



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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July 2012

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AOS Native Orchids Conservation Efforts

An excerpt on the AOS' efforts on the conservation of native orchids with a focus on the Myrtle Head Savannah orchids.

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Calendar of Events

Make sure to check the calendar for date changes of meetings this month and next. The July meeting is on the 11th and our Annual Auction replaces the August meeting and will be held on August 18, 2012.

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Results from the monthly judging sessions at the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park

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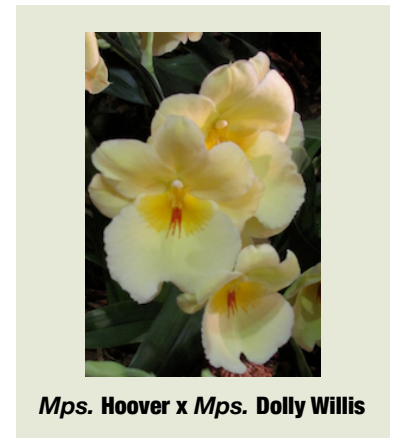
Have a look at some of the pictures from the June general meeting.

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July Meeting • Wednesday, July 11, 2012 • 7 pm



The genus *Miltoniopsis* (*Mltps.* or *Mps.*) consists of six species native to Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela, Ecuador and Columbia. They are cool to intermediate growers and like moist conditions. Hybridizers have produced many magnificent and very colorful hybrids for orchid hobbyists and the general consumer. Arthur's talk should be very informative on a subject that we have not had in recent history. Arthur will provide the plant table, which will feature plants from Santa Barbara Orchid Estate and Orchids Royal, including some *Miltoniopsis*.



Mps. Hoover x Mps. Dolly Willis

Arthur has been an orchid enthusiast for almost 40 years when, as a 16 year-old, he acquired a plant of *Slc. Glittering Jewel* (*Sl. Gratrixiae x Slc. Hermes*) and was infected by the orchid bug. He and his wife Margie of over 23 years have two adult children who recently graduated from high school and are attending College of the Canyons. Arthur grew up in the Seattle area and attended Western Washington University graduating with a

Miltoniopsis,
Pansy's of the
Orchid World: where
they started and
where we are now

Arthur Pinkers



Mps. Good Vibrations

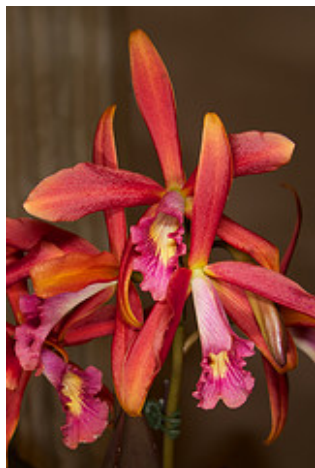
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June is a relatively quiet month for the orchid society and the orchid world. It's a time when things are getting warmer after the spring blooming and activity, and folks are going on vacations. For the Southern California area, I will remind all that the major event is the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Annual Orchid Fair held July 13-15, 2012 in Santa Barbara. I regret not being able to attend, but I hope members and orchid friends will attend and maybe bring me back something... perhaps a Stanhopea?

I have to announce an idea that I tried out in June. We had our community garage sale, and I'm sure that many members have similar events in their communities. I used the opportunity to sell off excess POS plants, and I was surprised at the number of interested newbies starting their own orchid hobbies there were, that were not yet affiliated with a society. These folks bought orchids from me, we talked orchid growing, looked at my collection, and they even were interested in coming to the auction. Community sales are a great way to get rid of excess plants and engage the public. Let me know if you have a community garage sale next, and we might repeat this.

The debate still rages on regarding the meeting location. We will stay put at the Carlsbad Woman's Club for now, but will be actively discussing the pros and cons of Lake San Marcos. Lena Shiroma, our recording secretary indicated some information to me that there may be some bankruptcy issues going on with the property at Lake San Marcos, so



this may influence us against. Still, the debate goes on...

I want to thank Nico Goossens for a really great June meeting talk. It was great to see how other people engineer their orchid climates and microclimates to suit a variety of species and hybrids in their homes. For July, we welcome AOS-accredited judge, Arthur Pinkers, to the meeting to speak on something new for us, Miltoniopsis. It should be a great talk, and I hope everyone will join us.

Happy Growing,

*Gil Ho
President, POS*

You Can Help Save the Myrtle Head Savanna Orchids

This article is part of a campaign by the American Orchid Society that aims to save native orchids. Additional information is available at the [AOS website](#).

It is just miles from the Atlantic Ocean, but Myrtle Head Savanna is a completely different world. A 72 acre remnant long leaf pine savanna, Myrtle Head is a part of the greater Green Swamp in Brunswick County, NC. Acquired from the Georgia Pacific Corporation in 1990, this parcel was of specific interest to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) due to its biological significance and biodiversity rating as designated by the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program (NCNHP). Additionally, Myrtle Head Savanna is nearly adjacent to the Juniper Creek Gamelands protected by the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission (NCWRC), and to the Columbus County Gamelands (NCWRC). Currently there are several large restoration efforts occurring on the abovementioned protected lands. TNC wrote a site management plan for the entire savanna in 2009.

From a technical point of view, the preserve encompasses an unusual pine sa-

vanna natural community (very wet clay variant) on non-alluvial flatland, intermingled with patches of small stream swamp. Abundant ecotonal habitat also exists where the two communities grade into one another. Although the area was damaged by logging in the late 1980's, the pine savanna community retains most of its character and has shown natural recruitment of Long Leaf Pine (*Pinus palustris*). There are many orchids within the savanna that bloom spring through autumn, including the Giant Spiral Orchid (*Spiranthes longilabris*). The savanna also has a large cluster of rare plant species including a large population of the endangered Cooley's Meadowrue (*Thalictrum cooleyi*) and Carolina Grass-of-Parnassus (*Parnassia caroliniana*). The herbaceous community is dominated by Wireleaf Dropseed (*Sporobolus teretifolius*), a very rare grass currently known on only ten sites globally.

There have been several botanical surveys done on the property. Orchids found in Myrtle Head Savanna are: *Platanthera blephariglottis*, *Platanthera ciliaris*, *Calopogon pallidus*, *Calopogon barbatus*, *Cleistesiosis bifaria*, *Cleistesiosis divaricata*, *Pogonia ophioglossoides*, *Spiranthes longilabris* and *Spiranthes praecox*.

Due to fire suppression beginning in the early 1900's, the wet savanna has begun to fill in with shrubs, shading out and imperiling the orchids and other savanna plants. With your assistance, funding would be used to implement the restoration of this significant savanna through controlled burning and mechanical removal of shrubs and trees to create the open savanna habitat that historically existed at the preserve and crucial for these plants to thrive.





Snacks & Refreshments
 This month, all members with last names beginning with **H, I, J, K, L, M, or N** share at break time!
 We appreciate everyone's effort in supplying our meeting with goodies. It makes for a great meeting all around!

Thank you!



THE PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY
 PRESENTS



2012 Orchid Auction

Saturday, August 18, 2012
Preview at 11:00 am
Auction starts 12 Noon

The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
1105 Bonita Drive
San Marcos, CA 92078

FREE TO THE PUBLIC • More info at www.palomarorchid.org

Upcoming Events

July 3, 2012
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

July 11, 2012
 POS General Meeting
 (please note the date change due to the July 4th holiday)
www.palomarorchid.org

July 13 - 15, 2012
 32nd Annual Orchid Fair
www.orchidfair.com

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
 Open House
www.sborchid.com

Cal-Orchid
 Open House
www.calorchid.com

July 20, 2012
 San Diego Zoo Orchid Odyssey
events.sandiegozoo.org

July 21 & 22, 2012
 SDCOS Summer Show
www.sdorchids.com

August 7, 2012
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

August 18, 2012
 POS Annual Orchid Auction
 The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

September 4, 2012
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
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September 5, 2012
 POS General Meeting
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September 19, 2012
 SDCCS General Meeting



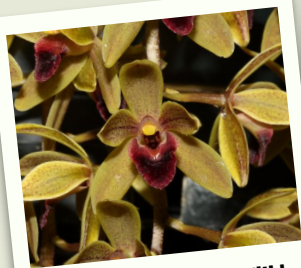
Other Orchid Societies' Meetings

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
bclark@sdorchids.com

San Diego Cymbidium Society
 Regular meetings 3rd Wednesday of each month, September-June, 7pm, San Diego Botanic Garden, Ecke Building, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024
 Phyllis Prestia (760) 732-0055
orchldy2@mac.com

April Judging Report

There were 16 orchids presented for judging. Five were awarded with a total of 6 awards.



Cym. Sweet Devon 'Edith'
Exhibited by Leno Galvan
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points
Awarded CCM/AOS 89 point



Cym. Sweet Devon 'Edith'



Paph. Houghtonia 'Janet'
Exhibited by Charlie Fouquette
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points



Prost. vitellina 'Helen's Delight'
Exhibited by Helen Pfister
Awarded HCC/AOS 77 points



Phrag. dolessandroi
Exhibited by Helmut Rohr
Awarded AM/AOS 82 points



C. dolosa 'Thanks Mike Wang'
Exhibited by David Kochman
Awarded HCC/AOS 79 points

Concerning Judging Sessions

The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. They are:

San Diego

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104
1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

San Marino

Huntington Botanical Gardens
2nd Saturday of the month at 10 am

Long Beach

Whaley Park
4th Saturday of the month at 7 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 one of the following AOS judges:

- Rohrl, Helmut (La Jolla)
(858) 452-0976
- Tuskes, Ann and Paul (Clairemont)
(858) 274-5829

Text and photos by Phyllis S. Prestia

Arthur Pinkers *cont.*

B.S. in Chemistry and Biology. He and his wife currently live in Santa Clarita, California where Arthur is learning to



Mps. Princes Diane 'Princess of Wales'

grow orchids under extreme conditions, very different than those in his native Pacific Northwest. Arthur worked for many years as a chemist and also had the fortune of holding his dream job as the Lab Director for Beall Orchid Company until shortly before its close in 1990. Arthur's interest in orchids covers a broad range of types with botanicals being a special draw. Arthur has served on most executive positions on the Board of the Northwest Orchid Society and is a Past President. He is a veteran Accredited Orchid Judge and serves as a photographer and as Chair of Information for the Pacific South Judging region. Previously he served as center photographer for the Pacific Northwest Judging region.

Culture Class

Alex Nadzan will conduct the July culture class and give an introduction to OrchidWiz Encyclopedia. OrchidWiz is a very valuable orchid database for novices and advanced hobbyists alike. This is a very timely presentation, since a copy of OrchidWiz will be auctioned off at our upcoming auction in August.

Alex will cover OrchidWiz basics as well as give a couple of examples how it can be used to produce ideas for new orchid hybrids.

Gems From The Last Meeting



Nico Goosens



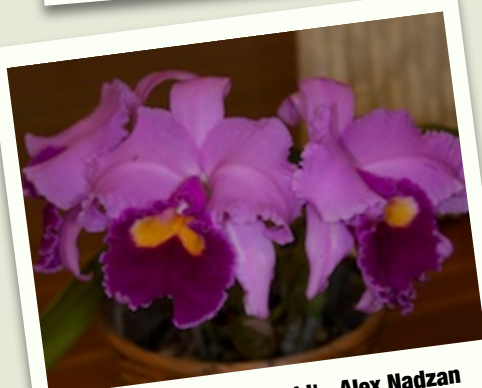
Enc. kennedy x Enc. adenocaula
Anita Spencer



Rdm. Starlet 'Billy B' x Tol. Bob Dugger 'Sundance'
Warren Stehle



Jerry Spencer



Lc. Irene Finney 'Ingrid' - Alex Nadzan



Prosthechea garciana
Phyllis Prestia



Miltonia Up Country Puna 'Keaau Star' - Alex Nadzan



Sarcochilus hartmannii var. alba
Phyllis Prestia



Dtps. Taida Pixie '#10' - Merle Robboy

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Meeting Wrap-up

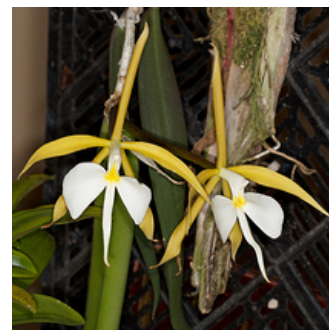
Nico Goosens presented on in-door and out-door structures for orchid growing in Southern California. His talk touched on the native habitat of native and exotic orchids and the efforts needed to make them feel at home in their non-native settings.

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at

the Carlsbad Women's Club, 3320 Monroe, Carlsbad.

Go east off 5 on Carlsbad Village Drive 1/2 mile to Monroe, turn South on Monroe to Women's Club. OR go west off El Camino Real at Carlsbad Village Drive to Monroe and turn south to the Women's Club. Culture Class starts at 6:30 pm. The regular meeting begins at 7:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be on July 11, 2012 (**PLEASE NOT THE DATE CHANGE!**).



The Editor's Corner



As I am putting the last touches on this edition, I am a little distracted by thoughts of my orchids at home and how they will fare over the next couple of weeks. It's wonderful to have responsible friends that will check on my 'lovies', but I can't really ask them to do so more than once a week. Of course, most of the plants will be just fine, but with the summer heats upon us and the almost daily watering needs of my small *Pleurothallis* collection, EDD (Betty Kelepecz's favorite term) will just not be happening reliably, I am afraid. My automated drip system has been rather finicky lately... Here is hoping that y'all will have a very grey and drizzly start into the summer while I enjoy the sun and the very long days in the old country.

Debra Funakoshi has graciously agreed to take on the responsibility of taking pictures at the July meeting (remember, it's on the 11th, not the 4th!!). I am sure she would appreciate if someone can give her a hand at the raffle table.

Despite my jests above, I am of course wishing everyone a great summer! As always, I welcome any comments, submissions, and suggestions at newsletter@palomarorchid.org. Deadline, as always, is the 15th of the month!

Happy Growing!

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