



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

A Monthly Publication

December 2014



POS Board Election

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Gems from the Last Meeting

Pop-quizzes, language lessons, as well as beautiful pictures and lots of information on Orchids in France... Arnold Gum's talk had it all!

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Orchid Judging Results

Arthur Pinkers reports on the orchid judging results for the months of October and November.

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Calendar of Events

The year concludes with many holiday parties and open houses. Look out for some additional sales events as well!

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Annual Holiday Party • Wednesday, December 3, 2014 • 6:00 pm

Palomar Orchid Society
Holiday Dinner



Chin's Szechwan Restaurant – San Marcos
December 3, 2014 • 6 pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of the year, it is instructive to look back on what we have accomplished as a society. Our members experienced many excellent presentations from multiple speakers that have further educated us on growing a variety of orchids as well as informed us about indigenous orchids that are found in countries around the world. Attendance at caravans, also allowed us to appreciate how different types of orchids are cultivated under a variety of conditions by fellow members. Participation in the Spring and Fall shows and the San Diego County Fair were valuable experiences for us in that we expanded the presence of POS across the greater San Diego orchid community. In addition, our annual auction raised essential funds for society activities and, hopefully, should be even more successful in 2015 provided that we do not have a repeat of this year's devastating wildfires.

Looking forward to 2015, we want to improve the experiences for our members with the help of the new board and active members. Accordingly, I would like to encourage our new, as well as existing members, to volunteer some of their time for upcoming POS projects and activities. With that in mind, we could still use co-chairs to assist with the 1st VP Programs position and 3rd VP Membership as well as an apprentice to help Helge with the newsletter.

I hope to see many of you at our annual Holiday Party on December 3 at Chin's Szechwan, San Marcos, for a wonderful meal, installation of the board and announcement of the Member of the Year and the recipient of the Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence.

Don't forget about the upcoming Greater San Diego Orchid Growers' Open House the weekend of December 6-7 at Andy's, Rudvalis, Sunset Valley Orchids and Casa de las Orquideas. You are encouraged to visit our local growers since they continue to be highly supportive of POS with contributions of plants for our annual fundraising auction and the invaluable orchid expertise they provide to us both individually and as a society. Many of them will have

either special deals or discounts for you to take advantage of over the weekend.

Finally, I would like to thank again all the officers and members who contributed to the success of POS this year. We are indebted to those who generously volunteer their time and expertise to the society. Without you, we would not be able to continue to exist and provide members with valuable orchid information, programs and activities.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!



Alex Nadzan
President, POS



POS Board Elections 2015

The November meeting was our annual meeting and the election of the POS officers for 2015 was held as stipulated by the bylaws.

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

- President: Alex Nadzan
- 1st VP / Programs: Debra Funakoshi
- 2nd VP / Raffle: Marita Hoit
Jerry Spahn

3rd VP / Membership: Sandi Sandquist

Secretary: Anne Gold

Treasurer: Vidya Sirsi

1st Year Trustees: Lena Shiroma
Tom Wisniewski
Carl Wood

2nd Year Trustee (serving out 2nd year term of James Michelson): Charles Padelford

Publicity: Maryanne Kind
Ivan Allen

Newsletter: Helge Weissig

Lisa Humphries and Merle Robboy to continue as 2nd Year Trustees.

The elected Officers will be installed at the annual Holiday Dinner on December 3, 2014.

Orchid Conservation

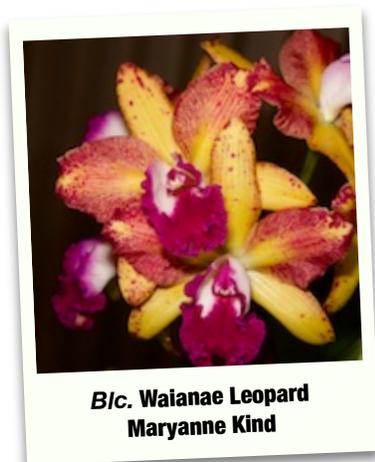
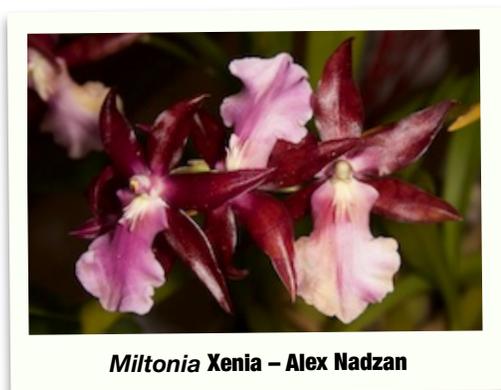
Conservation of orchid species and their habitats has been a cornerstone of the AOS since its founding in 1921.

Through its members and staff, the Society plays a major role in the formulation of world orchid conservation opinion and policies. By working to save orchids and their habitats here and abroad, we preserve their beauty and important role in the planet's ecosystem.

The AOS Conservation Committee serves as a communication point for conservation-related news and information. Its members are often those who are called upon for expertise in matters relating to orchid conservation. The AOS's publications are in the forefront of communicating conservation-related news, particularly on CITES issues as well as import and export-related items. AOS Staff and Conserva-

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Gems From The Last Meeting



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.

October & November Judging Reports

In October there were 6 orchids presented for judging. Two were awarded:



In November there were 5 orchids presented for judging. One was awarded:



Text and photos by Arthur Pinkers

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

Conservation continued

tion Committee members have also played an increasingly important role as liaison with United States federal agencies, such as USDA and USFWS, in communicating the opinions of the orchid community.

The American Orchid Society grants awards for non-commercial conservation projects, as well as experimental projects of fundamental and applied research on orchids. The purpose of these grants is to advance the conservation and preservation of orchids in



every aspect. Conservation projects supported have been in areas as diverse as CITES publication funding, a conservation program for an orchid reserve,

establishment of a secretariat for the IUCN/OSG, and other informational resources.

For additional details, including materials to apply for funding for a project and information about currently sponsored projects, please refer to [the AOS website](#).

Sunset Valley Orchids Inc.

Annual Open House

Once a year discounts on all our stock!

New Zealand 'Kiwi Orchid Bark'

This is the best bark available in the USA! \$22 per bag

Hotdogs and refreshments for all!

Saturday and Sunday, December 6th and 7th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

1255 Navel Place, Vista CA 92083 (760) 310-0778

www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com

Don't forget!

Our annual open house is coming!

**Dec. 6 & 7, 2014
9 am - 4 pm**

Casa de las Orquideas

170 S. Nardo Ave.
Solana Beach, CA 92075
858.755.7572
casa@orquideas.com



for more information, check
www.orquideas.com

ANDY'S ORCHIDS
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
December 5th & 6th
Friday & Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
734 Ocean View Ave.
Encinitas, CA 92024

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR BONUS BUCKS!!!

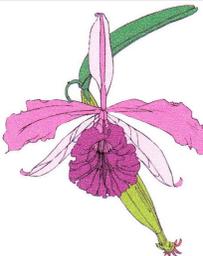
OPEN HOUSE
Andy's Orchids

Annual Orchid Auction

Saturday, February 7, 2015

All Types of Orchids!

Preview at 11 a.m. Auction at 12 noon



Lake San Marcos -Lake Pavilion
1105 La Bonita Drive
San Marcos, CA 92078

Admission is Free - Lots of Free Parking

Directions:

Coming from the South: Take I-5 North exit Leucadia Blvd. and turn right. Leucadia Blvd. becomes Olivenhain Rd. which then becomes S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd. Turn right onto Lake San Marcos Dr. Turn left onto San Marino Dr. Take the 1st right onto La Bonita Dr. The Lake Pavilion is on the left.

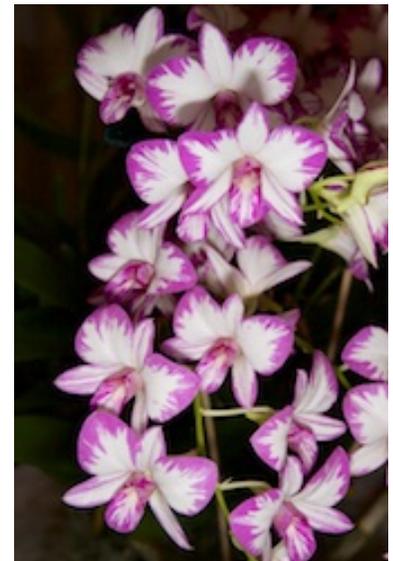
Coming from the North: Take I-5 South and exit CA-78 E. Take the Rancho Santa Fe Rd. exit and turn right onto S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd. Turn left onto Lake San Marcos Dr. Turn left onto San Marino Dr. Take the 1st right onto La Bonita Dr. The Lake Pavilion is on the left.

Auction Chairperson: orchldy1@mac.com or 760-732-0055

Sponsored by the San Diego County Cymbidium Society

Meetings monthly (except July and August) on the 3rd Wednesday
at the San Marcos Lake Pavilion

Culture class 6:30 p.m. - General meeting 7:00 p.m.



The Editor's Corner



Reflecting on the year gone by, I couldn't help but notice that I spent far less time with my plants than I had hoped for. Some of them seem to have appreciated that; others... not so much, I am afraid. Good thing we got that puppy this summer, so now I know who I can blame.

To turn things around a bit, I have begun to follow the good advice on our December To-Do list. Many of you probably remember this feature that we ran in the POS News over 12 issues last year. A collection of all the monthly to-do lists is available on our [website](#) and the newsletter email will always have a link to the current month's list. Have a look and let us know if there is anything missing or where some corrections or clarification might be needed.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the holiday dinner this year as I am again traveling for business that week. I wish you all a peaceful and joyful holiday season and I am looking very much forward to the upcoming year with the society!

As always, your contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome. Please email them to newsletter@palomarorchid.org.

Happy Growing!

POS Officers

Alex Nadzan — President
Renate Schmidt — 1st Vice President/Programs
Terri Lofthouse
 & **Donna Steinbrenner — 2nd Vice President/Raffle**
Sandi Sanquist
 & **Cher Whelan — 3rd Vice President/Membership**
Anne Gold — Secretary
Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer
Carl Lofthouse, Elf Mitton, & Lena Shiroma — 2nd Year Trustees
Lisa Humphreys, James Mickelson,
 & **Merle Robboy — 1st Year Trustees**
Maryanne Kind — Publicity
Helge Weissig — Newsletter & Website Editor

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Upcoming Events

December 2, 2014
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS Holiday Party
www.sdorchids.com

December 3, 2014
 POS Holiday Party
 Chin's Szechwan Restaurant
 San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

December 4, 2014
 AOS Webinar
 Spiders, Gnats, and Greenhoods
www.aos.org

December 6 & 7, 2014
 Open Houses:
[Andy's Orchids](#)
[Casa de las Orchideas](#)
[Rudvalis Orchids](#)
[Sunset Valley Orchids](#)

December 10, 2014
 SDCCS Holiday Party
billtcwong@att.net

December 19, 2014
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

January 6, 2015
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

 SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

January 7, 2015
 POS General Meeting
 Kai Klausung
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

January 16, 2015
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

January 21, 2015
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

February 3, 2015
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

February 4, 2015
 POS General Meeting
 Ron Parsons
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

February 18, 2015
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

February 20, 2015
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.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
 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
 Bill Wong (760) 931-0502
billtcwong@att.net

