations no one else has seen before reminded me very much of my graduate student days in the lab. Since most of my professional work in biology and pharmaceutical research has been almost exclusively computer-based, I think this new aspect of my orchid hobby will be a very rewarding trip down memory lane. So far, I have bought "the book" and some supplies, collected one capsule, poured a few germination flasks, and started collecting some pollinia. Next up, green capsule seeding of *Nageliella purpurea* x self. Anyone want in on early seedling options?

As always, I welcome any comments, submissions, and suggestions at newsletter@palomarorchid.org. Deadline for any submissions is the 15th of the month!

Happy Growing!

POS Officers

Gil Ho — President
Alex Nadzan — 1st Vice President
Debra Funakoshi — 2nd Vice President
Renee Daly — 3rd Vice President
Lena Shiroma — Secretary
Christina Hsing — Treasurer
Elf Mitton, Pat Schmidt, Cher Whelan — 2nd Year Trustees
Merle Robboy, Renate Schmidt,
Warren Stehle — 1st Year Trustees
Helge Weissig — Newsletter & Website Editor

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