



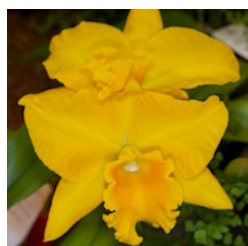
# POS News

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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### POS Annual Auction

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### Gems from the Last Meeting

Fred Clarke presented on the challenges of growing orchids from the genus *Catasetum*.  
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### Calendar of Events

With the spring shows behind us, look for meeting dates, caravans, and keep the date for the POS Annual Auction on May 17, 2014.  
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April Meeting • Wednesday, April 2, 2014 • 6:30 pm



Merle Robboy

Jerry Spencer

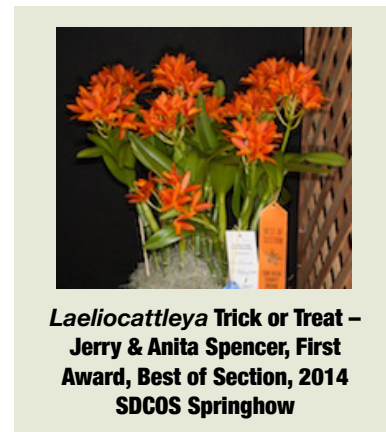
## April Orchid Culture Panel Discussion

April's program will be devoted to orchid culture and feature two of our experienced orchid growers who will discuss cultural aspects of interest to our members. Jerry Spencer will speak on "Growing Specimen Orchid Plants", while Dr. Merle Robboy will address "Purchasing Orchid Plants for Coastal and Inland Areas and Adapting Plants for Your Growing Conditions." Following their talks will be a Q

& A session moderated by Alex Nadzan. Members are encouraged to submit ques-



Grammatophyllum stapeliiflorum – Merle Robboy



Laeliocattleya Trick or Treat – Jerry & Anita Spencer, First Award, Best of Section, 2014 SDCOS Springhow

tions in advance on any topic they would like to bring up (call 760-753-6280 or email to [anandzan@mac.com](mailto:anandzan@mac.com)) or just raise them at the meeting. Participants also are welcome to bring in their problem plants for diagnosis; however, please bring plants in either paper or plastic bags if they appear to be infected with a disease in order to minimize transmission to other plants. We encourage all members to actively participate in the discussion.

The opportunity table is to be supplied by Rex Foster Orchids that will include a number of their novel cattleya alliance hybrids and some select species.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I hope everyone enjoyed March "Orchid" Madness. I sure did in by attending both the Santa Barbara and San Diego shows and adding a few new gems to my own collection, as if I needed any more plants. Clearly orchid growing is an addiction that is difficult to overcome, although I can think of much worse things to be addicted to as I point out to my wife whenever she questions why I am in need of more orchids.

Our POS Society Exhibit was a big success at the San Diego Show by garnering the Batchman Trophy for the Best Orchid Society Exhibit. We had fun putting it together thanks to the members who contributed their time, plants and ideas (see accompanying write up and photo below). Although it worked out well, we could have used some plants from additional members so next year there will be a greater effort to encourage other members to contribute some of their better plants to the exhibit.

Our annual fund raising auction on May 17 is rapidly approaching and our chairperson, Helge Weissig, will be encouraging additional members to participate and sign up at our April meeting. As you begin repotting and dividing your plants over the next two months, please set aside a division or two to contribute to the auction. We will need all the help and plants we can get to make it a successful auction. 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.

Our speaker program for April features another popular orchid culture session. Jerry Spencer and Merle Robboy will share their expertise on growing specimen plants and selecting orchids that grow well in San Diego, respectively. In addition, I will moderate a Q&A discussion on a variety of orchid issues so please send me your questions or topics to be addressed. You also may bring in your problem plants for recommendations from our speakers on how to deal with them.

I continue to encourage input from our members at any time via email ([anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com)), phone (760-753-6280) or in person. Feel free to contact me, as the board and I are here to serve you.

Happy Growing,



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of the display. Cher, Janice, Renate, Alex, Merle Robboy, and Debra Funakoshi provided plants for the display. Additional thanks goes to Rebecca Rideout, Alex's daughter, who allowed us to borrow the musical instruments from the Ada Harris School Band for the display.

Photos are posted [here](#) and [here](#).

## April 2014 To Do List Update

Due to the mild winter we experienced this year, many plants bloomed earlier than normal and will likely be initiating new growth earlier in the Spring. Watch carefully for new root growth before repotting or dividing and follow the suggestions [on this month's standing list](#).

## POS Receives Batchman Trophy

Congratulations to several POS members for making our exhibit at the San Diego County Orchid Society Spring 2014 Show a great success. We received the Batchman Trophy for the "Best Orchid Society Exhibit" at the show thanks to several individuals who contributed their ideas, time, plants, lights, props, etc. They include Cher Whelan, Sandi Sandquist, Helge Weissig, Janice Krauss, Ivan Allen, Alex Nadzan, James Michelson, Renate Schmidt, and Allie Tran, who contributed to the set up, take down and/or planning

## POS Annual Auction

The Palomar Orchid Society will hold its 2014 Orchid Auction on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with various roles before and during the auction. Please consider volunteering for these at the April meeting. The success of our most important fund raiser of the year very much depends on your participation.

On May 7, instead of the general meeting, all volunteers will meet for training. Every one helping out will receive a plant.



THE PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY  
PRESENTS

# 2014 Orchid Auction



**Saturday,  
May 17, 2014**

**Preview at 10:00 am  
Auction starts at 11:00 am**

**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)

# Gems From The Last Meeting



**Fred Clarke**



**Den. Gillieston Jazz x Den. Victorian Flare - Anita Spencer**



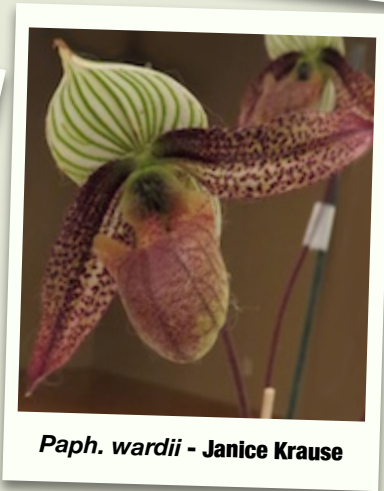
**B/c. Horizon Flight x S/c. Circle of Life - Alex Nadzan**



**Carl Wood**



**Fred Clarke & Iso Zehner**



**Paph. wardii - Janice Krause**



**B/c. Love & Fame  
Maryanne Kind**



**B/c. Robert Randall  
Merle Robboy**



**Cattleya shroederae  
Renate Schmidt**



**Comparettia macroplec-  
tron x speciosa  
Lisa Humphreys**

Photos by Debra Funakoshi - 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



Many of you are probably busy dividing and repotting plants. With the unseasonably warm temperatures over the past few months, many plants are definitely ready for it and earlier so than in an average year. As you go about that chore, please consider setting aside a few divisions for the upcoming auction.

As you know, the annual auction is the society's main fund raiser and we heavily depend on two contributions from our membership for the event: plant donations and volunteer time. Our society is fortunate to have a few very active individuals but we need your help for the auction! There are still a handful of responsibilities to be assigned and I strongly encourage you to sign up for them during the April meeting. You may even want to consider signing up some of your family members! If you are unable to attend, just send me an email note and/or attend the training session on May 7 held in lieu of the general meeting.

Of course, there is also a third way to contribute to the success of the auction: Join us on May 17 at the Pavilion and take advantage of the opportunity to purchase some very nice plants at very reasonable prices.

As always, your contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome. Please email them to [newsletter@palomarorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org).

Happy Growing!

## POS Officers

**Alex Nadzan — President**  
**Renate Schmidt — 1st Vice President/Programs**  
**Terri Lofthouse**  
 & **Donna Steinbrenner — 2nd Vice President/Raffle**  
**Sandi Sanquist**  
 & **Cher Whelan — 3rd Vice President/Membership**  
**Anne Gold — Secretary**  
**Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer**  
**Carl Lofthouse, Elf Mitton, & Lena Shiroma — 2nd Year Trustees**  
**Lisa Humphreys, James Mickelson,**  
 & **Merle Robboy — 1st Year Trustees**  
**Maryanne Kind & Allie Tran — Publicity**  
**Helge Weissig — Newsletter & Website Editor**

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## Upcoming Events

**April 1, 2014**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

**April 2, 2014**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Culture Class Panel of Growers  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

**April 5, 2014**  
 SDCCS Annual Auction  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[orchldy1@mac.com](mailto:orchldy1@mac.com)

**April 16, 2014**  
 SDCCS General Meeting

**April 18, 2014**  
 POS & SDCCS Caravan  
 Andy's Orchids & Lico Orchids  
[carvett61@gmail.com](mailto:carvett61@gmail.com)

**May 6, 2014**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

**May 7, 2014**  
 POS Auction Volunteer Training  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

**May 17, 2014**  
 POS Annual Auction  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

**May 21, 2014**  
 SDCCS General Meeting

**June 3, 2014**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

**June 4, 2014**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Bruce Kidd  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

**June 18, 2014**  
 SDCCS General Meeting



## 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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