



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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August 2014



August Caravan

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Gems from the Last Meeting

James Rose, informative and humorous as ever, presented a survey of the Mexican Laelias, including their origins and culture conditions. **Page 3**

Calendar of Events

Upcoming events include our next caravan and the first two of the fall season shows. Mark your calendars! **Page 4**



August Meeting • Wednesday, August 6, 2014 • 6:30 pm



Phyllis Prestia

Cychnoches

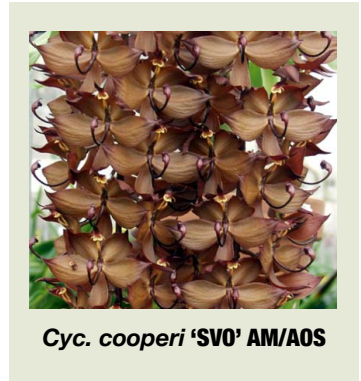
Our featured speaker this month is one of our own members, Dr. Phyllis Prestia. Phyllis will talk on the genus *Cychnoches* and will give the hobbyist orchid grower a thorough review of the distinctive traits of these spectacular orchids. She will highlight the key species most popular in modern *Cychnoches* breeding and their in-

fluence of color and form in both primary and complex hybrids.

Phyllis' comprehensive review of the culture for these relatively easy to grow orchids, including tips from her own successful experiences in growing them, will allow even those new to the genus to grow, bloom and enjoy these beautiful, fragrant orchids.

The opportunity table will be provided by Sunset Valley Orchids and will likely include some *Cychnoches* hybrid seedlings.

Phyllis S. Prestia, Ed.D. is a retired educator and Middle School Principal, who received a Doctorate of Education at Rutgers University, where she also served as



Cyc. cooperi 'SVO' AM/AOS

instructor in the graduate education program.

Originally from New Jersey, she moved to California with her husband to retire in the sunny, San Diego area and grow orchids. Her collection includes a variety of species and hybrids across several genera grown both in a small greenhouse and three outdoor growing areas under shade cloth.

In her orchid life, Phyllis has been the President of the San Diego County Cymbidium Society and currently serves as the Vice President of the Cymbidium Society of America, as well as keeping active in several Southern California orchid so-



Cycd. Midnight Magic 'Crimson Bird'

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As of this writing I am in the midst of moving from Encinitas to Oceanside and thus will be very brief. Late July and the month of August are anticipated to be very warm months so be sure to attend to your orchids watering and shading needs. Please refer to [this month's 'To Do' list](#) for more details.

The excellent orchid display at the San Diego Fair that Nico Goosens and Lisa Humphries spearheaded was a big success and we hope all three societies garner a few new members as a result of the heroic efforts of Lico Orchids and several society members.

We look forward this month to Phyllis Prestia's talk on *Cynoches*. Phyllis is in training to be an AOS orchid judge and, as a result, has been studying several orchid genera as part of her training. Her presentation will be a comprehensive review of *Cynoches* and related hybrids that will allow members to fully enjoy this fascinating class of orchids. August's plant table will be provided by Sunset Valley Orchids.

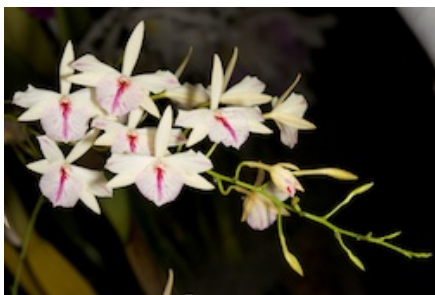
Speaking of SVO, on August 16 there will be a caravan to Fred Clarke's nursery as well as to Phyllis Prestia's home to view her growing area and greenhouse. Please refer to the accompanying write up for more details.

Finally, the POS board continues to encourage input from our members at any time via email (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,

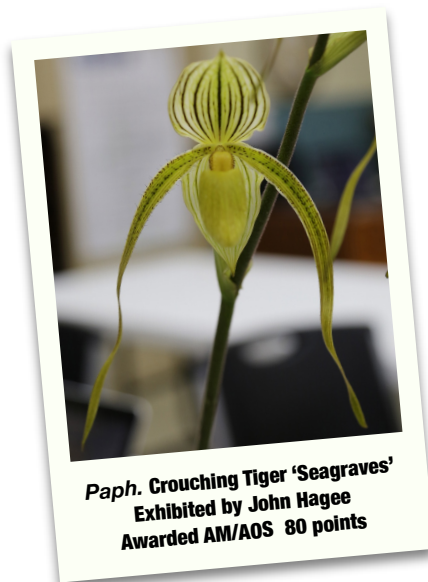


Alex Nadzan
President, POS



June Judging Report

There were 5 orchids presented for judging. One was awarded.



Paph. Crouching Tiger 'Seagraves'
Exhibited by John Hagee
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points

Phyllis Prestia *cont.*

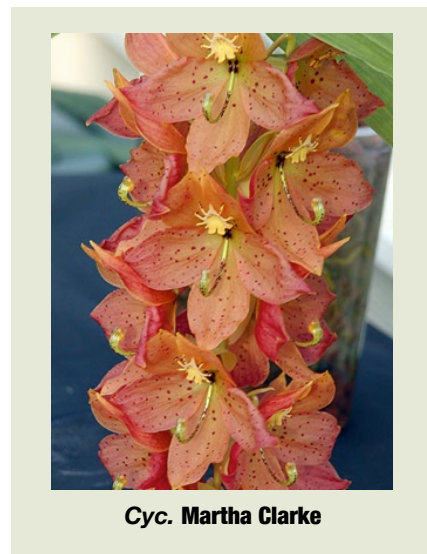


Cyc. warscewiczii SVO

cities. She is currently participating in the orchid judge training programs of both the American Orchid Society and Cymbidium Society of America.

August Caravan

Our next caravan will take place on August 16. We will meet at 10 am at Phyllis Prestia's home ([3849 Via Del Rancho, Oceanside, CA 92056](#), (760) 732-0055) to view her greenhouse and growing area. At 11 am, we will travel a short distance to Fred Clarke's nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids ([1255 Navel Place, Vista, CA, 92081](#), (760) 310-0778) to explore his vast collection of orchids, including cattleyas, catasetinae, Aussie dendrobiums, paphs and other miscellaneous genera. Fred will be offering visitors a 15% discount on purchased plants. Members can view the extensive lists of orchids available for sale at [the Sunset Valley Orchids website](#). A sign-up sheet will be provided at the August meeting.



Cyc. Martha Clarke



Gems From The Last Meeting



James Rose



C. Green Emerald 'Orchid Queen'
Anita Spencer



Cleisostoma arietinum
Merle Robboy



Catasetum tenebrosum
Merle Robboy



Lc. Jacquinetta x C. Trimos – Maryanne Kind



Z. Kaboom "Nancy" – Alex Nadzan



Broughtonia sanguinea 'Pink Star'
Merle Robb



Anacheilium trulla
Merle Robboy



C. purpurata – Phyllis Prestia



Enc. tempesis var. alba
Anita Spencer

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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 soon as this month's POS News is done, I will start packing for a short camping trip to Santa Catalina island. The sleeping bags are already rolled up, the fishing poles and snorkeling equipment are cleaned up and ready, and the kids are rearing to go.

Curious, as to whether I must leave orchids behind for almost an entire week (don't we all worry about that??), I did a quick search and it turns out, I don't actually have to: Santa Catalina island is home to at least two species of orchids, *Piperia unalascensis*, the Rein orchid, and *Epipactis gigantea*, the stream orchid. Both occur throughout California and the former even carried the name "Santa Catalina Rein Orchid" for a while as it was subjected to various name changes and re-classifications. *Epipactis gigantea*, on the other hand, was apparently never officially documented on the island until 2011.

We are at the very end of the blooming season for both and given the dry conditions, it is very likely I will not get to see either of them in the wild. If I do, you will definitely hear me brag about it at the September meeting though.

As always, your contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome. Please email them to newsletter@palomarorchid.org.

Happy Growing!

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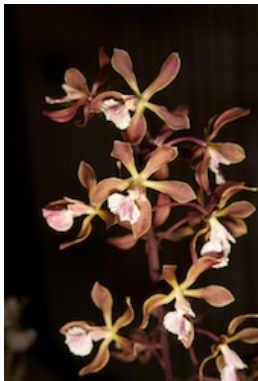
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Upcoming Events

August 5, 2014
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

August 6, 2014
 POS General Meeting
 Phyllis Prestia
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
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August 15, 2014
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

August 16, 2014
 POS Caravan
 Phyllis Prestia's & SVO
www.palomarorchid.org

September 2, 2014
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

September 3, 2014
 POS General Meeting
 TBD
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
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September 17, 2014
 SDCCS General Meeting

September 19, 2014
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

September 20 & 21, 2014
 South Bay Orchid Society Show
 Palos Verdes
www.southbayorchidsociety.com

September 21 & 22, 2014
 Fascination of Orchids
 Show & Sale
www.ocorchidshow.com

October 1, 2014
 POS General Meeting
 TBD
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

October 7, 2014
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
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

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
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