



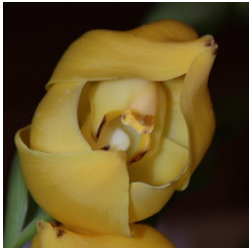
# POS News

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.

[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, August 2, 2023 • 6:30 pm



## Satomi Kasahara

### *Neofinetia falcata*

We are pleased to welcome this month's speaker Satomi Kasahara of [Seed Engei](#) who will speak about *Neofinetia falcata*, a native orchid of Japan. She is being jointly hosted by our society and SDCOS and will speak on the same topic in Balboa Park on Tuesday evening. Satomi will talk about the history of the plants, their basic characteristics, how to grow them,

changes in Fūkiran over the past 15 years and will conduct a potting demo. Satomi also will be providing the plant table this month. Recently, the genus *Neofinetia* has been reclassified as *Vanda* but many hobbyists prefer to still refer to them as *Neofinetias* or Fūkiran.

Satomi has been running Seed Engei America for a little more than 10 years. Seed Engei is the family business in Japan that has specialized in Fūkiran (*Neofinetia falcata*) for 45 years. She started to be part



*Neo. falcata* "SEHYEON"



Phyllis Prestia's *Neo. falcata* "BYAKKO"

of the business in 2006 after graduating from college in the USA. During this period, she has successfully expanded the popularity of Fūkiran in USA with help from various people in the orchid world. Satomi has fond memories of Fūkiran since she was very little. Her father's greenhouse was her go to spot for hide and seek with friends and her first job was to find tiny bugs on small Fūkiran for her father. As time passed, she came to

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## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

*Hello to all POS Members and Friends,*

*We hope all of you are surviving the recent streak of hot weather. It wasn't that long ago we were complaining about the gloomy overcast days. If we had a choice, many of us would welcome back the cooler overcast days.*

*The hot weather is hard on our orchid, our gardens, our pets and on us. It takes a lot more watering to maintain our prized orchid collections. On top of that this is summer and many of us are taking trips to see family and/or vacations. If you are taking a prolonged trip, be sure to ask a friend or fellow orchid grower to water your collection. Many flowers are in bud or spike so if you want to prolong the flowering bring these plants inside sooner than later.*

*Last month Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids gave a very nice presentation on 'Compact Vandaceous Species and Hybrids'. As many of our regular members know, every year we welcome back speakers who typically speak to us annually. Two primary reasons are that they give excellent talks, are knowledgeable orchid experts/judges and they are local (which reduces speaker expenses). In addition, POS is getting new members each year who may not have heard these speakers before.*

*To our surprise, we had a large turnout for our July 5th meeting. Normally if a meeting is just before or after a holiday, we have fewer members. Two of the attendees were new members who learned about POS because of the June 10th Orchid Sale at the Dove Library. One was a returning member. We are always happy to see all of you and welcome new members or visitors and, of course, our loyal regular members.*

*For August, we are pleased to host Satomi Kasahara who will talk about *Neofinetia falcatas*. She is one of the regions most experienced and respected growers of *Neofinetias* (*Fūkiran*) who last spoke to us on this topic in October of 2015. More on Satomi's background on the first page of*

*this newsletter. She also will provide this month's plant table.*

*Last month we learned that the Newport Harbor Orchid Society Show at the Westminster Mall was cancelled. However, Cal Orchid held its Annual Summer Hummer Sale on July 14-16th. Several other orchid growers participated in his event and some of our members made it to the show. We continue to encourage our members to support the local orchid growers. Many of them like SVO and Cal Orchids are generous supporters of our local societies. The next big event is the 7th Annual International Huntington Orchid Show to be held October 20-22nd. There will be several societies providing displays along with many orchid vendors from both local nurseries and others from all over the world. If you can, make a trip to the Huntington and spend a day at the show and the beautiful gardens and museums.*

*The Huntington Library and Gardens is one of the outstanding gardens in the country/world.*

*We have one request of our members. We may be looking for a new storage facility because our monthly costs increase every year and is a facility we only access three or four times a year. If you know of a local storage facility in the north county area (Carlsbad, Oceanside, Vista, etc.) that is reasonable in price, please let Alex or Bill know. Do some research on pricing for a smaller size unit (less than 100 sq. ft.).*

*We are still looking for members to help support POS in several areas. We need more involvement from our members because many important activities are not being handled in a timely manner. We need more members to participate. There is a lot to do maintain our society. It involves more than having a monthly meeting. So please see Alex or Bill to discuss opportunities.*

*We hope our members and friends re-*

**Snacks & Refreshments**  
*This month, all members with last names beginning O through Z 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!**

*main healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future.*

*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](mailto:president@palomarorchid.org).*

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





## Satomi Kasahara cont.

understand the differences and beauty of these small but magnificent plants.

Fūkiran's popularity is now bigger than ever. Satomi has experience in growing these plants both in Japan and America, she is fluent in both languages and is familiar with both cultures. She has been a judge of Fūkiran events for almost a decade and her goal is to be a bridge to connect both countries and help as many people learn and enjoy growing Fūkiran.

Satomi is the founder of the Fūkiran Society of America, created to promote Fūkiran growing in the United States, Canada and other parts the world. The Fūkiran Society of America is an offshoot of the Japan Fūkiran Society, which is responsible for registering *Neofinetia falcata* varieties. There are over 250 registered varieties, but if you add unregistered varieties to that, the total is 1000.



*Neo. falcata* "GOJOGUKURIN"

## General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the [George and Patricia Gowland Meeting Room located in the Carlsbad City Library](#) on Dove Lane, just off El Camino Real in southern Carlsbad. The address is [1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011](#).

Traveling South on I-5, take the Poinsettia Ln. exit and travel east to El Camino Real. Turn right on El Camino Real and turn right again on Dove Lane.

If traveling North on I-5, take the La Costa Ave. exit and travel east to El Camino Real. Turn left on Dove Lane (first traffic light after Aviara Pkwy.)

Traveling West on S-78, take the San Marcos Blvd. exit and travel west, continuing on Palomar Airport Rd.. Turn left on El Camino Real and then turn right on Dove Lane.

The Dove library will be on your left and there is a large, well-lit parking lot. The Gowland Meeting Room is located on the right hand side of the main entrance.



# Orchid Show and Sale

## September 16 & 17

Show and Sale Hours: 10 am - 4 pm Saturday and Sunday

Location: **Palos Verdes Art Center**  
5504 W Crestridge Road  
Rancho Palos Verdes CA 90275

- Buy direct from commercial growers
- See award winning orchids/displays

Sponsored by the Palos Verdes Art Center

Admission: Adults \$5 & Children under 12 Free

### FREE Parking

For all show information and map  
[www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)

For those of you who want to learn more about Fūkiran and Seed Engei, our own Phyllis Prestia who is an avid Fūkiran aficionado, conducted a very nice, informative interview with

Satomi that was [published in Orchid Digest last year](#).

# July Judging Report

There were 9 orchids presented for judging. Four were awarded.



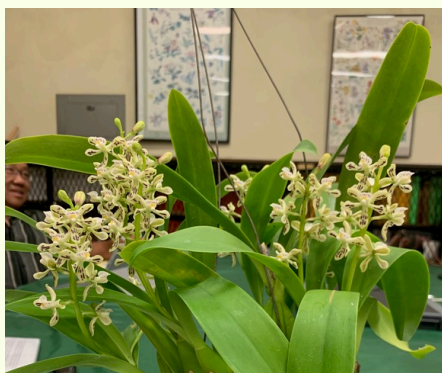
*Cattleya Raspberry Smoke*  
'Bravo Orchids'  
Exhibited by Bill Tse  
Awarded AM 84 points



*Encyclia alata* 'Paradox Sterling'  
Exhibited by Paul and Ann Tuskes  
Awarded AM, 84 points



*Angraecum compactum* 'Cassandra'  
Exhibited by David Brown  
Awarded AM, 82 points



*Prosthechea regentii* 'Arnie'  
Exhibited by Arnie Gum  
Awarded CHM, 81 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.

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.





## 2023 POS Officers

**Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President**  
**Stewart Walton & Alex Nadzan — Co-1st Vice President/Programs**  
**Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle**  
**Trudy Ibbetson — 3rd Vice President/Membership**  
**Maryanne Kind — Secretary**  
**Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer**  
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## Upcoming Events

**August 1, 2023**  
 AOS Orchid Judging  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[aos.org](http://aos.org)

SDCOS General Meeting  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

**August 2, 2023**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**August 5, 2023**  
 SDCOS Species Meeting  
 David Vanden  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

**August 18, 2023**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**September 1, 2023**  
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**September 6, 2023**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**September 15, 2023**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**September 15 - 17, 2023**  
 Fall Open House  
 Andy's Orchids  
[andysorchids.com](http://andysorchids.com)

**September 16 & 17, 2023**  
 South Bay Orchid Society Show  
 and Sale  
 Rancho Palos Verdes  
[southbayorchidsociety.com](http://southbayorchidsociety.com)

**October 3, 2023**  
 AOS Orchid Judging  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[aos.org](http://aos.org)

SDCOS General Meeting  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

**October 4, 2023**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**October 20, 2023**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**October 20 - 22, 2023**  
 7th Annual International Orchid  
 Show  
 Huntington Gardens  
 San Marino  
[huntington.org](http://huntington.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  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

