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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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#### PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY

#### Presidents' Message

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all POS members!! We hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family and are looking forward to a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. We wish all of you and your families a safe holiday and a healthy and happy 2017.

In reflecting back on the year, we are very pleased with the calendar of events and our strong membership. We had a number of excellent speakers, held a special caravan to one of our member's home and participated in a great bus caravan to the Huntington Botanic Gardens in San Marino with the San Diego County Orchid Society. We had the opportunity to tour the fabulous, awardwinning Orchid Collection at the Huntington. We strengthened our coordination with SDCOS on sharing speakers from out of Southern California and out of the state. This collaboration enabled us to get speakers we could not normally afford because of travel expense. We will continue this collaboration in 2017, with the first speaker of the year, Thomas Miranda, the Orchid Collection specialist from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

We had a very successful orchid auction made possible by the generous donations from our local vendors and members. This auction is a critical fundraiser for our Society and enables us to host interesting and informative speakers. Please mark your calendars for our 2017 auction on Saturday, May 6.

We signed up a number of new, enthusiastic members to our Society who members attended regularly and asked lots of questions and were eager to learn more about orchid growing. We also had many continuing members actively participate in the events, annual orchid auction, caravans, etc. One of the challenges of any orchid society is to satisfy the needs of beginners, mid level growers and advanced orchid lovers. This is a challenge that we will continue to address in the coming year.

One of our objectives for 2017 is to plan an even better year, with your input, support

and participation. This past year, we did not receive much, if any, feedback on how to improve our meetings or planning events that you are interested in. Our goal is to make the meetings interesting, informative, educational and fun. So we urge you to get involved and provide us with feedback anytime. We will try our best to respond to your suggestions whenever possible (<u>anadzan@mac.com</u>, 760-529-5814 or billtcwong@att.net, 760-931-0502).

To accomplish our goals, we need your help. We need more members, new and old, to be more active in our activities, auctions, participate on the board, volunteer to help with caravans, etc. We are only as strong as our membership. So please remember to volunteer and be more active in the society.

We are looking forward to our Annual Holiday Dinner at Chan's Chinese Restaurant on Dec. 7. If you haven't already signed up, please do so by contacting Ivan Allen at 760-533-4775 by Dec. 4 at the latest. We have a wonderful Chinese Dinner planned at a very reasonable price (actually a bargain). Members receive a blooming orchid, and we get to socialize with members, spouses and friends, without the need to focus on orchids.

Happy New Year to All. See you soon.

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong Co-Presidents, POS

## POS Board Elections

November was our Annual Meeting with the Elections of POS officers for 2017 as stipulated by the bylaws.

The following slate of officers was approved by voting of the members in attendance:

**Co-Presidents**: Bill Wong and Alex Nadzan **Co-1st VP/Programs:** Tom Wisniewski and Alex Nadzan

**2nd VP/Raffle:** Marita Hoit and Jerry Spahn

**3rd VP/Membership:** Sandi Sandquist **Secretary:** Frank Vogel

Treasurer: Vidya Sirsi 1st Year Trustees: Susie Johnston, Suzie Sandore, and Cher Whelan 2nd Year Trustees (continuing from last year): Lisa Humphreys, Maryanne Kind, and Carl Wood Publicity: Frank Vogel Newsletter & Web Site: Helge Weissig

The elected Officers will be installed at the annual Holiday Dinner.



## Annual Holiday Dinner

The Palomar Orchid Society will be holding their annual Holiday Dinner and Officer installation on Wednesday, December 7 at Chan's Chinese Restaurant located at 1650 Descanso Avenue, San Marcos, just off Highway 78 at the Rancho Santa Fe exit (Ph. 760-471-6088). This is the same location as last year

We will be taking reservations and payment for the Holiday Dinner at the November meeting for those who want to do so. Ivan Allen has agreed to receive forms and payments at the meeting.

The cost is \$26 per person and includes a multi-course dinner and an orchid plant for members in good standing. Members may bring a guest if they choose to pay for them. The dinner menu is in the process of being finalized and will be similar to last year's with appetizers, multiple main courses, tea and a fortune cookie. A cash bar will be available for those wanting beer, wine or mixed drinks.

We hope you will join us for fun, food, good conversation and mutual

# November Judging Report

There were 11 orchids presented for judging. Four were awarded.



Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi Bell'Orchidea HCC/AOS Exhibited by Phyllis Prestia Awarded HCC/AOS 79 points



(Lc. Nora's Melody x Slc. Circle of Life) 'Arnie' HCC/AOS Exhibited by Arnold Gum Awarded HCC/AOS, 78 points



Schom. Wellesley 'R.B. Lavender Spider' HCC/AOS Exhibited by Arthur Pinkers Awarded HCC/AOS, 78 points



Taeniophyllum obtusum 'Windflower' CBR/AOS Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz Awarded CBR/AOS

## 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



Photos by Phyllis Prestia and Arthur Pinkers (Schom. Wellesly)

## Warren Stehle January 29, 1938 -October 26, 2016

It is with deep regret to inform our members that long-time POS member Warren Stehle passed away at age of 78 on October 26, 2016 after a long battle with multiple myeloma and pancreatic cancer. Warren was an avid orchid lover and a wonderful human being. He was a POS board trustee who actively participated in regular meetings and volunteered at our auctions. He also



served as President of the San Diego County Cymbidium Society. A more detailed biography is available via his <u>obituary</u>.

Our sincere condolences go out to the Stehle family including his wife of 55 years, Sue, his children Derek (Teresa) Stehle, and Erin (Bruce) Harold; his grandchildren, Samantha (Tim), Miller, Ted, Bill, and his step-granddaughters Brandy (Tom) and Gigi. The family asks that anyone wishing to make a donation send it to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Ave., 5th floor, Norwalk, CT 06851. POS plans to make a donation in Warren's name.

This photo of Warren below, along with photos of orchids he shared with us over the years, are featured throughout this month's newsletter.



#### PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY

## Holiday Dinner continued

enjoyment of orchids. Please plan to arrive at 6 pm with dinner to be served at 6:30 pm.

If you would like to attend, please fill out the RSVP form and either bring it and your check or cash to the November meeting (forms will be available at the meeting as well) or mail it in with a check payable to the Palomar Orchid Society to Ivan Allen, 1493 Monte Mar Road, Vista, CA 92084.

Deadline for receipt of your payment is December 4, 2015. No payments accepted at the door!

If you have any questions, please contact Ivan at (760) 533-4975 or by email at <u>aaallen@cox.net</u>.





## Our annual open house is coming!

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Saturday, Dec. 3 2016 9 am - 4 pm Sunday, Dec. 4 2016 9 am - 1 pm

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Casa de las Orquideas 170 S. Nardo Ave. Solana Beach, CA 92075 858.755.7572 casa@orquideas.com

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for more information, check www.orquideas.com





734 Ocean View Ave. Encinitas, CA

Orchid Bucks Redemption Days Are Here along with 3 Days to explore our incredible collection of Orchids, showcasing more newly renovated Greenhouses. We will be having all our munchies and Pulled Pork Sandwiches. So redeem those Orchid Bucks and get some of your Orchid Christmas shopping done early.





## Open House Fantastic discounts on all stock!

Authentic handmade 'street tacos' from 10AM till 2PM Don't miss this day of plant raffles, fun and food

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9AM till 4PM 1255 Navel Place, Vista CA 92083 (760) 310-0778 www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com

Bring this invite for a raffle ticket

# Gems From The November Meeting



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**Tom Biggart** 



Den. Enobi Purple Splash – Iso Zehner



Aerides quinquevulnera var. farmeri – Merle Robboy



SIC. Love Castle "Kurenai" x B. Little Stars – Alex Nadzan



Bulbophyllum medusae **Merle Robboy** 



AMN-110 (Blc. Wainea Leopard "Ching Hua" x B. Little Star) – Alex Nadzan



Blc. Hausermann's Holiday "Christmas" **Alex Nadzan** 





Lc. Blue Boy "Gainsborough" Anita Spencer

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



The sad news of Warren Stehle's passing last months was a poignant reminder of how much I value the social aspects of the Palomar Orchid Society. Although I did not know Warren very well, I knew him as a very kind and thoughtful man who shared his love for orchids with us and volunteered frequently for the society. Like many of you, I will miss his smile and his presence at the meetings as well as the upcoming holiday dinner.

If you are (like yours truly was) running late with the RSVP for the dinner but are planning to attend, there is good news: you have until December 4th to let Ivan Allen know that you will be joining us in a celebration of the past year, the installation of the new board, and the POS Member of the Year award. For those of you reading this who will not be able to make it, I am wishing you happy holidays and a good start into the New Year!

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 <u>newsletter@palomarorchid.org</u>.

Happy Growing!

## POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President Alex Nadzan & Merle Robboy — Co-1st Vice President/Programs Marita Hoit & Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle Sandi Sanquist — 3rd Vice President/Membership Frank Vogel — Secretary Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer Lena Shiroma, Tom Wisniewski, & Carl Wood — 2nd Year Trustees Lisa Humphreys, Maryanne Kind, & Charlie Padelford — 1st Year Trustees Frank Vogel — Publicity

Helge Weissig & Ivan Allen — Newsletter & Website Editors

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## Upcoming Events

**December 2 – 4, 2016** Open House Andy's Orchids andysorchids.com

**December 3 – 4, 2016** Open House Casa de las Orquideas orquideas.com

December 3, 2016 Open House Sunset Valley Orchids sunsetvalleyorchids.com

**December 6, 2016** Holiday Dinner San Diego County Orchid Society

**December 7, 2016** Holiday Dinner Chan's Chinese Restaurant Palomar Orchid Society

**December 16, 2016** Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

**January 3, 2017** Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

January 4, 2017 POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

January 18, 2017 SDCCS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

January 20, 2017 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

January 28 & 29, 2017 Winter Orchids In The Park San Diego County Orchid Society sdorchids.com

**February 1, 2016** POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

**February 7, 2016** Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

**February 15, 2017** SDCCS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

February 17, 2017 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

March 1, 2016 POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

March 7, 2016 Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

March 15, 2017 SDCCS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

March 17, 2017 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

March 17 - 19, 2017 72nd Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show sborchidshow.com

### 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 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

