

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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Speaker Debby Halliday Monthly Meeting, July 11, 2018



Debby Halliday 'All About Phalaenopsis'

We are pleased to welcome back Debby as our July speaker. She will be talking about Phalaenopsis and how to be successful in growing and reblooming them. She will also give a repotting demonstration. These days Phals are often a person's first orchid and, if they can grow and rebloom them, they will always enjoy orchids. Debby will focus on discussing how and where these beauties grow naturally so that people gain an understanding of the plant's needs rather than just trying to memorize a list of Do's and Don't's. This lecture is

geared to newer orchid growers, but hopefully everyone will find some useful tidbits they didn't know before

Debby is the 1st Vice President of the San Diego County Orchid Society and has spoken at all of their recent shows and for several plant societies in the region. She has served as a ribbon judge at the SDCOS shows for the last 4 years and currently leads her judging teams. Debby enjoys helping people learn to be successful with orchids. She is an excellent orchid grower and has won many awards at SDCOS shows. She has a diverse background in growing orchids and plants in general. The following summarizes her background in her own words:

"My husband and I had our first orchid collection in 1970. We built a lean-to greenhouse over the bedroom windows of our rented Brooklyn townhouse and joined the New York Orchid Society. Those lovely people gave us our first orchids. When we left New York for the Caribbean the next year, we gave away that collection to other orchid growers. We spent the next 5 plus years in the Islands exporting tropical fish, where we once again grew orchids and enjoyed viewing them in the jungle as well.

We returned to the US in 1976 and moved to Fallbrook, CA. Our first business was growing cactus and succulents and the orchid hobby had to wait. We then became involved in international trade and raising our daughter. It wasn't until we moved to Rancho Santa Fe in 2002 that we were able to seriously pursue our orchid hobby again. We built a beautiful greenhouse on our property and started collecting orchids. Unfortunately,my husband passed away in 2012, but I continue to find great pleasure and satisfaction in growing orchids.

I presently have a collection of 400-500 orchids, which I grow in the greenhouse and an attached shade house. I have many different varieties of orchids, including a growing collection of orchid species. The diversity of orchids fascinates me and I'm always trying something new. I also have a collection of Phalaenopsis in all colors and sizes which give me the pleasure of their blooms throughout the year. I love to share my orchids at shows and am always pleased when one of our four shows a year is coming up."



Photos from Debby Halliday's Phalaenopsis collection





President's message

POS members, please note the following important change to our meeting schedule. The July meeting will be held on July 11. We have changed the date because our normal meeting falls on the holiday.

It is a busy time for many of us. Although several of our orchids have finished blooming, like our cymbidiums, it's a good time to examine our collections and repot, clean up and cull our plants. We recognize it's difficult to toss orchids that have not bloomed or are not in good condition, but this is one of the best things that we can do. Tossing these plants clears bench space for new plants and, more importantly, we save time not expending our energy on underperforming plants.

In June our members enjoyed the talk from Karen Muir on Paphiopedilums, "What makes a Good Paph". In July, we are pleased to have Debbie Halliday speak to our group on Phalaenopsis. Debbie is Vice President of the San Diego County Orchid Society and works closely with Alex on planning our shared speakers. She is an excellent orchid grower with a beautiful collection. More on Debbie's background is discussed further in this newsletter. The plant table for July will consist of donated cattleyas

and dendrobiums from Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids. As mentioned at the last meeting, Ken Campbell has kindly volunteered to conduct a virus test demonstration during the break at the July meeting. It should take no more than 15 minutes. For those of you interested, please be sure to come to the meeting and watch the demo. Thanks to Ken for his kind offer to share his knowledge.

It's also time to plan our first orchid caravan for 2018. If you have a specific grower or hobbyist collection you are interested in visiting, please let us know. Any member who wants to volunteer to coordinate the caravan, please see Bill or Alex.

We really need for more members to participate in planning events and other activities. The more you get involved, the more you will get out of POS.

As always, we are open to your inputs, suggestions and constructive criticisms via email, in person, or by phone. Bill's contact information is billtcwong@att.net (760-931-0502) and Alex's is anadzan@mac.com (760-529-5814). We are always open to your feedback.

Best wishes for a successful growing season,

Bill Wong and Alex Nadzan,



Rhyncholaelia digbyana - Maryane Kind Photo Helge Weissig

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Dendrobium Green Lantern-Deb Amis photo by Hedge Weissig

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month at the Conference Center 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 15 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 15 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-and way STOP, turn right on La Bonita Drive. Proceed ahead for one block on La Bonita. The conference center will be on the left and there is plenty of parking in front.



Debby Halliday and John Oswalt, invite you to our summer San Diego Orchid Society potting workshop on Saturday, July 14th. We start with a potluck lunch, so please bring something to share. Utensils and drinks will be provided. This is a great opportunity to learn how to repot your orchids and even get some of them done, so bring your overgrown plants. We supply everything you need, including knowledgeable advisors. You are also invited to tour my greenhouse and garden to see how I do it. These workshops are geared to our newer members, but everyone is welcome. You will learn, get braver around your orchids and make some new orchid friends. What's not to like?

Here are the details: Date: July 14th Time: 12pm

Cost: \$3.00 per pot

Location:

Debby Halliday†™s house







July 11, 2018

POS General Meeting, Conference Center at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

July 13-15, 2018

Summer Hummer Sale Cal-Orchid calorchid.com

July 14 & 15, 2018

37th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Summer Open House sborchid.com

July 20, 2018

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

July 20 & 21, 2018

2018 International Phalaenopsis Alliance Symposium The Huntington Gardens phal.org

July 28 & 29, 2018

San Diego County Orchid Society Summer Show In The Park sdorchids.com

August 1, 2018

POS General Meeting Conference Center at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

August 7, 2018

SDCOS General Meeting Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park sdorchids.com

August 11, 2018

Judging AOS, Huntington Botanical Gardens, Mishler Resource Building, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA at 10:00 AM.

August 17, 2018

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

September 4, 2018

SDCOS General Meeting Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park sdorchids.com

September 5, 2018

POS General Meeting Conference Center at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

September 8, 2018

Judging AOS, Huntington Botanical Gardens, Mishler Resource Building, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA at 10:00 AM.

September 19, 2018

SDCCS General Meeting. Pavilion at Lake San Marcos.

September 29, 2018

Fascination of Orchids International show and Sale South Coast Plaza Villiage, 1621 Sunflower Ave, Santa Ana, CA

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, San Marcos 92078



LC Camhamiana v Coerulea "colbalt" Bill Wong

Photo by Helge Weissig



Paph. hirsutissimum "Ethan"- Allan Castillo Photo by Helge Weissig



Pot. Husky Boy "Michael"- Ken Campbell Photo by Helge Weissig