



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, 2019

Lake San Marcos Conference Center Center



Arthur Pinkers 'Heat Tolerant Oncidiums'

We are happy to welcome back Arthur Pinkers to our society who will speak to us on 'Heat Tolerant Oncidiums'. Arthur will inform us that these are a wonderful group of orchids that come from South and Central America and the Caribbean providing a diversity of size, shape and color. He will explore some of

the species that provide warmth tolerance in hybrids and the hybrids themselves as we look at members that would be better suited for our Southern California environment. Arthur also will explore the cultural requirements these orchids need to be successful in our area. Arthur's visit is being cosponsored by our society and SDCOS where he will be speaking on Tuesday evening on a separate topic in Balboa Park.

Arthur Pinkers has been an orchid enthusiast since the age of sixteen, when he acquired a plant of Slc. Glittering Jewel (Sl. Gratixiae x Slc. Hermes), which infected him with the orchid bug. His forty plus years of experience growing orchids started in the Pacific Northwest with a green house to fend off the

cold, rainy days, but a decade ago a job change forced him to move to Santa Clarita, California, where the conditions are extreme for growing orchids.

Growing up in the Seattle area, Arthur attended Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, graduating with a B.S. in Chemistry and Biology. He worked for many years as a chemist, and had the fortune of having his dream job as the Lab Director for Beall Orchid Company until shortly before its close in 1990. Despite not having a current career working with orchids, Arthur has taken an active role in the orchid community. He has been an Accredited Orchid Judge for over twenty years, served in most executive positions on the Board of the Northwest

Speaker Bio Continued

Orchid Society, including serving as President from 1988 to 1989, President of the San Fernando Valley Orchid Society 2016 to present. He was the center photographer for the Pacific Northwest Judging region 1993 - 2004. Currently, Arthur serves as the Center Judging Chair at the Pacific South - San Marino Judging Center and one of the

photographers for the Pacific South Judging Center. Though he has an interest in a wide variety of orchids, botanicals are a special draw to him for their diversity and charm.

Arthur has been married to his wife, Margie, for over twenty-nine years, and has two adult children and a granddaughter. While they have not inherited his knack for

growing orchids, his family enjoys the beauty and wild aromas his backyard jungle brings to their home, a respite from the desert landscape around them.



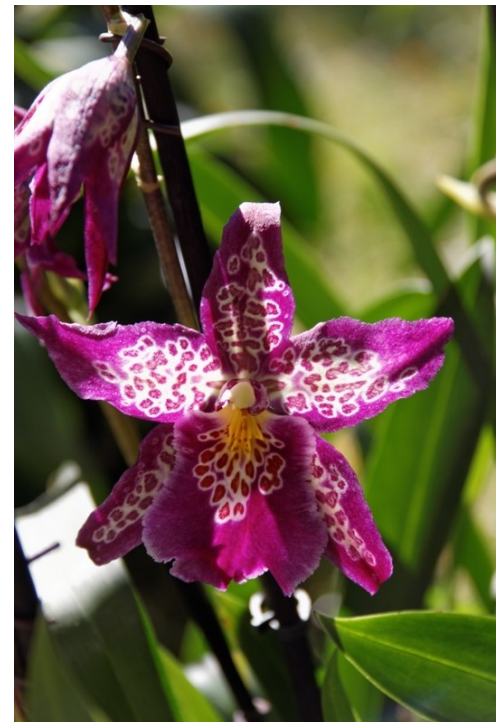
Oncidium Sweet Sugar



Mtssa. Shelob 'Tolkien'



Colm. Wildcat 'Bobcat'



Bllra. Patricia McCully

*Snacks & Refreshments This month, all members with last names beginning **T** through **B** 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!*



President's Message

Hello POS Members and Friends,

As the saying goes, Time Flies When You Are Having Fun. We are approaching our August POS meeting and there are only four more meetings left until our December Holiday Dinner. We have several excellent speakers left. If you haven't already invited a friend to a meeting, be sure to make the effort. They won't be disappointed.

Speaking of our Holiday Dinner, we are looking for places that are as nice as prior venues and within our budget. It would be helpful and appreciated if a couple of members volunteer to help plan the dinner, research restaurants and plan the program. The more you participate the more you will get out of our society. Contact Bill or Alex before the meeting if you can help.

At the July meeting Norman Fang gave an informative talk on "Development of Harlequin Phalaenopsis". Debbie Halliday of SDCOS talked about the possibility of arranging a joint caravan, via chartered bus, to visit Norman's Orchids in Montclair, California. When and if we can plan this, we will let you know. It would probably be during the same time Norman has an Open House.

In August, we are pleased to welcome back Arthur Pinkers who will speak to us on "Heat Tolerant Oncidiums". It has been seven years since he last spoke to us. His bio is provided above.

Upcoming speakers include James Rose of Cal Orchids, Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids and Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids. James Rose speaks to us every few years and we haven't had Alan Koch for 6 years, so we are looking forward to their talks.

Many years ago (the old timers will remember), the society had a Culture Clinic before each meeting. It was a good opportunity for members to share important cultural information on growing orchids. This clinic was discontinued because it took too long, delayed the start of the meeting and members were not always available to run the clinic. Instead we sometimes ask our speakers to cover important cultural tips on the type of orchids they specialize in. We also try to have one or two culture meetings a year to focus on this important topic.

One important tip is to regularly test your orchid collection for viruses, namely the Cymbidium Mosaic Virus (CMV) and Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus (ORSV). Some of us are reluctant to test for fear of discovering our favorite plant is virused. Others don't test because the cost of kits was too expensive (about \$5 per kit), or we didn't want to take the time to conduct the tests. The good news is there is a new manufacturer, new manufacturer, Rega Biotechnology, Inc., who has developed the Agitest kit that is about half the price and if you

master using the kit and/or apply sampling techniques, you are sometimes able to test multiple plants with one kit, bringing the cost down even further. If you have a large collection and have not tested regularly, it is a daunting task to test your entire collection, but you need to start somewhere. At a meeting last year, Ken Campbell, gave a nice demo of how to test for virus during the break and it is so easy, we should all learn to do it. If there is an interest, we can do another demo in an upcoming meeting. One of our excellent growers even brings a test kit when buying plants from vendors to ensure he doesn't buy a virused plant!! Rumor has it, he sleeps with his test kits under his pillow. If you value your collection and don't want to spread the virus, testing is a must.

We hope our meetings are informative, enjoyable, and keep your interest. We want to continue providing excellent programs and need your feedback in order to improve. So far this year, Bill and Alex have not been contacted but we keep asking.

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. Bills e-mail is billtcwong@att.net. Alex's e-mail is anadzan@mac.com.

Hope to see in August.



Norman Fang



Norman and Lanai Staley



Merle

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), July 2019.

Text by Phyllis Prestia, photos by Arnie Gum
Of the orchids presented for judging, two were awarded.

Encyclia adenocaulis 'Paradox' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Ann and Paul Tuskes

Awarded AM/AOS 85 points

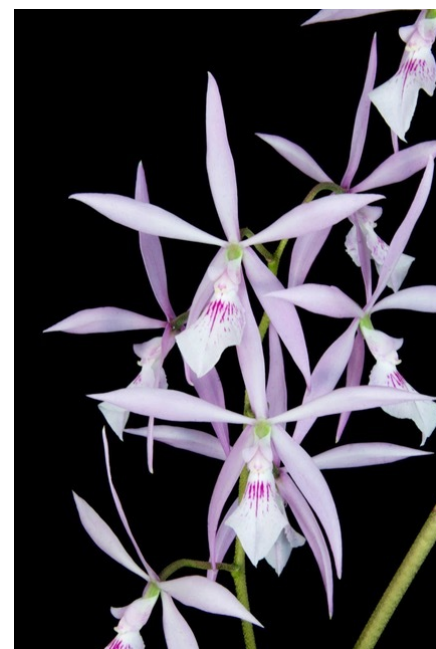
Phal. KS Pulchell 'Peloric' JC/AOS

Exhibited by Norman's Orchids

Awarded JC/AOS



Phal. KS Pulchell 'Peloric'



Encyclia adenocaulis 'Paradox'

2018-19 CSA San Marino
Judging Center Schedule
Judging Cymbidiums,
Paphiopedilums,
Phragmipediums
Huntington Botanical
Gardens Mishler Resource
Building 1151 Oxford Road,
San Marino, CA 91108
12:30pm Registration 1:00pm
Judging Next sessions are:
Summer Break, Aug 10, Sept.
14, Oct 12, Nov. 9, Dec 14

Contact Phyllis Prestia,
San Marino Judging Chair
orchldy1@mac.com

2019 POS Officers

Co-President: Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong

Co-1st Vice President/Programs: Tom Wisniewski & Alex Nadzan

2nd Vice President/Raffle: Jerry Spahn & Jim Anderson

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CALENDAR

July 27-28, 2019

SDCOS Summer Show
Orchids in the Park
Casa del Prado, Room 101,
Balboa Park, San Diego
sdorchids.com

August 3, 2019

SDCOS Species Group Meeting
Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00
am First Saturday of the month
Paul or Ann Tuskes, (858)
274-5829

August 6, 2019

Orchid Judging Center
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

August 6, 2019

SDCOS General Meeting &
Culture class
Culture Class: 6:30 pm
General Meeting: 7:30 pm
sdorchids.com

August 7, 2019

POS General Meeting
Conference Center
Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

August 10, 2019

SDCOS Potluck & Potting Workshop
Debbie Hallidays Home 12 noon
Sign-up on SDCOS Website
sdorchids.com

NHOS Summer Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival

See Flyer
www.nhosinfo.org

September 3, 2019

SDCOS General Meeting &
Culture class
Culture Class: 6:30 pm
General Meeting: 7:30 pm
sdorchids.com

September 4, 2019

POS General Meeting
Conference Center
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September 18, 2019

SDCCS General Meeting
San Marcos Senior Center
111 Richmar Ave. San Marcos
www.sdorchid.org

September 20, 2019

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.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
sdorchids.com

Cymbidium Society

Regular meetings 3rd Wednesday of
each month, September-June, 7pm,
San Marcos Senior Center
111 Richmar Ave, San Marcos 92078
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SUMMER SHOW

"Orchids in the Park"
July 27-28, 2019

Balboa Park's Casa del Prado, Room 101

Orchid Show and Sale

September 14 & 15, 2019

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

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month at the Conference Center 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 and 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 conference center will be on the left and there is plenty of parking in front.



Carl Wood's *L. purpurata* var. semi-alba



Cher's *L. purpurata* var. schusteriana



Judy Dyer's Phal. unknown



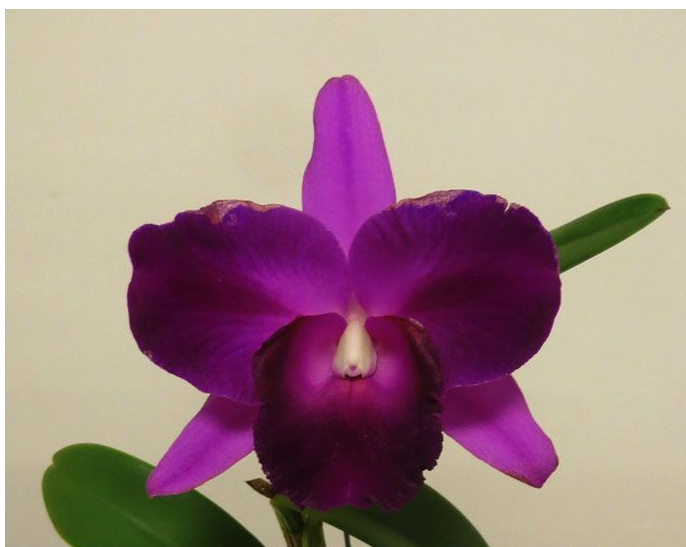
Maryanne's Blc. Waianea Leopard x Slc. Jungle Treasure



Anita's *L. canhamiana* var. coerulea 'Cobalt'



Alex's Phal. Harlequin



Ken's Lc. Mini Song 'Donald Halliday'

June Meeting

Photos by
Debra Funakoshi

Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Presents
*Summer Exotic Plant
and Orchid Festival
2019*

Westminster Mall
1025 Westminster Mall
Westminster, CA 92683



Friday, August 16 10 am - 9 pm
Saturday, August 17 10 am - 8 pm
Sunday, August 18 11 am - 6 pm

Free Admission & Parking
For more information: www.nhosinfo.org