PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY



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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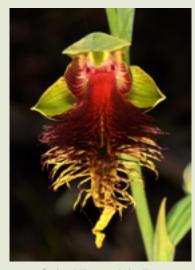
### Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, July 6, 2016 • 6:00 pm



# Ron Parsons

### Orchids of Southeastern Australia

We are happy to welcome back Ron Parsons to speak on "Orchids of Southeastern Australia" and share with us the excellent photos taken on his trip. Ron describes his Australian experience as follows: 'For five weeks of the austral spring of 2011, from early October to mid-early November, I traveled through southeastern Australia. My trip started on the island state of Tasmania (the north and northwest part) where friends took me out to see and photograph orchids I would not have found on my own. From there I traveled to Victoria where I was taken to Grampians National Park in the west, the Anglesea Peninsula west of Melbourne, and Wilson's Promontory to the southeast of Melbourne, where again many exciting orchids were found. Next



Calochilus pulchellus



Sarcochilus olivaceus

stop was Canberra for a few days, then to areas both north and south of Sydney in New South Wales where many fantastic ground, lithophytic and epiphytic orchids were seen. My incredible trip ended with several days spent on the beautiful isle of Bruny Island, southeast of the capitol of Hobart, an island off an island off an island!'

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### PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Happy Summer to all our Palomar Orchid Society Members and Friends!! We are at the mid-way point of the year and it has been a wonderful six months. We had a very successful Orchid Auction in April; we have enjoyed a number of great speakers; and as important as any aspect, we have signed up new members and had many visitors to our well-attended meetings!! For many Orchid Societies, it is crucial to maintain an active and growing membership to sustain our activities.

We saw many of you recently at the Sunset Valley Orchids Open House. Besides buying beautiful orchids at Open House discounts, we enjoyed tacos and drinks and had a chance to catch up with our friends and fellow members. It's important to support the local vendors who are so generous to our Society throughout the year and Fred Clark is one of our biggest supporters.

We are still looking for someone to step up and take over the Publicity responsibilities. This is an important position because without good publicity, we would not have had a great turnout for our auction and we wouldn't have the great attendance at our meetings. Please consider volunteering and one of our prior Publicity members will be glad to show you what is required.

It's also a good time to thank our Board Members and others who have worked behind the scenes to make our meetings and Society a success. The plants on the Raffle Table don't magically appear when our meeting starts, someone has to pick up the plants and care for them. Someone has to make sure we have a meeting site and open up the auditorium before we arrive. Someone has to make sure the speaker arrangements have been made and take the speaker out for a nice dinner. There are numerous other activities that take place behind the scenes that ensure our meetings are well-planned.

With the longer and warmer days in July and during the summer, its important to make sure our plants are adequately watered and misted. It's particularly more challenging for those of us who do not have greenhouses or shade cloth structures. It's also a great time to repot and divide plants like your cymbidiums and cattleyas that have finished blooming. It's also a good time to cull your collection and get rid of plants that have not bloomed for several seasons or plants that are just not doing well. Culling your collection frees up your bench for new, healthy orchids to add to your collection. Please refer to the Monthly 'To Do'list on our website as a reminder on how to manage pests and your plants in the upcoming months.

Members are encouraged to provide input at any time, via e-mail, phone, or in person (<u>anadzan@mac.com</u>, 760-529-5814, or Bill Wong at <u>billtcwong@att.net</u> or 760-931-0502). We appreciate any feedback you have, positive or negative, but always constructive please. Feel free to contact us; we are here to help make the meetings more beneficial for our members.

Happy Growing!

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong Co-Presidents, POS

### Caravan to Huntington Orchid Show and Sale

POS in conjunction with SDCOS is organizing a bus caravan to the upcoming Huntington Garden's Orchid Show and Sale.

The caravan will be either on Saturday, Oct. 22 or Sunday, Oct. 23. To determine the level of interest of POS members there will be a sign up sheet at the July meeting. Please indicate which day is preferable. Although this sign-up is not binding, we need to determine how many people will attend to establish costs. We will let people know the cost of the caravan and which date is of interest to most attendees when the decision is made. Also,



Brandon Tam plans to organize a tour of the Huntington orchid facilities for those on caravan.

Also, POS is being encouraged to enter a table top display in the show since this year's show will coincide with the Fall, National AOS meeting. Many out of town guests will be attending, which will provide an excellent opportunity for California societies to display some of the very nice plants grown here. Members interested in planning and setting up a display can also sign up at the July meeting.



Saturday, June 4, 2016 Fourteenth Orchid Digest Speakers Day:

Crazy About Catts

The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA

12:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Expert Lectures-Orchid Displays-Orchid Sales- Silent Auction-AOS Judging-Dinner

Scheduled Speakers:

Fred Clarke: "Modern Splashed and Spotted Cattleyas and How To Grow Them"

Keith Davis—"Superior Culture for Cattleyas"

Munekazu Ejiri— "New Cattleyas from the Far East"

Francisco Miranda—"The Genus Cattleya in Brazil - Species and Groups"

**Evening Presentation:** 

James Comstock—"Cattleyas in 3-D"

Tickets: \$65 (\$80 at door) for afternoon seminars, wine and cheese happy hour, dinner and evening entertainment.

Reservations online at www.orchiddigest.org

or contact Simone Friend at Orchidsimonef@aol.com or call (562) 431-1247. When contacting by e-mail, please include phone number, e-mail address and mailing address. Space is limited so don't wait to buy your ticket. Orchid Auction

Doors Open 1:00 PM Auction Starts 2:00 PM

First Christian Church 221 South 6th Street Burbank, CA



\* Free Admission \* \* Free Door Prize Raffle \* \* Refreshments Provided \*

Details at www.orchidssc.org

# Refreshments Provided # # Hundreds of Beautiful, Well-Grown Orchids

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# Summer Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival 2016



Friday July 22nd 10 am - 9 pm | Saturday July 23rd 10 am - 7 pm | Sunday July 24th 11 am - 6 pm nhosinfo.org



# June Judging Reports

There were 10 orchids presented for judging. Five were awarded.



C. warscewiczii 'Fabio Nahas Exhibited by Linden Burzell Awarded AM/AOS 83 points



C. Zip 'Red Velvet Exhibited by Glenn F. Stall Awarded AM of 82 points

# 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



Rodrumnia Cherry Hollow 'Very Cherry' Exhibited by Alex Nadzen Awarded of 82 points



(Enanthleya Middleburg 'MAJ' x Encyclia bractescens) Exhibited by Arnold Gum Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points



Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

## Ron Parsons continued

Ron is considered by many to be one of the finest flower photographers in the United States. His photography and encyclopedic knowledge of orchids is known both nationally and internationally. He has been photographing orchids, wildflowers, and almost every other kind of plant for over 25 years, and he has taken thousands of photos of orchids, wildflowers and other rare plants.

Ron has been growing orchids for more than 40 years and has been interested in and has grown species for most of that time. Ron loves to photograph orchids and other flowers whenever he can, whether it be in trips to see them in nature or in collections. Ron has nearly 60,000 digital images, most of which are orchids, and still retains a slide library that exceeds 100,000 botanical images. He has over 3000 published photos that have appeared in magazines, periodicals, journals and books. Ron has co-authored three botanical books, all with Mary Gerritsen. The first two, published by Timber Press, are Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World and Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives. Most recently, the third book, a large, luxurious 2-volume set A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species was published by RedFern Natural History Productions. The latter has nearly 1200 pages, 1800 photographs and features more than 500 species.

Ron's visit is being co-sponsored by POS and SDCOS. He will speak to SDCOS on Tuesday evening about Stanhopeas and interested members are invited to attend his talk in Balboa Park. The general meeting starts at 7:30 pm in room 101.



# Gems From The June Meeting



**Karen Muir** 



Den. teretifolium - Charlie Padleford



Dockrillia rigida "TJ" **Charlie Padleford** 



Bulbophyllum papulosum **Lisa Humphreys** 



L. Latona "Nancy Ruth" **Anita Spencer** 





Paphiopedilum lowii - Lisa Humphreys



Lc. Canhamiana coerulea "Azure Skys" Alex Nadzan



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.

## The Editor's Corner



If you could have just one wish granted, how big would that greenhouse be?

For many of us, with limited space in our backyards, that unfortunately seems to be a bit of a pipe dream. Of course, even just a little greenhouse can be a great source of joy, especially for those into miniature orchids. But what if there were community greenhouses available just like there are now more and more community gardens popping up again? Would you be willing to participate?

Do you think that would be something your favorite orchid society could take on as a project?

I would love to hear your thoughts and comments on this idea! Obviously, it's only a half-baked vision at this point, but who knows!? If there are enough folks interested, I would gladly volunteer to organize an exploratory committee.

Your comments and suggestions are very much appreciated! And, as always, your contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome as well. Please email them to <u>newsletter@palomarorchid.org</u>.

Happy Growing!

# POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President Alex Nadzan & Merle Robboy — Co-1st Vice President/Programs Marita Hoit & Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle Sandi Sanquist — 3rd Vice President/Membership Frank Vogel — Secretary Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer Lena Shiroma, Tom Wisniewski, & Carl Wood — 2nd Year Trustees Lisa Humphreys, Maryanne Kind, & Charlie Padelford — 1st Year Trustees

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## Upcoming Events

**July 5, 2016** Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

July 6, 2016 POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

July 8 - 10, 2016 36th Annual Summer Open House Santa Barbara Orchid Estate sborchid.com

**July 15, 2016** Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

July 22 – 24, 2016 Summer Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival 2016 Westminster Mall, Westminster nhosinfo.org August 2, 2016 Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

August 3, 2016 POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

August 19, 2016 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

**September 5, 2016** Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado. Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

**September 6, 2016** POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

**September 17 - 18, 2016** Annual Orchid Fall Show and Sale Southbay Orchid Society southbayorchidsociety.com **September 21, 2016** SDCCS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

**October 4, 2016** Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

**October 5, 2016** POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

**October 19, 2016** SDCCS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

**October 21, 2016** Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

**October 21 - 23, 2016** 2nd Annual International Orchid Show and Sale The Huntington Botanical Garden huntington.org

**October 22 & 23, 2016** AOS Fall 2016 Member Meeting The Huntington Botanical Garden www.aosfall2016.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

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

