



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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Meeting -January 9, 2019

Lake San Marcos Conference Center



Brandon with Phrag. besseae

It's our distinct pleasure to welcome back Brandon Tam as our first speaker of 2019. Brandon will talk to us on "Wild Orchids of Ecuador" which resulted from a trip he took in May, 2017 that included Harold Koopowitz and others on a trek in Ecuador led by Pepe Portilla (President of Ecuagenera), where the group saw many wild orchids and focused on the study of *Selenipedium aequinoctiale*. Brandon's presentation is a

multimedia talk that includes both photos and videos of his trip highlighting the diversity of orchids found in Ecuador as well as the interesting local cuisine and a visit to the expansive nurseries of Ecuagenera, which supplies thousands of orchids to countries around the world. This is a very exciting and educational presentation not to be missed. Alex has seen the talk twice and it is, in his opinion, one of the best travel orchid talks he has seen over the years. January's plant table will be supplied by Alex Nadzan, which will consist of several select divisions and some of his own hybrid cattleyas.

Brandon is passionate about his career as the Orchid Collection Specialist at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California. He is a dedicated supporter of our orchid societies and has hosted several of our San Diego societies trips to the Huntington Library to view their extensive orchid collection.

Brandon's grandmother first introduced him to orchids when he was seven by giving him a white cymbidium. He volunteered at the

Huntington during high school, and when he graduated at age 16, Dr. James Folsom, Director of the Botanical Gardens, offered Brandon a full-time position as the Orchid Collection Specialist. Brandon has managed the collection for the past eight years. While working with Dr. Folsom to reinvigorate the Huntington's orchid collection, Brandon attended California State University Polytechnic, Pomona, and earned his Bachelor of Science in Plant Science degree in 2015.



Brandon Tam-speaker cont.



Brandon with *Selenipedium aequinoctiale*

Brandon now oversees one of the largest orchid collections in the United States, which has grown from 2000 to over 10,000 plants in the past eight years. The Huntington's orchid collection is housed in over 26,000 square feet of growing area, which includes the Rose Hills Foundation Conservatory and three collection greenhouses, dedicated specifically for tropical plants. He also oversees the Huntington's 50

Amorphophallus titanum (better known as the "Corpse flower"), and has successfully bloomed one in 2014.

Brandon is also in charge of the annual Huntington International Orchid Show, which he inaugurated in 2015, and was in charge of hosting the annual meeting of the American Orchid Society at the Huntington in 2016.

Under Brandon's direction, The Huntington has won over 100 awards from the American Orchid Society within the last three years, which includes five First Class Certificates and three Certificates of Cultural Excellence. At the American Orchid Society Fall 2016 Members Meeting, The Huntington received The Merritt W. Huntington Award, which gives international recognition for the "Most Outstanding Orchid" in the year of 2015 for Paphiopedilum

micranthum 'Huntington's Perfection' FCC/AOS. In 2016, The Huntington received not just one, but two American Orchid Society Special Annual Awards! *Lycaste consobrina* 'Huntington's Finest' AM-CCE/AOS received the Butterworth Award which goes to the grower of the plant exhibiting the finest orchid culture. It also received the Benjamin C. Berliner award which is given to most outstanding example of the genus *Lycaste* or its closely allied genera. At the time of judging, it had a total of 287 flowers and 7 buds.

In Brandon's spare time, he loves to travel, and of course...EAT! Additionally, Brandon was elected as Trustee of the American Orchid Society, for a three-year term, which started in March 201

President's Message

We hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. For 2019, one of our main goals is to have an interesting number and variety of speaker programs. Accordingly, we are inviting back some of our favorite speakers. Since our Culture Class program was popular with many of our members and visitors, we plan to schedule one early in the year (possibly March). Our preliminary thought is to have two of our members discuss their techniques for successful growing under greenhouse and shade cloth conditions. We have already lined up two of our members to participate in this program. In January, we welcome back

Brandon Tam of the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens. Brandon's topic will be the "Wild Orchids of Ecuador". A few years ago Brandon gave us an excellent talk on the Huntington's orchid collection. We are pleased that Brandon is willing to drive from San Marino to speak to POS again. More on Brandon's talk and bio is described below. For our February meeting, we have invited John Oswald, of SDCOS, to speak on growing, dividing and reproducing cymbidiums. Last year, John gave a culture class on this topic, which provided an interesting alternative to the typical ways of growing these fascinating orchids and he plans to expand this talk for our meeting. It will be a perfect time to speak on this issue as dividing and repotting

cymbidiums is best done following their blooming season.

In December many of us went to the open houses sponsored by Andy's Orchids, Casa de las Orquideas and Sunset Valley Orchids. We are fortunate to have access to these plants to our annual auction. We thank them for their generosity.

Snacks & Refreshments This month, all members with last names beginning H through N 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!



Presidents Message con.

We ended 2018 with a very enjoyable Holiday Dinner at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion. Many of us were surprised that our former meeting room was transformed into a nice venue for dinner, our induction of the Board of Directors, the Member of the Year presentation and the plant raffle. We had 40 attendees, mostly members, but everyone received a beautiful blooming orchid to take home. The Lake San Marcos catering staff provided us with some unexpected benefits including a poinsettia plant for each table, a cheese and cracker appetizer, a cheesecake dessert and a \$100 gift certificate for the Decoy Restaurant (auctioned off). These extra items were offered to apologize for the mix up in the venue we signed up for. The LSM staff was excellent and everyone had a good time. If you haven't already provided feedback to Bill or Alex, please let us know.

Speaking of the Member of the Year Award, the recipient this year was Maryanne Kind. Maryanne, as many of you know, is actively involved each month in arranging our meeting rooms, the search for alternative meeting sites and arranging our Holiday Dinner. She works tirelessly in helping make POS a better organization for all of us to enjoy.

It is time to begin planning the POS display for the San Diego County Orchid Society Annual Show (March 22-24). Susan Johnston has volunteered to head up the planning committee, so if you want to volunteer your artistic and creative skills in this display, please see Susan. The theme for the 2019 show is 'Orchid Treasures' so the committee will welcome any suggestions for our display. The previous three Committees have been comprised of the same 3 or 4 members and its time for fresh ideas and contributions from other POS members!

Don't forget our January meeting will

be held on January 9th (not the 2nd, because New Years falls on a Tuesday). It will be held in the Conference Center and begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. The plant table for this month is provided by Alex Nadzan, that will include divisions from his beautiful collection and some of his own hybrids. This is another one of our goals for 2019, to provide better plant tables for our members. It's becoming more difficult because the cost of orchid plants has increased and some of our speakers have not met our high expectations.

Finally, please reserve the date of May 11, 2019 for the Annual POS Auction, the major fundraiser for our society.

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. Our e-mail addresses are billtcwong@att.net and anadzan@mac.com.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Maryanne Kind is the 2018 Member of the Year

At the December Holiday Dinner, Maryanne Kind was presented with the POS Member of the Year Award for her excellent service to the society over the past year. This is the second time Maryanne received the award, the first time being for 2013. Maryanne has been a strong supporter of POS as both a member and Board Member. She has actively supported activities including the Annual Auction, Orchid Display at the SDCOS show, Holiday Dinner planning and on the Search Committee looking for a new meeting site.

As a resident of Lake San Marcos, she has been instrumental in obtaining the lower resident rate for

the rental of the Pavilion and Conference Center. She has continually interacted with the LSM staff to assure we have a reasonable rental rate and secured our meeting room. This is a large task as LSM reserves the room only two months in advance. She meets with them on the 1st of the month to make sure no one takes our meeting slot. Moreover, Maryanne actively investigated potential new meeting sites in the area when LSM raised their rental rates and would not guarantee reservations for the year. As a result of her successful negotiating skills, Maryanne worked out a deal for POS to continue using the LSM facility for 2018 and 2019 as well as letting us use the Conference center for our auction on May 11, 2019. She also negotiated a

favorable price for our Holiday Dinner, including a nice selection of entrees.

We are very fortunate to have Maryanne in our society and POS is delighted to have her as the 2018 Member of the Year.



2019 POS Officers

Co-President: Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong

Co-1st Vice President/Programs: Tom Wisniewski & Alex Nadzan

2nd Vice President/Raffle: Jerry Spahn & Jim Anderson

3rd Vice President/Membership: Wendy Dancau (on maternity leave) & Sandy Sandquist

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1st Year Trustees: Suzie Sandore & Cher Whelan, & Steve Redmond

2nd Year Trustees: Maryanne Kind & Sandi Sandquist, & Helge Weissig

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Volunteers Needed

We still would like some of our members to step up and volunteer for apprentice positions. We encourage individuals to consider working in an apprentice capacity so the individual can get an idea of what is involved and, hopefully, take over the responsibility in future years. This is particularly desirable for positions of Publicity, Treasurer and Webmaster. Many of the current individuals have served in their capacities for several years and it would be desirable to have others to share the responsibility.

Publicity: Seeking someone to assist Helge Weissig in promoting our society and announcing upcoming events to the public by providing information to established newspapers and publications on our monthly POS programs and our annual fund raising auction.

Treasurer: Vidya Sirsi will continue in 2019 but could use assistance by someone to start becoming familiar with the responsibility for 2020 and beyond.

Webmaster: Seeking an individual to serve as a backup webmaster to Helge Weissig. Person will manage the website and update it on a monthly basis.

Please contact Bill or Alex if you would like to volunteer for any of these positions.

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month 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 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-and 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.

CALENDAR

January 9, 2019

POS General Meeting
Conference Center at Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org.

January 18, 2018

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

January 23, 2019

Cymbidium Society General Meeting, San Marcos Senior Center

January, 2018

No Judging AOS, Huntington Botanical Gardens, Mishler Resource Building, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA at 10:00 AM
sdorchids.com

February 5, 2019

SDCOS General Meeting
Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

February 8-9, 2019

NHOS Orchid Expo and Sale
Westminster Mall (second floor near Pennys, Westminster, CA
www.nhosinfo.org/orchidshow

February, 8-9, 2019

POS General Meeting Conference Center at Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org.

February, 9, 2019

Judging AOS, Huntington Botanical Gardens, Mishler Resource Building, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA at 10:00 AM
sdorchids.com

February 23-25, 2019

Pacific Orchid Exposition Orchid Show, Golden Gate Park, Hall of Flowers

March 15-17, 2019

74th Santa Barbara International

Orchid Show, Earl Warren Fairgrounds, Santa Barbara

March 22-24, 2019

SDCOS Spring Orchid Show and Sale, Scottish Rite Event Center, San Diego
March 2019

No Judging AOS, Huntington Botanical Gardens, Mishler Resource Building, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA at 10:00 AM
sdorchids.com

April 13, 2019

Judging AOS, Huntington Botanical Gardens, Mishler Resource Building, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA at 10:00 AM
sdorchids.com

May 11, 2019

POS Auction
Conference Center at 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 Bob Clark (858) 270-8352
membership@sdorchids.com San Diego

Cymbidium Society

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

Dear Orchid Society Member:

My dear friend and past president of the CSA, Inc. national orchid society, Marron Honigman, has passed this past April. Her husband, Stanley, has entrusted me with the tending and selling of her beloved Neofinetia falcata collection. Purchases will be considered charitable donations to the Marron Honigman fund at CSA, Inc.

All orchids have been tested free of Cym. Mosaic Virus and Odon. Ringspot Virus. All have been rewrapped in the Japanese style and repotted in black plastic Japanese pots. These are species and a few hybrids. Some are inexpensive and some are rare. Photos can be sent if requested. Orchids can be mailed, at a minimal cost, to the contiguous states.

If you are interested in seeing the list of available Neofinetia falcata orchids, please send a request to me at:

orchldy1@mac.com.

Thank you, Phyllis Prestia

[2018-19 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: No Judging Jan, Feb 9, No Judging March, April 13, May 11, Summer Break, Aug 10, Sept. 14, Oct 12, Nov. 9, Dec 14

Contact Phyllis Prestia, San Marino Judging Chair
orchldy1@mac.com

**Judging at the San Diego
Judging Center (Casa Del Prado,
Balboa Park),**

December, 2018.

**Text and photos by Phyllis
Prestia.**

**Nine orchids were exhibited. Five
orchids were awarded:**

Cyc. warszewiczii 'SVO Jumbo'
AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded AM/AOS 84 points

Ctsm. spitzii 'Burnished Gold'
AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke



Cyc. warszewiczii 'SVO Jumbo' AM/AOS

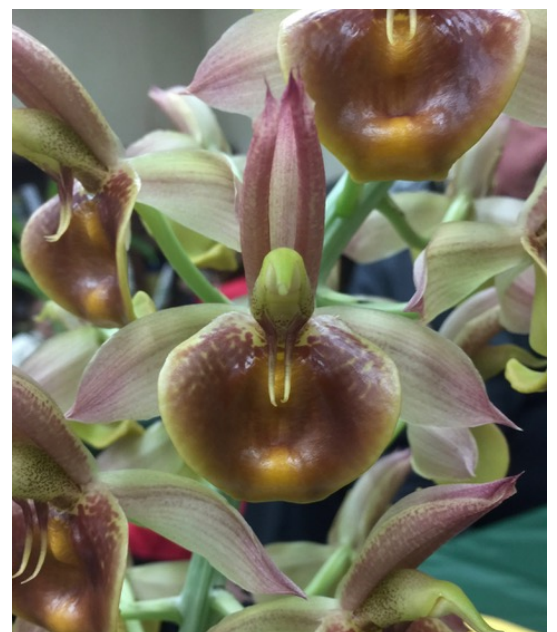


Ctsm. Lata Laxman
AM/AOS (left)

Fkd. Dark Matter 'SVO'
AM/AOS (right)



Ctsm. spitzii
'Apricot'
CHM/AOS



Ctsm. spitzii
'Burnished Gold'
AM/AOS (right)

Awarded AM/AOS 83 points

Ctsm. spitzii 'Apricot' CHM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

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Fkd. Dark Matter 'SVO' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded AM/AOS 82 points

Ctsm. Lata Laxman 'Sophia' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Charlie Fouquette

Awarded AM/AOS

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), November, 2018.

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

Eight orchids were exhibited. Four orchids were awarded:

C. labiata f. *coerula* 'Arnie' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Arnold Gum

Awarded AM/AOS 85 points

Fdk. Beverly Danielson 'Tyrone' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Charlie Fouquette

Awarded AM/AOS 84 points

Masd. Elven Gem 'Satyr Hill' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz

Awarded AM/AOS 80 points

Zootrophion vulturiceps 'Windflower' HCC/AOS

Exhibited by Betty Kelsepecz

Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points



Fdk. Beverly Danielson 'Tyrone' AM/AOS

Masd. Elven Gem 'Satyr Hill' AM/AOS



Zootrophion vulturiceps 'Windflower' HCC/AOS



C. labiata f. *coerula* 'Arnie' AM/AOS

New membership offers available. There's never been a better time to join the AOS as there is still time to catch this amazing American Orchid Society Supplement showcasing Cymbidiums! An AOS membership is the perfect compliment to a local society membership.

Here is a link you can share in your social media posts...<http://aos.org/join/as/>

POS Holiday Dinner 2018



POS 2019 Board of Directors (left)



The
Orchid
Treasures
will be
revealed
March 2019

Spring Show and Sale • March 22-24, 2019
San Diego County Orchid Society • sdorchids.com/ot

Newport Harbor Orchid Society
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February 8, 9 & 10 Friday: 10am-9pm
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Orange County, CA Sunday: 11am-6pm

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