



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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Consult our list of to-do items you won't want to forget this month to help your orchid collection thrive.

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Calendar of Events

A mix of in-person and virtual events is scheduled for the next few months. Mark your calendars!

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, August 4, 2021 • 6:30 pm



Carlos Lopez

The Four Seasons of Cattleyas

We welcome Carlos Lopez as our second speaker of our in-person meetings this year. Carlos will talk to us about "The Four Seasons of Cattleyas" and will discuss which Cattleya species and hybrids bloom in each season. This will allow our members to tailor their collections to

have blooming cattleyas throughout the year.

Many of our members know Carlos from his work at Sunset Valley Orchids. Carlos is a Business student at Mira Costa College who has been cultivating orchids for over 7 years. His orchid venture began at the age of thirteen when he started to follow his father to work at Sunset Valley Orchids. Before he knew it, he was volunteering at the nursery and was helping clean orchid flasks, repot orchids, and doing small tasks. Carlos eventually became more involved in the nursery's operations/maintenance and started to take part in attending orchid shows and selling or-



Lc. Sandra Laura's

chids at the SVO booths. He is currently Sunset Valley Orchids Greenhouse specialist and has years of experience with Cattleya, Catasetum, Australian Dendrobiums, and Sarcochilus orchids. Carlos is currently training to become an American Orchid Society Judge and works with Orchid Digest as well. Carlos will be providing the plant table this month.



L. tenbrosa "Phoenix Rising"

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hello POS Members and Friends,

It's so nice to resume a more normal life with our family and friends. Each month more and more of our community and businesses are returning to normal. It's nice to be able to dine out, go to our local gym and attend functions without mask requirements. We held our second in-person meetings in July and had a great meeting. One of our favorite speakers, Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids, gave an excellent talk on "Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower". Fred has given numerous wonderful talks before, but many of our members felt this was one of his best. Fred is always a dynamic and entertaining speaker.

As an added bonus, Fred helped kick off the 2021 POS Fundraising Campaign by donating his speaker and plant table fees of \$400 to POS. As stated last month and at the July meeting, we need to raise funds to help cover the increasing rental costs for our meeting room and the cancellation of our last two plant auctions. Thanks to Fred for his generosity and continued support of our society.



If you have not yet attended a meeting this year, we encourage you to come. All our members and visitors have thoroughly enjoyed meeting again and feel safe being among other people. One member has commented on two occasions how nice it was to resume meetings again.

The August speaker will be Carlos Lopez. Carlos is one of the key members of the Sunset Valley Orchids team and will speak on the "The Four Seasons of Cattleyas". More about Carlos and his background is provided above. Please note we

are asking members with last names between A - M to bring in snacks for this meeting.



Our fundraising campaign is off to a great start thanks to the generosity of our members. We have already raised over \$1100 in cash donations and funds from donated plants at our silent auction. Thanks to all who donated or bought orchids, however, we have not reached our goal yet of \$2500. We have just begun so, if you have not already done so, please consider making a donation at the next meeting or [online on the POS website](#) or donate/purchase plants next month.

Last month we indicated we were close to finalizing a new meeting location in the City of San Marcos. Unfortunately, these plans fell through as the city reserved the Wednesday night slot for city sponsored classes. We considered changing our meeting to Thursday night instead, but that would conflict with potential sharing of speakers with the San Diego County Orchid Society. Moving our date is not out of the question, but we are still looking for a Wednesday night location.

By August 1st, we may be able to reserve a location in Carlsbad

for our September meeting, but we will not know for sure until after August 1st as the city is not accepting reservations until August. August may be our final meeting in the LSM Conference Center so we will keep everyone abreast of the developments and location of our September meeting.

Please refer to the culture tips for optimum growing of your orchid collection. Be sure to follow many of the orchid culture tips Fred Clarke shared with us last month. Alex has a copy of Fred's slides in pdf format and will send members a copy if you request it by emailing him at anadzan@mac.com.

As mentioned in the previous newsletters, we encourage our member to send in your annual membership renewal via mail or [on-line using the POS website](#). Many of you have yet to renew, so please make the effort to support POS. Mail renewals to POS, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013 or renew online.

As always, we hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. 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 or e-mail them at president@palomarorchid.org.

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong
Co-Presidents, POS

Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning **A through M** 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!

Fundraising Opportunities

Our board has been considering ways of raising funds to make up for our inability to conduct auctions over the last two years and the board has come up with the following approaches.

Matching Member Donations

Bill and Shelley Wong have very generously offered to match POS donations of up to a total of \$2500 raised from POS members and friends between the beginning of July and October 31, 2021. Donations can be made either by check or credit card using Square on our website. In order to keep track of donations, please make checks out to POS and write on the check Matching Donation so we keep them separate from dues. Send your checks to Palomar Orchid Society, PO Box 130774, Carlsbad, CA 92013.

Special Plant Auctions at Meetings and Online

During this period, we will solicit donations from members of special plants preferably in bud or bloom to auction off to members and friends at our monthly meetings. Thus far, Jerry and Anita

Spencer and Alex Nadzan have agreed to donate some plants for this internal auction. We also hope to obtain a few donations from our local vendors as well. Moreover, since special plants are not always in bud or bloom in time for our meetings, we plan to auction off plants online, the details of which are being worked out and will be announced in advance.

We hope our members take advantage of these opportunities to raise needed funds to continue our meeting, our educational activities and our society. Your efforts and generosity toward this end will be greatly appreciated.



Open Volunteer Positions

Board Secretary

We are looking for someone with good organizational skills to serve as Secretary. The responsibilities involve taking and issuing minutes from POSboard meetings which usually are held three times per year. The Secretary also will be responsible for issuing thank you notes for members and vendors who donate to the society for our auctions and other fund raising activities.

Publicity

Helge Weissig has agreed to take responsibility again for the Newsletter from Alex Nadzan who has been managing the Newsletter since Susan Johnston's passing. He would like to pass the responsibility for the publicity position on to someone else.

Instagram Manager

We are seeking a volunteer who has some technical skills to oversee the POS Instagram site and post pics and information of interest to orchid enthusiasts.



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 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.

August To Do List

General

To avoid excessively high summer light levels and temperatures for your plants provide sufficient shade, increase air movement, and increase frequency of watering/misting to cool plants and prevent them from drying out. This is particularly important for individuals who live and grow in inland areas, although temperatures on the coast also should be high during this period.

Although cattleyas, dendrobiums, encyclias and vandas thrive in high light levels, phalaenopsis, paphiopedilums, miltonopsis, masdevalias and other lower light plants can easily burn. These genera also are easily stressed by high temperatures so try to move them to cooler areas of your growing structures or bring them inside. Make sure they receive adequate water, paying particular attention to mounted plants.

With the exception of some warmer growing cattleyas and dendrobiums, most of your orchids should be repotted by now. Watch for the emergence of new roots from pseudobulbs before repotting the warm growers. Repot when roots are small and just beginning to show in order to minimize damage to soft tissues and avoid transplant shock, giving plants a head start into the growing season.

Continue to set aside extra divisions or duplicate plants as donations for the POS auction or for silent auction at the meetings. It will prevent overcrowding of your benches and make someone else happy to get a piece of your prized plant.

Maintain good hygiene practices to minimize transmission of pests and viruses, particularly during the warm summer months when pests and diseases can proliferate very quickly and spread throughout the collection. Carefully inspect plants for scale and aphids and treat early to minimize spread.

More details on specific genera can be found on the [AOS website](#).



Indoors and Greenhouse

Address high light levels by adding shade cloth or painting with shading compound to avoid burning sensitive plants.

Carefully monitor greenhouse temperatures as higher summer temperatures can easily cook plants. Make sure fans and automatic vents are in good working order. Mist plants to increase humidity and cool down temperatures.

Continue to provide good air circulation for indoor plants to discourage diseases and pests such as mealy bugs and scale. Treat early to avoid spreading to other plants. More info on pests and diseases can be found at the [AOS website](#).

Maintain increased watering and fertilizer to accommodate growth during this period. Avoid over fertilizing to minimize root damage and growth of soft growths. Keep to one half to one fourth the recommended amount on the package.

Outdoors

Continue to monitor and control snails, slugs and pests during warm weather. They can do considerable damage to plants in short order.

Cattleyas and oncidiums should continue to bloom and/or produce new root and bulb growth as well as hardening off of

growth produced in the spring. Maintain increased watering frequency and fertilizer as new growth is observed and repot as appropriate. Stake oncidiums to support flower spikes.

Catasetums should be full grown by now. Continue to give them warm temperatures, high light and fertilize well at each watering to take full advantage of the warm growing season. You will be rewarded by rapid growth all summer, followed by beautiful blooms in the fall and winter. More details on culture can be found on [Fred Clarke's website](#).

The monthly To Do list is a collaboration of several POS members. We appreciate any and all comments, suggestions, and feedback on our new feature. Please send them to news-letter@palomarorchid.org!



Orchid Digest Speakers Day: A Virtual Experience

Speakers Live and Q&A After Each Presentation

July 31, 2021

12:30-5:30 PM EDT

\$30 Registration Fee

[Register Online!](#)

Can't join us? Register to receive a link to the recording the next day!



Betty Kelepecz: The Orchids of the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea

Betty has been growing orchids in Southern California since the early 80s. She grows her 1000 plus orchids, including many species, in a small greenhouse and a shade structure. She has received in more than 60 AOS awards, including the coveted 2010 AOS Carlyle A. Luer Pleurothallid Award.



Ron Kaufmann: Cattleya eldorado: Searching for Gold in the Brazilian Amazon

A marine biologist by training, Ron has grown orchids for more than 25 years. He has travelled extensively to view orchids in the wild in Asia and South America, particularly Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia. Ron has a long-standing interest in conservation.



Brenda Oviatt: Angraecoids: Conservation & Culture

Brenda Oviatt (graphic artist) and Bill Nerison (architect) began growing orchids in 1983 and evolved from a hobby into Botanica Ltd. The primary focus is upon ex-situ propagation of endangered angraecoids, and education concerning the plight of many species of plants and animals from Africa and Madagascar.



Ron Parsons: The Genus Dendrobium

Ron Parsons has been growing and photographing orchids for more than 45 years. He has more than 90,000 digital images, most of which are of orchids and more than 6,500 published photos. He and Mary Gerritsen have co-authored several books on botanical subjects including, a second edition of A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species.



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NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS

SUMMER EXOTIC PLANT & ORCHID FESTIVAL 2021

Friday, August 13: 11am-8pm

Saturday, August 14: 11am-8pm

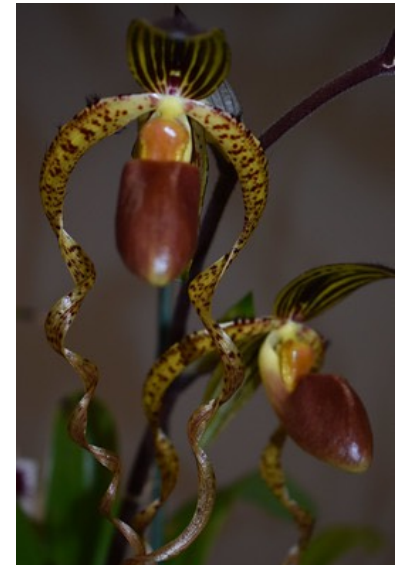
Sunday, August 15: 12am-6pm

WESTMINSTER MALL

1025 Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA

Free Admission & Parking
www.nhosinfo.org

FALL OPEN HOUSE
September
17 - 19
Andy'sOrchids.com



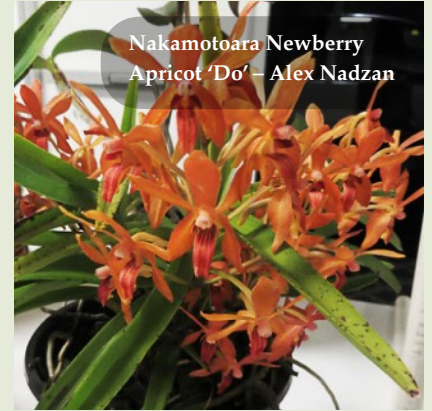
Gems From The July Meeting



AMN-258 (Blc. Fordyce Fantasy X
Slc. Circle of Life 'Crossroads')
– Alex Nadzan



Lycaste aromatica – Phyllis Prestia



Nakamotoara Newberry
Apricot 'Do' – Alex Nadzan



Onc. Irish Mist 'Winter Green' – Alex Nadzan



Psh. Marina (Psh. mariae x citrina) –
Alex Nadzan



C. purpurata var. *flamea* – Carl Wood



Vanda Kulwadee 'Fragrance
#27' – Ken Campbell



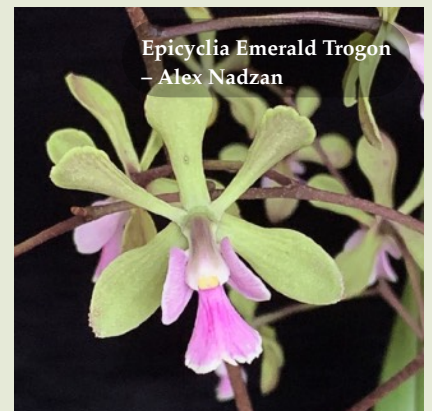
C. Mareeba Tiger – Carl Wood



C. purpurata var. *schusteriana*
– Anita Spencer



Dtps. Taisuco Pixie – Ken Campbell



Epicyclia Emerald Trogon
– Alex Nadzan

Photos by Debra Funakoshi & Alex Nadzan– Full album at www.palomarorchid.org

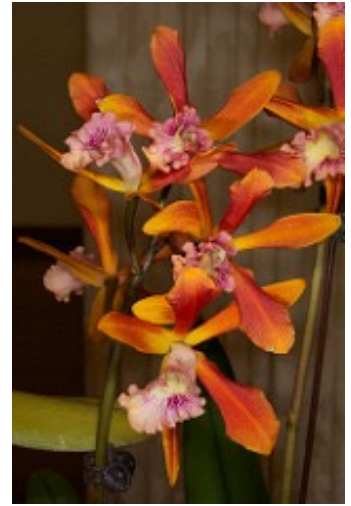
2021 POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President
Tom Wisniewski & Alex Nadzan — Co-1st Vice President/Programs
Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle
Trudy Ibbetson — 3rd Vice President/Membership
OPEN POSITION — Secretary
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Stewart Walton — 1st Year Trustees
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Debra Funakoshi — Facebook Editor

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Upcoming Events

July 31, 2021
 Orchid Digest Speaker Day
 (online)
orchiddigest.org

August 3, 2021
 SDCOS General Meeting
 (online)
sdorchids.com

August 4, 2021
 POS General Meeting
 Conference Center
 at Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

August 7, 2021
 SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

August 13 - 15, 2021
 Summer Exotic Plant and
 Orchid Festival
 Westminster Mall
westminstermall.com

August 20, 2021
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

September 1, 2021
 POS General Meeting
 Conference Center
 at Lake San Marcos
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September 4, 2021
 SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
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September 7, 2021
 SDCOS General Meeting
 (online)
sdorchids.com

September 17, 2021
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

September 17 - 19, 2021
 Fall Open House
 Andy's Orchids
andysorchids.com

September 25 & 26, 2021
 Fascination of Orchids Show
 & Sale
 Santa Ana Zoo, Santa Ana, CA
fascinationoforchids.com

October 2, 2021
 SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
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October 5, 2021
 SDCOS General Meeting
 (online)
sdorchids.com

October 6, 2021
 POS General Meeting
 Conference Center
 at Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

October 15, 2021
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

Our Sister Society's Meetings

The 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. Meetings are still being held online for now
sdorchids.com

