



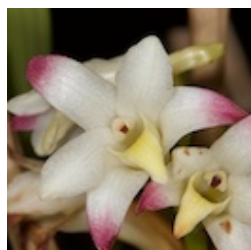
POS News

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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January Meeting Re-Cap

The Orchid Culture classes presented by Alex Nadzan and Jerry Spencer were very well received.

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Gems from the January Meeting

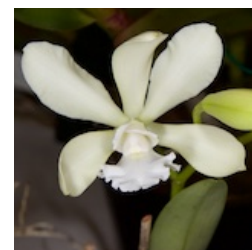
Alex Nadzan had brought in several examples of plants with different needs and other members shared their blooms as well.

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Calendar of Events

The last of this winter's shows and the first events of the spring are coming up soon. Mark your calendars! Also note the date for our Auction: 4/30/16!

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, February 3, 2016 • 6:00 pm



Ron Midgett

Beyond Sc. Beaufort – A 20 Year Odyssey in Cattleya Breeding

We are pleased to welcome Ron Midgett of [New Earth Orchids, NM](http://NewEarthOrchids.com), as our speaker for February. Ron is an accomplished orchid hybridizer who will be describing his cattleya hybridizing efforts with a talk entitled “Beyond Sc. Beaufort – A 20 Year Odyssey in Cattleya

Breeding”. Ron’s visit is being co-sponsored by POS and SDCOS, thus he will be talking about his experiences with oncidium hybrids at SDCOS on Tuesday evening with the talk “Oncidinae Intergeneric Hybrids—What Are They and How Do I Grow Them?”. He also will be providing the POS opportunity table and have some of his novel cattleyas crosses available for purchase.

Ron began growing orchids in 1969 in an orchid-rich environment of Southern California. Since then, he has grown orchids in many different regions of the US and in the Caribbean for 3 years. Currently, Ron resides in Santa Fe, New



Pot. Apricot Sands ‘Firebrand’ AM/AOS

Mexico. He is a breeder with an emphasis on Cattleyas, Paphiopedilums, and Oncidinae. Several cultivars from his crosses have received AOS awards.

In 1990, Ron founded the New England Orchid Company in Franklin, MA. In 2003 he moved his orchid business to New Jersey and changed the name to New Earth Orchid Co., aka, New Earth Orchids. In 2010, New Earth Orchids was moved to Santa Fe, NM.

In addition to Ron’s activities in the orchid business, he has been very active in the local orchid societies wherever he lived. This includes serving as an officer,



S/c. Seagulls Apricot ‘Glorious’ AM-CCE/AOS

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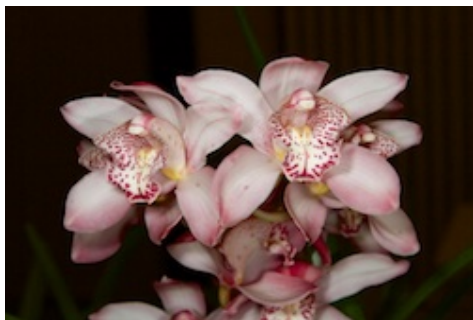
PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

So far our winter El Nino has been limited to a week or so of heavy rain, followed by very mild weather for our beloved orchids. Still one should carefully monitor the weather reports to anticipate any very cold nights for plants maintained outdoors.

The busy Orchid Show season kicks off with the San Diego Societies 'Orchids in the Park' Show and Sale on January 30-31 in Balboa Park, followed by the Cymbidium Societies Auction on February 6 at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion and the Newport Harbor Orchid Expo on February 12-14 at the Westminster Mall, Orange County. The month of March brings three additional shows including the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, March 4-6, the San Diego County Orchid Society's Annual Show, March 11-13, and the Spring Planting Jubilee and Tomato Sale at the SD Botanic Garden the following weekend, March 19-20, which will include many plant vendors plus 5-6 orchid vendors. These shows should provide us a great opportunity to supplement our orchid collections and replace some plants we lost over the winter.

At February's meeting, we will send around another sign up sheet for more volunteers to design and provide plants for our display at the San Diego Show. The theme for this year is "Orchids in Paradise". It will be important to amass a group of members who can come up with some creative ideas for the display.

We also are looking for a chairperson to organize and coordinate efforts for our upcoming auction on Saturday, April 30. We encourage all members to participate in some way to support our only fund raising event of the year. It is important for our



society as it funds all of our speakers, opportunity tables and related activities throughout the year. There will be sign up sheets at the February meeting for both the display and auction.

Our speaker for February is a well-know orchid hybridizer, Ron Midgett of New Era Orchids, NM. We believe this is his first visit to our society and his talk should be a good one on one of our favorite topics, Cattleyas. Ron is being co-sponsored by the SDCOS and POS so he will be giving a talk on Feb. 2 to SDCOS on the Oncidium alliance. Members are welcome to attend both talks.

Finally, we welcome input from our members at any time via email, phone or in person (anadzan@mac.com, 760-529-5814 or billtcwong@att.net, 760-931-0502). Feel free to contact either of us, as we are here to serve you.

Happy Growing!

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

January Meeting Re-Cap

January's entire program was tailored to our beginner orchid growers. Alex Nadzan brought in a number of different types of orchids and described differences in how to care for them. Jerry Spencer gave a cymbidium repotting/ dividing demonstration. It was an informative culture class with many questions, even covering a little on pest control. We received feedback from several members that this was a good change and beneficial topic. Accordingly, we intend to address additional timely culture topics at future meetings this year. We also had a outstanding raffle table and members who braved the weather were regarded with beautiful plant.

Ron Midgett continued

chairing orchid shows, and running the New England Orchid Fair for 3 years.

Before leaving New Jersey, Ron founded the Jersey Highlands Orchid Society.



Paph. Liemianum x Hsyinying Frantz

Ron is an accredited AOS judge currently serving in the Rocky Mountain Region. He has served as chairperson of AOS judging for the 2011 and 2012 New Mexico Orchid Guild Shows. In 2011, Ron was invited to participate in judging the Taiwan International Orchid Show.

Ron has authored articles published in Orchids and most recently in the Orchid Digest, which gave him the prestigious Ernest Heatherington award for his article 'Beyond Sc. Beaufort – A 20 Year Odyssey in Cattleya Breeding'. Ron feels a special honor in receiving this award because Ernest was one of his first mentors.

Snacks & Refreshments
 This month, all members with last names beginning **D through L** 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!

Gems From The January Meeting



Alex Nadzan



Jerry Spencer



**Odontocidium Cherry Fudge
"Winter Garden" – Alex Nadzan**



Blc. Maikai "Mayumi" – Merle Robboy



Ric. Magic Meadow "Napoleon" – Suzi Sandore



**Phrag. Albopurpleum
Merle Robboy**



**Ascofinetia Moonlight "Firefly"
Alex Nadzan**



**Zygolum Rhein Harlequin "Pyloric"
Alex Nadzan**



**Pot. King's Ransom "SVO" x Lc. Jose Dias
Castro "Magnifica" – Alex Nadan**

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



Our Annual Auction is coming up fast, mark your calendars: April 30, 2016! For the first time this year, we will be selling some blooming plants at the beginning of the event as well. Many of us will be volunteering again as we have in the past, but, as Alex and Bill mention in their message, we are still looking for that one person to be pulling it all together. It is really not a hard task as most everything by now is well documented. All it takes is for someone (maybe you???) to make sure we have plants, labels, volunteers, and food on the day of. Sign up at the meeting, if you are interested!

You may have noticed some changes to the website's Contact Us section. We have added some email addresses for the president, 1st vice president (re: meeting presentations), as well as membership and the website. Those addresses will directly forward to the volunteers in charge of those positions.

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 newsletter@palomarorchid.org.

Happy Growing!

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Upcoming Events

January 30 & 31, 2016
 SDCOS Winter Show and Sale
 Balboa Park
www.sdorchids.com

February 2, 2016
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

February 3, 2016
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

February 18, 2016
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

February 19, 2016
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

March 1, 2016
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
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March 2, 2016
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
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March 4 - 6, 2016
 71st Annual Santa Barbara
 International Orchid Show
www.sborchidshow.com

March 11 - 13, 2016
 SDCOS International Spring
 Show
 Scottish Rite Center
www.sdorchids.com

March 16, 2016
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

March 18, 2016
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

April 5, 2016
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
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April 6, 2016
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
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April 15, 2016
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

April 20, 2016
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

April 30, 2016
 POS Annual Auction and Orchid
 Sale
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
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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.
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 Bill Wong (760) 931-0502
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