



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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Presidents' Message

Bill Wong and Alex Nadzan touch on several topics of interest to the society.

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Gems from the July Meeting

Gil Ho's presentation on Stanhopeas was very well received and many members shared their blooming plants during Show & Tell

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July Judging Results

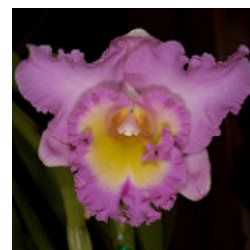
With a bumper crop of 27 plants presented for judging, seven were awarded.

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Calendar of Events

The summer season is in full swing with many events on the calendar. Make sure to mark your own, you don't want to miss out.

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, August 2, 2017 • 6:30 pm



Curtis Gean

Laelia anceps – the Color Forms and Their Influence on Hybridizing

We are delighted to welcome to our society Curtis Gean of Sierra Vista Orchids, Sanger, CA. He will address the various results when using *L. anceps* as a parent. Curtis will answer your questions and provide the plant opportunity table with emphasis on the topic of his talk. He

also will have a few plants for sale. As a small quiz, Curtis has included a pic of *L. anceps* along with two *anceps* hybrids, Hybrid 1 and Hybrid 2. Attendees should try to figure out what the other parent is, which will be revealed during his talk. Curtis is a shared speaker with SDCOS and will be presenting a talk on 'Hybridizing with *Oncidium leucochilum* and *Baptistonia echinata*' on Tuesday, August 1 in Balboa Park. All are welcome to attend.

Curtis is a semi-retired photographer/videographer that has had a long time interest in orchids. After dabbling in hybrid roses, he was introduced to orchids in 1970 because of his need to use some plants and flowers

in a photo shoot. The gentleman that provided his introduction was Homer C. Dodson, who later became his mentor.



Laelia anceps hybrid 1

Homer invited Curtis to attend with him a meeting of the local orchid society where he bought some raffle tickets and won two plants. One of those plants, Den. Petite Jewels [Midnight x bigibbum], is still alive and doing well. Needless to say, Curtis was hooked and has had a wonderful time, over the past 46 years, studying species and their cultural requirements, researching hybrids, and even learning to be an orchid judge. He entered the AOS Judges Training Program in 1973 and was elevated to Certified Judge in 1983.



Laelia anceps

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

We hope all of our members are enjoying the summer and having great success with their orchid collections. As many of you know, orchid collections are a lot of work and require continual work replenishment of our supplies, such as pots, bark, fertilizers and other tools. With our busy schedules and summer activities, we often pay less attention to our collection.

Recently one of our members called our favorite hobbyist, Jerry Spencer, and asked for an "attitude adjustment". The individual told Jerry that taking care of orchids was too much work, watering weekly, repotting plants and finding best pest control measures. They saw it as a big chore. Many of you with larger collections can relate to that. One of the best ways to minimize the overwhelming burden is to tackle a few plants at a time, don't try to repot all your plants in one or two days. As a suggestion, please talk to your fellow members for tips on growing orchids.

In addition, there are other sources for advice including the AOS website on what to do during this time of the year. That website has lots of good information as does our own site for monthly tips on managing your collection. Also, refer to the culture sheets on the various types of orchids that are available to members. We have all seen these sheets, but a refresher always helps.

2017 is continuing to be a good year for POS as far as great speakers and new members. At last month's meeting, Gil



Ho gave a very informative talk on Stanhopeas that we all enjoyed. This month we welcome Curtis Gean from Sierra Vista Orchids, who will give his first talk to POS and also present to SDCOS on Tuesday.

At the last meeting, we received a nice compliment from one of our new members. That individual belongs to another society in San Diego, and shared with us that he really enjoyed our meetings. He liked the fact that our speakers provided informative talks without too much technical detail. He also liked the informal meetings and friendly members, which is a good reminder for all of us to be sure to welcome our visitors and new members and be willing to share information. Oh, don't forget to be nice to the older members as well!!!

As an important reminder our August 2 meeting WILL NOT be held in the Pavilion. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room, which is located in the same parking lot but midway in the group of buildings. The building has a round canopy in front with the designation as the Conference Center. You park in the same area.

As always Bill and Alex are available to listen to your suggestions, questions and concerns. Please call Bill at 760-931-0502 or Alex at 760-529-5814. Bill's e-mail is billtcwong@att.net and Alex's is anadzan@mac.com.

We look forward to seeing you on August 2nd.

*Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong
Co-Presidents, POS*

Curtis Gean - continued

In 1996, following the break-up of his marriage, Curtis moved to Mexico, where he spent the better part of the next 10 years learning how to survive on next-to nothing. It was a real challenge, but he believes he became a better person as a result of it. In 2007, Curtis returned stateside to care for aging parents, and re-entered the AOS Judging Program. Because of his long absence, Curtis was required to "start over" and was re-certified in 2013.

Orchiditis is a compelling and insidious disease that takes over your life if you let it, and it becomes all-consuming as several of our POS members can attest to. Curtis loves it, and every day he finds something new to explore.



Laelia anceps hybrid 2

While in Mexico, Curtis had the chance to look for orchids in the states of Nayarit, Jalisco, Colima, Michoacan, and Guerrero. He was able to find numerous epiphytes and semi-terrestrial species, and because of some established contacts there, he was given the opportunity to re-locate many plants slated for destruction. Because of road improvement projects and the like, many plants would have been destroyed, but were able to be re-located to a nearby area and saved as a result of his conservation efforts.

Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning **S through C** will share at break time!

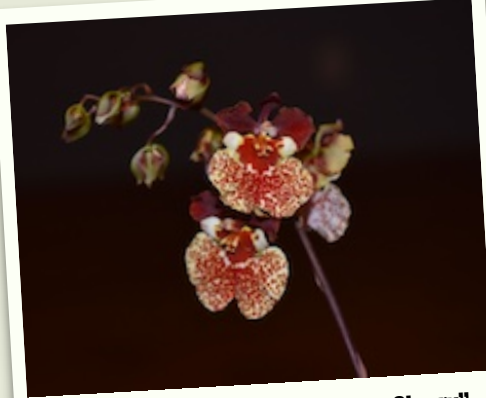
We appreciate everyone's effort in supplying our meeting with goodies. It makes for a great meeting all around!

Thank you!

Gems From The July Meeting



Gil Ho



Rodrumnia Cherry Hollow "Very Cherry"
AM/AOS – Alex Nadzan



Laelia spectabilis
Ken Cambell



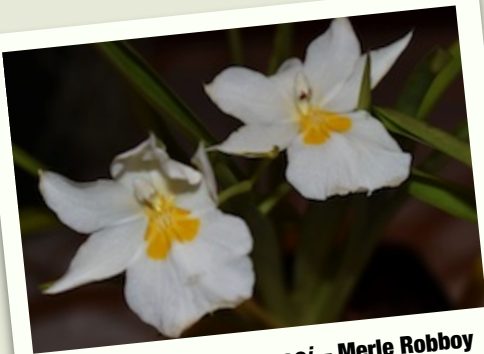
L. Latona x L. purpurata
Alex Nadzan



C. violacea – Ken Campbell



Mystacidium capense – Alex Nadzan



Miltoniopsis santanaei – Merle Robboy



Lc. Tokyo Magic x Lc. Brian Wheeler
Alex Nadzan



Lc. Indigo Mist "Coastal Blue"
Alex Nadzan

Photos by Debra Funakoshi – 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.

July Judging Report

There were 27 orchids presented for judging. Seven were awarded.



***C. aclandiae* f. *alba* 'SV0'**
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM/AOS 82 points



***C. Pacavia* 'Ace'**
Exhibited by Phyllis Prestia
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points



***Phal. tetraopsis* 'Panda'**
Exhibited by Norman's Orchids
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points



***C. Intertexta* 'Kimberly Bennett'**
Exhibited by Lynden Burzell
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points



***Phal. Sogo Golden* 'Fangtastic'**
Exhibited by Norman's Orchids
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points



***Phal. violacea* f. *coerulea*
'Jamie Fang'**
Exhibited by Norman's Orchids
Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points

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



***Paph. Lady Booth* 'Denise's Joy'**
Exhibited by William Tse
Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points

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

Orchids

*Presented by the
San Diego County Orchid Society*

July 29-30

Saturday Noon – 5 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Balboa Park's
Casa del Prado, Room 101
Near the Natural History Museum

Free Admission

**Show and Sale
in the Park**



sdorchids.com
#SDOrchids



Fascination of Orchids International Show & Sale

SEP 23 & 24, 2017 10 am to 5 pm

**South Coast Plaza Village
1621 West Sunflower
Santa Ana CA 92704**

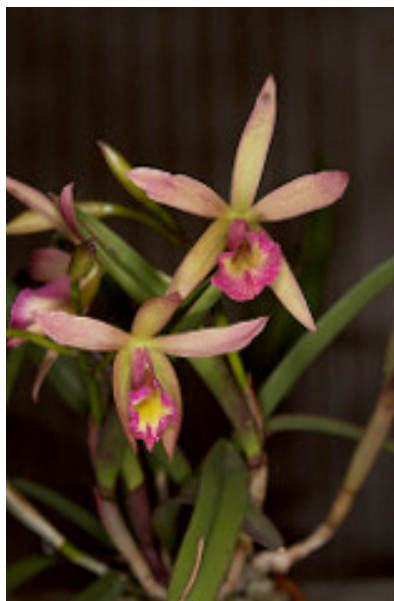
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Thousands of Exotic
Orchids from many
Different Lands

Learn how Local
Enthusiasts Grow,
Bloom & Show
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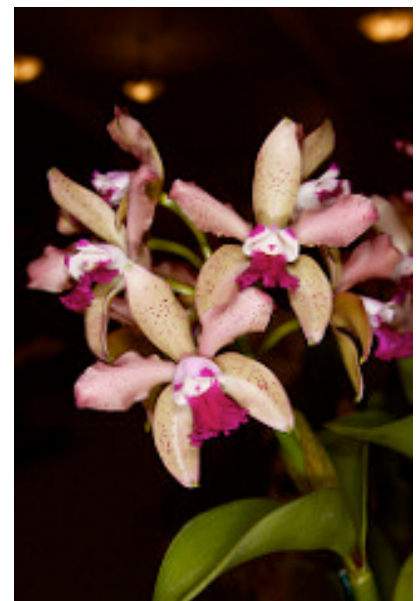
*Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Presents*

SUMMER EXOTIC PLANT AND ORCHID FESTIVAL

Friday, July 28 10 am - 9 pm
Saturday, July 29 10 am - 9 pm
Sunday, July 30 11 am - 6 pm

**Westminster Mall
1025 Westminster Mall
Westminster, CA**

*Free Admission & Parking
for more information: www.nhosinfo.org*



The Editor's Corner



It recently came to my attention, that someone had posted many of the pictures taken from our Show & Tell sessions on a FaceBook page as well as a couple of other social networking sites. Although I was somewhat flattered that my photographs were being enjoyed by so many (as evidenced by the number of "Likes" and comments), there was, unfortunately, neither attribution of the grower nor of the photographer. In fact, most of the content shared by that person was from [my own flickr.com photostream](#) without so much of a link back to the originals. After several emails and DMCA requests, they finally apologized and removed the copyrighted material.

While putting together the POS News and for any content of the POS website, I am always careful to request permission first before publishing someone else's work. Not only does that seem to be common courtesy, but simply also the lawful thing to do.

Do you have any orchid related stories (or rants like the above) to share? Your comments, suggestions, and/or contributions to this newsletter are very much appreciated! Please email them to newsletter@palomarorchid.org.

Happy Growing!

2017 POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President
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Upcoming Events

July 28 - 30, 2017

Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival
 Newport Harbor Orchid Society
nhosinfo.org

July 29 & 30, 2017

SDCOS Orchids in the Park
 Summer Show, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

August 1, 2017

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
sdorchids.com

August 2, 2017

POS General Meeting
 Conference Center,
 Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

August 18, 2017

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

September 5, 2017

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
sdorchids.com

September 6, 2017

POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

September 10, 2017

Annual Orchid Auction
 Southern California Orchid
 Species Society
socalorchidspecies.com

September 15, 2017

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

September 16 & 17, 2017

Orchid Fall Show & Sale
 South Bay Orchid Society
southbayorchidsociety.com

September 20, 2017

SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

September 23 & 24, 2017

Fascination of Orchids
 International Show & Sale
ocorchidshow.com

October 3, 2017

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
sdorchids.com

October 4, 2017

POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

October 7, 2017

Orchid Clinic 2017
 San Diego Botanic Garden
sdbgarden.org

October 18, 2017

SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

October 20, 2017

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

October 20 - 22, 2017

Annual International Orchid Show
 Huntington Botanical Gardens
huntington.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
 1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078

