

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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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, April 4, 2018 • 6:30 pm

Orchid Culture Panel with Q & A Session

With the influx of new members and the onset of the spring and summer growing season, our April meeting will be devoted to select aspects of orchid culture as well as addressing specific questions meeting attendees may have for the expert panel. This program is an exciting opportunity for both new and long-term POS members to learn about or become re-acquainted with the fundamentals of orchid culture presented by our own panel of advanced POS hobbyists, who have many years of experience in growing a variety of orchid genera. The expert panel consists of Merle Robboy (watering and fertilizing), Jerry Spencer (orchid pests and diseases), and Alex Nadzan (growing mixes and repotting). Each panelist will share their experiences (10-15 min. each) on three major aspects of orchid culture, then address questions members and guests may have on any topic of orchid culture. Members are encouraged to submit questions in advance to

We also have asked three of our members (Ken Campbell, Wendy Daneau, and Maryanne Kind) to share a few tips (3-5 min. each) on how they successfully grow orchids under their own conditions.

This is a very timely program that should aid members in producing healthy, vigorous plants and reward their owners with copious displays of flowers for the upcoming growing season.

April's opportunity table will be supplied by Cal Orchid, Santa Barbara, CA. James Rose is one of our favorite growers and we took the opportunity at the SDCOS show to purchase these plants at a good discount. They include a number of Cal Orchid's cattleya alliance hybrids plus some select orchid species.



the Phalaenopsis (shown above), Paphiopedilum and Vanda alliances.



Sympodial orchids include members of the Cattleya (Lc. Love Knot shown above), Oncidium, Dendrobium and Cymbidium alliances.



Proper air, light, temperature, water and fertilizer contribute to producing healthy, floriferous orchids as shown.

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

As we approach our April 4th meeting, many of the POS members are recovering from a very busy schedule filled with multiple orchid events. Earlier in the year we had the Newport Harbor Show at the Westminster Mall, the Santa Barbara Show and, most recently, the San Diego County Orchid Society Spring Show & Sale. The latter show was a wonderful success again and we are pleased to support that event. Many of you attended one or more of these events and purchased beautiful plants to add to your collection.



At the San Diego Show there were many beautiful displays put on by the various Orchid Societies and spectacular exhibits from many of the local orchid growers including Andy's Orchids, Casa de las Orquideas, Lico Orchids and Sunset Valley Orchids. Many of the societies won awards. Our POS display won the Jim Wright Trophy for the Most Artistic Exhibit and a prize of \$100. Please see the accompanying article for a picture and acknowledgements of participants. Several

Snacks & Refreshments This month, all members with last Inames beginning L through R will share at break time! We appreciate everyone's effort in We appreciate everyone's effort in supplying our meeting with goodies. It makes for a great meeting all around! makes for a great meeting all around!

of our members also won multiple 1st, 2nd and 3 place ribbons for their plants in the show and some of our members won Best in Section and Best of Show Awards. Hopefully these award-winning orchids will be on display for our April meeting's Show and Tell. There are too many awards to enumerate, but we want to highlight here that Jerry and Anita Spencer won the Best in Show Trophy for the second consecutive year and multiple Best in Section Awards. Congratulations Jerry and Anita!!!

Our April meeting will feature an Orchid Culture Panel comprised of three of our experienced members who will talk about several topics of interest to our newer members and older ones who need a refresher. We received very little feedback from the membership on what they are interested in learning, so Alex and Bill determined the primary topics to be covered. Please see the main article for details on the Orchid Culture Panel.

We also need to start preparing for the POS May 12th Auction. This is a very important event and critical fundraiser for our society. We urge all of you to participate, volunteer to help in multiple ways, donate nice divisions for the auction and purchase plants at the event. Without a successful auction, we cannot have the great diversity of speakers to educate us about orchids. Proceeds from our auction

> also help to pay for the opportunity table, where many of you win plants to add to your collection. Please take the time during April to identify plants that you would like to donate for our auction. As you divide your cymbidiums, cattleyas and other orchids, set aside some nice divisions to support our society. Because of the higher facility expense this year, it is even more crucial that we have a successful, and profitable auction. We will circulate a sign up sheet again at the April meeting to solicit volunteers and have flyers available to share with friends and local businesses.

As always, we are open to your inputs, suggestions and constructive criticisms via email, in person, or by phone. Bill's contact information is billtcwong@att.net (760-931-0502) and Alex's is anadzan@mac.com (760-529-5814). We are always open to your feedback and in the absence of any, we will use our judgment as to the programs and speakers you want to hear.

Best wishes for a successful growing season,

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong Co-Presidents, POS

Culture Panel cont.



A variety of different potting media and mixes can be used to successfully grow orchids.



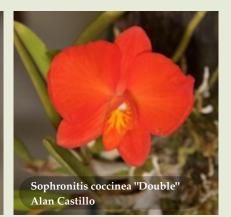


Detecting and treating diseases (black rot, left) and pests (scale, right) early can avoid spreading to other orchids in your collection (scales pic from AOS website).

Gems From The February Meeting





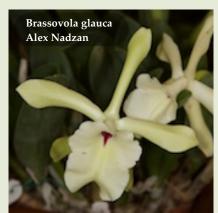












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General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the <u>Conference Center at Lake San Marcos</u> (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 4way STOP, turn right on La Bonita Drive. Proceed ahead for one block on La Bonita. The conference center will be on the left and there is plenty of parking in front.

POS Orchid Display Wins the Jim Wright Trophy

Our POS Orchid display won the Jim Wright Trophy for the Most Artistic Orchid Society Exhibit (Amateur) at the San Diego County Orchid Show & Sale on March 23-25, resulting in a \$100 award for the society. The show's theme was "Orchid Mardi Gras" and our display featured a Mardi Gras float against a Bourbon Street backdrop (see pic). Some of the plants in the display won 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ribbons and two plants won Best of Section including Anita and Jerry Spencer's Lc. Trick or Treat (orange specimen plant in float) and Alex Nadzan's Cym. (Rum Runner X Phar Lap), the dark red cymbidium against the short wall. Our display also received several positive comments from show attendees and SD-COS members.

The display committee consisted of Suzi Sandore, Susan Johnston, Shelley and Bill Wong, and Alex Nadzan who came up with the design and implemented it. Several other volunteers helped with the set up and/or take down including Sandi and Fred Sandquist, Maryanne Kind and Carl Wood. Plants included in the display were from Elaine Luevanos, Carl Wood, Phyllis Prestia, Anita and Jerry Spencer, Sandi Sandquist, Bill and Shelley Wong. Stu Walton and Alex Nadzan. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who contributed to the exhibit's success. We had fun designing the display and setting it up.

For next year, we welcome other members to participate in this event. Some fresh ideas and thinking will help improve our display and continue our successes.

2018 Orchid Sale & Auction

It is now time to prepare for our upcoming Annual POS Orchid Sale and Auction on Saturday, May 12, at the Shadowridge Golf Club, 1980 Gateway Drive, Vista, CA, 92081. Please note the new location. Plants and supplies will be dropped off on Friday afternoon/evening and held in a room off of the main auction area. We will set up the main room at 8 am the morning of the auction.

As in previous years, there will be beautiful blooming orchids and Mother's Day

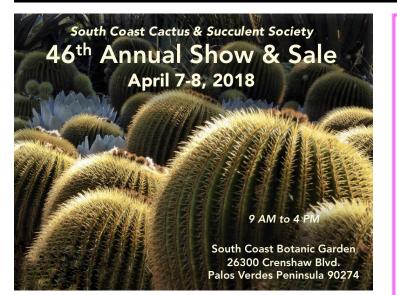




arrangements for sale during the preview only that begins at 9:00 am. The auction will be held between 10:00 am and 2:30 pm. Several local and Hawaiian vendors will be providing plants including Kalapana Tropicals (Hawaii), Andy's Orchids, Cal Orchid, Sunset Valley Orchids, as well as many others.

There will be snacks and a small plant raffle at no cost for auction participants. If you have any extra divisions or plants you would like to donate, please bring them in on Friday during the setup (3-7 pm) or by 8 am on Saturday. Also please bring a dessert to share, your checkbook and/or credit card, and some empty boxes.

Spread the word, invite a neighbor or friend and, if you are on Facebook, visit the Palomar Orchid page and share our auction announcement with your Facebook friends. If your friends also share with their friends, the auction info will be widely distributed. As you may be aware, this is our only fundraising activity during the year. Auction proceeds fund our educational speaker program and other society activities so, if you can, come by and help out either on Friday (set up 3-7pm) or on Saturday. We are still in need of volunteers, especially for the plant hotel and runners. A sign up sheet will be available at the April meeting or contact Alex or Bill (refer to President's Message for contact info).







The Palomar Orchid Society Presents: 2018 Orchid Sale And Auction May 12, 2018 9:00AM to 2:30PM

Sale and Preview 9AM to 10AM Auction 10AM to 2:30PM



NEW LOCATION

SHADOWRIDGE GOLF CLUB 1980 GATEWAY DRIVE VISTA CA 92081

For more info: www.palomarorchid.org





PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY

2018 POS Officers

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Upcoming Events

April 3, 2018 Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

April 4, 2018 POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

Annual Auction - San Fernando Valley Orchid Society Sepulveda Garden Center <u>sfvos.com</u>

April 7 & 8, 2018 46th Annual Sale & Show South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society South Coast Botanic Garden Palos Verdes southcoastcss.org

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Annual Auction Cool Growing Orchid Society Garden Grove Masonic Lodge coolorchids.org

April 13 & 14, 2018 Open House Andy's Orchids Encinitas, CA andysorchids.com

April 18, 2018 SDCCS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

April 20, 2018 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org Annual Orchid Auction Southbay Orchid Society Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA southbayorchidsociety.com

May 1, 2018 Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

May 12, 2018 Palomar Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction and Plant Sale Shadow Ridge Golf Club San Marcos palomarorchid.org

May 16, 2018 SDCCS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

May 18, 2018 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org June 5, 2018 Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

June 6, 2018 POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

June 9, 2018 AOS Pacific South Regional Judging aospacificsouth.org

Orchid Digest Speaker's Day The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, San Marino <u>orchiddigest.com</u>

June 15, 2018 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org



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

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



