



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 Meeting • Wednesday, February 6, 2013 • 6:30 pm



Neofinetia falcata and its Hybrids

Peter Lin

We are pleased to welcome back Peter Lin as our speaker for February. Peter will present the topic 'Neofinetia falcata and its Hybrids', which will feature this Japanese native orchid species, a bit of history, the many forms and varieties, and a selection

of its hybrids within the Vanda alliance. He also will describe how to grow these marvelous temperature tolerant orchids.

Neofinetia falcata is native to Japan and has been grown there for centuries. They are highly treasured and come in many flower forms and leaf forms. It has been used with other vandaceous genera to produce charming compact hybrids.

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 hybrid-

izer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can

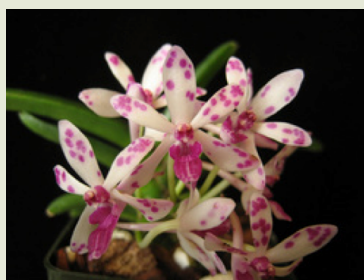


Neofinetia falcata

often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has thousands of photos of his orchids that he maintains on [Flickr](https://www.flickr.com/photos/peterlin/).

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and of course Neofinetias! He maintains a collection of a thousand or

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Neostylis Pinky 'Starry Night'

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to all that participated in January's member survey. We received excellent feedback that has provided our board with good ideas and suggestions for improvements as we develop our programs for 2013. Some will be implemented at our February meeting. These include streamlining our meetings to make them more efficient and shorter so members can get home at a reasonable time. Accordingly, our meeting will start promptly at 6:30 pm with business, followed by the speaker, who will incorporate cultural information in his talk rather than having it as a separate session. The talk will be followed by an abbreviated Show-n-Tell given by Merle, who will highlight select plants brought in by members. The break will commence and members who brought in plants will be asked to spend some time with their plants so interested parties can ask specific questions. After the break, we'll have the opportunity table, which should conclude by 9 pm at the latest.

Several members expressed interest in gaining more info on orchid basics so we have instituted in the newsletter a "Monthly To Do" list compiled by our experienced members along with some links to info on the

American Orchid Society website as well as select links on culture and repotting. In addition, we will set aside a couple of monthly meetings per year where we bring together a panel of advanced growers to speak on various aspects of orchid culture and to answer questions that members may have. Members may also bring in their problem plants for diagnosis. Our first session is planned for March, which is a perfect time to review cultural aspects for the upcoming growing season.

At our January board meeting, we also discussed the potential of moving our meetings to Lake San Marcos in view of the increasing rent at the Carlsbad Women's Club. Aside from cost, the LSM facility offers several attractive advantages as described in the accompanying article listing both pros and cons. The majority of board members support this change and would like to solicit your input on the matter. Accordingly, there will be a vote at the Feb. meeting and by email/internet for those who cannot attend the meeting. The move would not take place until the July meeting, but everything must be in place well in advance should we decide to relocate. Please review the pros and cons prior to making your recommendation.

Cher Whelan and Sandi Sandquist are working on some ideas for future caravan activities for presentation at the February meeting. Our board is dedicated to providing fun and educational activities for our membership. Please do not hesitate to participate and get involved. We readily welcome your suggestions, ideas and criticisms in order to make POS a better organization.

In closing, do not miss this month's talk by Peter Lin on "Neofinetia falcata and its Hybrids". Peter is an excellent, very knowledgeable speaker and a good friend of POS. You definitely will learn much from him about this fascinating, easy to grow species from Japan.

Happy Growing,



Alex Nadzan
President, POS



Survey Results

With a participation of 39 members and friends of the Palomar Orchid Society, the survey results have given the POS directors valuable feedback in regard to the different activities of the society. Following is a brief summary of the survey results, which are available in full at palomarorchid.org/2013surveyresults.

Most respondents are regular attendees of our monthly meetings and while each part of the meeting was generally well liked, a majority thought that the meetings are too long. Specifically, the responses indicated that this could be improved upon by starting meetings on time, keeping to an agenda, and for the main presentation to be a bit shorter.

One of the favorite aspects of the monthly meeting seems to be the Opportunity Table, closely followed by the main presentation, and the Show and Tell. Many respondents also indicated an interest in the culture class, particularly when it is providing more basic orchid information for beginning growers.

The speaker selection for last year received a very high rating and responses to this section of the survey included several valuable suggestions for future topics and presenters.

Feedback on the monthly newsletter and the website was generally very positive



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Survey cont.

and included suggestions for additional topics. For example, it was suggested to provide a monthly "To Do" checklist on orchid culture.

The POS Board of Directors discussed all survey responses in detail at a meeting on January 9, 2013. It was decided to focus on keeping future meetings on time by adopting the suggestions provided by the survey responses. Meetings will begin promptly at 6:30 pm and speakers will be

encouraged to keep their presentations to 45 minutes in length. Time for questions may be adjusted based on the length of the main talk. Speakers will be asked to emphasize culture aspects in their talks, while culture classes will be held more infrequently this year but will be the main focus of those occasions instead. For example, the March meeting will feature a panel of experienced orchid growers and POS members available to answer any and all culture-related questions from the membership.

One of the more important issues addressed in the survey was the possible relocation of the monthly meetings to a different location, provided that that location would offer a significant cost savings and an easier set-up and cleanup. A little more than two-thirds of the respondents favored such a change, 7 out of 37 were opposed and 5 abstained. The POS Board voted in favor of proposing to adopt the Pavilion in Lake San Marcos as our new meeting venue and putting this question to a vote by the membership at the February meeting as described in more detail in the accompanying newsletter column.

Vote on Relocating Future POS Meetings to Lake San Marcos

As mentioned in the President's Message, the Board is soliciting your vote on the relocation of our meetings to Lake San Marcos ([Lake Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Drive, San Marcos, CA 92078](#)) beginning with the July 3 meeting.

This is the same facility where we conducted our auction last August and will also have it again this year on August 3. Two of the most important advantages of this move include a significant decrease in the monthly rent (from \$250 to \$50 per month) and the set up and take down of



Orchid Show and Sale March 2nd and 3rd
Orchids-R-Easy
 Includes Free Classes All Day - Learn to keep them blooming year after year

Location:
 Torrance Cultural Arts Center
 3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance
 (Torrance Blvd & Madrona Ave)

Sales: Sat & Sun 10 - 5
 Show: Sat 12-5 & Sun 10-5

- Buy direct from commercial growers
- See award winning orchids
- All day demonstrations (orchid care & repotting)
- Get your questions answered
- Orchid art displays

• Admission: \$5
 • Free Parking

Sponsored by:
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For complete show information and a map:
www.southbayorchidsociety.com



Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning with **H, I, J, K, L, M, or N** 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!

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Upcoming Events

February 5, 2013

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

February 6, 2013

POS General Meeting
www.palomarorchid.org

February 8 - 10, 2013

Newport Harbor Orchid Society
 2013 Orchid Expo Show & Sale
www.nhosinfo.org

February 20, 2013

SDCCS General Meeting

March 2 & 3, 2013

South Bay Orchid Society
 Show & Sale
southbayorchidsociety.com

March 3, 2013

San Diego Zoo Orchid Odyssey
events.sandiegozoo.org

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www.palomarorchid.org

March 8 - 10, 2013

Santa Barbara International
 Orchid Show
www.sborchidshow.com

March 20, 2013

SDCCS General Meeting

March 22 - 24

San Diego Orchid Society
 Spring Show and Sale
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

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
billtwong@att.net

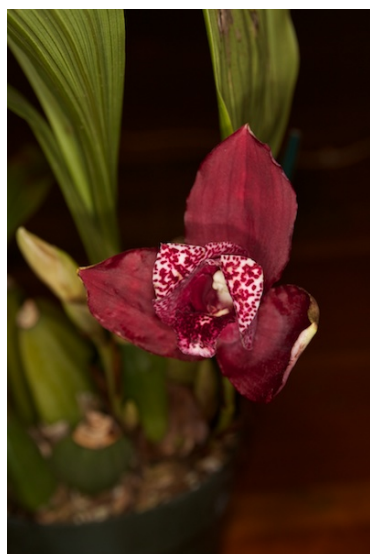
Relocation cont.

the tables and chairs, which should make life much easier for all of us and further expedite our meetings. A more detailed assessment of the pros and cons are listed below. You will be able to vote by ballot at the February meeting or by email sent out after the meeting for those of you who are not able to attend the meeting.

Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Alex by phone (760) 753-6280 or by email at anadzan@mac.com

Pros

- 1) The relocation would result in a substantial cost saving of \$2000 per year in rent fees for our monthly meetings. This would allow POS to maintain ex-



isting low membership fees and use saved funds to support mailings of newsletter to some members, pay for meeting drinks and supplies, and support other educational activities.

- 2) Lake San Marcos staff will set up and take down chairs and tables and provides audio and visual equipment for our use.
- 3) The Pavilion facility is available to POS at the current dates and times of our monthly meetings.
- 4) The facility and adjacent parking lots are lit at night, has ample parking, and is accessible to the handicapped.
- 5) The meeting room is large and is air-conditioned for hot evenings and there is a kitchen area for setting out snacks and drinks.
- 6) LSM has a security company that patrols all homes around LSM 24/7, with recreational facilities patrolled starting at 10:00 pm.
- 7) Meetings at the Pavilion could attract new members from the San Marcos / Escondido area.

Cons

- 1) The proposed location is not as conveniently located for some members as the Carlsbad Women's Club and we might lose some members who would have to drive further.

San Diego County Orchid Society's

Orchids by the Sea SHOW & SALE

In memory of Loren Batchman

SHOW DATES:

March 22, Friday
3 PM - 7 PM

March 23, Saturday
9 AM - 6 PM

March 24, Sunday
10 AM - 4 PM

SCOTTISH RITE CENTER
1895 Camino del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92108



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

Information:
www.sdorchids.com
Contact: (760) 529-2947

- 2) There is currently no storage space for POS supplies.
- 3) The restrooms are outside and unlocked, but near to the meeting room entrances. There is only a single key for the women's restroom but Maryanne is looking into the possibility of getting a second key.

Peter Lin cont.

more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights. His website address is www.diamondorchids.com.

Peter will be providing the plants for this month's opportunity table. There will be a nice selection of orchids, so be sure to buy lots of tickets!



**Nakamotoara Newberry
Apricot**



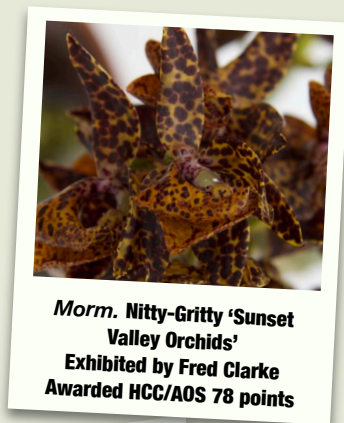
Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'

January Judging Report

There were 7 orchids presented for judging. Three plants were awarded



Clo. Unnamed (Cl. Alaena Lawson x Ctsm. Bound for Glory)
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM/AOS 82 points



Morm. Nitty-Gritty 'Sunset Valley Orchids'
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points



Mo. Lime Tiger 'SV0 II'
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded HCC/AOS 77 points

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

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

February To Do List

General

- Clean growing area, remove dead leaves, and discard dying plants. Wet and cold serve as prime conditions for fungus and rots. Institute prophylactic interventions to avoid diseases: clean non-growing surfaces with 5% Clorox or Physan, space orchids, and provide adequate air circulation.
- Keep watch for pests (mealy bugs, scale, snails, slugs) and treat before they spread to rest of collection
- Monitor outdoor temperatures, below 50 for cool growing orchids, below 65 for warm growing orchids, and below 60 for intermediate growing. If necessary, protect sensitive plants

by covering or providing some form of shielding from elements.

- Identify plants to be repotted (overgrown or media broken down) and watch for signs of new root growth before repotting.

Indoors and Greenhouse

- Watch for phaeanopsis spikes and stake while spikes are still flexible. More information is available at www.themulch.com
- Water regularly but fertilize sparingly until plants show signs of new growth.

Outdoors

- Maintain plants on dry side and withhold or limit fertilizer until weather improves and plants show signs of new growth. Bud drop in spring on paphs and phals is pri-

marily due to root loss from over watering in winter.

Cymbidiums

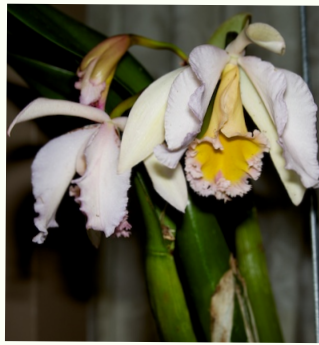
- Continue regular fertilizer regimen for cymbidiums during this period.
- Stake cymbidium flower spikes and repot overgrown cymbidiums when finished blooming. Links to repotting and care: www.orquideas.com, and www.themulch.com.
- Most cymbidiums can tolerate temperatures in the 20's for short periods.
- Be sure to give them plenty of sunlight during winter months.

The monthly To Do list is a collaboration of several POS members. We appreciate any and all comments, suggestions, and feedback on our new feature. Please send them to newsletter@palomarorchid.org!

Gems From The Last Meeting



Alan Koch



B. digbyana x *Lc. Drumbeat*
Gil Ho



Blc. George King 'Southern Cross'
Alex Nadzan



Blc. Plum Island 'Newberry' – Craig Johnson



Debra Funakoshi and Helge Weissig



Stenoglottis longifolia
Merle Robboy



Beallara Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'



L. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime' HCC/
AOS – Janice Krause



V. tricolor
Lisa Humphreys

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

Membership News

January attendance 39 members and 7 guests. Welcome new members : Donald George, Wayne Reyes, Diane Harden. Thank you Elf Mitton for donating coffee cups for January meeting.

Do you know of this long standing tradition? Recruit a new member and receive a plant voucher for an orchid from Barbara Rudvalis Orchids for yourself and the new member!

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. Meetings start promptly at 6:30 pm.



Palomar Orchid Society

Membership Application/Renewal

2013



Last

First

Middle

Street

City

State

ZIP

Phone

E-Mail Address

You will receive our monthly newsletter and other information. We will not share your e-mail address with anyone!

☐ Individual Membership \$ 20.00

☐ Family Membership \$ 25.00

☐ General Fund \$

☐ Speaker Fund \$

☐ Name Badge (\$6.50 ea.) \$

☐ Other: \$

Please specify

Additional Family Member Names

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\$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed

Make checks payable to **Palomar Orchid Society**

Please bring the completed form and a check made out to Palomar Orchid Society to a meeting. Contact Cathy Belt at (760) 720-9424 for her mailing address.

Memberships are renewable annually. Dues are based on the calendar year January 1 through December 31 and are pro-rated on a quarterly basis for new members. When joining between October and December, please add the full dues for the following year.

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Date received _____

- ☐ Orchid Fair
☐ Flower Fields
☐ Auction
☐ Referral
☒ Newsletter
☐ Other

The Editor's Corner



In the past couple of weeks, my little growing area behind the house has transformed into a tiny field of flowers as my Cymbidiums have begun to open their buds. The past year must have been kind to them as there are hardly any plants without spikes and many with more than one. This is the time of year when I forget how much work they can be when it comes to repotting. That said, if you already had a look at our new feature, the monthly "To Do" list, you will have noticed that that time is not too far off, at least for some of them. Good thing I still have some of that giant bag of coconut husks I bought from the late Loren Batchman a couple of years ago.

Speaking of Loren, the upcoming SDCOS Spring Show is dedicated to his memory under the motto "Orchids by the Sea". POS will again be putting together a display and I would invite anyone to participate in the planning, setup, and break down. I will have another signup sheet at the meeting and we will probably meet sometime shortly thereafter to discuss ideas and start putting together a list of needed props and such.

As always, I welcome any and all contributions to the newsletter or website. You can email them to newsletter@palomarorchid.org. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month.

Happy Growing!

POS Officers

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Terri Lofthouse — 2nd Vice President/Raffle

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