



# 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's Info

### Fred Clarke on 'Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower'



We are delighted to welcome Fred Clarke as our first in-house speaker this year who will talk on 'Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower'. If any of you are wondering what the most important requirements are for growing the best orchids, Fred will teach us about the underlying reasons of how and why orchids grow as they do. He will then explore the fundamentals and advanced growing techniques to best grow them. Orchid plant culture is explained as you have never heard it before so attend the meeting and find out how to become an 80 percentile grower and expect to be wowed by Fred's talk!

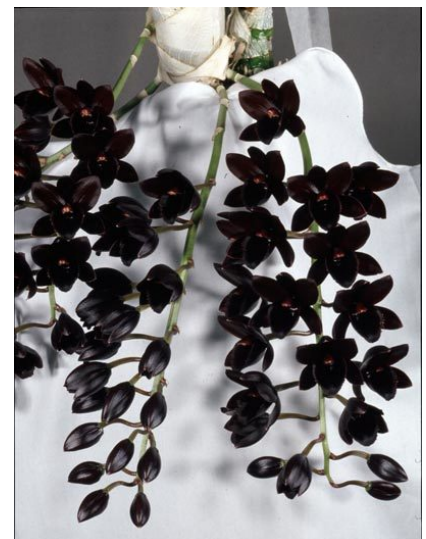
Fred is a long time, generous supporter of the Palomar Orchid Society and one of our most favorite speakers. Fred has been growing orchids for over 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, located in Vista, California, just north of San Diego. [His nursery's website](#) has considerable information, plants for sale and many beautiful pics of his award-winning orchids.

Fred is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing *Cattleya* hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new *Paphiopedilum* and Aussie *Dendrobium* hybrids plus some other genera including *Sarcochilus*, *Zygopetalum* Alliance, *Lycaste*, and *Stanhopea* and their relatives.

Fred's pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids,

including the grex, *Fredclarkeara After Dark* (Mo. Painted Desert x *Ctsm. Donna Wise*), which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received over 100 awards worldwide with nine FCC's and thirty AM's from the AOS judges! He is currently working on the next generations of *Catasetinae* hybrids which should be even more spectacular!

In addition, Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region as well as a passionate fisherman. Fred will be providing the plant table this month.



Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'  
FCC /AOS

# President's Message

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## Hello POS Members and Friends:

Summer is here and we survived the worst of COVID!! As far as we know, none of our members or friends experienced COVID and are ready to resume a more normal lifestyle. Not all restrictions have been lifted as regulatory agencies navigate the best path forward.

We held our first in-house POS meeting in June and had a nice, informal Orchid Culture discussion led by Alex, Jerry and Ken. We appreciate our expert growers participating in the meeting. Approximately 25 people attended the meeting and we sensed everyone was glad to be back and thoroughly enjoyed the discussion. We had a chance to catch up with friends and it felt great just to be out again. The meeting was our normal format, with a Plant Table, Show and Tell and light refreshments. Everyone was comfortable meeting in person.

It was the right decision to meet in June and we anticipate many of you are ready for the July thru November meetings.

For July we have Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids, one of our favorite speakers and biggest supporters of POS. The topic will be 'Becoming a 80 Percentile Grower'. Fred will provide the plant table so plan to come and bring a friend to the meeting.

Please do not bring refreshments to the meeting since POS will provide packaged snacks one more month until COVID restrictions are lifted entirely.

PLEASE NOTE, we will continue to meet at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center for the months of July and August; however, there is a strong likelihood we will be meeting at a new location for the balance of 2021 and for 2022.

The Board made the decision to find a new meeting place because the fees at LSM have increased significantly over the past two years. We are no longer able to afford to stay there as much as we value the central location for most of our membership. Our membership renewal is also down as many of our regulars have not yet renewed. We have not had our annual fund raiser auction for two years, the major source of our funding. The board is planning to implement some fund raising initiatives this year including some member auctions and matching donations from our membership. Please refer to more details on page 3 below.

Our goal is to find a location within 4-5 miles of LSM. We have a promising option and are close to selecting a location in the City of San Marcos. The primary delay is that the city is not ready to rent out its facilities

yet.

Other good news is that the orchid community and growers are getting ready to plan Orchid Shows and Open Houses so refer to the Calendar on page 5 and note that some of the event specifics will change as restrictions ease or need to tighten again.

Also refer to the culture tips for summer growing conditions. With the start of summer and the heat wave, and scarcity of water, we will have to be more aware of the challenges of growing orchids.

As mentioned in the previous Newsletters, we encourage our member to send in your annual membership renewal via mail or on-line using the POS [website](#). Many of you have yet to renew, so please make the effort to support POS.

Mail renewals to POS, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013 or renew [online](#).

As always, we hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. 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](mailto:billtcwong@att.net) or [anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com).

## **POS Fund Raising Opportunities**

Our board has been considering ways of raising funds to make up for our inability to conduct auctions over the last two years and the board has come up with the following approaches.

### **Matching Member Donations**

Bill and Shelley Wong have very generously offered to match POS donations of up to a total of \$2500 raised from POS members and friends between the beginning of July and October 31, 2021. Donations can be made either by check or credit card using Square on our [website](#). In order to keep track of donations, please make checks out to POS and write on the check Matching Donation so we keep them separate from dues. Send your checks to Palomar Orchid Society, PO Box 130774, Carlsbad, CA 92013.

### **Special Plant Auctions at Meetings and Online**

During this period, we will solicit donations from members of special plants preferably in bud or bloom to auction off to members and friends at our monthly meetings. Thus far, Jerry and Anita Spencer and Alex Nadzan have agreed to donate some plants for this internal auction. We also hope to obtain a few donations from our local vendors as well. Moreover, since special plants are not always in bud or bloom in time for our meetings, we plan to auction off plants online, the details of which are being worked out and will be announced in advance.

We hope our members take advantage of these opportunities to raise needed funds to continue our meeting, our educational activities and our society. Your efforts and generosity toward this end will be greatly appreciated.

# Open Volunteer Positions

## Board Secretary

We are looking for someone with good organizational skills to serve as Secretary. The responsibilities involve taking and issuing minutes from POS board meetings which usually are held three times per year. The Secretary also will be responsible for issuing thank you notes for members and vendors who donate to the society for our auctions and other fund raising activities.

## Newsletter Editor

Helge Weissig has agreed to take responsibility again for the Newsletter from Alex Nadzan who has been managing the Newsletter since Susan Johnston's passing.

## Instagram Manager

We are seeking a volunteer who has some technical skills to oversee the POS Instagram site and post pics and information of interest to orchid enthusiasts.



**Andy's Summer Open House, June 25-27,**  
details on Andy's [website](#)



**Pot. Martha Clarke**  
**'Amazing'**

## **CALENDAR 2021**

June 25-27

**Andy's Orchids Summer Open House**, 10 am-4 pm, Encinitas, CA, [andysorchids.com](http://andysorchids.com)

JULY 3

**SDCOS Species Group Zoom Meeting**, Socialization 8:45 am, meeting 9:00 am, David Vanden, [4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

July 6

**SDCOS General Zoom Meeting**, 7:00 pm, **Speaker: Francisco Miranda on 'Rupicolous Orchids of Brazil'**, [sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

July 7

**POS General Meeting**, 6:30 pm, Conference Center, Lake San Marcos, **Speaker: Fred Clarke on 'Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower'** [palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**SDCOS Culture Zoom Meeting**, 7:00 pm, [sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

July 16-18

**Cal Orchid Summer Hummer**, 9 am-5 pm, Santa Barbara, CA, [calorchid.com](http://calorchid.com)

July 17

**Neofinetia (Fukiran) Show and Judging**, 10 am-3 pm, Judging at 2 pm, Cal Orchid, Santa Barbara, CA, [calorchid.com](http://calorchid.com)

July 23-25

**SDCOS Orchids in the Park Show and Sale (tentative)**, Sat. 12 pm-5 pm, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA, [sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

August 3

**SDCOS General Zoom Meeting**, 7:00 pm, [sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

August 4

**POS General Meeting**, 6:30 pm, Conference Center, Lake San Marcos, **Speaker: Carlos Lopez on 'The Four Seasons of Cattleyas'**, [palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**SDCOS Culture Zoom Meeting**, 7:00 pm, [sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

August 7

**SDCOS Species Group Zoom Meeting**, Socialization 8:45 am, meeting 9:00 am, David Vanden, [4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

August 13-15

**Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Show**, 10 am-5 pm, Westminster Mall, Hwy. 405 and Bolsa Ave., Westminster, CA

September 1

**POS General Meeting**, 6:30 pm, Location TBD, Lake San Marcos, **Speaker: Tim Culbertson, topic TBD**, [palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

September 4

**SDCOS Species Group Zoom Meeting**, Socialization 8:45 am, meeting 9:00 am, David Vanden, [4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

September 7

**SDCOS General Zoom Meeting**, 7:00 pm, [sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

September 8

**SDCOS Culture Zoom Meeting**, 7:00 pm, [sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

September 25-26

**Fascination of Orchid Show**, 10 am-5 pm, New location Santa Ana Zoo, Santa Ana, CA More details as they come in. See Cal Orchid events page, [calorchid.com](http://calorchid.com)

## TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2021

We are asking all of our members to renew their membership for 2021 at this time, since this is our only source of income during the pandemic. We need these resources to continue to pay for our Zoom speakers, newsletter mailings and storage fees in order to remain a viable organization. Please mail your renewal membership (\$25 individual, \$30 household) to the POS mailing address (Palomar Orchid Society, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013) or contact our membership chairperson, Trudy Ibbetson at ([trudygro@aol.com](mailto:trudygro@aol.com)). You also may renew and pay directly online on our [website](#), which also has membership forms for new members.

### 2021 POS Officers

**Co-President:** Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong

**Co-1st Vice President/Programs:** Tom Wisniewski & Alex Nadzan

**2nd Vice President/Raffle:** Jerry Spahn & Jim Anderson

**3rd Vice President/Membership:** Trudy Ibbetson

**Secretary:** Open Position

**Treasurer:** Vidya Sirsi

**1st Year Trustees:** Judy Dyer, Debra Funakoshi & Stewart Walton

**2nd Year Trustees:** Steve Redmond, Suzi Sandore and Cher Whelan

**Newsletter Editor:** Alex Nadzan (temporary)

**Website Editor & Publicity:** Helge Weissig

**Facebook Editor:** Debra Funakoshi

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# July 'To Do' List

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## General

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 and aphids and treat early to minimize spread.
- More details on specific genera can be found on the [AOS website](#)

## Indoors and Greenhouse

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

- Continue to monitor and control snails, slugs and pests during warm weather. They can do considerable damage to plants in short order.
- 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.
- 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](#).

*The monthly To Do list is a collaboration of several POS members. We appreciate any and all comments, suggestions, and feedback on our new feature. Please send them to [newsletter@palomarorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org)!*

# Some Gems from the June 'Show and Tell'

Photos by Helge Weissig

(All S&T pics can be viewed on our website )



**Den. johnsonii - Lisa Humphries**



**Laelia Latona 'Nancy Ruth' -  
Jerry Spencer**



**Cym. Cricket - Jerry Spencer**



**Epi. parkinsonianum - Judy Dyer**





**Sarc. Melba - Anita Spencer**



**Phal. Hybrid - Jim Anderson**



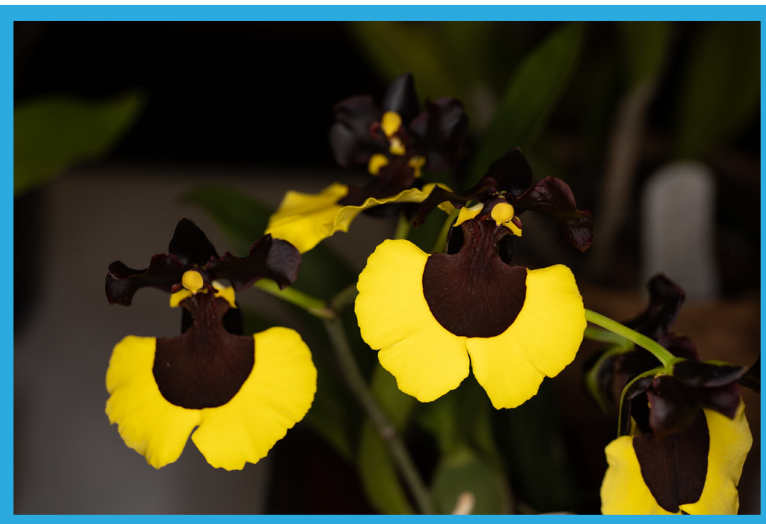
**Grc. Black Comet 'Indigo Blue' -  
Suzi Sandore**



**L. Zip 'Ship Shape' x Lc.  
Trick or Treat 'Orange  
Magic' - Carl Wood**



**Phal. KS Happy Eagle 'Fantastic Flare' - Judy Dyer**



**Onc. Jiaho Queen 'Jiaho' - Alex Nadzan**



**AMN-111 (C. intermedia orlata 'Crownfox' x Slc. Circle of Life) - Alex Nadzan**



**Coel. lawrenceana x Coel. usitana - Carl Wood**