



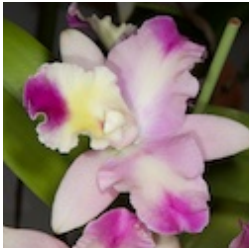
# POS News

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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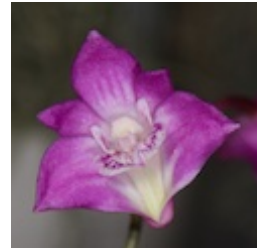
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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, April 6, 2016 • 6:00 pm

will focus on the best plants for the San Diego area and some of their hybrids.

Paul has been growing orchids for 30 years and his photographs have been used in various books and journals. He serves as an AOS orchid judge and co-founded with his wife Ann the orchid species study group of the San Diego County Orchid Society. He was one of the first members of that society's

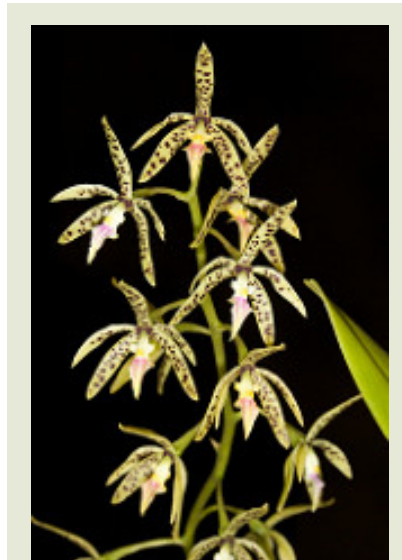


*Paul Tuskes*

**Encyclias and their Relatives**

The Palomar Orchid Society is pleased to welcome back Dr. Paul Tuskes. Paul's presentation will be on "Encyclias and their relatives".

Encyclia and related genera occur from south Florida to Brazil and live in a wide range of habitats and elevations..... meaning they are ideal for everybody. He



**Enc. prismaticarpa**  
Grown by Merle Robboy



**Enc. cochleata**  
Grown by Merle Robboy

conservation group, which received a Conservation Achievement award from the American Orchid Society.

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

*We are pleased to report that the POS display entered in the recent San Diego Orchid Show was a great success due to the hard work of a dedicated team of volunteers. The display received the Winship Trophy (\$100 cash award) for the best exhibit in a natural setting. Three additional trophies plus three best of section were given to plants in the display. Please see the accompanying article and pics for more details.*

*Our annual fund raising auction and sale will occur on April 30 of this month and we still are in need of additional volunteers to work at the event. Since we did not have a volunteer come forward as chairperson, Alex will again assume the responsibility this year. We will finalize all sign up responsibilities at our April meeting.*

*As you begin repotting and dividing your plants over the next few weeks, please set aside a few divisions or extra plants to contribute to the auction. We will need all the help and plants we can get to make it a successful and profitable event. As most of you know this is the only fund raising event of the year and it is essential for our society to be able to fund all of our speakers, opportunity tables and related activities throughout the year.*

*Members are encouraged to provide input at any time via email, phone or in person ([anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com), 760-529-5814 or [billtcwong@att.net](mailto:billtcwong@att.net), 760-931-0502). Feel free to contact either of us, as we are here to serve you.*

*Happy Growing!*

*Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong  
Co-Presidents, POS*

## POS Display Awarded Winship Trophy at SDCOS Orchid Show

*The efforts of our dedicated display team was well-rewarded by judges at the San Diego Orchid Show and Sale on March 11.*

Our display won the Winship Trophy for the Best Exhibit in a Natural Setting, which came with a \$100 cash award. Moreover, three plants in the display were awarded trophies and/or Best of Section, including Merle Robboy's *Pterostylis curta* (Wilson Trophy for Most Unusual Orchid Flower, First Place Ribbon), and Alex Nadzan's *Phal. Joyce Stewart* (Laughter Trophy for Best *Phalananopsis* and Best of Section) and *Cym. Persian Bronze 'Barbara'* (Abernathy Trophy for Best *Cymbidium* and Best of Section). In addition, Elaine Luevanos's magnificent *Den. Specio-kinganium 'Crysta'* was awarded Best of Section for a *Dendrobium Hybrid*. In addition to the above awards and trophies, we received several glowing comments on our display from SDCOS members and show attendees.

Many thanks go to the following individuals who were heavily involved with the design, set up and dismantling of the display: Fred and Susie Johnston, Bill and Shelley Wong, Charlie Padelford, Helge Weissig, Vidya Sirsi, Maryanne Kind, Dona-Marie Swaim and Alex Nadzan. Members who donated plants included Alex Nadzan, Bill Wong, Merle Robboy, Charlie Padelford, Helge Weissig, Elaine Luevanos, Phyllis Prestia, Gil Ho and Janice Krause.

We genuinely appreciate the efforts of the above individuals who made our display a success and showcased our society at the event.

Finally, kudos to SDCOS for another great job in putting together their annual orchid show. Visitors definitely enjoyed seeing the wonderful displays, the plants on the judging table and the great selection of beautiful orchids for sale. All the awards and pics from the show can be viewed on the [SDCOS website](http://www.sdcos.org), including several awards won by POS members Jerry and Anita Spencer. Just click under the Annual

### Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning **T through C** will 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!

2016 icon to access the award tables or show pictures.

## Additional Volunteers Needed for the April 30th Auction and Sale

*We are in need of several additional volunteers for our upcoming auction and sale.*

Volunteer positions available include individuals to contact vendors and pick up plants, someone to oversee refreshments, an additional person to manage outside sales, another scribe, plus runners, and helpers for the plant hotel. We also will need members to bring snacks to share, empty boxes for the plant hotel, as well as plants to donate.

Set up will be on Friday afternoon, April 29 between 3 and 7 pm at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion. Plants can be delivered during that period. The sale and auction preview will occur on Saturday, April 30 between 9:30 am to 11:00 am, with the auction commencing from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

There will be another sign up sheet at the April meeting. If you unable to attend the meeting, please contact Alex Nadzan either by email or phone ([anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com), 760-529-5814) to volunteer.



THE PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY  
PRESENTS



# 2016 Orchid Sale & Auction

Saturday,  
April 30, 2016

Sale & Preview 9:30 am - 11:00 am  
Auction 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
1105 La Bonita Drive  
San Marcos, CA 92078

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING  
More info at [www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

*Casa de las Orquideas*  
presents:

**16TH  
ANNUAL**

# Super Seedling SALE!

May 14, 2016  
9 am to 4 pm  
*in person only!*

170 S. Nardo Ave.  
Solana Beach, CA 92075  
858.755.7572  
[www.orquideas.com](http://www.orquideas.com)  
[casa@orquideas.com](mailto:casa@orquideas.com)



Saturday, June 4, 2016

Fourteenth Orchid Digest Speakers Day:

## *Crazy About Cattis*

The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical  
Gardens, San Marino, CA

12:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Expert Lectures-Orchid Displays-Orchid Sales- Silent Auction-  
AOS Judging-Dinner

Scheduled Speakers:

Fred Clarke: "Modern Splashed and Spotted Cattleyas and How  
To Grow Them"

Keith Davis—"Superior Culture for Cattleyas"

Munekazu Ejiri—"New Cattleyas from the Far East"

Francisco Miranda—"The Genus Cattleya in Brazil - Species and  
Groups"

Evening Presentation:

James Comstock—"Cattleyas in 3-D"

Tickets: \$65 (\$80 at door) for afternoon seminars, wine and  
cheese happy hour, dinner and evening entertainment.

Reservations online at [www.orchiddigest.org](http://www.orchiddigest.org)

or contact Simone Friend at [Orchidsimonef@aol.com](mailto:Orchidsimonef@aol.com) or call (562)  
431-1247. When contacting by e-mail, please include phone  
number, e-mail address and mailing address. Space is limited so  
don't wait to buy your ticket.

**ORCHID AUCTION**

May  
19  
2016

*Preview—6 PM  
Auction Begins—7 PM  
Free Admission  
& Parking*

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists  
Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic  
Garden  
301 North Baldwin Avenue  
Arcadia, CA 91066



## Encyclia cordigera (Kunth) Dressler

The following is an excerpt of an article published by the AOS Publications Committee on the [AOS website](#).

Spring ushers in the beginning of Encyclia season and there are many excellent species in the genus whose peak flowering begins around Mothers Day. One of the favorites is Encyclia cordigera (Kunth) Dressler.

flowers smell like roses. Flowers can last for well over a month. The species has received over 40 AOS awards, both for quality and for culture. The best flowers have a broad, flat, skirt-shaped lip with saturated color for the pink-lipped form, and a well-defined magenta central splotch for the semi-albas. Encyclia cordigera has been used as a parent both within the genus and with other members of the Cattleya alliance to create intergeneric hybrids such as the legendary Epicattleya (syn. Catyelia) Florida, registered by Lewis Vaughn in 1965 (*C. dowiana* x *Enc. cordigera*).

Encyclia cordigera is easy to grow under a wide range of conditions. Its natural habitats are low-elevation oak forests that are fairly dry and bright. It can be grown in the intermediate temperature range but will do equally well in warmer conditions. The best flowering will occur if plants are grown bright but they will grow and flower under as little as 2000 foot candles. Plants can be potted in a coarse open media but if you have a tendency to overwater, a mount or basket is a preferable option and will maintain healthy roots better.



**Desirable flowers have a broad flat lip with rich pure color.**

Long known as Epidendrum atropurpureum, this beautiful orchid ranges from Mexico, through Central America and Northern South America, and reportedly into Brazil. Like many wide ranging orchids, Encyclia cordigera is adaptable to varying cultural conditions and makes a good subject for hobbyist orchid collections. This species is found in three color forms making it even more desirable.

Many consider the large showy flowers of Encyclia cordigera to be the finest in the genus. They have an intoxicating fragrance that varies slightly from plant to plant, but some say the pink-lipped



**When flowers have a white lip with magenta splotch in the middle, they are often called "semi-alba" or erroneously, var. randii.**



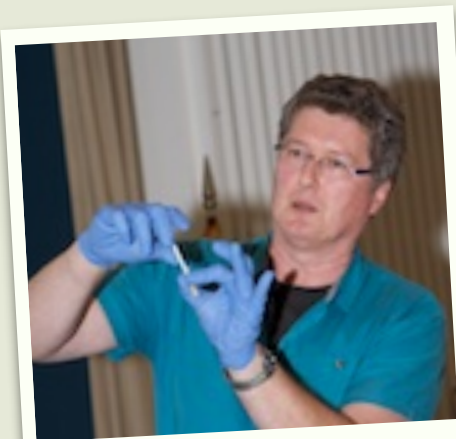
**Linden's plate in Lindenia depicts the Brazilian species, Encyclia randii.**

This species does not tolerate stale, dank potting media. The tightly clustered pseudobulbs can be as big as an onion on healthy plants but a mature plant does not take up much space and can be accommodated even in small collections. Like all encyclias, be alert for scale between those tightly packed pseudobulbs. It can get well established before you notice, and then it is more difficult to eradicate. Keeping dry sheaths peeled away makes inspection easier. - AOS Publications Committee

### References:

- Carl L. Withner 2000. The Cattleyas and Their Relatives. Volume VI. The South American Encyclia Species. Timber Press, Portland, Oregon.
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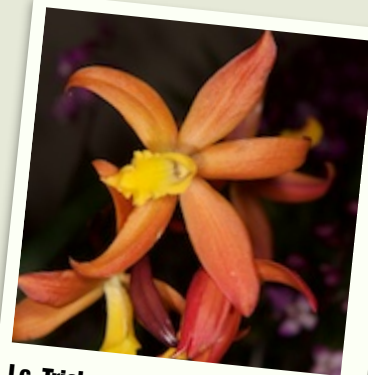
# Gems From The Last Meeting



**Kay Klausing**



**Paph. venustum – Deborah Amis**



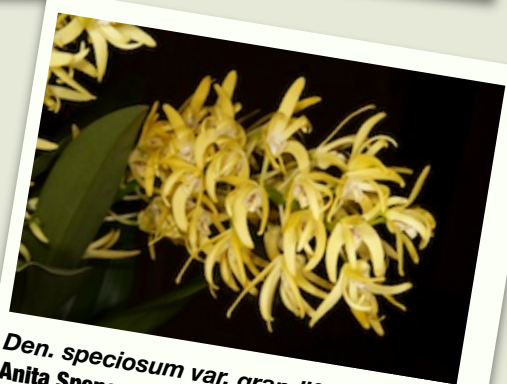
**Lc. Trick or Treat "Orange Magic"  
x Lc. Simplicity "In the Pink"  
Sandi Sandquist**



**Max. praestans – Merle Robboy**



**Den. Love Memory "Fizz!"  
Alex Nadzan**



**Den. speciosum var. grandiflora  
Anita Spencer**



**Phrag. Robert Palmer – Merle Robboy**



**Den. trantuanii – Merle Robboy**



**Cym. Mainstem "Hip Hip"  
Lena Shiroma**

Photos by Helge Weissig - full album at [www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

## General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos (1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078).

Traveling on State Route 78, take the Rancho Santa Fe exit and head South. The entrance to

the Lake San Marcos Resort is on your left about a 1/4 mile South of the San Marcos Blvd. intersection. Traveling on I5 South from Oceanside and North Carlsbad, take the Palomar Airport exit and turn right onto Rancho Santa Fe after about 7 miles. Traveling North on I5 from South Carlsbad and Encinitas, for example, take the La Costa Ave. exit and turn left onto Rancho Santa Fe. The

entrance to the resort will be the first right after the fire station in San Marcos.

Inside the resort at the first "T" intersection, turn left on San Marino Drive. At the next 4-way STOP, turn right on La Bonita Drive. Proceed ahead for one block on La Bonita. The pavilion will be on the left and there is parking in front of the pavilion.



## The Editor's Corner



As some of you may have already heard, the POS board is in the final planning stages with the other two local societies to form one large organization to better serve all of San Diego County. The new society will consist of all members of POS, the San Diego County Orchid Society, and the San Diego Cymbidium Society and your membership will automatically transfer. The name of the new society will be "The San Diego Palomar Cymbidium Orchid Society". Meetings will be held in two locations: in even months, TSDPCOS will meet at Balboa Park and in odd months, we will meet at the Lake Pavilion. To ensure that the specific interests of all members of the parent societies continue to be met, we ask that you only bring species plants to the Balboa meetings, and only Cymbidium plants to every other San Marcos meeting.

Your comments and suggestions are very much appreciated! And, as always, your contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome as well. Please email them to [newsletter@palomarorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org).

Happy Growing!

## POS Officers

**Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President**  
**Alex Nadzan & Merle Robboy — Co-1st Vice President/Programs**  
**Marita Hoyt & Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle**  
**Sandi Sanquist — 3rd Vice President/Membership**  
**Frank Vogel — Secretary**  
**Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer**  
**Lena Shiroma, Tom Wisniewski, & Carl Wood — 2nd Year Trustees**  
**Lisa Humphreys, Maryanne Kind, & Charlie Padelford — 1st Year Trustees**  
**Ivan Allen — Publicity**  
**Helge Weissig & Ivan Allen — Newsletter & Website Editors**

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## Upcoming Events

### April 5, 2016

Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

### April 6, 2016

POS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

### April 15, 2016

Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

### April 20, 2016

SDCCS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

### April 30, 2016

POS Annual Auction and Orchid Sale  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

### May 3, 2016

Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

### May 4, 2016

NO POS MEETING!

### May 14, 2016

Annual Seedlings Sale  
 Casa de las Orquideas  
[orquideas.com](http://orquideas.com)

### May 18, 2016

SDCCS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

### May 19, 2016

Orchid Auction  
 San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists  
[sgvoh.org](http://sgvoh.org)

### May 20, 2016

Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

### June 1, 2016

POS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

### June 4, 2016

Orchid Digest Speaker Day  
 Huntington Botanical Garden  
[orchiddigest.com](http://orchiddigest.com)

### June 7, 2016

Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

### June 15, 2016

SDCCS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

### June 17, 2016

Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

## 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  
[membership@sdorchids.com](mailto:membership@sdorchids.com)

**San Diego Cymbidium Society**  
 Regular meetings 3rd Wednesday of each month, September-June, 7pm, Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
 1105 La Bonita Dr.  
 San Marcos, CA 92078  
 Bill Wong (760) 931-0502  
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