



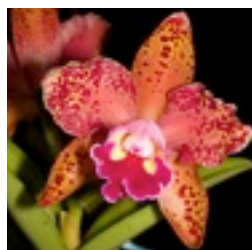
POS News

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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Huntington Orchid Extravaganza

Billed as the biggest orchid event on the West Coast in decades, the show and the fall meeting of the AOS are not to be missed.

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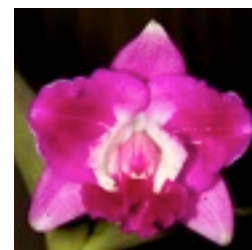
Ron Parsons spoke about his travels to the South East corner of Australia and the many orchids, other plants, and animals he saw.

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Calendar of Events

Coming out of the summer lull, there are many fall events coming up! Mark your calendars!

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, August 3, 2016 • 6:00 pm



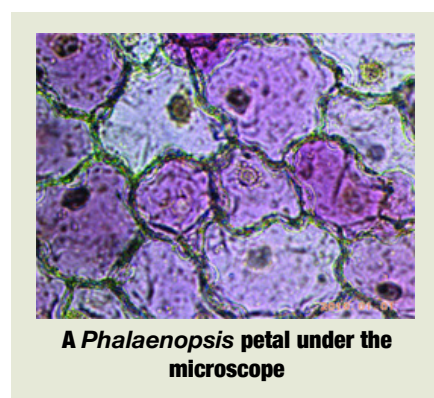
Harold Koopowitz

Understanding Color in Orchid Flowers

The Palomar Orchid Society is welcoming Harold Koopowitz for a presentation on "Understanding color in orchid flowers." Aside from being a well-known lecturer in the orchid circuit, Harold has been honored by being a recipient of the Herbert Medal from the International Bulb Society; the Orchid Digest Medal for

meritorious service to orchids; the Ralph B. White Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society for innovations in daffodil breeding; the Gold Medal from the American Daffodil Society and the Gold Medal from the American Orchid Society as well as the Westonbirt Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society for outstanding achievement with orchids.

Harold grew up in South Africa where he attended university, majoring in both



A *Phalaenopsis* petal under the microscope



Paph. Harold Koopowitz "Green Giant"

Botany and Zoology. He then completed a doctorate at UCLA in California in 1968. A professor at the University of California at Irvine since graduating, he was also the Director of the UCI Arboretum for twenty years. Harold is now Professor Emeritus of Biology in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UCI, where he did research on conservation and ecology.

He is Editor Emeritus for [Orchid Digest](#), which he edited for ten years and still works on the editorial committee of that Journal.

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

The end of July has been a little 'toasty', which is great for the growth and blooming of our orchids but not so great for controlling those pesky insects that also flourish in warmer weather. Be on the lookout for scale, aphids, mealy bugs, spider mites, thrips and other insects on your plants and take appropriate action to keep them under control. [The Saint Augustine Orchid Society website](#) has good info on identifying and managing these orchid pests. Also refer to the August 'To Do' list on our website for tips and references on how to maintain your plants during this period.

We were very grateful that one of our members stepped up to fill our publicity vacancy. We greatly appreciate Frank Vogel for generously volunteering his time and efforts for this important position.

As we mentioned last month, the San Diego Society is organizing a bus trip to the Huntington for their Orchid Show and Sale on Saturday, October 22. Please refer to the details in the newsletter if you are interested in signing up.

We still have not gotten anyone (besides Alex) to volunteer to put in a display at the Huntington Show. We could use a few individuals to assist in designing a desktop display and at least one individual with a large car or van to help bring plants and set up materials to the event on Wednesday, Oct. 19 and help take it down on Sunday, Oct. 23. Although the President of the San Diego Society has offered to assist us, it would be better if a few of our own members participate. An added advantage is if we enter an exhibit, all POS members are able to attend the show for free. You can sign up at the August meeting or contact Alex at the email or number below.

As always, members are encouraged to provide input at any time via email, phone or in person (anadzan@mac.com, 760-529-5814 or billtcwong@att.net, 760-931-0502). Feel free to contact either of us, as we are here to serve you.

Happy Growing!

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong
Co-Presidents, POS

Caravan to Huntington Orchid Show and Sale

The San Diego County Orchid Society is planning a chartered bus excursion to the Huntington Botanical Garden's Elegant Orchids 2nd Annual International Orchid Show & Sale on Saturday, October 22.

Sundance, a reputable charter bus company, has been selected and they will allow snacks and beverages on-board (no glass bottles/containers). Restroom is on board. They will make a stop in North County at a point TBD, for pick-up. The bus will leave around 8 am and will be return in the evening; approximately 12 hours. Cost is a very reasonable \$40 per person!

This will be a full day trip filled with fun! Attendees will visit the show and allow plenty of time for shopping among the many [orchid vendors](#) from around the world. The highlight will include a docent led tour of the three off-exhibit greenhouses, housing over 10,000 orchids. This collection includes the famous [S. Robert Wertz](#) Paphiopedium collection. Seventy-two AOS certificates, including five FCCs, have been awarded to plants in the HBG's collection since 2014. Cost for the trip is \$40 per person and admission to the Huntington is free! SDCOS will provide bottled water and snacks for the trip. Lunch options are available at cafes and restaurants on the grounds, or pick a nice spot to enjoy a picnic packed at home.

POS members may sign-up for the bus excursion online at volunteersignup.org/MTK7X.

Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning **S through C** 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!

For some history of the HBG orchid collection read [The Orchid Collection at the Huntington Botanical Gardens](#) and [Exploring-the-Treasures-at-The-Huntington](#). There is so much to do and see there! Additional details about the show and the concurrently held AOS Fall Members Meeting can be found in the section on the Orchid Extravaganza below.



Orchid extravaganza coming to the Huntington

The Huntington Botanical Gardens International Orchid Show (October 21-23) AND the American Orchid Society Fall Members Meeting (October 19-23) will be held concurrently at the Huntington Library, Art Museums and Botanical Gardens! Much more than just an orchid show, this orchid extravaganza will feature many speakers, work shops, ribbon-judging events and more.

Hear three days of orchid speakers from around the world: Come hone your growing skills and expand your knowledge of our orchid passion! Friday, Saturday and (a shorter schedule) Sunday will feature these and more fascinating speakers:

- **Alfredo Manrique:** *Phragmipedium kovachii* culture
- **Fred Clarke:** *Catasetum* Species, Hybrids and their Culture
- **Dr. Harold Koopowitz:** Evolution of the Slipper Orchids
- **Janet Lamborn:** Don't put on the virus blinders, your collection is depending on you
- **Dr. Daniel L. Geiger:** Growing Orchids in a Terrarium
- **Carri Raven-Riemann:** *Phalaenopsis* Species: From Mega to Micro
- **Garry Clark and Graham Wood:** Award Winning Growers Choose Orchid
- **Gustavo A. Aguirre:** Columbian *Cattleyas*
- **Peter T. Lin:** Small *Vanda* Species and their Hybrids
- **Hadley Cash:** Marriott Orchids... The Other Side of the Story!
- **Hilmar Bauch:** The Genus *Cattleya*
- **Andy Cameron:** Genes and Ploidy in *Cymbidiums*
- Pleurothallid Alliance: Sponsored Speaker (TBA)
- **Jonathan Robbins:** TBA

AOS Members Meeting registration is required to attend the talks, and includes many other benefits!

See the fabulous orchid show: Come see over 30 stunning orchid displays and exhibits entered by orchid societies and vendors! Oh, and did we mention vendors?! Come enhance your collection with irresistible little beauties from the following and other top vendors: Wilson Orchids (Taiwan), Cal-Orchid (California), Ooi Leng Sun Orchids (Malaysia), Norman's Orchids (California), Andy's Orchids (California), Ten Shin Gardens (Taiwan), Floralia (Brazil), CalWest Tropical (California), Orchid Conservation Alliance (California), Orquideas Katia (Columbia), Centro de Jardineria (Peru), Marriott Orchids (North Carolina), Gold Country Orchids (California), Popow Orchids (Germany, Asendorfer Orchideenzucht (Germany), Mundiflora (Ecuador), Wing Studio (California), Agdia (Indiana), Orchid Design (California), and more to come!

The event requires paid admission to the Huntington OR event registration OR qualifying free admission as a volunteer for the event (see below for details.)

Go on tours of the Huntington's three huge "off exhibit" orchid greenhouses: See the amazing Huntington's amazing "behind the scenes" collection of over 10,000 orchids, which have received 72 awards from the American Orchid Society (including five FCCs) since 2014.

AOS Members Meeting Event registration required

Participate in ribbon judging, and/or observe an American orchid society judging. During ribbon judging, you can join a group other of orchid enthusiasts working informally under the guidance of a supportive expert to evaluate the plants entered for ribbon judging at the show. No experience required – this is a learning opportunity and you can ask all of the questions you want! Later, you can also discreetly observe an American Orchid Society judging, where accredited judges with

years of experience compare the entered show plants to database records and photographs of all similar plants that have ever been evaluated by the AOS.

Free Admission

Enjoy an elegant dinner and/or a variety of other American orchid society meetings and events: The American Orchid Society management and members gather twice a year to both celebrate their orchid passion and conduct the work that makes the operations of organization possible. This is your chance to visit and participate with the AOS!

Requires AOS Members Meeting event registration and prior additional payment for meals associated with certain specific events

Have fun volunteering at the show and meeting!! Help the Huntington grow orchid passion locally! There will be a myriad of opportunities for volunteers to staff information desks, act as exhibit room docents, help with greenhouse tours, staff the plant hotel, assist with setup and teardown and many other tasks. Online volunteer registration will soon be available, and volunteers will be able to pick their choice of jobs and three-hour time slots!

All volunteers will receive a qualifying free admission to the Show, vendors, and grounds only (does not include the AOS Members Meeting and speakers). Your volunteer badge will entitle you to free admission to the Huntington grounds (including the library, art museums, gardens, orchid displays and judgments) from October 19-23. AOS Members Meeting (separate) event registration will be required for admission to the speakers talks as well as banquets and meals.

To register for the event or find more information, go to aosfall2016.com.

To volunteer for the orchid show or to be a ribbon judge, visit signup.com/go/kv6q9s

July Judging Reports

No judging report was filed for July.

In the June POS News, the exhibitor of the following awarded plant was incorrectly labeled. The plant was exhibited by our own Alex Nadzan.



Photo by Phyllis Prestia

Judging Sessions

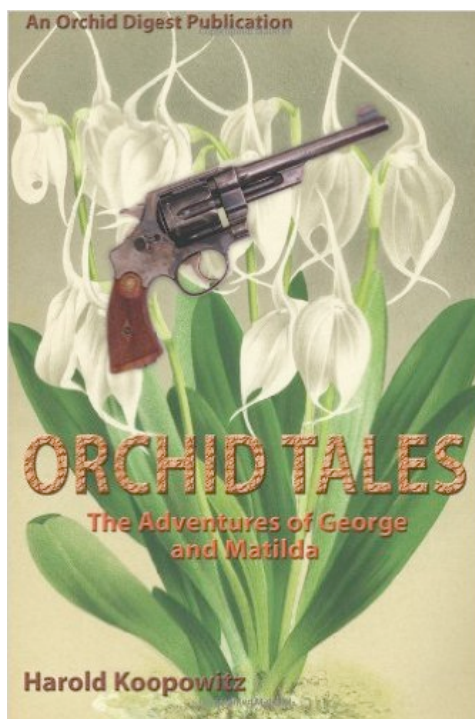
The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. Locally, the sessions are held in Balboa Park, Casa del Prado in room 104 on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm.

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 Paul Tuskes at (858) 274 5829

Harold Koopowitz cont.

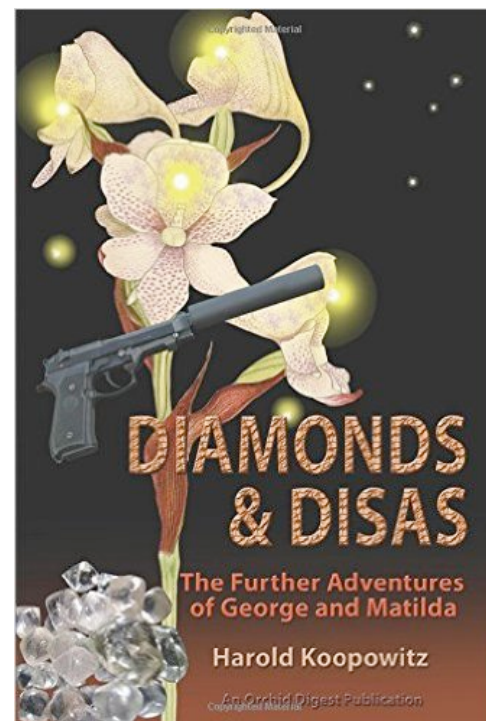
He gardens in Tustin, Orange County, California and is well known internationally for breeding both Slipper Orchids and Miniature Daffodils. Harold has written over a hundred scientific papers and book chapters. He has also authored eight books. His most recent orchid book is [Tropical Slipper Orchids](#) and he is currently working on several new books, including *Topics on Slipper Orchids* and *The Autumn Flowering Daffodils*.

Harold also writes novels and short stories that have orchid themes, [Orchid Tales](#) is a compendium of short stories all featuring the characters George and



Matilda. [Diamonds and Disas](#) is his first full length adventure novel. He is currently working on a new novel *George and the Emerald Orchid*. All proceeds from these novels go to fund Orchid Digest. Harold will have some copies to sell at the meeting and will even sign them if you wish.

The plants for the opportunity table will be an interesting collection of orchids from Kalapana Tropicals.



Gems From The July Meeting



Ron Parsons



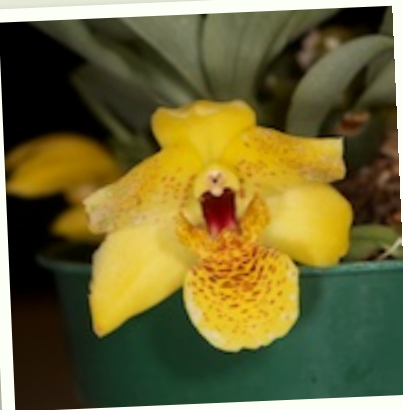
C. Green Emerald Queen – Anita Spencer



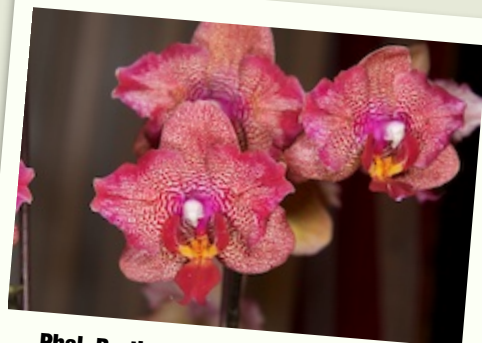
C. aclandiae – Alex Nadzan



**Sobralia macrantha x
Sobralia yauaperyensis
Lisa Humphreys**



**Promenaea Colmaniana
Merle Robboy**



Phal. Brother Lawrence – Nico Goosens



Ctna. Starrlyn "Yellow Flare" – Alex Nadzan



Nageliella purpurea – Helge Weissig



**Dichaea glauca
Merle Robboy**

Photos by Helge Weissig - full album at 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



One of the characteristics of the orchid family that I personally find very attractive is the immense variety of the plants in this group and their many adaptations to habitats, climate, and pollinators.

A good example are some of the Australian orchids that depend on fire, which Ron Parson talked about last month. Two others are perhaps two of the plants I recently purchased at Andy's Open House: One is a rupicolous *Laelia lucasiana* with single leaves, each coming out of a thick pseudobulb. The entire cluster of about 8 growths, including its pot, would have fit comfortably into a pocket of my cargo shorts. The other, a *Sobralia dichotoma* barely fit into my station wagon on its side. Luckily its 15-odd feet canes are seemingly as sturdy as bamboo and they were easily bent (and unbent again). If I ever manage to get it to bloom, each individual flower will be larger than many of my other, smaller plants, including the *Laelia lucasiana*, yet they grow in 8" long, branching and many-flowered inflorescences.

Your comments and suggestions are very much appreciated! And, as always, your contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome as well. Please email them to newsletter@palomarorchid.org.

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Upcoming Events

August 2, 2016

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
sdorchids.com

August 3, 2016

POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

August 19, 2016

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

September 5, 2016

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
sdorchids.com

September 6, 2016

POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

September 17 - 18, 2016

Annual Orchid Fall Show and Sale
 Southbay Orchid Society
southbayorchidsociety.com

September 21, 2016

SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

October 4, 2016

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
sdorchids.com

October 5, 2016

POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

October 19, 2016

SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

October 21, 2016

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

October 21 - 23, 2016

2nd Annual International Orchid
 Show and Sale
 The Huntington Botanical Garden
huntington.org

October 22 & 23, 2016

AOS Fall 2016 Member Meeting
 The Huntington Botanical Garden
www.aosfall2016.com

November 1, 2016

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
sdorchids.com

November 2, 2016

POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

November 5 & 6, 2016

58th Annual Santa Barbara
 Orchid Estate Fall Open House
sborchid.com

November 16, 2016

SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

November 18, 2016

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

November 19 & 20, 2016

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara
 Fall Show and Sale
orchidsb.org

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
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