



# 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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July Meeting • Wednesday, July 1, 2015 • 6:30 pm



*David Brown*

**A Year at the San Diego Zoo Orchid Greenhouse**

This month we welcome David Brown as our guest speaker. David's presentation will highlight those plants that typically flower in each month.

The greenhouse at the San Diego Zoo is open to the public every third Friday of the month as part of the zoo's ["Orchid](#)

[Odyssey](#)". David first attended that event in 1999, and became fascinated with the orchids in the zoo's collection. "There was so much diversity in shape, size, color and form." he remembers. David came to see the greenhouse as one of the hidden jewel of the zoo and he returned every month after that. Eventually, he met Janette Gerrity, who is in charge of the orchid collection at the zoo. Janette began to mentor him in his new orchid obsession and David also came to know the volunteers who worked there and who shared their information and knowledge with him. After a few years, he knew enough about the orchid collection to become a volunteer himself. Upon a suggestion by other volunteers, he began to attend the meetings of the San Diego



County Orchid Society and soon became an active member, later serving as a member of the board and, eventually, as President.

The orchid collection at the Zoo consists of about 3000 plants in 300 genera and 800 species. David especially favors the large species collection: "As pretty and intriguing as hybrids are, there is just something about species," he said. During his talk, he will share some of the zoo's "impressive plants."



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*I hope everyone is having a great summer. Finally, we have gotten back our beautiful San Diego weather and our orchids are responding favorably. Many of my outdoor cattleyas are sending out new growths and the new roots are now emerging. As most of you know, this is the ideal time for repotting and dividing plants and I have had to enlist a couple of my grandkids to assist me in this process. It is a great learning experience for them and it makes the job of repotting and dividing orchids more fun. Hopefully, one or more of them will eventually get the orchid bug as they mature and will experience the value of continuing the hobby. That is how I developed my love of plants through the interaction with my own grandparents many years ago, all four of whom were either interested in growing house plants, flowers, fruit trees, roses or maintaining vegetable gardens. At that time, orchids were not readily available to the general public, but I am sure that they would have owned some if orchids were available and affordable at that time.*

*Several members of our three orchid societies participated in orchid activities at the San Diego County Fair by maintain booths or submitting plants for judging or display. Many thanks to our POS volunteers for donating their time to this activity. Some pictures are included in the newsletter of the orchids displayed at the fair.*

*Don't forget to consider attending the upcoming open houses of Cal Orchid and the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate during July 10-12. Should you not be able to make the event, James Rose of Cal Orchid, is offering some deals on plants that I have forwarded to our membership.*

*Finally, the POS board continues to encourage 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 the board and I are here to serve you.*

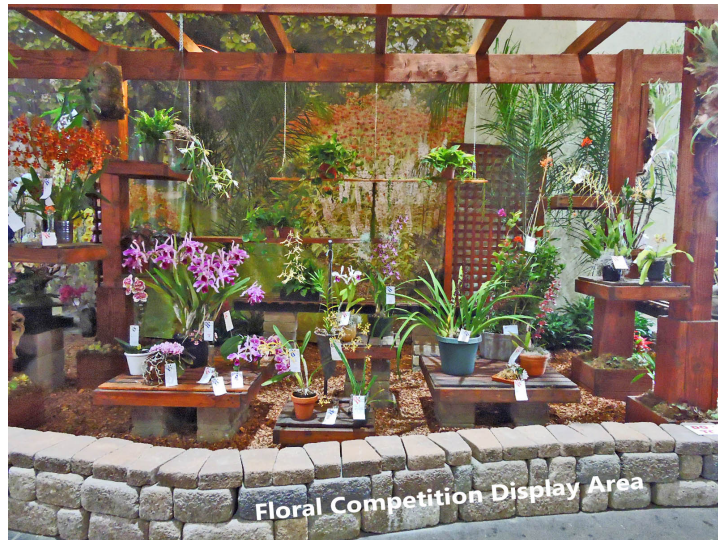
*Happy Growing,*



*Alex Nadzan  
President, POS*

**A Message From Bruce Berg, San Diego County Orchid Society**

Thank you to the Palomar Orchid Society!



Thank you for joining with the San Diego County Orchid Society members at the 2015 county fair in meeting and greeting fair goers at the information booths with us. It was fun to once again work with your members to share information with the public about our societies and our upcoming activities.

I see that some of your members are also participating in the floral competition portion of the fair. I would encourage your members to participate next year. It is fun, and there are cash prizes for ribbons.

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



# Gems From The Last Meeting



**Francisco Miranda**



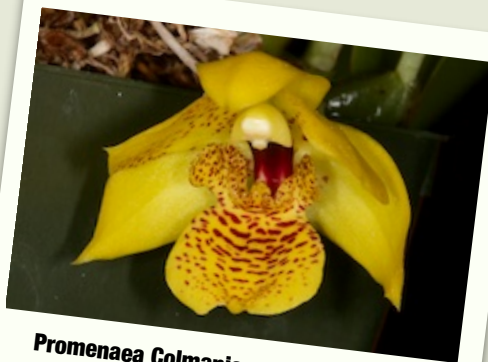
**Cattleya Grainer's Pride – Alex Nadzan**



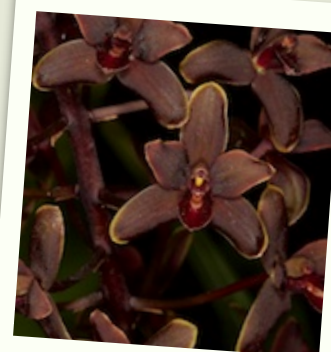
**Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom  
Carmela – Renate Schmidt**



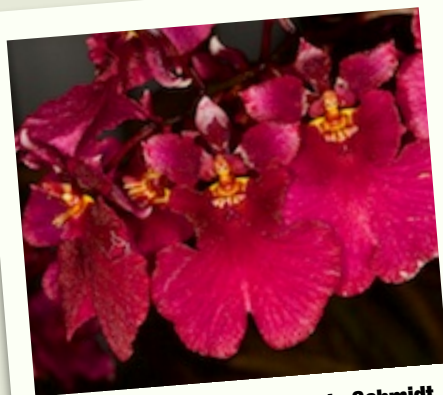
**Cymbidium madidum  
Alex Nadzan**



**Promenaea Colmaniana – Merle Robboy**



**Cymbidium Little Black Sambo  
Jerry Spencer**



**Tolumnia Raspberry – Renate Schmidt**



**C. Green Emerald Queen – Anita Spencer**



**Oncidium hybrid  
Vidya Sirsi**

Photos by Helge Weissig - 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.

## The Editor's Corner



Happy Summer! With the marine layer burning off faster now and temperatures climbing, don't forget to keep an eye out for sunburn. SPF30 for you, maybe a move or some shade cloth for your orchids! Keep in mind, when you move your plants to a shadier spot, they may need a little less water. Conversely, if you leave them where they are, you might want to increase watering.

Along with my orchids, various weeds seem to have been enjoying some growth spurts as well. A particular nuisance is the commonly called "clover", which is most likely a species from the genus *Oxalis* or "wood-sorrel." While their leaves are edible with a sour, citrusy taste (oxalic acid, often used in metal cleansers, was first isolated from these plants), they don't do much good for our orchids. On the contrary, their roots will eventually fill the pot, compete with orchid roots for nutrients, and quickly create a much too wet substrate. I found them hard to get rid of but I have heard that some had good luck brushing their leaves (very carefully!!) with RoundUp using a fine paint brush as an applicator.

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!

## POS Officers

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## Upcoming Events

### July 1, 2015

POS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

### July 7, 2015

Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

### July 10 - 12, 2015

35th Annual Summer  
 Santa Barbara Orchid Estate  
 Open House  
[www.sborchid.com](http://www.sborchid.com)

### July 17, 2015

Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org)

### July 25 & 26, 2015

SDCOS Summer Show in the  
 Park  
 Balboa Park  
[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)

### August 4, 2015

Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

### August 5, 2015

POS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

### August 21, 2015

Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org)

### September 1, 2015

Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

### September 2, 2015

POS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

### September 16, 2015

SDCCS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

### September 18, 2015

Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org)

### September 19 & 20, 2015

South Bay Orchid Society Show  
 S. Coast Botanic Gardens,  
 Palos Verdes  
[www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)

### September 26 & 27, 2015

Fascination of Orchids  
 Show and Sale  
 South Coast Plaza Village,  
 Santa Ana  
[www.ocorchidshow.com](http://www.ocorchidshow.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.  
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 Bill Wong (760) 931-0502  
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