



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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President's Message

Hello POS Members and
Friends,

As we write this month's POS Newsletter, Spring is coming to an end. It's one of our favorite seasons and with the longer days, we have ample time to tend to our orchid collections. Everyone has been busy repotting and dividing our orchids. Some members have attended orchid open houses or arranged for appointments with local growers to shop for plants and/or supplies. Some of you recently went to Andy's Orchids and Casa de las Orquideas over the June 20th weekend. A couple of members also visited Sunset Valley Orchids and one member went to Norman's Orchids in Montclair. You can't keep orchid lovers away

from their orchids!!

Although we missed 3 months of meetings, we have continued to prepare the monthly newsletter. Our members tell us that it keeps them in touch with the orchid world and they enjoy the photos and articles. We plan to continue publishing the Newsletter, albeit in a slightly abbreviated form.

We welcome several new members who joined during the pandemic lockdown. We are glad to welcome Tina Bowman and Scott Summeril to our society. We thank you for joining and hope to see you at a regular meeting when they resume. As of late June, we do not have any indications that local officials have been given the approval to allow groups to meet in

public settings. It's possible or highly likely we will not be able to meet until next year. Since many of our members are seniors and at a higher risk age group, we want to be sure that it's safe to meet again.

In the meantime, POS has had discussions with the San Diego County Orchid Society to have Joint Virtual Meetings via Zoom. We plan to share in the cost for speakers to present programs for both groups. Many of you have already used Zoom for work or for communicating with other organizations, friends or family. Zoom is an application that you can download for free and use it to view presentations, communicate with others or for having business or social

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meetings. Our first Joint Meeting is planned for TUESDAY, July 7th (not Wednesday) and will begin at 7:30 pm, with the speaker presentation starting around 8 pm. Please note that the joint meetings will be on the first Tuesday of the month rather than the first Wednesday. This is because the SDCOS normally meets on the first Tuesday of the month. The featured speaker will be Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids who has spoken numerous times to both societies. Peter's talk will be on Dendrobiums. There is also a possibility that we may have a joint culture class on Wednesday July 8th. We will confirm this, if and when it is arranged.

Alex will send out instructions and specifics for how to prepare for the Zoom meeting in case you haven't used it before. He will also provide the link to the specific meeting before the start date. He will also set up a time and date for one or

two practice sessions to allow those new to Zoom to practice logging in and accessing the program. That way you won't be fumbling around at the start of the meeting, trying to join the meeting. Zoom is lots of fun, easy to use and a perfect way to keep our members informed and be able to listen to good speakers. In future months we will consider inviting speakers from out of the area that normally don't come to Southern California or where travel expenses would be prohibitive, although a possible issue with out of the area speakers may be the difference in time zones.

We also have lined up Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids to address both groups in August. Fred's talk will be on "Venezuela's National Flower, *Cattleya mossiae*" on Tuesday, August 4th with the meeting beginning at 7:30 pm. More details to follow in the August newsletter.

Even though we have cancelled meetings and have limited opportunity to meet and talk with one another, please remember that you can contact another member via email or phone call to discuss any questions you may have. Our members are generous in sharing information and have a wealth of orchid knowledge.

Please continue to refer to the AOS website and POS website for things to do for your orchids during the upcoming months. These sources of information are excellent and a good way to learn more or as a refresher course.

In closing, both of us hope all of our members and friends remain well, upbeat and optimistic about the future. 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 or e-mail them at billtcwong@att.net or



C. mossiae v. coerulea ('SVO' x 'Good Lip')

July Speaker: Peter T. Lin

on Genus Dendrobium: A Family Portrait of Dendrobium Species



As discussed in the President's message, we will be initiating monthly Joint Zoom meetings with SDCOS and POS to keep abreast of orchid activities and to continue to provide orchid education for our members during the pandemic. Our first Zoom Meeting will occur on [Tuesday, July 7 at 7:30 pm, with speaker at 8:00 pm.](#) Information on how to download the zoom application and use it will be detailed in another section of this newsletter.

Peter T. Lin will be presenting a fast paced PowerPoint presentation on the fascinating Dendrobium genus, which consist of over 1000 species!

Dendrobiums are primarily

found in Asia, New Guinea and Australia. There are many different classifications within the genus, with species ranging from tiny miniatures to huge giants. They grow in climates ranging from hot and steamy lowlands, cool and moist mountain ranges, to seasonally dry savannas. Many are quite temperature tolerant and can be grown outside in frost-free areas. Peter will review a few of the important species in each classification. He will provide some basic cultural advice for each species, and there will be time for questions at the end of the program.

Peter started growing orchids over 25 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 7 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He

enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.



Dendrobium cuthbertsoii



Dendrobium amethystoglossum



Dendrobium lowii

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POS PHYSICAL MEETINGS CANCELLED FOR MONTHS OF JULY & AUGUST

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month at 6:30 pm 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 and 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 conference center will be on the left and there is plenty of parking in front.

Zoom Meetings Will Replace Monthly POS Meetings Beginning on July 7

Several of us have been participating in internet Zoom meetings to interact with family, friends or participate in educational classes, groups and societies. As mentioned in the President's Message, the POS Board has decided to participate in Joint SDCOS and POS meetings until the current pandemic situation is behind us. We will be sharing the cost of speakers to conserve our society reserve funds and begin considering other ways of raising income. This is our best way of continuing our meetings until our members are comfortable meeting in person again due to many of our member's age group and potential susceptibility to COVID-19.

Since we are in the early stage of organizing these meetings, Alex will be sending out emails prior to July 7 for those of you who want to participate in these Zoom society meetings. You can prepare for this by downloading the zoom software as provided in the following paragraphs.

For those of you who are not familiar with Zoom meetings, individuals or groups can interact with family, friends, attend virtual meetings, courses, school classes, etc. using the Zoom internet browser based technology. To participate, all one has to have is a good internet connection, a computer with a video camera and microphone (most computers now have this capability) or a smart phone. One can easily download the software to your device and establish a free account. More details can be found on the Zoom website at <https://zoom.us>.

At virtual POS meetings, we can have our members participate in speaker talks, culture classes or demos and Q & A sessions. As mentioned before, Peter Lin will be the speaker in July and Fred Clarke has committed to speak on August 4th. Other speakers are being considered for meetings during the remaining months of the year.

If you would like to participate in such meetings, please look for Alex's emails containing additional information for Zoom participants.



Psh. Marina (mariae x citrina)



Lc. Canhamiana (C. mossiae x L. purpurata)

July's 'To Do' List

General

1. 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.
2. Although cattleyas, dendrobiums and cymbidiums thrive in high light levels, phalaenopsis, paphiopedilums, miltonopsis, 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. As you repot and divide many of your plants, set aside the extra divisions as donations for the POS auction or for silent auction at the meetings. It will prevent overcrowding of your benches and make someone else happy to get a piece of your prized plant.
6. 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, aphids and thrips and treat early to minimize spread.
7. More details on specific genera can be found on the [AOS website](#)

Indoors and Greenhouse

8. Address higher light levels by adding shade cloth or painting with shading compound to avoid burning sensitive plants.
9. 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.
10. 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](#).

11. 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

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

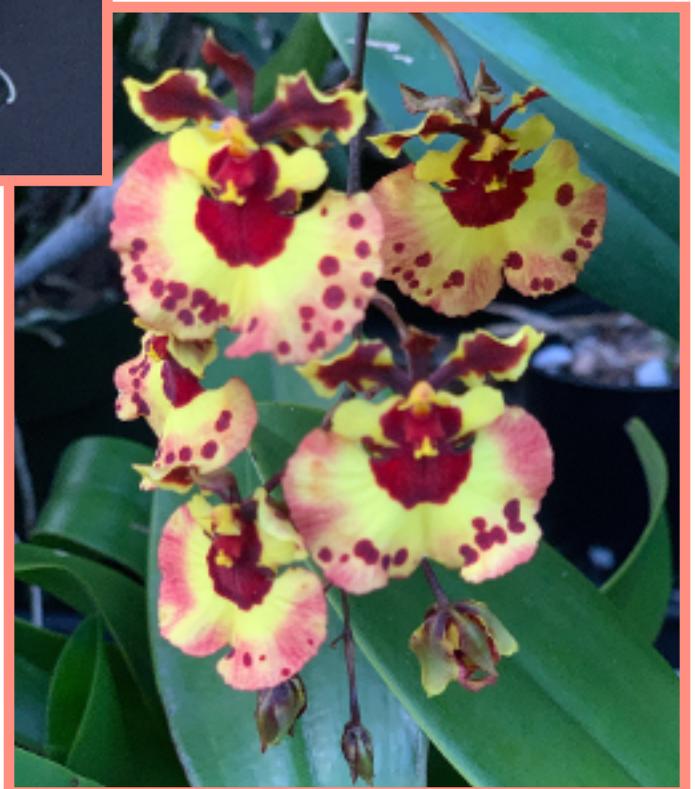
13. Cattleyas, oncidiums, and summer blooming cymbidiums should be in full bloom and/or producing new root and bulb growth as well as hardening off of growth produced in the spring. Increase watering frequency and fertilizer as new growth is observed and repot as appropriate. Stake oncidiums to support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

14. 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](#).



Alex Nadzan Photos

Bc. Hippodamia (B. nodosa x C. aclandiae)



Tol. Golden Sunray



Lycaste cochleata (from Andy's recent Open House)

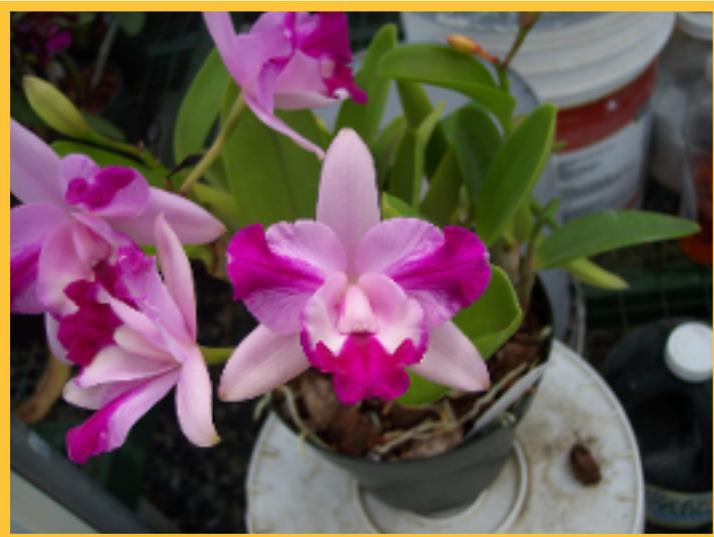


Neo. falcata KIBANA



Bl. Tranquility (L. lobata x B. David Sander)

Jerry Spencer Photos



Slc. Lue's Jungle Cloud



L. Zip



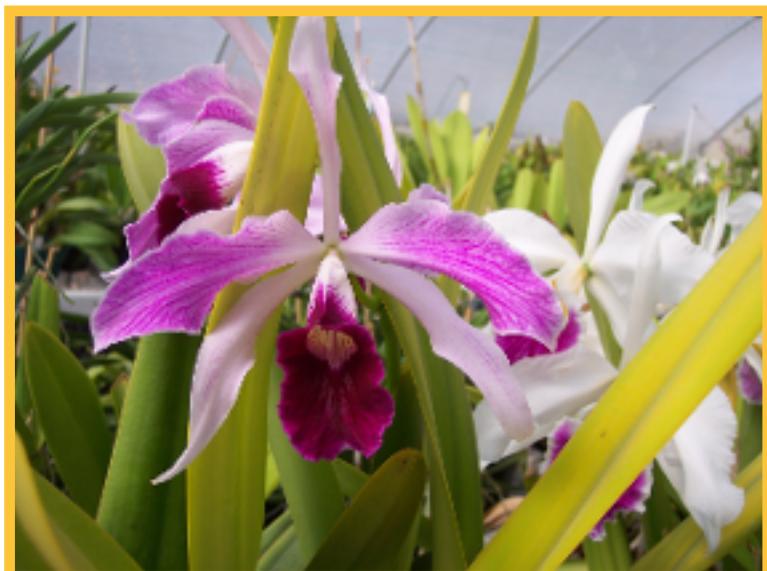
Den. Pixie Princess



C. purpurata 'Carnea'



C. purpurata 'Schusteriana'



C. purpurata 'flamea'