



# 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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**Lake San Marcos Conference Center**



## **April Speaker Fred Clarke 'Aussie Dendrobiums and Their Cultivation'**

It is our distinct pleasure to welcome back one of our most favorite speakers, Fred Clarke. Fred will provide us with an update on his breeding efforts with Australian Dendrobiums. Fred has been doing extensive work on improving the hybrids in this very interesting class of orchids. As several of you may know, Aussie Dends are very tough and hardy plants that do very well in our San Diego area. They are quite attractive orchids in that they are easy to grow, tolerant of heat and cold, have fragrant flowers, and re-bloom from the old bulbs!!! They thrive in frost-free areas and do well alongside Cattleyas under shade structures so they are a popular

class for many of us to grow outside year round. Fred will review the species and latest developments in breeding and growing of this popular class of orchids. Moreover, he will cover the best practices for growing these remarkable plants. Fred also will be supplying this month's opportunity table.

Fred is a long time, generous supporter and life member of the Palomar Orchid Society. He has been growing orchids since 1977 and has been hybridizing for 30 of those years. With over 30 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, located in Vista, California, just north of San Diego. His nursery's website has considerable information on plants for sale and many beautiful pics of his award winning orchids. He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied.

Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, Fred is also actively creating new Aussie Dendrobium, Bulbophyllum, Catasetum and

Paphiopedilum hybrids. His pioneering work in Catasetinae hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids receiving over 100 AOS awards. The grex, Fredclareara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed", has received a total of 43 awards worldwide, including eight FCC's, six AM's and the coveted AOS Award of Distinction. Three years ago, Fred received the Excellence in Hybridizing Award for Catasetum Alliance Hybrids by the American Orchids Society at their Fall 2016 meeting at the Huntington. Fred is also an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region as well as a passionate fisherman.



Den. Cobber 'Lemon & Lime'

**Speaker: Fred Clarke,,continued**



Den. (Golden Vista x Dunokayla)



Den. tetragonum 'Red Lip'



Den. Victorian Regency 'Red Stripe'

### President's Message

Well, spring is in the air even though our weather has not been cooperating as it has in previous years. In spite of the unusually cool and very wet spring, our orchids are beginning to show early signs of new root growth at this time so it is a fantastic opportunity to start planning for the upcoming repotting and dividing season. This is a great time to divide and cull some of your overgrown plants and donate them to our Annual POS Sale and Auction on May 11. In addition to providing plants for the event, we will need help with the auction so there will be a sign up sheet at our April meeting. As most of you know, this is our only fund raising event, which provides funds for our monthly speaker and educational programs, our opportunity tables and caravans, etc.

Talking about monthly speakers, our April speaker will feature Fred Clarke, one of our long time members and favorite speakers, who always draws a big crowd. He will give us an update on his efforts to produce new hybrids of

Aussie Dendrobiums plus discuss their cultural requirements. More info on his talk is provided in the speaker section.

As of this writing, we are preparing for our orchid show display at the upcoming San Diego County Orchid Show and Sale at the Scottish Rite facility in Mission Valley (March 22-24). Our display team has worked hard to come up with a unique entry, but we have a challenge as a result of the cold, wet weather to solicit enough nice plants for the display. Hopefully our members and plants will come through and provide us with some quality orchids for the event.

As always, Alex and Bill are available to hear your comments and suggestion in order to make our society even better. Alex's contact info is [anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com), 760-529-5814 and Bill's is [billtcwong@att.net](mailto:billtcwong@att.net) and 760-931-0502.

Looking forward to a great growing and blooming season this year.

Alex and Bill

**ORCHID TREASURES**

San Diego County Orchid Society  
Show and Sale • March 22-24, 2019

Friday 3-7 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Scottish Rite Event Center  
Mission Valley, San Diego  
Free Parking

Admission \$10  
Weekend Pass \$12  
Children under 12 Free

More information and discounts at [sdorchids.com/ot](http://sdorchids.com/ot)



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Debra Amis

## 2019 Orchid Sale & Auction

It is time again to prepare for our upcoming Annual POS Orchid Sale and Auction on Saturday, May 11, at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center, 1035 La Bonita Drive, San Marcos, CA, 92078. Please note we are back in Lake San Marcos but in the Conference Center rather than the Pavilion. Plants and supplies will be dropped off on Friday afternoon/evening, May 10, either in the Conference Center or in the Card room, which is close to the Conference Center. We will not know the exact time and location for the drop off until after April 10, since we cannot book the room for Friday until 30 days prior to the event. We will set up the Conference Center either on Friday afternoon/evening or early Saturday morning depending on when we can get into the room. We will let everyone know by email once we finalize the location and time for the drop off.

As in previous years, there will be beautiful blooming orchids and Mother's Day arrangements for sale during the preview only that goes from 10:00-11:00 am. The auction will be held between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. Several local and Hawaiian vendors will be supplying 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 (probably between 3-7 pm) or by 8 am on Saturday. Also please bring a dessert to share, your cash, checkbook and/or credit card, plus 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, May 10 or on Saturday. We are in need of all types of volunteers, especially for the plant hotel and runners. A sign up sheet will be available at the April meeting and volunteers can contact Alex or Bill should you be unable to attend the April meeting (refer to President's Message for contact info). We are hoping for another successful auction, but it can only be a success if our membership participates. See you there!!



THE PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS

### 2019 Orchid Sale & Auction



**Saturday, May 11, 2018**

Sale & Preview 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
Auction 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sale of blooming orchids & arrangements for Mother's Day  
Over 300 plants to be auctioned  
Plant raffle for auction participants  
We accept all major credit cards, checks, and cash

Lake San Marcos Conference Center  
1035 La Bonita Drive  
San Marcos, CA 92078

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

*Snacks & Refreshments This month, all members with last names beginning C through N 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!*



## General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month at the Conference Center 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 and 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 conference center will be on the left and there is plenty of parking in front.

## 2019 POS Officers

**Co-President:** Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong

**Co-1st Vice President/Programs:** Tom Wisniewski & Alex Nadzan

**2nd Vice President/Raffle:** Jerry Spahn & Jim Anderson

**3rd Vice President/Membership:** Wendy Dancau (on maternity leave) & Sandy Sandquist

**Secretary:** Frank Vogel

**Treasurer:** Vidya Sirsi

**1st Year Trustees:** Suzie Sandore & Cher Whelan, & Steve Redmond

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www.flickr.com/groups/palomarorchid/

Membership fees for 2019 are due now. We are in the process of updating the roster so please let us know if you plan to renew. Thank you

Sandi Sandquist (temporary membership chairman)

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Please put POS on subject line



## Annual Orchid Auction April 10, 2019

Garden Grove Masonic Lodge  
11270 Acacia Pkwy GG 92840

Preview - 6:30 pm Auction - 7:00 pm

Free: Parking - Admission - Refreshments

www.coolorchids.org

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# CALENDAR

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## March 22 - 24, 2019

San Diego County Orchid Society  
Spring Show  
Scottish Rite Center, Mission  
Valley, San Diego  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

## April 2, 2019

Orchid Judging Center  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

## April 3, 2019

POS General Meeting  
Conference Center, Lake San  
Marcos  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

## April 10, 2019

Annual Orchid Auction  
Cool Growing Orchid Society  
Garden Grove  
[coolorchids.org](http://coolorchids.org)

## April 17, 2019

SDCCS General Meeting  
San Marcos Senior Center  
[sdcymbidium.org](http://sdcymbidium.org)

## April 19, 2019

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

## May 4, 2019

Annual Auction  
Riverside -San Bernadino County  
Orchid Society  
San Bernadino Cty. Museum  
[rbscos.org](http://rbscos.org)

## May 7, 2019

Orchid Judging Center  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

## May 11, 2019

Palomar Orchid Society  
Annual Orchid Auction and Sale  
Conference Center  
Lake San Marcos  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

## May 15, 2019

SDCCS General Meeting  
San Marcos Senior Center  
[sdcymbidium.org](http://sdcymbidium.org)

## May 16, 2019

San Gabriel Valley Orchid  
Hobbyists Annual Auction  
LA County Arboretum and  
Botanic Garden  
[sgvoh.org](http://sgvoh.org)

## May 17, 2019

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

## June 4, 2019

Orchid Judging Center  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting &  
Culture class  
Culture Class: 6:30 pm  
General Meeting: 7:30 pm  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

## June 5, 2019

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

## June 19, 2019

SDCCS General Meeting  
San Marcos Senior Center  
[sdcymbidium.org](http://sdcymbidium.org)

## June 21, 2019

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

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## 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  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

### Cymbidium Society

Regular meetings 3rd Wednesday of  
each month, September-June, 7pm,  
San Marcos Senior Center  
111 Richmar Ave, San Marcos 92078  
[www.sdcymbidium.org](http://www.sdcymbidium.org)

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Coelogyne cristata



South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society  
**47th Annual Show & Sale**  
April 6 - 7, 2019 9 AM - 4 PM  
Aeonium sunburst  
South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd. • Palos Verdes Peninsula 90274

**Judging at the San  
Diego Judging Center  
(Casa Del Prado,  
Balboa Park),**

**March 2019.**

**Text by Phyllis Prestia. Photos by Arnie Gum**

**There were 10 orchids presented for judging. One  
was awarded:**

**Ophrys sphegodes ssp. mammosa var. helanae  
'Dispenzari' HCC/AOS**

**Exhibited by David Brown**

**Awarded HCC/AOS, 77 points**

Ophrys sphegodes ssp. mammosa var. helanae  
'Dispenzari' HCC/AOS



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**Meeting Photos by Helge Weissig**



Cym. Death by  
Chocolate – Anita &  
Jerry Spencer



Laeliocattleya Blue Star – Stewart Walton

2018-19 CSA San Marino  
Judging Center Schedule  
Judging Cymbidiums,  
Paphiopedilums,  
Phragmipediums Huntington  
Botanical Gardens Mishler  
Resource Building 1151 Oxford  
Road, San Marino, CA 91108  
12:30pm Registration 1:00pm  
Judging Next sessions are:  
April 13, May 11, Summer  
Break, Aug 10, Sept. 14, Oct 12,  
Nov. 9, Dec 14

Contact Phyllis Prestia,  
San Marino Judging Chair  
**orchldy1@mac.com**



Paph. Luanum - Maryanne Kind



Cym. Pee Wee - Anita & Jerry Spencer



Lc. Meadowgold "Summerbury" - Lorna Rammon



Cym. Neal Tadlock - Alex Nadzan



Den. Jonathan Glory "Dark Joy" - Bill Wong