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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A Monthly Publication

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, July 5, 2017 • 6:30 pm



Gil Ho

The Hybrids of *Stanhopeas*: Mixing it Up!

We are delighted to welcome back former POS President Dr. Gil Ho. Gil will be speaking about *Stanhopeas*, epiphytic orchids originating from Central and South America. This unusual and interesting class of very fragrant orchids is comprised of 66 species and an increasing number of hybrids. Gil will review briefly *Stanhopea* orchids in general and then discuss in detail, the thinking behind *Stanhopea* hybrids and their wonderful varieties, followed by an introduction of creative intergeneric hybrids with *Stanhopeas* and related genera. This should be an informative and fun talk!

Dr. Gil Ho is a practicing neurologist and has been growing orchids for enjoyment for many years and has a special interest in *Stanhopeas, Lycastes, Paphiopedilum,*



Stanhopea Assidensis



Stanhopea Lydia Bush

although he grows a little of nearly every orchid genera. He has been active with orchids over the last 15 years and loves the chance to pass on his orchid interests and experiences to others.

This month's plant table will be supplied by Alex Nadzan and will include a few of his own cattleya hybrids.



Stanhopea oculata x pozoi

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

As we write this newsletter, we are *approaching the Fourth of July and our* July meeting. It's a busy time of the year with kids out of school, many of us planning our summer vacations and the month long San Diego County Fair. Please don't forget that our upcoming meeting is on JULY 5th. Mark your calendar to hear Dr. Gil Ho, Past President of the Palomar Orchid Society, speak to the group on "The Hybrids of Stanhopea, Mixing it Up!!" Our Co-President, Alex Nadzan, will be providing the opportunity table in July, so it is an opportunity to win one of Alex's beautiful divisions or his own hybrid cattleyas. We will get a beautiful and generous plant table

If you haven't been to the Fair, take the time to enjoy the activities and see the orchids on display. Some of our members have entered their plants for display and judging and have won numerous ribbon awards and monetary prizes. As mentioned at the last meeting, POS participated in the Orchid Day event and recently we participated in the orchid booth along with the SD County Orchid Society and the SD County Cymbidium *Society. While the orchid activities are* small in comparison to the much larger exhibits and activities, it is an opportunity to discuss orchids with the public and occasionally we will get a new member.

Snacks & Refreshments Snacks & Refreshments This month, all members with last Inis mes beginning M through T will share at break time! We appreciate everyone's effort in supplying our meeting with goodies.t supplying our meeting all around! makes for a great meeting all around! makes for a great meeting all around!

We want to point out that the August 2 meeting WILL NOT be held in the Pavilion. Lake San Marcos no longer books the meeting rooms 12 months in advance, but only 3 months at a time. They have reserved the Pavilion in August for a big event being held at the Hotel. We will be holding our meeting at the conference center instead. We will discuss the details more at the July meeting.

This past month we had our first Caravan of the year at the home of Jerry and Anita Spencer. About 40 people attended the successful event, and we were given a tour of their beautiful greenhouses and shade cloth structures, enjoyed a wonderful pot luck lunch and participated in a potting demonstration. Many thanks to Anita and Jerry for hosting the event and being such a gracious host/hostess.

The ongoing changes at Lake San Marcos and the strategy of the management to make the facility more upscale and more attractive to other events have impacted our planning and are a concern of the Board. Our Board will need to address these issues and look into the possibility of moving our meetings to another venue in 2018 if we believe the uncertainty of reserving rooms will be detrimental to our planning. We have explored other options in the past but were unable to come up with a comparable facility at an affordable price. If you know of an option and are willing to explore this for the Society, please let one of us know as soon as

possible.

We recognize it's only July, but its time to start planning our December Holiday Dinner, primarily to reserve a room for our event. In the past, few members have expressed an interest in volunteering for the Holiday Dinner Committee. Both of us are comfortable in continuing our event



at Chan's Chinese Restaurant San Marcos because we all enjoy the delicious Chinese food, the private room, and the great price. We will discuss this at the meeting.

Last but not least, we are pleased to announce that Susan Johnston has volunteered to be the newsletter editor starting this fall. Helge has been editing the POS News for nearly six years now and has done a wonderful job. Thanks to Helge for preparing one of the best orchid society newsletters in the country and thanks to Susan for taking over this role!

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. Bill's email is <u>billtcwong@att.net</u>. Alex's email is <u>anadzan@mac.com</u>.

Look forward to seeing you on July 5th.

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong Co-Presidents, POS

Gems From The June Meeting



Tim Culbertson



Mystacidium braybonae – Peter March



Laelia purpurata (flamea x striata) **- Anita Spence**r



Slc. Circle of Life x Sophronites wittigiana – Alex Nadzan

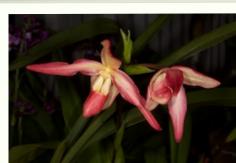


Eulophia keithii – Merle Robboy



Laelia lobata var. alba - Merle Robboy





Phrag. Eric Young – Lisa Humphreys



Pleurothallis rubella Peter March

Full album at <u>www.palomarorchid.org</u>

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the <u>Pavilion at Lake San Marcos</u> (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 6 orchids presented for judging. Four were awarded.



Paph. Mem. Gordon Peters 'Seagraves' Exhibited by John Hagee Awarded AM/AOS 80 points



C. warscewiczii 'Kimberly Burzell' Exhibited by Linden Burzell Awarded HCC/AOS 78 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





Oncidesa Sweet Sugar 'Mem. Richard Waugh' Exhibited by Debbie Halliday Awarded CCE/AOS 90 points

Text by Phyllis S. Prestia Ed.D.

Welcome, Ken Campbell!

Welcome to new member Ken Campbell! Ken has been collecting orchids for about 15 years. He grows a variety of orchids, but mini cattleyas are among his favorites.

Ken owns his own plane and one of his favorite pastimes is flying to different nurseries to find new orchids to add to his collection. He has enjoyed getting to know our members since joining and said meeting new people was one of the main reasons he became a member. "I think POS has wonderful people," he said.





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Summer Open House Fantastic discounts on all stock!

Authentic handmade 'street tacos' from 11AM till 2PM Visit with and purchase plants from Peter Lin and Ruben Colmenares!!! Don't miss this day of plant raffles, fun and food Saturday, July 1" from 9:00 to 5:00 1255 Navel Place, Visita CA 82083 (760) 310-0778 www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com

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Bring this invite for a raffle ticket!!!



Newport Harbor Orchid Society Presents

July 29-30

Presented by the

Saturday Noon – 5 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

San Diego County Orchid Society

Balboa Park's Casa del Prado, Room 101 Near the Natural History Museum

Free Admission

and Sale in the Pa

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 Friday, July 28
 10 am - 9 pm

 Saturday, July 29
 10 am - 9 pm

 Sunday, July 30
 11 am - 6 pm

Westmínster Mall 1025 Westmínster Mall Westmínster, CA

Free Admission & Parking for more information: www.nhosinfo.org





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The Editor's Corner



One of our recent speakers talked about how much chance goes into an orchid receiving an award at a show since so much depends on who else shows up and when those nurtured darlings of ours decide to show their best blooms. I imagine that must be a bit stressful for those "in the business" but up until a few days ago, I couldn't really relate. Although I don't really have any show-ready plants, there are a couple that I would have loved to share during the show-and-tell last month, but they weren't quite ready yet.

For a week now, however, I have this new-found fear of missing a bloom entirely: the *Sobralia macrantha* I won at the opportunity table a few months ago is in bud. To be precise, there is one flower bud on it, but this will be its first bloom (at least for me) and I may be out of town during the very short-lived flowering. Then again, as the poet wrote, "This bud of love, by summer's ripening breath/May prove a beauteous flower when next we meet." (He was talking about orchids, right???)

Do you have any orchid related stories (or trivia like the above) to share? Your contributions to this newsletter are very much appreciated! Please email them to <u>newsletter@palomarorchid.org</u>.

Happy Growing!

Upcoming Events

July 1, 2017 Open House Sunset Valley Orchids sunsetvallevorchids.com

July 3, 2017 Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

July 5, 2017 POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

July 7 - 9, 2017 Summer Open House Andy's Orchids andysorchids.com

July 14 - 16, 2017 Annual Summer Open House Santa Barbara Orchid Estate sborchid.com

"Summer Hummer" Cal-Orchid, Santa Barbara calorchid.com July 21, 2017 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

July 29 & 30, 2017 SDCOS Orchids in the Park Summer Show, Balboa Park sdorchids.com

August 1, 2017 Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

August 2, 2017 POS General Meeting Conference Center, Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

August 18, 2017 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

September 5, 2017 Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

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September 6, 2017 POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

September 15, 2017 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

September 16 & 17, 2017 Orchid Fall Show & Sale South Bay Orchid Society southbayorchidsociety.com

September 20, 2017 SDCCS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

September 23 & 24, 2017 Fascination of Orchids International Show & Sale ocorchidshow.com

October 3, 2017 Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

October 4, 2017 POS General Meeting Pavilion 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, Pavilion at Lake San Marcos 1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078

