



# 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](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

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January Meeting • Wednesday, January 7, 2015 • 6:30 pm



## Kay Klausing

### Rupicolous Laelias

We are delighted to have as our first speaker of 2015, Dr. Kay Klausing, 1st VP of the San Diego County Orchid Society. Kay's talk is entitled '*Rupicolous Laelias*' and will cover many aspects of this subgroup and their culture, including distribution, habitat, climate, classification, acclimating and growing (watering, fertilizing, potting, repotting, pests).



*Laelia millerii*

Kay has been growing orchids for almost 30 years. His collection consists almost exclusively of species plants with a focus on the *Cattleya* alliance plus a few sprinklings of *Oncidium*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Masdevallia*, *Dendrobium*, *Catasetinae*, *Paphiopedilum* as well as others. He

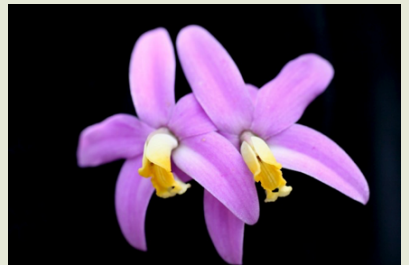
maintains three small greenhouses (cool, intermediate, and warm) plus an outdoor growing area for his collection.

Some of the plants grown by Kay have been awarded and his displays at various orchid shows have won first place ribbons several times.

By training, Kay is a molecular biologist and he holds a Ph.D. in Molecular Genetics from the University of Konstanz in Germany. He currently works at the very successful San Diego biotech firm Illumina.



*Laelia briegeri*



*Laelia lucasiana*

This month's plant table will be supplied by Rex Foster Orchids.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year everyone! With the New Year comes renewed vigor toward orchid growing with multiple shows, beginning with the San Diego County Orchid Society's Winter Show and Sale in Balboa Park on January 24-25, followed by several shows in February thru March. This is an ideal opportunity to replace some of the orchids that did poorly in the hot summer and fall that we had last year.

The Holiday Party on Dec. 4 was a big success thanks to the manager and waitresses of Chin's Szechwan Restaurant who served another excellent meal. Well-deserved congratulations go to Dr. Merle Robboy for receiving the POS Member of the Year Award and to Renate Schmidt for the Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence at the dinner. Also, thanks to Ivan Allen who collected monies for the party and to Pat and Linda Rusnell who received plants from Newman's Nursery, brought them to the dinner and assisted me in distributing them to attendees. A good time was had by all.

I will be planning a meeting of the new board for mid January to discuss plans for 2015, including several member activities and our annual fundraising auction that will occur on May 2 of this year, one week before Mother's Day. We hope our established and new members will participate in several of these activities, particularly the auction which is our sole fund raising event for the year.

Our first meeting of 2015 on January 7 will feature Dr. Kay Klausing of the San Diego Orchid Society who will speak on "Rupicolous Laelias". These are the gems of the orchid world and Kay is an expert laelia grower who has won awards at SDCOS shows in past years. We look forward to learning his tricks for growing them to perfection.

As always, we welcome input from our members at any time via email ([anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com)), phone (760-529-5814) or in person. Feel free to contact me, as I am here to serve you.

Best wishes for another successful growing season,



Alex Nadzan  
President, POS

Dr. Merle Robboy  
Receives 2014 Member  
of the Year Award

Congratulations to Merle Robboy, MD., for receiving the 2014 Member of the Year Award at our Holiday Party on December 3, 2014. The award was presented by Maryanne Kind, the 2013 winner of the award.

Merle has been a dedicated, outstanding member of our society for years. He has served on the Board as one of our most valued Trustees. He has readily devoted his time and vast knowledge of orchids to novices and experienced members alike. We see him at each of our monthly meetings narrating the "Show & Tell" sessions, providing insights into the origins and backgrounds of the orchids he and our fellow members bring to display. Merle also has given orchid lectures to our society, served as an expert auctioneer for our annual fundraising auctions, and eagerly participated in society



booths for local orchid shows. We are very fortunate to have Merle as a member and look forward to his continued contributions to the Palomar Orchid Society.

Renate Schmidt Receives  
The Orchid Digest Dia-  
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Congratulations to Renate Schmidt for receiving the Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence at our Holiday Party in December.

The award announcement will be published internationally in one of the 2015 issues of Orchid Digest Magazine and will read as follows:

"The Palomar Orchid Society is honored to present the Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence to Renate Schmidt. Renate has been an active member of our society for over 10 years and has contributed extensively to the organization in numerous ways. She has served as VP of Programs in 2014 as well as in past years, identifying and bringing in several very interesting speakers to further advance the education of our members. She has co-organized several caravans to member's homes and local nurseries in order to have our members observe the growing techniques of their colleagues.

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# Gems From The Holiday Party



**Office Installation**



**Member of the Year, Merle Robboy with Alex Nadzan and our Orchid Digest Diamond Awardee Renate Schmidt**



**Lisa Humphreys & Nico Goosens**



**Terri Lofthouse, Renate Schmidt, & Alex Nadzan**



**Pat and Linda Rusnell**



**Bill and Shelley Wong**



**Klaus and Renate Schmidt**

*Photos by Debra Funakoshi, Nico Goosens, and Alex Nadzan - full album at [www.palomarorchid.org](http://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.

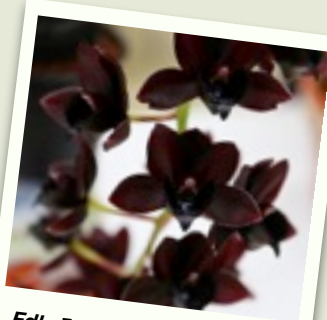
Inside the resort at the first "T" intersection, turn left on San Marino Drive. At the next 4-way STOP, turn right on La Bonita Drive. Proceed ahead for one block on La Bonita. The pavilion will be on the left and there is parking in front of the pavilion.

## December Judging Report

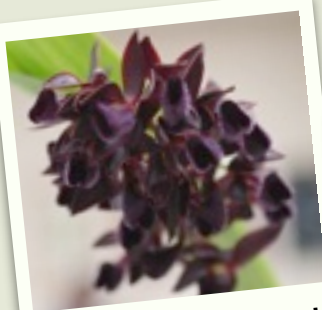
There were 10 orchids presented for judging, seven were awarded.



**Ctsm. expansum 'SVO Midori'**  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded AM/AOS 83 points



**Fdk. Enter Light 'Sunset Valley Orchids Red Burgundy'**  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded AM/AOS 83 points



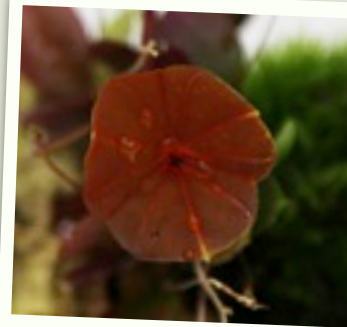
**Morm. Virgin del Valle 'Sunset Valley's Dark Horse'**  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points



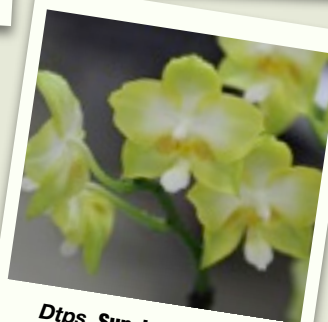
**Telepongon inits 'DJH'**  
Exhibited by David Heft  
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points



**Phal. Chiada Stacey 'Sweetheart'**  
Exhibited by Norman's Orchids  
Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points



**Lepanthes telepongoniflora 'DJH'**  
Exhibited by David Heft  
Awarded HCC/AOS 77 points



**Dtps. Sun Jye 'Diamond'**  
Exhibited by Norman's Orchids  
Awarded JC/AOS

## 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 and photos by Phyllis S. Prestia Ed.D.*

### *Renate Schmidt continued*

*In addition, Renate played a major role in setting up, providing advice and lending quality plants for POS exhibits, conducted several culture classes over the years, and has generously shared her extensive orchid knowledge with both novice and experienced members of the society. In that regard, Renate has been especially receptive, kind and welcoming when asked about very basic orchid culture questions, particularly when interacting with new members.*



*Moreover, Renate is an accomplished AOS judge who regularly participates in multiple shows each year and is a top notch orchid hobbyist who has garnered several AOS awards for her beautifully grown plants.*

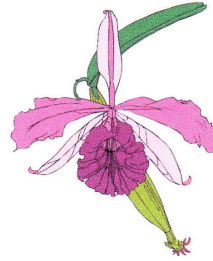
*We are extremely fortunate to have Renate as a dedicated and knowledgeable member of our society and we look forward her continued participation in our society activities in the future."*

# Annual Orchid Auction

Saturday, February 7, 2015

**All Types of Orchids!**

Preview at 11 a.m. Auction at 12 noon



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

Admission is Free - Lots of Free Parking

**Directions:**

**Coming from the South:** Take I-5 North exit Leucadia Blvd. and turn right. Leucadia Blvd. becomes Olivenhain Rd. which then becomes S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd. Turn right onto Lake San Marcos Dr. Turn left onto San Marino Dr. Take the 1st right onto La Bonita Dr. The Lake Pavilion is on the left.

**Coming from the North:** Take I-5 South and exit CA-78 E. Take the Rancho Santa Fe Rd. exit and turn right onto S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd. Turn left onto Lake San Marcos Dr. Turn left onto San Marino Dr. Take the 1st right onto La Bonita Dr. The Lake Pavilion is on the left.

Auction Chairperson: orchldy1@mac.com or 760-732-0055

*Sponsored by the San Diego County Cymbidium Society*

Meetings monthly (except July and August) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
at the San Marcos Lake Pavilion

Culture class 6:30 p.m. - General meeting 7:00 p.m.

SANTA BARBARA  
INTERNATIONAL  
ORCHID SHOW

70<sup>th</sup>

AOS Judging MARCH 12, 2015  
Cymbidium Congress  
MARCH 14, 2015

CELEBRATE  
WITH ORCHIDS!  
MARCH 13-15, 2015

SEORCHIDSHOW.COM  
#SBOrchidShow #AOScongress

Earl Women Showgrounds  
Santa Barbara  
California

3-Day Pass \$30  
General Admission \$12  
Seniors | Students \$10  
Show AOS Judging Participants: free

Winter Show and Sale

Free Admission

**San Diego County  
Orchid Society**

Saturday Jan 24, 2015  
12:00 to 5:00 pm

Sunday Jan 25, 2015  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

www.sdorchids.com

Newport Harbor  
Orchid Expo

Orchids:  
Jewels of the Jungle

February 13, 14 & 15, 2015  
Westminster Mall  
Macy's Wing  
Orange County, CA

Fri: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
Sat: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Sun: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Orchid Displays  
Vendor Sales  
Repotting Classes (fee charged)  
Free Admission & Parking

www.nhosinfo.org/Shows/2015Home.html

## The Editor's Corner



The new year is off to a bit of a rough start as our POS website and newsletter mailing lists have been down for more than a couple of days as of the time of this writing. Although internet service interruptions at my house to date have been limited to very few, it is probably time to move the mail and web site out of my garage to a more reliable internet service provider. Being out of the country at the moment makes troubleshooting and scheduling of repair visits (if needed) near impossible as well.

That said, I am looking forward to another year of learning about orchids, expanding my collection, socializing with fellow society members, and enjoying this ~~addition~~ hobby of ours in wonderful company.

As always, your contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome. Please email them to [newsletter@palomarorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org).

Happy Growing!

PS: The internet connectivity issue has been resolved and the newsletter is off to the electronic mail boxes shortly.

## POS Officers

**Alex Nadzan — President**  
**Debra Funakoshi — 1st Vice President/Programs**  
**Marita Hoyt & Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle**  
**Sandi Sanquist — 3rd Vice President/Membership**  
**Anne Gold — Secretary**  
**Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer**  
**Lisa Humphreys, Charles Padelford,  
 & Merle Robboy — 2nd Year Trustees**  
**Lena Shiroma, Tom Wisniewski, & Carl Wood — 1st Year Trustees**  
**Maryanne Kind & Ivan Allen — Publicity**  
**Helge Weissig — Newsletter & Website Editor**

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## Upcoming Events

**January 6, 2015**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting  
[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)

**January 7, 2015**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Kai Klausing  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

**January 16, 2015**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org)

**January 21, 2015**  
 SDCCS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

**January 24 & 25, 2015**  
 Winter Show and Sale  
 San Diego County Orchid Society  
[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)

**February 3, 2015**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting  
[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)

**February 4, 2015**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Ron Parsons  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

**February 13 - 15, 2015**  
 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo  
 "Orchids: Jewels of the Jungle"  
[www.nhosinfo.org](http://www.nhosinfo.org)

**February 18, 2015**  
 SDCCS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

**February 20, 2015**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org)

**March 3, 2015**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting  
[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)

**March 4, 2015**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

**March 13 - 15, 2015**  
 70th Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show  
[www.sborchidshow.com](http://www.sborchidshow.com)

Cal-Orchid Open House  
[www.calorchid.com](http://www.calorchid.com)

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate  
 Open House  
[www.sborchid.com](http://www.sborchid.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  
[membership@sdorchids.com](mailto: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  
 Bill Wong (760) 931-0502  
[billtcwong@att.net](mailto:billtcwong@att.net)

