



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.

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A Monthly Publication

July 2013

Auction Volunteers Needed!

We still have quite a few openings for volunteers for our Auction on August 3rd. We would also appreciate any and all plant donations!

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Caravan and BBQ at Lico Orchids

On August 25, we are invited to Lico Orchids for a tour of Lisa and Nico's green houses and a subsequent barbecue.

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July To Do List

This month the focus of our to do list remains on keeping our plants cool and protected from direct sunlight. Adequate food and water is also needed.

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Gems from the Last Meeting

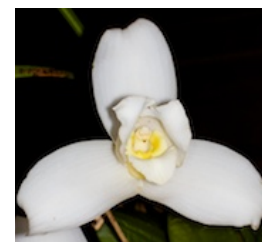
Ron Parsons' discussed miniature orchids with easy culture needs. As always, we had many beautiful plants from our members!

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Calendar of Events

Upcoming dates for open houses, another caravan, and most importantly, our annual auction on August 3rd found a new home on the back page.

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July Meeting • Wednesday, July 3, 2013 • 6:30 pm



Fred Clarke

Spotted and Splashed Cattleyas

We are delighted to host again one of our favorite speakers and long time supporter of the Palomar Orchid Society, Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids. Fred will be presenting one of his newest talks on "Spotted and Splashed Cattleyas". As many of you know, Fred is excellent or-

chid hybridizer and has pioneered the development of new lines of compact and mini cattleyas.

Fred's presentation will highlight his hybridization efforts with this versatile class of orchids. Fred is a highly sought after lecturer on many orchid subjects and travels extensively around the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Latin and South America.

We are fortunate that he agreed to kick off our first talk in the Lake San Marcos facility, which should prove to be one of

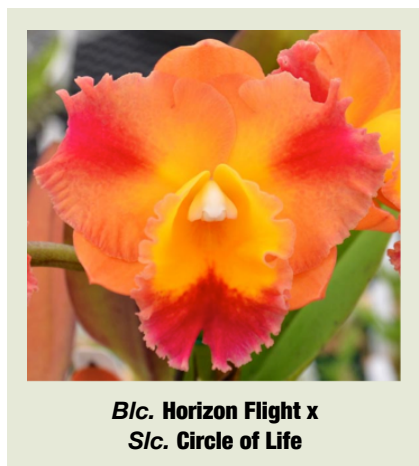


Blc. Sun Coast Sun Spots 'SV0'

the highlights of our 2013 speaker's program.

Fred has been growing orchids for 34 years and has been hybridizing for 26 of those years. With over 26 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, located in Vista, California, just north of San Diego. His [nursery's website](#) has considerable information, plants for sale and many beautiful pics of his award winning orchids.

Fred is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied.



Blc. Horizon Flight x S/c. Circle of Life

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I don't believe it's already July. Boy is this summer going fast. With July comes beautiful San Diego weather, which is ideal for growing orchids, particularly on the coast. Those growing inland will have to take appropriate measures to deal with excessively hot temperatures over the next few months (see tips in To Do list).

I want to remind everyone that the July 3 meeting will be held in the Gallery Room in the Lake San Marcos facility. The room is near the main building where we hold our auction and there will be signs so that no one gets lost. Fred Clarke will be our speaker for July. He will be talking about Spotted and Splashed Cattleyas, one of his many specialties. As many of you know, Fred is an excellent speaker and always provides many tips on growing healthy cattleyas.

Our new location provides us with a number of advantages including much lower rent as well as not having to set up and take down chairs, but we also have some limitations such as lack of storage facilities. Accordingly, we have had to make some adjustments such as purchasing coffee and lemonade for each meeting and obtaining suitcases for essentials (projector, show and tell and op table needs, etc.). With regard to snacks, we would like to encourage individuals to bring in finger food, as we will not have a ready supply of plates, forks, etc. If individuals want to bring in things such as cakes or pies, please provide



utensils and plates. Also, for recent meetings, we have had a shortage of goodies, so we suggest that anyone can bring something if they like. If you do, you will get a chance for selecting the first plant from the opportunity table.

Our July meeting is the last opportunity to sign up to volunteer for our auction on August 3. Committees chairs (Maryanne Kind and Gil Ho) and committee members are working hard to make this year's auction the most successful ever so if you have not volunteered yet please do so at the meeting. We can use all the help we can get!

Finally, we always like to obtain feedback from our members on how we are doing, so please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or phone should you desire to discuss any issues you may have.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on July 3.

*Alex Nadzan
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Auction Volunteers Needed!

The Annual Auction is just around the corner and we still need a few volunteers to ensure that it will be a success!

Specifically, we need volunteers for the following positions and tasks:

- Help setup auction starting 8:30am at the Pavilion
- Paddle/guest book sign in
- Scribe #1: put plant number and price on list for winning bidder
- Scribe #2: write sales price on plant label
- Plant Hotel Staff
- Plant Runners
- Volunteers to contact growers for plant purchases and donations
- Volunteers to pick up plants from deliver to auction



We also need folks to bring finger foods and snacks to the auction. Please sign up at the July meeting or contact Maryanne Kind or Gil Ho if you would like to volunteer.

If you have any plants to be repotted, you may want to consider making a division for donation to the auction! The auction is our biggest fundraiser and its success depends on everyone's contributions!

Lico Orchids Caravan & BBQ

On August 25 we have been invited to Lico Orchids (Lisa Humphreys & Nico Goossens) in Encinitas for a barbecue from 9 am to 12:30 pm. POS is asking those who attend to bring drinks, salad or dessert. We need to meet nearby because there is limited parking. Please sign up at the meeting or notify Sandi via email to sandquist2@earthlink.net or phone at (760) 918-2408 if you plan to attend.

July To Do List

General

- Avoid excessively high summer light levels and temperatures this month by providing sufficient shade, increased air movement, and watering/misting to cool plants and prevent them from drying out. This is particularly important for individuals who live and grow in inland areas.
- Although cattleyas, dendrobiums and cymbidiums thrive in high light levels, phalaenopsis, paphiopedilums, mil-

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Gems From The Last Meeting



Ron Parsons



Stanhopea Lydia Bush – Gil Ho



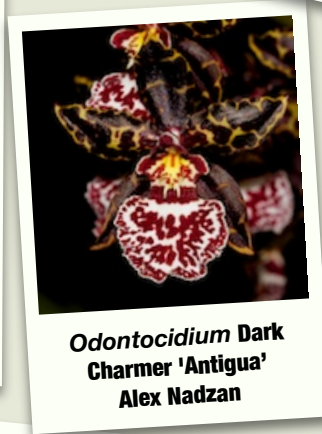
**Orchis graminifolia
Merle Robboy**



**Masd. coccinea
Helge Weissig**



L. purpurata v. flamea x L. purpurata v. striata – Anita Spencer



**Odontocidium Dark Charmer 'Antigua'
Alex Nadzan**



Lc. Irene Finney x S/c. Circle of Life – Alex Nadzan



**Tolomnia Rainbow
Renate Schmidt**



Ascocentrum garayi – Merle Robboy



Bl. Yellow Bird – Janice Krause

Photos by Helge Weissig - full album at 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.

June Judging Report

There were 13 orchids presented for judging. Six were awarded, including one receiving two awards.

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 one of the following AOS judges:

- Rohrl, Helmut (La Jolla)
(858) 452-0976
- Tuskes, Ann and Paul (Clairemont)



Paph. Julius 'SVO'
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM/AOS 84 points



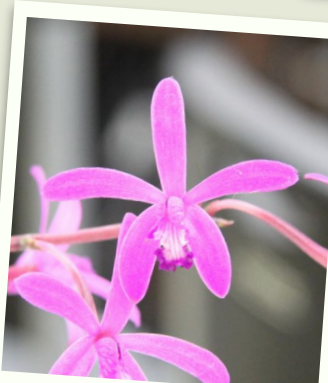
Epicyclia Serena O'Neill 'Royal Basin Surprise'
Exhibited by Arthur Pinkers
Awarded AM/AOS 83 points



Cyrtocidium Steve Beckendorf 'Ushi'
Exhibited by Helmut Rohrl
Awarded AM/AOS 83 points



C. Latona 'Nancy Ruth'
Exhibited by Anita and Jerry Spencer
Awarded HCC/AOS 79 points and
CCE/AOS 92 points



L. pfisteri 'Crista'
Exhibited by Kay Klausung
Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points

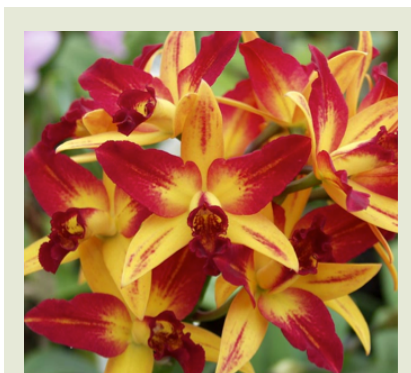


Sedirea japonica 'Bell' Orchidea'
Exhibited by Phyllis Prestia
Awarded CCM/AOS 83

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

Fred Clarke *cont.*

Although developing new Cattleya hybrids has been a primary interest, he is also actively creating new Bulbophyllum, Paphiopedilum and Aussie Dendrobium hybrids. Moreover, his pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclareara After Dark, which produced "the closest flower color to black ever witnessed". This grex received



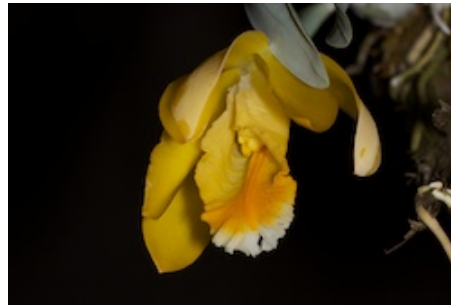
B/c. Laughing Boy 'Flame'

seven FCC's and three AM's on the first flowers shown for judging.

Fred is an accredited judge in the Pacific South Region and an AOS trustee. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society. Some of you may not know it, but Fred is also the manager of the Flower Fields in Carlsbad.

July To Do List *cont.*

- tonopsis, masdevalias and other lower light plants can easily burn. They also are readily stressed by high temperatures so try to move them in cooler areas of your growing structures. For most orchids, one wants to have light grassy green leaves. Dark green leaves suggest too little light, while yellow colored or red tinted leaves usually indicate too much light.
- July continues the growth and repotting for some orchids (cattleyas, oncidiums, dendrobiums) as new roots continue to emerge from pseudobulbs or fans. Try to repot when roots are small and just beginning to show in order to minimize damage to soft tissues and avoid transplant shock, giving plants a head start in the growing season.
 - Repot when orchids have begun to over grow their pots and/or when media has started to break down. Also consider repotting plants that have been in pots for 2 or more years and are existing, but not thriving. Repotting can revitalize and provide new vigor to such plants.



- As you repot and divide many of your plants, set aside the extra divisions for the upcoming POS auction in August. It will prevent overcrowding of your benches and make someone else happy to get a piece of your prized plant.
- Continue to follow good hygiene practices to minimize transmission of pests and viruses, particularly during the warm summer months when pests and diseases can proliferate very quickly and spread throughout the collection. Carefully inspect plants for scale and aphids and treat early to minimize spread.
- More details on specific genera can be found on the [AOS website](#)

- Increase watering and fertilizer to accommodate growth during this period. Avoid over fertilizing to minimize root damage and growth of soft growths. Keep to one half to one fourth the recommended amount on the package.

Outdoors

- Continue to monitor and control snails, slugs and pests during warm weather. They can do considerable damage to plants in short order.
- Cattleyas, oncidiums, and summer

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

Indoors and Greenhouse

- Address higher light levels by adding shade cloth or painting with shading compound to avoid burning sensitive plants.
- Carefully monitor greenhouse temperatures as higher summer temperatures can easily cook plants. Make sure fans and automatic vents are in good working order. Mist plants to increase humidity and cool down temperatures.
- Continue to provide good air circulation for indoor plants to discourage diseases and pests such as mealy bugs and scale. Treat early to avoid spreading to other plants. More info on pests and diseases can be found at the [AOS website](#).

blooming cymbidiums should in full bloom and/or producing new root and bulb growth as well as hardening off of growth produced in the spring. Increase watering frequency and fertilizer as new growth is observed and repot as appropriate. Stake oncidiums to support flower spikes.

- Catasetums should be growing rapidly now. Continue to give them warm temperatures, high light and fertilize well at each watering to take full advantage of the growing season. You will be rewarded by rapid growth all summer, followed by beautiful blooms in the fall and winter. More details on culture can be found on [Fred Clarke's website](#).

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!



THE PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY
PRESENTS

2013 Orchid Auction



Saturday, August 3, 2013
Preview at 11:00 am
Auction starts at 12 Noon

The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
 1105 La Bonita Drive
 San Marcos, CA 92078

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING
 More info at www.palomarorchid.org

The Editor's Corner



Summer is here... with a vengeance already it seems, at least this weekend! Keeping our plants cool (especially those pleurothallids and other cool growers I like so much) will be a challenge. Personally, I have taken Harry Phillips' advice and am watering in the later afternoon now, which also seems to help a bit keeping the humidity up around my orchids. Too bad my small rain water reserve is almost all gone. Looks like it's time to head for the RO machine at the supermarket again.

You may have noticed that I removed the mailing label section below and put the calendar there. I have been using envelopes lately and the problem with shredded newsletters seems to have gone away (it has also made my shipping chore a little easier).

Unfortunately, I will have to miss the July meeting and would appreciate if someone could take pictures of Fred and the Show-And-Tell plants.

As always, any and all contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome. Please email them to newsletter@palomarorchid.org. Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.

Happy Growing!

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Upcoming Events

July 2, 2013
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

July 3, 2013
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

July 12 - 14, 2013
 33rd Annual Summer Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House
www.sborchid.com

Cal-Orchid Open House
 "Summer Hummer"
www.calorchid.com

July 19, 2013
 Plant Day & Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
events.sandiegozoo.org

August 3, 2013
 POS Annual Auction
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

August 6, 2013
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

August 16, 2013
 Plant Day & Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
events.sandiegozoo.org

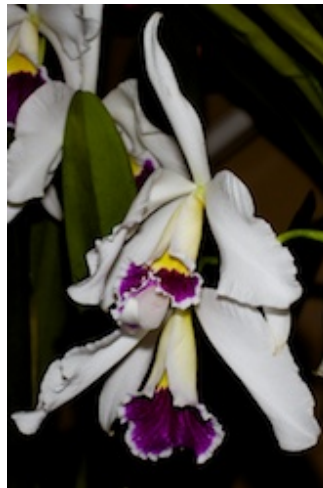
August 25, 2013
 Caravan & BBQ at Lico Orchids
 RSVP w/ [Sandi Sandquist](mailto:Sandi.Sandquist@palomarorchid.org)
 (760) 918-2408

September 3, 2013
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

September 4, 2013
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

September 18, 2013
 SDCCS General Meeting



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 Diego Botanic Garden, Ecke Building, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024
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