



# 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.

www.palomarorchid.org

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**Caravan and BBQ at Lico Orchids**

On August 25, we are invited to Lico Orchids for a tour of Lisa and Nico's green houses and a subsequent barbecue. **Page 2**

**August To Do List**

This month, like last, the focus of our to do list remains on keeping our plants cool and protected from direct sunlight. Adequate food and water is also needed. **Page 2**

**Gems from the Last Meeting**

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**Calendar of Events**

Our annual Auction should be on everyone's calendar as well as the caravan at the end of the month. Also, the early fall show and sales season is getting started in September! **Page 6**



**Annual Orchid Auction - Saturday, August 3, 2013, 11 am - 4:30 pm**



## Annual Orchid Auction

Our annual auction will be held on August 3, 2013 at the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos. Preview starts at 11:00 am and the auction begins at noon. This annual orchid event celebrates Palomar Orchid Society with hundreds of flowering orchids (many rare) and other items to be

auctioned off. Learn about orchids and their cultivation with numerous orchid experts on hand for questions. Free to the public.

**Directions:** The auction is held at the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos Resort (1105 La Bonita Dr, San Marcos, CA 92078). The entrance to the Lake San Marcos Resort is from Rancho Santa Fe Road where there is a large sign. See the interactive map to the right for details.

To reach the resort's entrance on Rancho Santa Fe Road:

- **From Highway 78 traveling East**  
Take the Rancho Santa Fe Rd. exit and go South. Continue through the intersection of Rancho Santa Fe Rd. and Palomar Airport Rd./San Marcos Blvd. Turn left into the resort after about 1/4 mile.
- **From Highway 78 traveling West**  
Take the San Marcos Blvd. exit and travel West/South to Rancho Santa Fe Rd.. Turn left on Rancho Santa Fe and turn left into the resort after about 1/4 mile.

- **From Interstate 5 traveling South**  
Take the Palomar Airport Rd. exit and head East for about 7 miles (Palomar Airport Rd. turns into San Marcos Blvd. about 5.8 miles East of the I-5). Turn right on Rancho Santa Fe Rd. and turn left into the resort after



**Bidders inspecting plants at the 2012 Auction**

- about 1/4 mile.
- **From Interstate 5 traveling North**  
Take the La Costa Ave. exit and head

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As most of you are aware, August is the month of our fund raising auction and, therefore, there will not be a regular meeting. Our auction committee and volunteers have been busily preparing for the August 3 event and much effort is being put into making the auction a smooth and more efficient operation. We have several commitments for plant and supply donations and, as in past years, we have purchased a number of excellent blooming plants from Newman's Nursery in Hawaii to supplement the donations from local growers and members. Some of those plants will be used to make 3 or 4 interesting arrangements for the auction this year. Members and friends of POS will have a large selection of diverse plants to bid on and, we hope by having the auction at the Lake San Marcos pavilion, we will attract several of the local residents and, perhaps, gain some new members. There should be many opportunities to add some wonderful plants to your collection at very reasonable prices.

Our auction committee co-chairs, Maryanne Kind and Gil Ho, are still in need of a few volunteers to assist on August 3. They also can use more snack donations for the big event. Please contact either of them to volunteer ([dmakind@att.net](mailto:dmakind@att.net), [giho@ucsd.edu](mailto:giho@ucsd.edu)). Unfortunately, I am unable to participate in the auction itself, since I have a family commitment in Cleveland that I must attend that weekend. However, I will be there in spirit and am confident that this year's event will be a big success. My personal involvement has been with pre-auction preparations, producing several divisions of my plants as well as selecting and receiving some very nice orchids from Newman's Nursery and Rex Foster Orchids for participants to bid on.

Also note toward the end of the month is a caravan on Sunday, August 25 to Lico's Orchids and Flowers, a boutique nursery owned and operated by Nico Goosens and Lisa Humphreys. They always have some unusual and unique orchids that can supplement your collection. A barbecue is also planned for the event. Hope to see all of you there.

Finally, the officers appreciate feedback from our members on how we are doing, so please do not hesitate to contact me either by email

or phone should you have any comments or desire to discuss any issues you may have.

Looking forward to having everyone attend the auction on August 3.



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## Lico Orchids Caravan & BBQ

As a reminder, on August 25 we have been invited to Lico Orchids (Lisa Humphreys & Nico Goosens) in Encinitas for a barbecue from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (please note the correction of the start time). POS is asking those who attend to bring drinks, salad or dessert. We need to meet nearby because there is limited parking. Please sign up at the meeting or notify Sandi via email to [sandquist2@earthlink.net](mailto:sandquist2@earthlink.net) or phone at (760) 918-2408 if you plan to attend.

## August To Do List

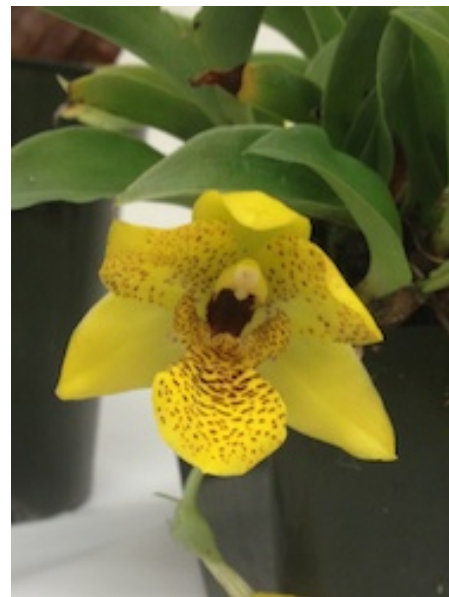
### General

- To avoid excessively high summer light levels and temperatures for your plants provide sufficient shade, increase air movement, and increase frequency of watering/misting to cool plants and prevent them from drying out. This is particularly important for individuals who live and grow in inland areas, although temperatures on the coast also should be high during this period.
- Although cattleyas, dendrobiums, encyclias and vandas thrive in high light levels, phalaenopsis, paphiopedilums, miltonopsis, masdevalias and other lower light plants can easily burn. These genera also are easily stressed by

high temperatures so try to move them to cooler areas of your growing structures or bring them inside. Make sure they receive adequate water, paying particular attention to mounted plants.

- With the exception of some warmer growing cattleyas and dendrobiums, most of your orchids should be repotted by now. Watch for the emergence of new roots from pseudobulbs before repotting the warm growers. Repot when roots are small and just beginning to show in order to minimize damage to soft tissues and avoid transplant shock, giving plants a head start into the growing season.
- Continue to set aside extra divisions or duplicate plants for the annual POS auction in August. It will prevent overcrowding of your benches and make someone else happy to get a piece of your prized plant.
- Maintain good hygiene practices to minimize transmission of pests and viruses, particularly during the warm summer months when pests and diseases can proliferate very quickly and spread throughout the collection. Carefully inspect plants for scale and aphids and treat early to minimize spread.
- More details on specific genera can be found on the [AOS website](#)

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# Gems From The Last Meeting



**Rossioglossum** Rawdon Jester  
Craig Johnson



**Fred Clarke**



**Oncidium reichenheimii**  
Merle Robboy



**Masdevallia veitchiana**  
Helge Weissig



**Slc. Sun Circle** – Allie Tran



**Laelia purpurata v. werkhauserii**  
Alex Nadzan



**Slc. Erin Loretto** – Alex Nadzan



**Masdevallia collosus**  
Helge Weissig



**Encyclia ambigua** – Maryanne Kind



**Tolumnia Magic 'Hildos'** – Alex Nadzan

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.

## July Judging Report

There were 24 orchids presented for judging. Six were awarded, including one FCC.

## Judging Sessions

The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. They are:

### San Diego

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104  
1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

### San Marino

Huntington Botanical Gardens  
2nd Saturday of the month at 10 am

### Long Beach

Whaley Park  
4th Saturday of the month at 7 pm

Visitors, with or without plants, are welcome anytime. If a member of the POS 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:

- Rohrl, Helmut (La Jolla)  
(858) 452-0976
- Tuskes, Ann and Paul (Clairemont)  
(858) 274-5829



**C. dowiana v. rosita 'SVO'**  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded FCC/AOS 91 points



**Bulb. virescens 'Windflower'**  
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz  
Awarded AM/AOS 82 points



**Prosthechea cochleata 'Steve Kelepecz'**  
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz  
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points



**Encyclia Cynthia 'Darkest Pleasure'**  
Exhibited by O.J. (Julian) Bromfield  
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points

Text and photo by Phyllis S. Prestia Ed.D.

## Annual Auction *cont.*

East for about 4 miles. Turn left on Rancho Santa Fe Rd. and turn right into the resort after about 3.9 miles.

Once in the resort, proceed downhill. At "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.

Additional details and an interactive map to the auction site can be found on



2012 Auction

our website at [palomarorchid.org/Auction2013](http://palomarorchid.org/Auction2013).

To the left is one more picture from last year's auctions. Don't miss out on a fun and entertaining event at which you will have a chance to purchase beautiful plants at very reasonable prices while helping out the Palomar Orchid Society.

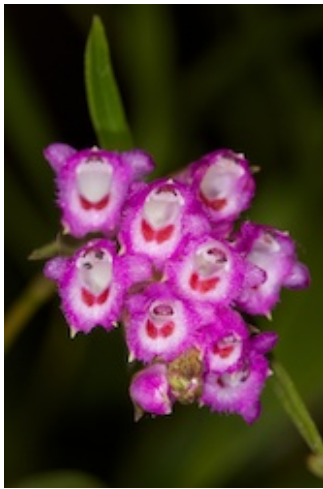


- Continue to provide good air circulation for indoor plants to discourage diseases and pests such as mealy bugs and scale. Treat early to avoid spreading to other plants. More info on pests and diseases can be found at the [AOS website](#).
- Maintain increased watering and fertilizer to accommodate growth during this period. Avoid over fertilizing to minimize root damage and growth of soft growths. Keep to one half to one fourth the recommended amount on the package.

## August To Do List *cont.*

### Indoors and Greenhouse

- Address high light levels by adding shade cloth or painting with shading compound to avoid burning sensitive plants.
- Carefully monitor greenhouse temperatures as higher summer temperatures can easily cook plants. Make sure fans and automatic vents are in good working order. Mist plants to increase humidity and cool down temperatures.



### Outdoors

- Continue to monitor and control snails, slugs and pests during warm weather. They can do considerable damage to plants in short order.
- Cattleyas and oncidiums should continue to bloom and/or produce new root and bulb growth as well as hardening off of growth produced in the spring. Maintain increased watering frequency and fertilizer as new growth is observed and repot as appropriate. Stake oncidiums to support flower spikes.
- Catasetums should be full grown by now. Continue to give them warm temperatures, high light and fertilize well at each watering to take full advantage of the warm

**Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale**  
 September 28 & 29, 2013 10 am to 5 pm  
 South Coast Plaza Village  
 1631 West Sunflower  
 (Corner of Sunflower & Bear)  
 Santa Ana, CA 92704

Exhibits • Seminars • Sales

Experience thousands of exotic orchids in a beautiful outdoor setting and learn how to grow and exhibit orchids from local experts.

Parking and admission are free

For more information please call 949.735.2930 or visit [www.ocorchidshow.com](http://www.ocorchidshow.com)

growing season. You will be rewarded by rapid growth all summer, followed by beautiful blooms in the fall and winter. More details on culture can be found on [Fred Clarke's website](#).

*The monthly To Do list is a collaboration of several POS members. We appreciate any and all comments, suggestions, and feedback on our new feature. Please send them to [newsletter@palomarorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org)!*

**Orchid Show and Sale**  
 September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Orchids-R-Easy Classes All Weekend

Sales: Sat 9-5 & Sun 9-4  
 Show: Sat 11-5 & Sun 9-4  
 Location: South Coast Botanic Garden  
 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Palos Verdes

- Buy direct from commercial growers
- See award winning orchids/displays
- All day demonstrations on orchid care and repotting
- Stroll the botanical gardens

Admission: \$9 Adults \$6 Seniors  
 Free Parking

For all show information and map to gardens:  
[www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)  
 Information: (310) 707-7097

**San Diego County Orchid Society**  
**Fall Show and Sale**

**Free Admission**  
 Balboa Park  
 Casa del Prado room 101  
 Saturday October 26, 2013 - noon until 5:00 pm  
 Sunday October 27, 2013 - 10:00 am until 4:00 pm

## The Editor's Corner



Not sure about all of you, but yours truly is definitely VERY excited about the auction on August 3rd. Partially, of course, it is excitement about getting a chance to buy some very nice plants at very decent prices, but a big part of it is also seeing the work of our member volunteers come together. Everyone involved has been putting in a lot of effort already but it's not too late for others to help out! We are still looking for help on the day itself, when we will need volunteers to shuttle plants around, staff various stations, or just be available to help where

needed.

Whether or not you are able to help out, this is definitely not an event to miss. Not only does it benefit the society financially, it is also a great way to start or expand your collection of orchids, an opportunity to socialize with other enthusiasts, and just a great way to spend part of your Saturday. So come on out and join us at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion on August 3rd!

As always, any and all contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome. Please email them to [newsletter@palomarorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org). Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.

Happy Growing!

## POS Officers

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**Warren Stehle** — 2nd Year Trustees  
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[www.flickr.com/groups/palomarorchid/](http://www.flickr.com/groups/palomarorchid/)

## Upcoming Events

### August 3, 2013

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

### August 6, 2013

Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

### August 16, 2013

Plant Day & Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[events.sandiegozoo.org](http://events.sandiegozoo.org)

### August 25, 2013

Caravan & BBQ at Lico Orchids  
 RSVP w/ [Sandi Sandquist](mailto:Sandi.Sandquist@palomarorchid.org)  
 (760) 918-2408

### September 3, 2013

Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

### September 4, 2013

POS General Meeting  
 Rafael Acosta-Jaramillo  
 "Care and Maintenance of Phalaenopsis Orchids"  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

### September 18, 2013

SDCCS General Meeting

### September 20, 2013

Plant Day & Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[events.sandiegozoo.org](http://events.sandiegozoo.org)

### September 21 & 22, 2013

Orchid Show and Sale  
 South Bay Orchid Society  
 South Coast Botanic Garden  
[www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)

### September 28 & 29, 2013

Fascination of Orchids Show  
 South Coast Plaza, Santa Ana  
[www.ocorchidshow.com](http://www.ocorchidshow.com)

### October 1, 2013

Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

### October 2, 2013

POS General Meeting  
 Orchid Culture Panel Discussion  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

### October 16, 2013

SDCCS General Meeting

### October 18, 2013

Plant Day & Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[events.sandiegozoo.org](http://events.sandiegozoo.org)

### October 26 & 27, 2013

San Diego County Orchid Society  
 Fall Show and Sale  
 Balboa Park  
[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)

## 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, San Diego Botanic Garden, Ecke Building, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024  
 Bill Wong (760) 931-0502  
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