



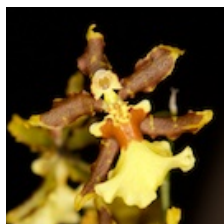
POS News

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 Meeting • Wednesday, August 5, 2015 • 6:30 pm



Alek Zaslowski

Cattleya violacea

Our guest speaker this month is Alek Zaslowski of AWZ Orchids in Brazil. The topic of his presentation is the species *Cattleya violacea* and he will show plants in their natural habitat as well as flowers with different color forms. His talk will also include many cultivation tips.

Alek was born and raised in the state of Espirito Santo, in Southeastern Brazil. His father, Wladyslaw, grew orchids as a hobby, and Alek was always surrounded by orchids at his parents' home. His father enjoyed taking trips to see orchids in the wild and would take Alek with him.

Alek became a mechanical engineer and never expected to work with orchids, however, orchids would always catch his attention. He admired their beauty and the way they grew in nature. When his father retired, Alek quit his job to start an orchid business with him and in 1994 they opened AWZ Orchids.

Alek and his father were aware that orchids were quickly disappearing from the wild and their original idea was to reproduce plants in their nursery to help reduce the pressure on native populations. They also noticed that most of the plants that had been collected in the past had simply disappeared from collections. Typically, they had been killed or sold to foreign growers. Over the years, AWZ has tried to bring back some of the best varieties found within many species, especially those belonging to the *Cattleya* alliance.



Cattleya violacea

AWZ Orchids currently has around 20,000 plants in their collection, primarily species from Brazil as well as other regions of South America. AWZ cultivates their orchids in two nurseries, totaling 56,000 square feet of greenhouse space. One nursery, located in Domingos Martins, at an altitude of 3,600 feet, is used to grow cooler-growing plants, and the other, located in Viana, at an altitude of 990 feet, is used for warm-growing plants. Their plants are sold throughout Brazil and are also shipped abroad.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It looks like this summer's very warm weather is definitely making up for the cool spring we experienced earlier this year. As a result, my outdoor orchids are now coming into full growth mode and bloom, thus keeping me very busy with repotting, dividing and pollinating select orchids. This warm weather also is encouraging 'bloom-ing' of a variety of orchid pests such as scale, aphids, mealy bugs, spider mites and thrips so examine your plants very carefully and treat them accordingly to prevent damage to your plants. Please refer to the August 'To Do' list on our website for tips and references on how to maintain your plants during this period.

Two must attend events in August include a special lecture on August 5th from the Brazilian orchidist, Alek Zaslawski, who will talk on Cattleya violacea, a beautiful but, in my experience, a somewhat touchy orchid to grow well, followed by a return of the very popular caravan to Don Rosenstock's home on August 29. This will be our third caravan to the Rosenstocks and I am particularly looking forward to attending this event, since I was unable to attend the previous two caravans due to recoveries

from back surgeries. Please refer to the accompanying articles for more details on both events.

Finally, the POS board continues to encourage input from our members at any time via email (anadzan@mac.com), phone (760-529-5814) or in person. Feel free to contact me, as the board and I are here to serve you.

Happy Growing,



Alex Nadzan
President, POS



POS Caravan

Join us for a visit of Don Rosenstock's home on Saturday August 29, 2015 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Don grows numerous Cattleyas, Dendrobiums and Laelias in his greenhouse, including plants he has collected during his world travels. You will enjoy seeing his tropical garden, the large koi

pond, and the Japanese garden at the back of the property. From there, you can enjoy an unobstructed view of nearby mountains. Don will have orchids and other blooming plants (beautiful Phalangias and Bromeliads as well as Cycads) and some orchid cuttings for sale. You are invited to bring snacks to share. We will meet near his home to carpool in. Sign up at the meeting or call Charlie (760) 481-4281 to let us know if you plan to attend.

Orchid Show and Sale
September 19 and 20
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

San Diego County Orchid Society's Fall Show in the Park

Saturday
October 24th 2015
Noon to 5 pm

Sunday
October 25th 2015
10am to 4 pm

Casa del Prado rm
101 Balboa Park
sdorchids.com



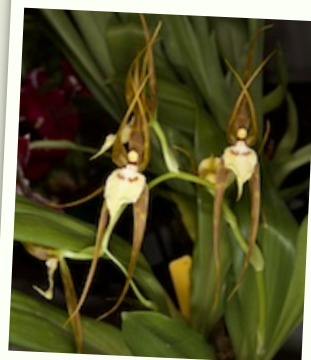
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David Brown



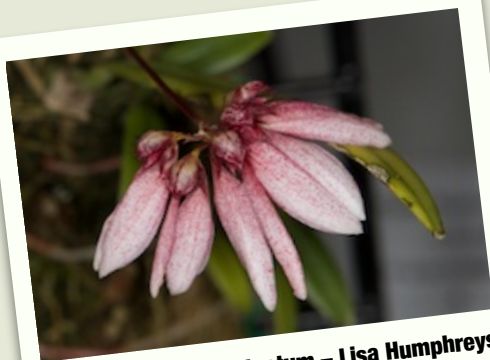
Zygopetalum Advance Australia
Charlie Padelford



Ada escobariana
Lisa Humphreys



Dichea glauca
Merle Robbey



Bulbophyllum acuminatum – Lisa Humphreys



Cym. Canterbury 'Emma'
Jerry Spencer



Maxillaria tenuifolia – Cher Whelan



Lycaste aromatica – Charlie Padelford



Lc. Helen Christie 'Puesta Del Sol' – 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



One of the reasons why I like to attend POS meetings (and orchid shows, of course) is that I get to see a new orchid species almost every month. Being merely five years into this hobby now, it is not really all that surprising, that there are still new ones to discover for yours truly, but just last month, there were a couple of plants whose genera I had not even heard of before.

Being the sciency type, I did some in depth research (a.k.a. google searching) on the actual size of the orchid world and found that [Wikipedia](#) puts it nicely into perspective: "[...] the number of orchid species [around 24000] nearly equals the number of bony fishes and more than twice the number of bird species, and about four times the number of mammal species. The family also encompasses about 6–11% of all seed plants." And that is not counting the countless (see what I did there?) natural and human-produced hybrids!

Thanks to all of you who bring in their beautiful plants every month! I know that many enjoy the show-and-tell session as much as I do!

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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Upcoming Events

August 4, 2015
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

August 5, 2015
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

August 7 - 9, 2015
 Summer Orchid and Exotic Plant Festival.
 Westminster Mall, Westminster
www.nhosinfo.org

August 21, 2015
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

August 29, 2015
 POS Caravan
 Don Rosenstock's Home
 contact Charlie Padelford
 (760) 481-4281

September 1, 2015
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

September 2, 2015
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

September 16, 2015
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

September 18, 2015
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

September 19 & 20, 2015
 South Bay Orchid Society Show
 S. Coast Botanic Gardens,
 Palos Verdes
www.southbayorchidsociety.com

September 26 & 27, 2015
 Fascination of Orchids
 Show and Sale
 South Coast Plaza Village,
 Santa Ana
www.ocorchidshow.com

October 6, 2015
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

October 7, 2015
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

October 16, 2015
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

October 17 & 18, 2015
 Huntington Botanical Gardens
 1st Annual International Orchid Show
www.huntington.org

October 21, 2015
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

October 24 & 25, 2015
 San Diego County Orchid Society
 Fall Show In The Park
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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