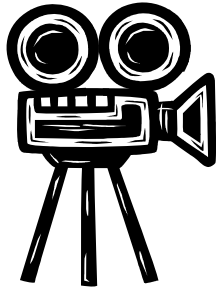




# Palomar Orchid Society

## Dates to Remember:

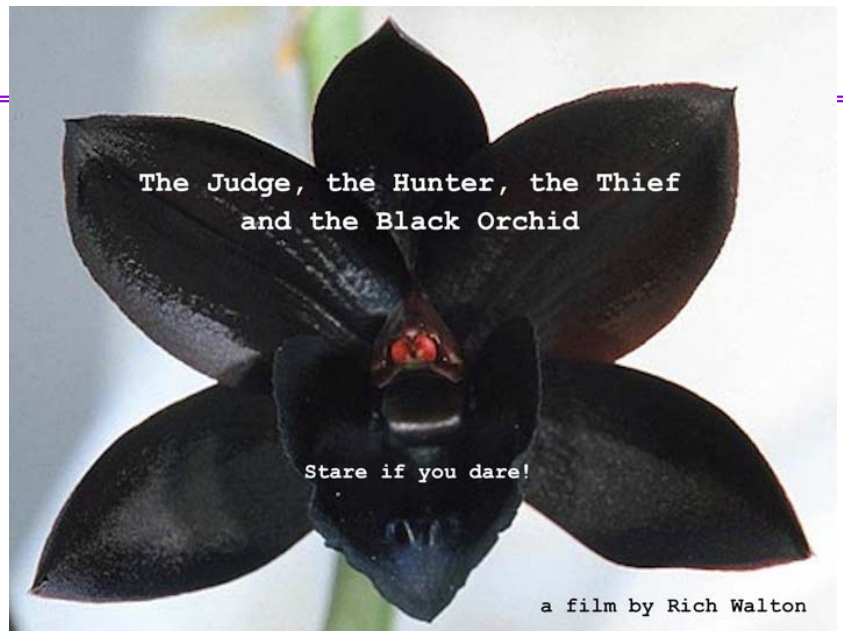
- **April 6, Wednesday**  
**POS General Meeting**
- April 15, 2011 Friday  
Orchid Odyssey  
San Diego Zoo
- April 22-24, 2011  
Orchids at the  
Flower Fields  
Carlsbad
- TBA May, 2011  
POS Caravan  
Local Growers



**April Meeting - 7:00 pm**

**Wednesday, April 6**

## A Special Meeting: Movie Night at POS



A documentary about an orchid might seem like a bore until you consider the drama surrounding one particular Peruvian flower at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens.

Filmmaker **Rich Walton's** "The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief and the Black Orchid," explores the story of the Kovachii orchid, which ended up in Selby Gardens five years ago after an orchid trader smuggled the plant into the United States from Peru.

The Kovachii, considered the most important orchid species discovered in South America in the last 100 years, triggered, according to Walton, an international scandal that nearly brought down The Gardens in 2004 after the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service launched an investigation of the wild flora and the U.S. District Court in Tampa found the orchid trader guilty of violating the endangered species act.

Now that's some flower power. This documentary takes a behind the scenes look into the world of collecting, judging, hunting, conservation, and smuggling. It is the story of people's passion, obsession, and the orchids they desire."

Starring: Fred Clarke, Martin Motes, Andy Phillips, Dr. Harold Koopowitz, and orchid hobbyists from around the US.

Bring the popcorn and get ready for a super viewing experience!!





### April Culture Class 6:30 pm Lava Rock, Part I By Gil Ho



You've probably heard of someone growing orchids in lava rock, or you may use lava rock in your medium mix, but do you really know much about it? Why do we use it? How much should we use, and what types of orchids like it, and which do not?

These questions and more will be answered by our own President, Gil Ho, as he teaches you all the in's and out's of using lava rock as a medium for orchids. Gil knows all the tricks of this type of potting and can answer any question you can throw at him, at least about lava rock! Don't be late...class starts at 6:30 pm sharp!



"SPOT (Saving Pets One At a Time) is having a plant sale fund raiser May 1 At Discount Tire, Vista Way and El Camino Real. [www.SpotSavesPets.org](http://www.SpotSavesPets.org).

If you can donate a plant to the sale call Elf Mitton at 760-439-3806"

POS member, Lena Shiroma walked in Paws in the Park, a fundraiser for the Escondido Humane Society. The walk was on Sunday, March 27, 2011. It's not too late, though, to donate. Please take a look at her fundraising page at <http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/lena-shiroma/pelepup>. Thanks!



*From the Refreshment Committee:*

Remember: All members with last names beginning with **Q, R, S, and T**, share at break time!

We appreciate everyone's effort in supplying our meeting with goodies.

It makes for a great meeting all around!



# WELCOME

We welcome 1 new member to our society:

Elf Mitton  
And

1 guest,  
Elaine Luevanos

We are so glad you have joined us!



# President's Message

Dear Board and POS Members,

We have a busy couple of months ahead, and hence, lots of things to remind and inform the members about. First, we participated in the San Diego County Orchid Society Show in March, 2011 by putting in a display and entering plants for judging. Read a little about it on page and we'll discuss it more at the general meeting.

Second, I want to personally thank the board and everyone who chipped in to help Ignacio Martinez in his time of need, and thank Ignacio for thinking of the society to find good homes for his cherished plants. He is relocated and doing better, so we'll keep tabs on him and help out in any way possible.

Also, a brief note about the late Wally and Lynne Johnson, who passed not that long ago. They were great orchid friends, members and Wally was past president of POS. Both will be deeply missed. Best wishes from the POS board and members go out to their surviving family, and many thanks to his daughter Jan Peters for updating us and for thinking of the society in her donation plans.

Next, POS will be participating in the annual Orchids at the Flower Fields sale event April 22-24, 2011, with a sales booth. We will ask for volunteers to help at the sales booth and provide orchid info to the public. A signup sheet will be on the table at the next meeting if

you can spare a few hours. Setup and tear down are also big priorities to obtain help from the members. Please help if you can.



And in a last piece of beggary, and not to overwhelm the members, the POS is debating about changing storage units. Our current storage is in Oceanside and costs \$94/month for a 5 x 10 space. I am proposing a move closer to Carlsbad where events are held, and to lower the monthly costs to \$60-70/month or less if we downsize. In late May or June, I am asking members, especially with muscles and vehicles, to pitch in and help clean out and move the POS stored materials to the potential new location. A sign up will be on the table for this as well at the April and May meetings.

Lastly, look forward in May to the POS Member's Caravan Tour with more information to come.

This month's meeting will see a movie about orchids, judges, thieves and other sundry folks. I am looking forward to seeing what this is about, so it should be interesting! Please join us! See you there!

Happy Growing!

Gil Ho

## Pictures from the March Meeting

Photos by Debra Funakoshi

Alex Nadzan's  
Pot. Cameron's Magnetism



Anita Spencer's  
Bonatea speciosa

Debra Funakoshi's  
Cym. Street Hawk



Helge Weissig's Cym. Baltic  
Wind "Duchess"

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## We won 2nd place and we won the Balboa Trophy for Best Show Theme!

Yea! Another show under our belts and we did great again! Our display won second overall for amateurs, garnering us a \$200 cash prize, and we won the Balboa Trophy for Best Show Theme! Way to go, POS!!!

Of course, this didn't just happen by itself. The members who put this all together need a rousing round of applause for the job they did. A huge thank you to Renate Schmidt who took over the coordination of all the task and kept the wheels in motion. Many, many thanks to Judy Dyer, Lena Shiroma, Helge Weissig, Debra Funakoshi, James Mickelson, Cher

Whelan, Gil Ho, Harry Clyde, Elaine Luevanos, Bill Wong, Sandi Sandquist, Alex Nadzan, Maryanne Kind, Pat and Linda Rusnell, Tim Miley, Harriet and Enrique Laso, and Tom Wisniewski for all they did to help by donating plants, gathering and transporting plants, and put in and take out the display. Hopefully we haven't missed a name, but if we did, our thanks to you too!

In addition to our display, many of our members plants received ribbons and/or AOS awards. In this group are Harry Clyde, Helge Wessig, Cher Whelan, Pat and Linda Rusnell, Elaine Luevanos, Gil Ho, Bill Wong, The Spencers, among others. A more complete list will be available in the next newsletter. Congratulations to everyone!





# Photos from the February Meeting

Photos by Debra Funakoshi



Spencer and Jan Dimond admiring the orchids on the opportunity table



Marvin Dellinger describing his orchids at show and tell.



The Dellinger's Lc. Mary Schloat



Jerry Spencer's Cym. Sarah Jean



Our February guest speaker Fred Clarke



POS member Iso Zehner looking at the orchids on the opportunity table .



Renate's Slc. Golden Treat



An impressive cymbidium that Renate brought to sell at the silent auction.



Gil's unknown cymbidium



Phyllis Prestia's Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Elizabeth'



Sandi Sandquist's Den. Delicatum



Marvin and Elaine Dellinger's Blc. Baron D'or Ridgeway x C. Horace 'Maxima' AM/AOS

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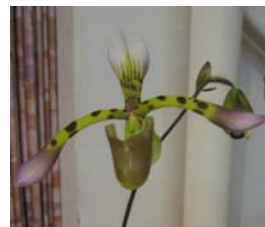
Jerry Spencer's Cym. Ming Dynasty



Merle Robboy, our March featured speaker



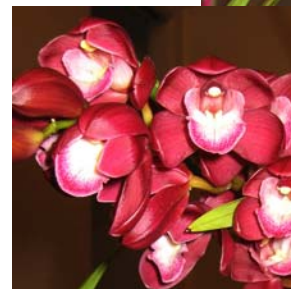
Merle's Epi. longifolium



Merle's Paph. haynaldianum



Pat Schmidt's unknown cymbidium



# Upcoming Events



## Orchids at The Flower Fields®

**April 22-24, 2011**

### Orchids at The Flower Fields®

**9:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

A unique orchid shopping experience with millions of ranunculus blooms as a backdrop. There will be over 20 vendors with orchids from around the world, thousands of plants for sale! Musical entertainment by Glancing Love, a musical fusion of gypsy, Celtic, and new world.

General Admission, \$10, Seniors, \$9,  
Children 3-10 years, \$5

# SAN DIEGO ZOO

## Orchid Odyssey

Third Friday of each month (April 15 this month)  
First Sunday of March, June, September, and December

*The Orchid Greenhouse is open on a  
Sunday this month -  
Sunday, March 6! Go see it!*

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



16th Annual  
**Central Coast  
Orchid Show & Sale**  
Sponsored by Five Cities Orchid Society  
Show Hours: Sat. 9 - 5, Sun. 10 - 5  
Admission: \$5 - Children 12 and under FREE

South County Regional Center  
800 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande, CA

*See You There!* X

**Orchid Show Preview Benefit**  
for the  
**SCITCS HOMELESS COALITION**  
"A HAND TO REBUILD THE COMMUNITY"

FRIDAY, APRIL 1 - 6:30-9:30 PM  
Central Coast Wine, Herb D'Anatures,  
Live Music & Silent Auction

SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL CENTER  
800 W. Branch, Arroyo Grande

PREVIEW TICKETS: \$40  
A Limited Number of Tickets Available.  
Call 805.481.3991 or 805.929.5749  
TO PURCHASE YOURS TODAY!

Visit [www.Scitcs.org](http://www.Scitcs.org), a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization to learn how you can lend a hand.

Don't miss **ELIE'S SLO DOWN CAFE**  
Serving lunch & goodies at the show



MONTHLY REPORT ON AOS JUDGING AT SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Text and Photos by Phyllis Prestia

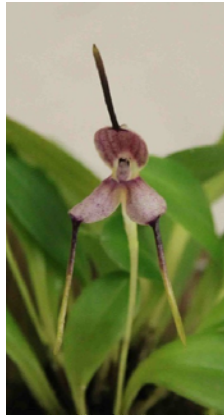
Judging at the Encinitas site (San Diego Botanic Garden, Administration (Ecke) Building) begins at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of each month. The facility opens at 6:30 pm.

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.

At the March 7, 2011 Encinitas session eight orchids were awarded.

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



Masd. discolor 'Windflower'  
 Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz



Den. tetragonum "Windflower" HCCIAOS  
 Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz, 76 points



C. intermedia var. amethystina 'Kristin'  
 AMIAOS  
 Exhibited by Tom Osborne, 80 points



Paph. delatanii 'Sunset Valley Orchids VII' HCCIAOS  
 Exhibited by Fred Clarke, 75 points



Paph. Vanda M. Pearlman 'Sunset Valley Orchids' HCCIAOS  
 Exhibited by Fred Clarke, 77 points



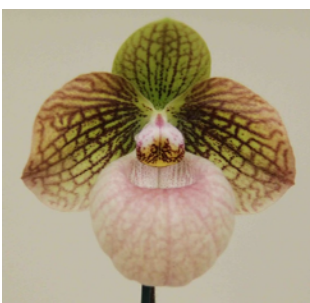
Masd. ignea 'Patti's Flame' CCMIAOS  
 Exhibited by Dave and Patti Hoffmaster, 80 points



C. walkneriana 'SVO's Passion' AMIAOS  
 Exhibited by Fred Clarke, 82 points



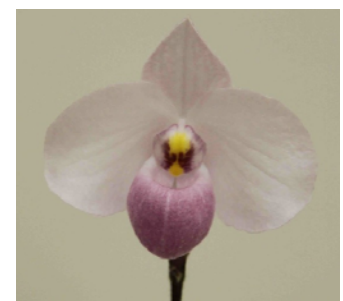
Odm. Anna-Claire cervantesii  
 Exhibited by Helmut Rohrl



C. intermedia aquinii  
 Exhibited by Fred Clarke



Paph. fanaticum 'SVO's Chunky Monkey' AMIAOS  
 Exhibited by Fred Clarke, 82 points



Paph delatanii 'Sunset Valley Orchids VIII' AMIAOS  
 Exhibited by Fred Clarke, 80 points



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**Next Meeting:  
Wednesday,  
May 4**



## ***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. The next regular meeting will be on May 4, 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](mailto: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

**Quail Gardens Botanical Gardens Judging Center:** First Monday each month, 7:00 pm. Encinitas. Bring plants in to be judged.