



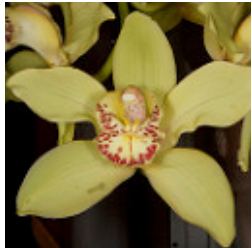
POS News

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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February 2017



Gems from the January Meeting

Thomas Mirenda presented a titillating survey of the relationships between orchids and their pollinators.

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January Judging Report

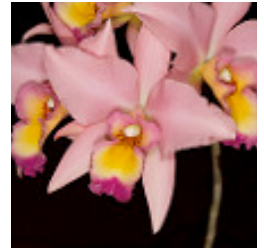
Phyllis Prestia filed her monthly report on the AOS orchid judging, which takes place before each SDCOS meeting in Balboa Park.

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Calendar of Events

The spring shows are coming up, as are several auctions and sales of nearby orchid societies. Mark your calendars!

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, February 1, 2017 • 6:30 pm



Fred Clarke

The Modern Cattleya

We are pleased to host one of our most favorite and well-known speakers, Fred Clarke. Fred's talk will focus on one of his primary passions, Cattleyas. The talk entitled 'The Modern Cattleya' will provide a detailed look at the species and latest developments in breeding and growing of this popular class of orchids. Attendees will learn about the best of the

best in today's breeding and the new directions hybrids are taking. Finally, Fred will cover the best practices for growing these remarkable plants.

Fred is a long time, generous supporter and life member of the Palomar Orchid Society. He has been growing orchids since 1977 and has been hybridizing for 35 of those years. With over 30 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, located in Vista, California, just north of San Diego. [His nursery's website](#) has considerable information on plants

for sale and many beautiful pics of his award winning orchids. He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied.

Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, Fred is also actively creating new Bulbophyllum, Catasetum and Paphiopedilum hybrids.



Lc. Twilight Song 'SVO' AM/AOS



Slc. Sierra Gem 'SVO' HCC/AOS

His pioneering work in Catasetinae hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids receiving over 100 AOS awards. The grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed", has received a total of 43 awards worldwide, including

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hello to all our POS members and friends. We have been fortunate to have had a very wet winter so far with rain throughout December and most of January. Neither of us recall the last time our irrigation systems were turned on or when the orchids were last watered.

The good news is, as homeowners, we have been able to reduce water usage in our landscape and for watering our orchid collections. In addition, for those of us with outdoor growing collections, we have saved time spent watering our plants. The down side is there is less time to examine our plants for pests and diseases, reduced fertilizing, and less time for repotting. It's still important to take the time to examine your collections for necessary maintenance in between rainy days.

We had a wonderful speaker in January, Tom Miranda of the Smithsonian Orchid Collection. Tom gave an interesting and informative talk that was appreciated by our membership and we look forward to having Tom again sometime in the not-too-distant future as he possesses a wealth of knowledge on many orchid related topics.

We follow up this month with one of our favorite speakers, Fred Clarke. We are fortunate to have a premier orchid grower and nursery in our area. Fred is a big supporter of all the local orchid societies



and generously donates to our annual auctions and on other occasions he donates plants just because he wants to. Best of all, we all enjoy the delicious tacos and drinks he provides to guests at his Annual Open House!!

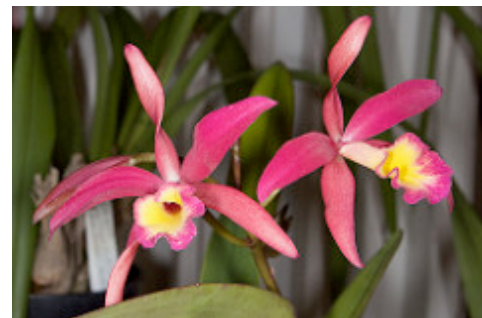
We recognize that many of our newer members want to learn as much as possible, and as quickly as possible, about how to successfully grow orchids. It's also true that many of the longer-term members (not necessarily old) can use a refresher course on what to do or what not to do. Therefore, in March we are planning a Culture Class to address these needs. In order to tailor an informative program, topics will be solicited from the membership at the February meeting. Please think about the things you are interested in hearing about. Also remember that you will NOT learn all there is to know in one culture class. Many of our experienced and expert members have been learning for many years and are still learning new things at every meeting.

At the last meeting, we asked for a volunteer to help organize the orchid caravan(s) to various growers or members homes. So far, no one has stepped up to help, so please consider supporting your society by volunteering at the next meeting. We also have not heard from anyone to help organize our Society's display at the San Diego Orchid Show and need a volunteer to help lead this activity. A strong and successful Orchid Society requires active members to help in all our activities so please consider being more active throughout the year.

As always, 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. Bill's email is billtcwong@att.net. Alex's email is anadzan@mac.com.

Look forward to seeing you on February 1st.

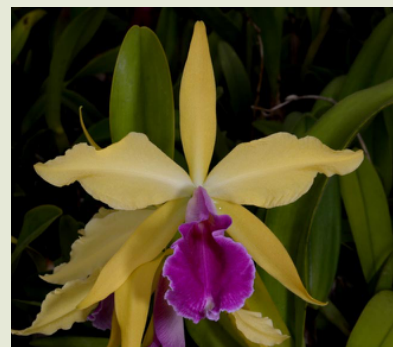
*Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong
Co-Presidents, POS*



Fred Clarke continued

eight FCC's, six AM's and the coveted AOS Award of Distinction. Fred recently received the Excellence in Hybridizing Award for Catasetum Alliance Hybrids by the American Orchids Society at their Fall 2016 meeting at the Huntington. Fred is also an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region as well as a passionate fisherman.

Fred will be supplying this month's opportunity table.



Lc. Luminosa 'SVO Sun Ray'

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



Thomas Miranda



Cym. Baltic Gold "Doug" – Cecily Bird



Slc. Kathrine Clarkson x Blc. Leopard Gem – Alex Nadzan



Angraecum eburneum var. brevicalcar – Merle Robboy



**L. anceps var. veitchiana
Frank Vogel**



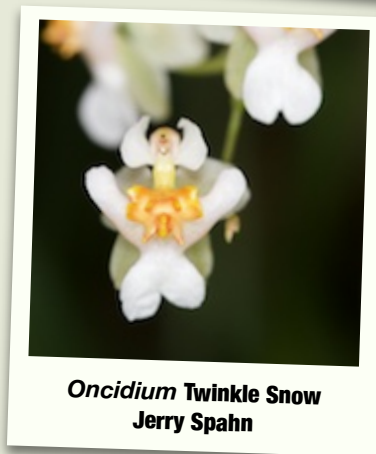
Pot. Stippled Sunset – Alex Nadzan



**Phal. OX Happy Queen 'Fangtastic'
Alex Nadzan**



Leptotes pauloensis – Merle Robboy



**Oncidium Twinkle Snow
Jerry Spahn**

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

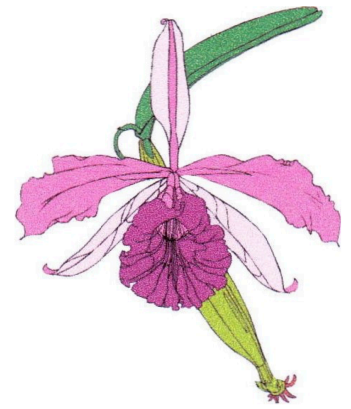
the Lake San Marcos Resort is on your left about a 1/4 mile South of the San Marcos Blvd. intersection. Traveling on I5 South from Oceanside and North Carlsbad, take the Palomar Airport exit and turn right onto Rancho Santa Fe after about 7 miles. Traveling North on I5 from South Carlsbad and Encinitas, 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.

Annual Orchid Auction

Saturday, February 4, 2017



All Types of Orchids!

Preview at 11 a.m. Auction at 12 noon.

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

Admission is Free - Lots of Free Parking



For more info contact: Ivan Allen 760.533.4975

Sponsored by the San Diego County Cymbidium Society

Monthly meetings (except July and August) on the 3rd
Wednesday at the San Marcos Lake Pavilion, 6:30 p.m.



**LONG BEACH AMATEUR
ORCHID SOCIETY**

The more than friendly society, Est. 1955

LBAOS Annual Orchid Auction
Monday, March 13, 2017

5:30 PM- Doors open for Auction set-up
6:00 PM- Preview & Registration
(Get your paddles!)
6:30 PM- Auction starts
Visitors & Guests Welcome

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Hall
6201 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA
(Between Palo Verde Ave. & Woodruff)



Join us for a fun evening with quality orchids from commercial growers and society members!

LBAOS meets the 2nd Monday of each month at St. Gregory's Church Hall at 7PM. Come join us at our regular meetings and meet dedicated hybridizers, growers, amateurs and beginners.
Info: www.lbaos.com, info@lbaos.com, 562-972-0450

**72nd SANTA BARBARA
INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW**



Orchid Mystique

Mystacidium capense 'Carlie Chu' CCE-FCC/AOS

Friday March 17 - Sunday March 19, 2017

January Judging Report

There were 7 orchids presented for judging, 2 were awarded.



***Paph. spicerianum* 'Arnie'**
 Exhibited by Arnie Gum
 Awarded AM/AOS 80 points
 Photo by Phyllis Prestia



***Dracula Raven* 'Midnight Windflower'**
 Exhibited by Betty Kelopecz
 Awarded AM/AOS, 81 points
 Photo 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

Text by Phyllis S. Prestia Ed.D.

San Diego County
 Orchid Society presents **Orchid Fiesta!**

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Show and Sale • March 24-26, 2017
 Friday 3-7 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Scottish Rite Event Center
 in Mission Valley
 1895 Camino Del Rio South
 San Diego, CA 92108

Admission: \$10
 Weekend Pass: \$12
 Children under 12: Free
 Free Parking

Information:
 www.sdorchids.com
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 (619) 543-9078

THE PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY
 PRESENTS

**2017 Orchid
 Sale &
 Auction**

**Saturday,
 May 6, 2017**

Sale & Preview 9:30 am - 11:00 am
 Auction 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sale of blooming orchids & arrangements for Mother's Day
 Over 300 plants to be auctioned
 Plant raffle for auction participants
 We accept all major credit cards, checks, and cash

The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
 1105 La Bonita Drive
 San Marcos, CA 92078

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING
 More info at www.palomarorchid.org

The Editor's Corner



It is hard to believe that our annual auction has already popped up on the calendar below. It's still three months out, but this would be a great time for YOU to think about helping out!

As you probably know, the auction is our one and only fundraiser that provides the society with much of the money needed to pay for the meeting facility, monthly speakers, and the popular opportunity table. If you have ever attended an auction, you also know that it takes quite a few helping hands to make it a successful and "customer friendly" event. As in previous years, we will be looking for help with anything beginning with set-up on Friday, May 5, to break-down after the event on Saturday May 6. We will also need help with the collection of plant donations from vendors.

Interested in helping out? Sign up at the meeting and help us make the 2017 auction a success again.

Do you have any orchid related stories to share? Your comments, suggestions, and/or contributions to this newsletter are very much appreciated! Please email them to newsletter@palomarorchid.org.

Happy Growing!

2017 POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President
Tom Wisniewski & Alex Nadzan — Co-1st Vice President/Programs
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Upcoming Events

February 1, 2017
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
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February 4, 2017
 Annual Orchid Auction
 San Diego County Cym. Society

February 7, 2017
 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
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March 7, 2016
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
sdorchids.com

March 13, 2017
 Annual Orchid Auction
 Long Beach Amateur OS
lbaos.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

March 24 - 26, 2017
 Annual Spring Show & Sale
 San Diego County Orchid Society
sdorchids.com

April 4, 2017
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
sdorchids.com

April 5, 2017
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

April 19, 2017
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

April 21, 2017
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

Orchid Auction
 South Bay Orchid Society
southbayorchidsociety.com

May 2, 2017
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
sdorchids.com

May 6, 2017
 Annual Orchid Auction
 Palomar Orchid Society
palomarorchid.org

May 17, 2017
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

May 19, 2017
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
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

