



# 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.

[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

## A Monthly Publication

June 2013

### President Message

Alex's message covers the upcoming auction, our move to the new location, and the two very exciting talks planned for the upcoming monthly meetings. **Page 2**

### Caravan to Don Rosenstock's House

Don't miss this chance to visit Don's beautiful gardens and orchid collection. **Page 2**

### June To Do List

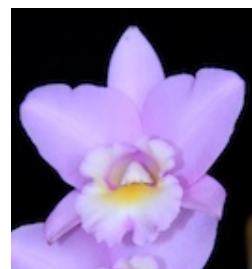
June is yet another busy month for orchid growers in the Southern California region. Our To-Do-List will help you stay on top of your chores! **Page 2**

### Gems from the Last Meeting

Miki Batchman presented on peloric and patterned cymbidium hybrids. The show-and-tell included beautiful plants as always. **Page 3**

### Calendar of Events

Orchid dates to remember include our caravan and our annual auction. **Page 4**



June Meeting • Wednesday, June 5, 2013 • 6:30 pm



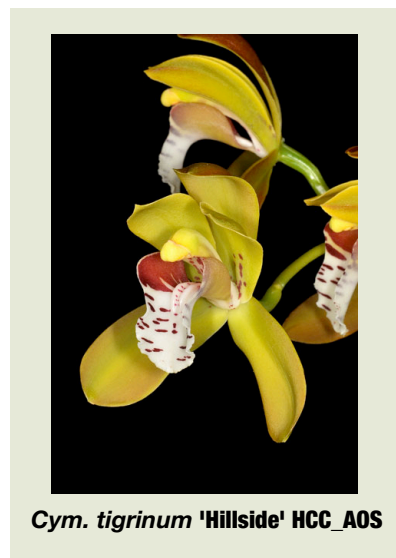
## Ron Parsons

### Miniature Species You Can Enjoy and Grow

We are excited to welcome Ron Parsons who will speak to us on "Miniature Species You Can Enjoy and Grow". Ron's talk is based on a book he is writing, which will be published later this year. His presentation will feature beautiful color slides of the subject matter, in-depth information,

and first-hand knowledge about the species discussed. June's plant opportunity table will be provided by Andy's Orchids.

Like many of us, Ron is a true plant lover and has been growing orchids, cacti, and bromeliads for over thirty years, and carnivorous plants for ten. He grows an assortment of cool growing species under lights at his home in South San Francisco and a few more in an unheated greenhouse at his parents home in Burlingame. His collection is beautifully grown, and often the plants featured in his talks are from his own collection. He willingly shares his knowledge about plant habitats



*Cym. tigrinum 'Hillside' HCC\_AOS*



*Cattleya maxima*

and suggestions for culture with all who are interested.

Ron Parsons is one of the finest flower photographers in the United States. His photography and encyclopedic knowledge of orchids is known both nationally and internationally. He has been photographing orchids, wildflowers, and almost every other kind of plant for over 25 years, and has a slide collection that numbers well over 80,000 slides! He went "digital" recently, and in this short time has taken thousands of photos of orchids,

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the onset of summer brings warm weather, sunny skies and a very busy, but rewarding, time involving family, sports and hobby related activities. If you anything like me, you are probably behind in all of these activities and have a plethora of things to do to maintain your orchid hobby including culling, weeding, watering, fertilizing, and repotting/dividing plants in your collection. I try to do a little each day. It makes the job easier, more pleasant and manageable. When repotting, please do not forget to set aside some extra divisions of plants for our upcoming auction on August 3.

Speaking of the auction, I am delighted that Maryanne Kind and Gil Ho have volunteered to co-chair the organizing committee. Both members have had extensive experience in previous auctions and I am confident they will do an excellent job for our upcoming event at Lake San Marcos.

Our members have two real treats this month, the first of which being a caravan to Don Rosenstock's home on June 2. The last time POS visited his home a couple of years ago, the caravan was a big hit with everyone, so those of you who missed it now have another opportunity to see his magnificent gardens and orchid collection. The second treat is Ron Parsons ([www.flowershots.net](http://www.flowershots.net)) who will be our featured speaker on June 5. Ron is a true orchid and plant aficionado as well as an internationally renowned photographer. He

will be talking on 'Miniature Orchid Species You Can Enjoy and Grow' and will share his extensive knowledge of orchids and show us some of his beautiful orchid photos. It is a presentation not to be missed. Please note that Ron also will talk to the San Diego County Orchid Society on 'Orchids of China' on Tuesday, June 4.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that our June meeting will be the last one at the Woman's Club of Carlsbad. All future meetings will take place at Lake San Marcos, beginning with the July 3rd meeting featuring one of our most favorite speakers, Fred Clarke.

Hope to see all of you at the caravan and/or meeting!



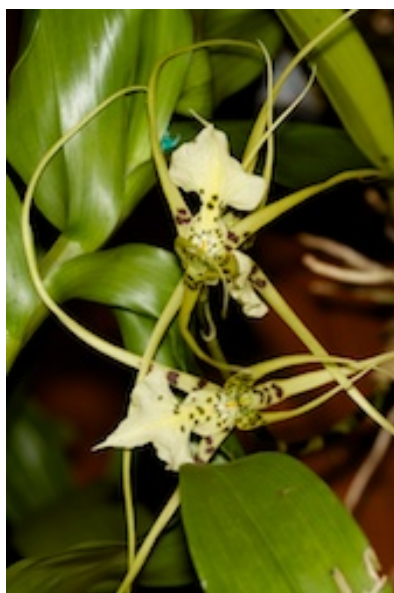
Alex Nadzan  
President, POS

## Don Rosenstock Caravan

Our first caravan of the year will take us to Don Rosenstock's beautiful home on June 2.

Arrival at Don's house should be between 9:30 am and 10 am to start the tour. We will be carpooling from the North-West corner of I-15 and SR-76. The commuter parking lot is located East of I-15 at the corner of Pala Road and old highway 395. Please be there at 9 o'clock as we will leave sharply at 9:15 am.

The Rosenstock's address is [10690 Camino Del Vernado, Valley Center, 92082](#). Please contact Sandy (760) 918-2408 or Cher (760) 519-3451 to RSVP if you plan on attending and to verify whether you will be meeting us at the carpool. Look forward to a great time and please bring a snack to share with everyone!



## Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning with **A through E** 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!

## June To Do List

### General

- Continued increases in day length and drastic changes in light levels this month may require repositioning of plants to avoid overexposure to sun. Although cattleyas, dendrobiums and cymbidiums thrive in high light levels, phalaenopsis, miltonopsis, masdevallias and other lower light plants can easily burn. For most orchids, optimal light levels are indicated by light grassy green leaves. Dark green leaves suggest too little light, while yellow colored or red tinted leaves usually indicate too much light.
- Increasing winds may result in additional dust build up on your orchid leaves. This provides the perfect environment for harboring mites. Treat accordingly. During warm weather, 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. As always, follow good hygiene practices to minimize transmission of pests and viruses.
- June continues the growth and repotting season for many orchids (cattleyas, oncidiums, dendrobiums) as new roots emerge from pseudobulbs or fans. Try to repot when roots are small and just

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# Gems From The Last Meeting



**Miki Batchman**



**C. Green Emerald 'Orchid Queen' – Gil Ho**



**Microterangis hariotiana  
Merle Robboy**



**C. aurantiaca 'Kumquat'  
Alex Nadzan**



**Lc. Cariad's Mini-Quinee 'SVO II'  
Craig Johnson**



**C. amethystoglossa  
'Hutch' x self  
Gil Ho**



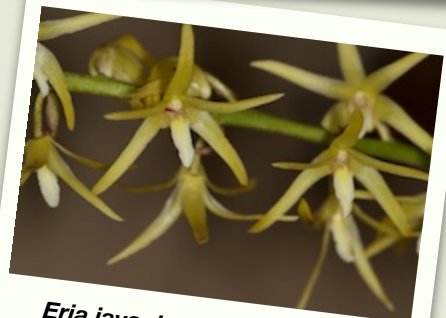
**Cym. Peppercuss 'Lavender  
Falls' – Craig Johnson**



**Sarcophilus hartmannii  
Anita Spencer**



**Dendrobium Nagasaki – Sandi Sandquist**



**Eria javanica – Lisa Humphreys**

Photos by Helge Weissig - full album at [www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

## Membership News

The meeting was attended by 37 members and two guests. 2013 POS membership roster is now available - email Cathy Belt at [cjdelmas@juno.com](mailto:cjdelmas@juno.com) for your roster. If you do not have an email address, call Cathy to request your membership roster be mailed to you.

## 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. Meetings start promptly at 6:30 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The June meeting will be our last meeting at the Carlsbad Women's Club! Future meetings will be at the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos (1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078).

## Upcoming Events

### June 2, 2013

POS Caravan  
Don Rosentstock's Home  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

### June 4, 2013

Orchid Judging Center  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting  
[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)

### June 5, 2013

POS General Meeting  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

### June 19, 2013

SDCCS General Meeting

### July 2, 2013

Orchid Judging Center  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting  
[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)

### July 3, 2013

POS General Meeting  
Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

### August 3, 2013

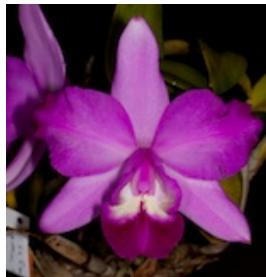
POS Annual Auction

Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

### August 6, 2013

Orchid Judging Center  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting  
[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)



## 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](mailto:membership@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  
Bill Wong (760) 931-0502  
[billtcwong@att.net](mailto:billtcwong@att.net)

## May Judging Report

There were 8 orchids presented for judging. Three were awarded.



*Dracula chimaera* 'Pacifica'  
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz  
Awarded FCC/AOS 91 points



*Paph. philippenense* 'Sunset Valley Orchids'  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points



*Bct. Robert Randall*  
Exhibited by Anita and Jerry Spencer  
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points

Text and photo by Phyllis S. Prestia Ed.D.

## 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 one of the following AOS judges:

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

## Ron Parsons *cont.*

wildflowers and other rare plants. Ron travels extensively, photographing orchids and wildflowers in situ, visiting orchid and other plant enthusiasts' collections, and most of all, taking photographs of plants and flowers that he likes. Several of his photos can be found on [his highly informative website](#). More

recently, some of his orchid photos appeared on the front and back covers of the April, 2013 issue of Orchid Digest Magazine.

Ron is a member of the San Francisco Orchid Society, The Peninsula Orchid Society, The Orchid Society of California, and the Bay Area Pleurothallid Alliance. He is also a member of the San Francisco Succulent and Cactus Society, and the

American Gesneriad Society of San Francisco.

Ron's visit is being co-sponsored by POS and the San Diego County Orchid Society. For those of you interested in "*Orchids from China*", Ron will be talking to the SDCOS on that topic on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:30 pm. For more details and directions, visit the [SDCOS website](#).



## June To Do List *cont.*

beginning to emerge in order to minimize damage to soft tissues and avoid transplant shock, giving plants a head start in the growing season. Also repot when orchids have begun to over grow their pots and/or when media has started to break down. 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 for the upcoming POS auction in August. It will prevent overcrowding of your benches and make someone else happy to get a piece of your prized plant.
- It is desirable to remove spikes from bloomed-out plants since senescing spikes drain energy from the plant and attract pests. This is particularly true for oncidiums.
- Some hobbyists choose to cut phalaenopsis spikes halfway to induce them to re-bloom in the summer; however, this practice will usually result in only a few more flowers. Optimal blooming is achieved by removing the spike after blooming and allowing the plant to regain energy over the summer, followed by inducing spike formation in the fall.
- More details on specific genera can be found on the [AOS website](http://www.aosweb.org)



## 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.
- 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](http://www.aosweb.org).
- 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.
- If you grow your plants inside and have outdoor growing space, move your plants outside for the warm season. Do this especially if your plants are crowded together or your hanging plants drip on the plants below when you water. The humidity and larger temperature differential between day and night are beneficial for your plants.

## 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 in full bloom and/or producing new root and bulb growth. Increase watering frequency and fertilizer as new growth is observed and repot as appropriate.
- Neofinetias can be repotted at this time especially if they are maintained in sphagnum moss.
- Cymbidiums can still be repotted and divided at this time, if needed. You should allow at least 3 growing pseudobulbs and no more than 2 back bulbs per pot.
- Catasetums are ready to begin watering and fertilizing now that roots are 3-5 inches long. Give them warm temperature, high light and fertilizer 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 link: [Fred Clarke's website](http://www.fredclarke.com).

*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)!*





THE PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY  
PRESENTS

# 2013 Orchid Auction



**Saturday, August 3, 2013**  
**Preview at 11:00 am**  
**Auction starts at 12 Noon**

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

**FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING**  
 More info at [www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

## The Editor's Corner



While I finally conquered most of the re-potting for the season over the past couple of weekends, I took an informal account of my collection. It's still quite small compared to what many of you have amassed, mind you, but I definitely have enough plants now to keep me busy. A good number of the plants came from the opportunity tables at the meetings and many of them are doing quite well. That part of the meeting is always one of my favorites and it was fun to run it myself for a change last month. Alas, it was brought to my attention that toward the end, one of the plants was picked up mistakenly by someone and the person with the actual winning number went without their price. Unfortunately, I had not asked winners to drop off tickets with the raffle desk, like we have done in the past. My apologies for the oversight!

One other mishap was the disappearance of the black crate I had promised to return to Karl Batchman after the meeting. Would the person who took it home with them please bring it back to the next meeting!?

As always, any and all contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome. Please email them to [newsletter@palomarorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org). Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.

Happy Growing!

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