



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.

A Monthly Publication

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February 5, 2020 6:30 pm

Lake San Marcos Conference Center

Orchid Culture Meeting I – Preparation for the 2020 Growing Season with Emphasis on Cymbidiums

We are now in the midst of the cymbidium flowering season and, thus, our first culture meeting of the year will be devoted to growing and dividing/repotting of these beautiful and easy to grow orchids that are ideally suited for our Southern California climate. Our first culture meeting will feature two of our very experienced growers, Jerry Spencer and Alex Nadzan. Alex will begin the session with reviewing general information on getting ready for the upcoming growing and repotting season that should help both beginners and more seasoned growers prepare for the busiest part of our orchid growing season. He will provide some tips and

valuable sources of information and supplies and also will share his experience in growing and blooming these easy to grow orchids.

Anita and Jerry Spencer are renown for their award winning cymbidiums displayed at our local shows as well as at our meeting show-and-tells. They are expert growers of these popular plants and Jerry will share some of his methods for successful growing and blooming of cymbidiums. He also will give a demo on dividing and repotting large cymbidiums that should aid all attendees in their efforts for maintaining and blooming cymbidiums.

Alex and Jerry will address any questions you may have so bring your questions to the meeting or, if you prefer, provide them in advance to Alex at anadzan@mac.com or

by phone at 760-529-5814. This should be a very interesting and educational session for all who want to get a head start on the upcoming orchid growing season. Orchid Culture Meeting II in March will concentrate on other popular classes of orchids including cattleyas, oncidiums, phalaenopsis and related orchids.

Finally, Jerry and Anita will be providing the plant table this month.



Cym. Bob Marlin 'Rob Sam'
(from Alex Nadzan's collection)

Meeting continued



Cym. Sarah Jean, Best of Section
(Anita & Jerry Spencer)



3 Cymbidiums in Containers, Best of Section
(Anita & Jerry Spencer)



Cym. (Lotza Spots x
Champaign Pass)'Ambrosia'
(from Casa de las Orquideas)



Cym. Persian Bronze
'Carmen'(from Rudvalis Orchids)

*Snacks & Refreshments This month, all members with last names beginning **O through S** 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!*



General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at 6:30 pm at the Conference Center 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 and 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 conference center will be on the left and there is plenty of parking in front.

President's Message

Hello POS Members and Friends,

We started off 2020 with an informative presentation by Mary Gerritsen on "Growing Miniature Orchids". Many of us have small growing areas and these types of orchids are perfect for small spaces.

Our second program this year will be "**Orchid Culture Meeting I**" with an emphasis on growing and carrying for Cymbidiums. Almost everyone in the Society and our friends and family has one or more of these beautiful orchids. They grow well in Southern California and provide beautiful spays of flowers that last several months. Since POS has many new members and guests who have asked for classes on culture and repotting, this is a perfect topic for February.

We are also planning "**Orchid Culture Meeting II**" for our March meeting with an emphasis on other types of orchids. Granted, many of the growing techniques are similar, but there are some differences that the orchid hobbyist needs to recognize. For example, dividing a Cattleya is very different from dividing a Cymbidium. Potting mixes can also be different, and we will discuss what has worked for our expert growers.

We encourage everyone to

renew their POS membership this month. Too often this process drags on into the summer and we want to update our roster in a timely manner. So be sure to renew this month and make an additional donation if you are able to.

We are be planning for two upcoming events this spring. POS will sponsor again a display for the San Diego County Orchid Society's Spring Show (March 27-29). The theme this year is Orchid Magic. Susan Johnston is the Chairperson for the Display Committee so contact Susan (suezqd@hotmail.com) if you want to volunteer your artistic talents and ideas for a winning display.

POS will also begin preparing for our Annual Auction on May 9th, which will be held in the Lake San Marcos Conference Center. We will be asking for members to volunteer and to donate divisions from their orchid collection. Setup will be the evening before on Friday, May 8th so please save those dates on your calendars to participate. This is our only fundraiser for the year and is a very important activity for the financial health of our society. Funds generated by this event helps cover the cost of running the society, which include meeting room and

storage rentals, speaker fees and the plant opportunity table. As you divide your orchids this spring, please set aside one or more divisions for our auction.

We are in the process of planning our slate of speakers for the rest of the year, so if you have a suggestion or favorite speaker you want to hear, let Alex or Tom know. We have already scheduled Tim Culbertson for April and Fred Clarke for June.

We look forward to seeing you at the February meeting for an informative and educational cultural program.

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. Bills e-mail is billtcwong@att.net and Alex's e-mail is anadzan@mac.com.



Alex's Cym. Palanga 'Dorothy'



Alex's Fdk. Turning Point
'Green Goddess' x Ctsm. De
Etta Harris 'Green Goddess'



Anita's Blc. King of Taiwan



Ken's Ascda. Kulwadee Fragrance



Bill's Lc. Tropical Song x L. anceps



Suzi's Slc. Circle of Life
'Hot Shot'

**Meeting Photos
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2019 POS Officers

Co-President: Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong

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Facebook Editor: Debra Funakoshi

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), January, 2020.

Text and photos by Arnie Gum.

There were several orchid presented for judging. Three were awarded.

Cyc. warszewiczii 'SVO Jumbo Super' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded AM/AOS 83 points

Mormodes Aftermath 'SVO Neon Blaster' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded AM/AOS 86 points

Paph. Toni Semple 'Arnie' HCC/AOS

Exhibited by Arnold Gum

Awarded HCC/AOS 76 points



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AM/AOS



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Paph Toni Semple 'Arnie' HCC /AOS

2019-20 CSA San Marino Judging
Center Schedule Judging Cymbidiums,
Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums
Huntington Botanical Gardens Mishler
Resource Building 1151 Oxford Road,
San Marino, CA 91108 12:30pm
Registration 1:00pm Judging Next
sessions are: Feb. 8, March 7 None,
April 11, May 8, Aug. 9, Sept. 12, Oct.
10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12

Contact Phyllis Prestia,
San Marino Judging Chair

orchldy1@mac.com

**Orchid Magic San Diego Orchid Society
Show and Sale**

is fast approaching on March 27-29th
at the Scottish Rite Event Center

Display Committee Needed

POS (in past years) has successfully entered and won numerous awards for our display and for member's individual plants. We are forming a committee to plan and execute this year's POS display. The theme this year is Orchid Magic and the volunteers are already beginning to submit some exciting ideas. It's a fun way to get to know fellow POS members.



2019 POS
Display

Please call or text Susan Johnston if you are interested in joining the committee.

SueZQD@Hotmail.com or 760 402-1245

Orchid Magic



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San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale

March 27-29, 2020

Scottish Rite Event Center
Mission Valley, San Diego

Friday 5-7 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

sdorchids.com/magic

Admission \$10

Weekend Pass \$12

Children under 12 Free

Free Parking

**Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Orchid Expo & Sale 2020**

Westminster Mall
Orange County, CA



**February
7, 8 & 9**

**Friday:
10am-9pm**

**Saturday:
10am-8pm**

**Sunday:
11am-6pm**

Contact:
info@nhosinfo.org

Re-potting Classes 2pm each day
Orchid Displays • Vendor Sales

Now located on 2nd Floor (near Penney's wing)

www.nhosinfo.org/orchidshow



CALENDAR

February 1, 2020

SDCOS Species Group Meeting
Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00 am
First Saturday of the month
David Vandebroek,
4davidv@gmail.com

February 4, 2020

Orchid Judging Center
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

February 4, 2020

SDCOS General Meeting &
Culture class
Culture Class: 6:30 pm
General Meeting: 7:30 pm
sdorchids.com

February 5, 2020

POS General Meeting
Conference Center
Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

February 7-9, 2020

NHOS Orchid Expo & Sale 2020,
'Orchids on Parade',
Westminster Mall, Orange County, CA

February 19, 2020

SDCCS General Meeting
San Marcos Senior Center
111 Richmar Ave. San Marcos
www.sdcymbidium.org

February 21, 2020

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

March 3, 2020

Orchid Judging Center
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

March 3, 2020

SDCOS General Meeting &
Culture class
Culture Class: 6:30 pm
General Meeting: 7:30 pm
sdorchids.com

March 4, 2020

POS General Meeting
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March 7, 2020

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Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00 am

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March 13-15, 2020

Santa Barbara International Orchid
Show
Earl Warren Show Grounds
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
sborchidshow.com

March 14, 2020

45th Annual Cymbidium Society of
America Congress
Earl Warren Show Grounds
Santa Barbara, Ca 93105
cymbidium.org

March 27-29, 2020

SDCOS Spring Show, 'Orchid Magic'
Scottish Rite Center, Mission Valley,
San Diego, CA
sdorchids.com

March 20, 2020

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

April 1, 2020

POS General Meeting
Conference Center
Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

April 4, 2020

SDCOS Species Group Meeting
Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00 am
First Saturday of the month
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April 7, 2020

Orchid Judging Center
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

April 7, 2020

SDCOS General Meeting &
Culture class
Culture Class: 6:30 pm
General Meeting: 7:30 pm
sdorchids.com

April 15, 2020

SDCCS General Meeting
San Marcos Senior Center
111 Richmar Ave. San Marcos
www.sdcymbidium.org

April 23, 2020

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

May 9, 2020

POS Orchid Auction
Sat. 10am to 3pm
Conference Center
Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.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
sdorchids.com

Cymbidium Society

Regular meetings 3rd Wednesday
of each month, September-June, 7pm,
San Marcos Senior Center
111 Richmar Ave, San Marcos 92078
www.sdcymbidium.org



Mary Gerritsen



Phyllis Prestia's Paph.