



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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Holiday Party • Wednesday, December 5, 2012 • 6 pm

*Palomar Orchid Society
Holiday Party*

*Chin's Szechwan - San Marcos
December 5, 2012 - 6pm*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We're in the midst of the holiday season! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

My cymbidiums and zygos are blooming a little early for me, as I suspect they are for many, so time to showcase them.

As I am stepping down as president of POS after December, this will be my last consecutive President's Message to you. It has been an immense pleasure to serve as president of POS for the past four years, and I believe that POS is now better than it has ever been. The various boards and I over the years have strived to ensure that the society has remained financially sound, while trying to expand orchid related activities for the enjoyment of our members and the public. Our auction has been a huge success and gets better each year. Also, we have put a "face forward" as far as educating the public about the society and orchid growing at various shows and events such as San Diego Orchid Fair. Perhaps someday, we can resurrect a small POS-sponsored orchid show...alas! I thank the various board members over the years for their service and dedication to the society. Now I am pleased to welcome in our new president-elect, Alex Nadzan, to continue what we have accomplished, and keep on getting better. Thank you to the members for supporting me and our orchid activities over the years. I will be around at meetings and events to continue to support my home society when needed.

Please don't forget that December 5th is our annual holiday gathering and officer installation. You need a ticket to join, so please get one from The Rusnell's if still available. It will be a Chins in San Marcos again this year and should be great. Please join us for this celebration!

Best Wishes to all and Happy Growing,



*Gil Ho
President, POS*



POS Board Elections

The November meeting was our annual meeting and the election of the POS officers for 2013 was held as stipulated by the bylaws.

The Nominating Committee (Cher Whelan, Maryanne Kind, Renee Daly, and Cathy Belt) submitted the following slate of officers, which was approved by acclamation by the members in attendance.

Slate of Officers:

- President: Alex Nadzan
- 1st VP/Programs: John Kidwell
- 2nd VP/Raffle: Terri Lofthouse
- 3rd VP/Membership: Cathy Belt
- Secretary: Sandi Sandquist
- 1st Year Trustees: Carl Lofthouse
Elf Mitton
Vidya Sirsi

We are still looking to fill the position of Treasurer. The Treasurer receives dues, other monies, and disburses same to pay bills. They deposits funds in bank and keep all records of receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer also signs checks and has the financial books reviewed annually. All Federal and State forms as required by law will be completed by a professional bookkeeper or accountant.

The elected Officers will be installed at the annual Holiday Dinner on December 5, 2012.

Holiday Dinner

The Palomar Orchid Society will be holding their annual Holidays Dinner and Officer's installation on Wednesday, December 5 at Chin's Szechwan Restaurant.

Chin's is located at [1650 Descanso Avenue, San Marcos](http://www.chins.com), just off of Highway 78 at the Rancho Santa Fe exit and their telephone number is (760) 471-6088. This is the same location we went to last year for our Holidays Party.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes a multi-course dinner and an orchid plant. Members may bring a guest if they choose to pay for them. The dinner menu consists of crispy cream cheese wonton appetizers, spicy honey shrimp, sizzling chicken a la mandarin, sweet & sour pork, beef with broccoli, tea and a fortune cookie. I hope you will come join us for fun, food and a mutual enjoyment of orchids. Please plan to arrive at 6 p.m. with dinner to be served at 6:30.

If you would like to attend, please fill out [the RSVP form](#) (see our website at www.palomarorchid.org) and mail it with a check payable to Linda Rusnell.

DEADLINE for receipt of your payment is November 30, 2012. No payments accepted at the door!

If you have any questions, please call Linda at (760) 723 1471.



You are cordially invited to:

OUR ANNUAL
OPEN HOUSE

December 1st and 2nd, 2012
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

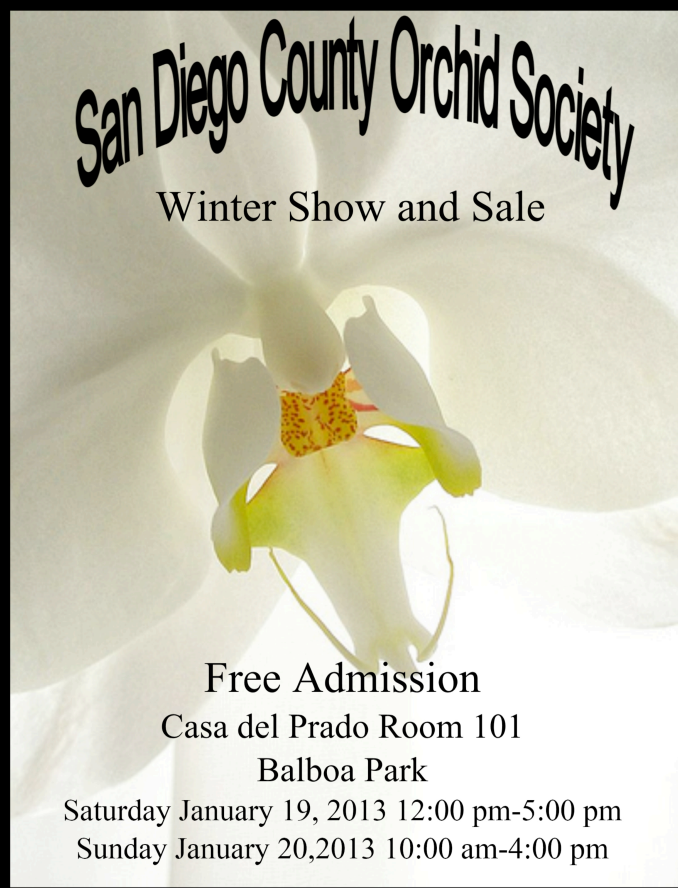
Please visit our special guests
Andy's Orchids and other growers!

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Casa de las Orquideas

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858-755-7572
WWW.ORQUIDEAS.COM
CASA@ORQUIDEAS.COM

San Diego County Orchid Society
Winter Show and Sale



Free Admission
Casa del Prado Room 101
Balboa Park
Saturday January 19, 2013 12:00 pm-5:00 pm
Sunday January 20, 2013 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Upcoming Events

December 1 & 2, 2012

Casa de Las Orquideas Open House
www.orquideas.com

Rudvalis Orchids Open House
www.rudvalisorchids.com

Sunset Valley Orchids Open House
www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com

December 4, 2012
SDCOS Holiday Party
www.sdorchids.com

December 5, 2012
POS Holiday Dinner
Chin's Szechwan, San Marcos

December 21, 2012
SD Zoo Orchid Odyssey
events.sandiegozoo.org

January 2, 2013

POS General Meeting
www.palomarorchid.org

January 3, 2013

Orchid Judging Center
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

January 18, 2013

SD Zoo Orchid Odyssey
events.sandiegozoo.org

January 19, 2013

Annual Orchid Auction
SD Cty. Cymbidium Society
orchldy2@mac.com
(760) 732 0055

January 19 & 20, 2013

SDCOS Winter Show In The Park
www.sdorchids.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
Bob Clark (858) 270-8352
bclark@sdorchids.com

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

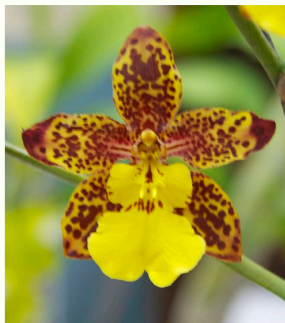
First Saturday of the month
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274- 5829

San Diego Cymbidium Society

Regular meetings 3rd Wednesday of each month, September-June, 7pm, San Diego Botanic Garden, Ecke Building, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024
Bill Wong (760) 931-0502
billtcwong@att.net

November Judging Report

There were 5 orchids presented and one was awarded.



Wilsonara Tiger's Answer
Exhibited by Helmut Rohrl
Awarded HCC/AOS 76 points

Text and photos by Phyllis S. Prestia Ed.D.

Concerning Judging Sessions

The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. They are:

San Diego

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104
 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

San Marino

Huntington Botanical Gardens
 2nd Saturday of the month at 10 am

Long Beach

Whaley Park
 4th Saturday of the month at 7 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 one of the following AOS judges:

- Rohrl, Helmut (La Jolla)
 (858) 452-0976
- Tuskes, Ann and Paul (Clairemont)
 (858) 274-5829

Annual Orchid Auction

Saturday, January 19, 2013

All Types of Orchids!

Preview at 11 a.m. Auction at 12 noon

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

New Venue This Year!

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 Pavillion is on the left.

Coming from the North: Take I-5 South exit and merge onto 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 Pavillion is on the left.

Auction Chairperson: orchldy2@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 Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas, CA
 Culture class 6:30 p.m. - General meeting 7:00 p.m.

Gems From The Last Meeting



Gil Ho and Renee Daly



Neolauchea pulchella – Janice Krause



B/c. Anita's Surprise – Anita Spencer



Scaphosepalum verrucosum – Merle Robboy



The 2013 POS directors



B/c. EZO Robin's Magic – Anita Spencer



C. Portia - Anita Spencer



Alex Nadzan presenting Gil Ho a Stanhopea in recognition of his service to POS



S/c. Circle of Life x B. Little Stars – Alex Nadzan

Photos by Helge Weissig - full album at www.palomarorchid.org

Meeting Wrap-up

The new slate of POS directors was elected during the business section of the meeting. Prior to the election, Alex Nadzan (President elect) presented an orchid to the outgoing President Gil Ho, the other 2012 directors, and some of our most active volunteers with an orchid plant. Afterwards, Gil gave a presentation on his favorite genus: *Stanhopea*. His presentation covered their natural habitats, scents, and culture conditions. He concluded with a

culture class on repotting this unique group of orchids.

The meeting was attended by 40 members and 4 guests.

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the Carlsbad Women's Club, 3320 Monroe, Carlsbad.

Go east off 5 on Carlsbad Village Drive 1/2 mile to Monroe, turn South on Monroe to Women's Club. OR go west off El Camino Real at Carlsbad Village Drive to Monroe and turn south to the Women's Club. Culture Class starts at 6:30 pm. The regular meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Please note that there will not be a General Meeting in December. The next regular meeting will be on January 2, 2013.

The Editor's Corner



The colder days seem to be upon us and my handful of *Phalaenopsis* Homedepotiae (un-named hybrids really) have finally moved inside. All but one is in spike, which I contribute mostly to the warm and humid summer and early fall. Of course, I can't help but feel a little proud about finally getting the hang of re-blooming those "beautiful broccoli" (a quote from the movie "The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief, and the Black Orchid" that stuck with me). This is especially so since two of those plants were rescues given to me by a friend who claims to have a black thumb (having had only those two plants as evidence, I have little reason to doubt her). One of them went back to her with a well-developed spike a few weeks ago already. Not to brag, but a friend asking me to rescue/re-bloom orchids for them was quite an ego boost. That it actually worked was a bit of a surprise, but hey, I'll take it!

In other news, I decided that "Small Business Saturday" (the day after "Black Friday") should really be called "Green Saturday". How else am I going to rationalize the fact that I indulged in a wild shopping spree at that place that sells those \$7.50 bare roots/seedlings? And really, what else was I going to do on a lazy Saturday morning in Santa Barbara?

Happy Growing!

POS Officers

Gil Ho — President
Alex Nadzan — 1st Vice President
Debra Funakoshi — 2nd Vice President
Renee Daly — 3rd Vice President
Lena Shiroma — Secretary
Christina Hsing — Treasurer
Elf Mitton, Pat Schmidt, Cher Whelan — 2nd Year Trustees
Merle Robboy, Renate Schmidt, Warren Stehle — 1st Year Trustees
Helge Weissig — Newsletter & Website Editor

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