



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

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February 2012

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February Meeting • Wednesday, February 1, 2012 • 7 pm



Mini-Catts: Delightful Cattleyas in Miniature

Peter T. Lin

Peter T. Lin will be presenting a talk on one of his favorite topics: Mini-Catts, also

known as miniature Cattleyas. Peter will be sharing a fast-paced Powerpoint presentation on these charming orchids. The journey will begin with a review of the miniature species, early hybrids, and then to some of the relevant hybrids of today. He will also review how to grow these wonderful plants.

Due to limited growing space, Peter has specialized in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, for which he has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and

Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of more than a thousand orchids at his home in Southern California spread over 3 small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights. Peter will also be providing the plants for this month's plant opportunity table. There will be a nice selection of orchids, so be sure to buy your tickets!

Peter started growing orchids over 25 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 9 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-Catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also

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Sl. Pole Star 'Tangerine' x Slc. Circle of Life 'Heart's Desire' AM/AOS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's the middle of "winter" here in North County San Diego, and there is nothing major to report. The next major event locally is the SD County Orchid Society Show at the Scottish Rite during the weekend of March 9-11, 2012. POS has in past years, including last year, put in a display, but this year may be "up for grabs" unless the membership (that is you) voice a strong opinion for or against a display this year. And we have to act fast, before the coming deadline. The next event, March 16-18 will be the Santa Barbara Orchid Show, which is always a great event. There may be a caravan going again this year, and info will be available at the meeting. Of course, being the middle of "winter" cymbidiums should be blooming everywhere. We should see a bunch at the next meeting, I trust.

Peter Lin will be our next speaker, and he is a knowledgeable grower and provides a great talk. He often can be seen hanging out with Fred Clarke at Sunset Valley Orchids. He gave a great talk last year, and we welcome him back to the POS. Please don't miss the meeting!

Happy Growing!



Gil Ho
President, POS



Lc. Tokyo Magic 'Golden Sun' x Slc. Circle of Life 'Mesmerize'



Slc. Newberry Ruby '120511'

Peter Lin cont.

has thousands of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them on the internet: www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collecti ons. Peter maintains his own website at www.diamondorchids.com.



(Slc. Bright Angel x L. briegeri) 'Sunset Flame' x Slc. Angel's Fantasy 'Fiesta Flare'

all photos taken from www.diamondorchids.com.



Rudvalis Orchids

Highest Quality Cymbidiums

Open House

February 11, 2012

9 AM to 3 PM

(760) 438-2121

www.rudvalisorchids.com

Annual Orchid Auction
Saturday, February 11, 2012

All Types of Orchids!
Preview at 11 a.m. Auction starts at 12 noon

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| San Diego Botanic Garden Ecke Building 230 Quail Gardens Drive Encinitas, CA 92024 | Admission to Garden is 1/2 price and refundable at auction check-out with a purchase of \$40 or more. Parking is free |
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More Information: orchldy2@mac.com or (760) 732 0055

Sponsored by the San Diego County Cymbidium Society

Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning with **O through Z** 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!

Upcoming Shows & Sales

Newport Harbor Orchid Expo 2012
Show and Sale



Romancing The Orchid

February 10 - 12, 2012
Westminster Mall
Orange County, CA

Orchid Displays
Vendor Sales
Repotting Workshops
Free Admission & Parking

Fri: 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sat: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sun: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

More Information at: www.nhos.org/shows/2012/home.html

Orchid Show and Sale

March 3rd and 4th
Orchids-R-Easy Classes All Weekend



Sales: Sat & Sun 10-5
Show: Sat 12-5 & Sun 10-5
Location: Torrance Cultural Arts Center
3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance, CA

- Buy direct from commercial growers
- See award winning orchids
- All day demonstrations on orchid care and repotting


Admission: \$5 Adults
Free Parking

For all show information and a map to the show and sale:
www.southbayorchidsociety.com
Information: (310) 707-7097

ORCHID SHOW & SALE

SAN DIEGO COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS

GALAXY OF ORCHIDS



DR. NEALS 'NEWTON'S APPLE' 2010

MARCH 9-11, 2012
Friday 3pm-7pm, Saturday 9am-6pm, Sunday 10am-4pm

Scottish Rite Center
1895 Camino Del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92108

Admission \$7
Weekend Pass \$10
Children under 12 Free
Parking Free

For additional information:
sdorchids.com
760.529.2947

67th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

beautiful displays
orchids for sale
art show & sale
potting demos

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**March 16~18
2012**

9AM ~ 5PM

general admission: \$12
seniors/students w/ID: \$10
children 12 & under w/adult: free

Earl Warren Showgrounds
Highway 101 & Las Positas Road

www.sborchidshow.com




Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Inc. is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization

Gems From The Last Meeting



Barbara Rudvalis and a beautiful spray of Cym. Baltic Gold



Paph. spicerianum - Merle Robboy



Slc. Indie Rose Sherwood 'Kilani' - Alex Nazdan



Blc. Mahina Yahiro 'Mishima' - Debra Funakoshi



Cymbidium Baltic Gold 'Doug' - Cecily Bird



Bulbo. Jersey 'Elizabeth' x Bulbo. echinolabium 'Eastern Star' - Merle Robboy



Barbara Rudvalis in discussion with Maryann Kind



Lyc. Aguilla - Merle Robboy

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

Meeting Wrap-up

Barbara Rudvalis gave a very informative presentation on the hybridizing and growing of Cymbidium orchids for the cut-flower business. She also conducted the culture class, which covered the basics of Cymbidium care and maintenance.

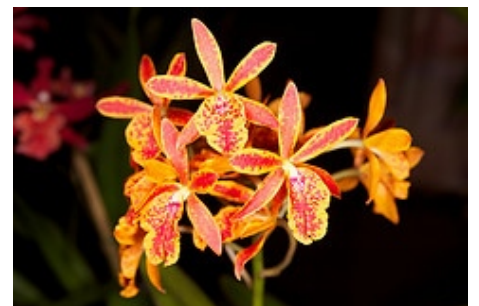
We welcomed our newest member, Eileen Tichenor and our guests Barbara Pieper and Sigi Coler.

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society 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. The next regular meeting will be on February 1, 2012.



Miscellaneous

Frequently Asked Questions

These and other frequently asked questions and their answers can be found on [the AOS website](#)

Where do I cut the flower spike when it is finished?

Of all of the more commonly available orchids, only Phalaenopsis (the moth orchid) will re-bloom from its old spike. Phalaenopsis will generally re-bloom given a little extra care. When the last flower fades, you can leave the spike (stem) on and it will still continue flowering but the stem gets very ungainly and the flowers get smaller. Some people believe it is best to cut off the stem entirely at the base where it comes out of the leaves, and it will bloom again in several months. You can also cut off the stem leaving two nodes (those little brown lines on the stem below where the flowers were) on the stem. One of these nodes will then initiate and generally produce flowers within eight to 12 weeks. Younger or weaker plants may not rebloom and some Phalaenopsis are genetically incapable of re-blooming from the old spike. These are usually those that flower with branched spikes. It's always worth a try. Orchids, like animals, are susceptible to viruses, so whenever cutting an orchid plant always use a sterile tool to prevent the spread of virus. A straight edged razor blade is a good tool to use for cutting flower spikes.

What is growing on the flower stem?

A plantlet (called a keiki (kay-kee), the Hawaiian word for baby) will sometimes grow on a flower spike (called an "inflorescence"). Initially small, it will grow several leaves and then roots, at which time it can be removed to propagate a new plant. Once the roots grow a couple of inches long, gently remove the plantlet with a sterile knife and pot in a container to which you add a label with the plant's name. Orchids are susceptible to viruses, so whenever cutting an orchid plant, always use a sterile tool to prevent the spread of virus. With proper care, a keiki may flower in a year. Small keikis could take two or three years to reach flowering size.

Is conservation of orchids an important issue?

Absolutely! Sadly, orchid species are becoming extinct faster than they can be described and classified. Threats to orchids originate primarily from loss of habitat and collecting. The AOS advocates the purchase of only artificially propagated orchids, either from meristems (clones) or seeds, which will help discourage the collecting of orchid species at home and abroad. The AOS also encourages orchidists to pollinate orchid species already in their collections and to share the seedlings with their fellow orchidists. For more information about this serious topic, and to learn how to get involved and to support conservation efforts, visit the conservation pages of this website.



Where can I get more information?

First, check out the AOS's popular culture sheets available at www.aos.org. Additionally, there are many excellent books available to help a novice grower learn more. The AOS offers an extensive booklist. Amongst the many publications in this listing are a variety of illustrated handbooks published by the AOS. Most bookstores and public libraries have good orchid book selections also, as do some commercial orchid firms.

Upcoming Events

February 1, 2012

POS General Meeting
www.palomarorchid.org



February 4, 2012

SDCOS Species Group Mtg.
Paul or Ann Tuskes
(858) 274 5829

February 7, 2012

Orchid Judging Center
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

February 10 - 12, 2012

Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Orchid Expo 2012
www.nhos.org/shows/2012

February 11, 2012

Rudvalis Open House
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SDCCS Orchid Auction
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February 15, 2012

SDCCS General Meeting

March 3 & 4, 2012

South Bay Orchid Society
Orchid Show and Sale
southbayorchidsociety.com

March 6, 2012

Orchid Judging Center
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

March 7, 2012

POS General Meeting
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March 9 - 11, 2012

SDCOS Show and Sale
www.sdorchids.com

March 16-18, 2012

67th International Santa Barbara
Orchid Show
<http://www.sborchidshow.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

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
Phyllis Prestia (760) 732-0055
orchldy2@mac.com

The Editor's Corner



January seems to be a slow news month! I went back and had a look at past issues and they all have been fairly slim, so I don't feel so bad about this one. That said, I would very much like to encourage everyone to contribute to the newsletter. Any news from the orchid world, notices of sales, shows, or other orchid-related events, even just any interesting stories about one of your favorite plant or grower... let me have them! Submission deadline is around the 15th of each month but if I know something is coming (like, say, the eternally late message from our president) I will definitely hold the presses for a while! You can email me submissions to newsletter@palomarorchid.org.

Speaking of events: if you have not done so, check out the calendar of events on our website. It has received a much needed update with a lot of repeating events and most major shows in the Southern California area.

Last not least, another plug for our flickr group: If you like taking pictures of orchids and have them on flickr, share them with us at the link provided to the right. Flickr is a great photo sharing site and their basic service is free. Any submissions to the flickr group are automatically featured on our website as well.

Happy Growing!

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