



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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Sales events, our own caravan, and several great speakers at upcoming meetings are events not to be missed!

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June Meeting • Wednesday, June 4, 2014 • 6:30 pm



Bruce Kidd

Thailand, Orchid Adventure and Restoration

Bruce and Yasue Kidd have grown orchids for about 15 years on the edge of the Mojave Desert in Murrieta, CA. Bruce worked as a horticultural pest control adviser for Dow AgroSciences, a 30-year career which brought him into frequent

contact with commercial orchid growers in Hawaii and California.

Since retiring in 2010, Bruce and Yasue have made several trips to Asia to see orchids in the wild, in local collections, and in nurseries. They spent the majority of their time in Thailand and Vietnam, not all of it focused around orchids. Bruce's presentation will cover some of the orchids, sights, and people one might expect or want to see during a visit to this part of the world. He'll take a close look at how the locals are working with orchids

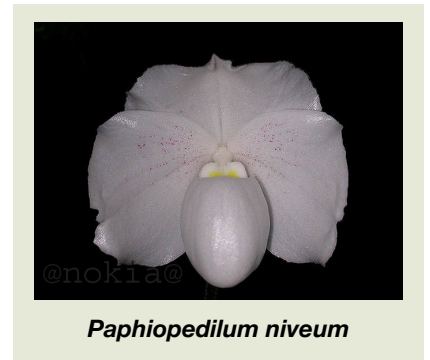


Rhynchostylis gigantea

to conserve their natural legacy while expanding opportunities for ecotourism.



Vanda (Wirat x Madame Rattana)



Paphiopedilum niveum

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As everyone knows, May was a crazy month with very unseasonably hot Santa Ana conditions that sparked several wild fires in North County. Fortunately, none of our members lost their homes to the fires, although a few experienced heat damage and many of our orchids were stressed out as a result of these extreme conditions. I can't remember a time when I had to water so much over a relatively short period. Can't wait to see my water bill! Fortunately, as of this writing, we have returned to more normal weather conditions.

The weather and fires also impacted our Annual Auction in that we nearly had to cancel the event due to evacuation of Lake San Marcos residents. Thanks to our excellent fire fighters and the return of normal weather conditions, things were brought under control in the nick of time and we were able to proceed with the auction on May 17. As a result the uncertain situation, attendance was down, although we did manage to sell all the orchids and many who participated received very good deals in the process. Clearly net revenues will not be as high as last year. Once all the invoices for our expenses are received, we will let you know how we fared. Sincere thanks goes to all of our dedicated members as well as family members who helped with the auction. We could not have done it without your participation. Special appreciation goes to Helge Weissig who did an excellent job in organizing and chairing the fund raising event and to all the vendors who donated plants and supplies for the auction.

Our program this month features Bruce Kidd who will share orchid experiences from his travels to Thailand. Bruce is an excellent, entertaining speaker who will talk on "Thailand, Orchid Adventure and Restoration." It should be a very informative evening.

Just a reminder that our next caravan, scheduled for Saturday, June 7, will be at Merle Robboy's and Jerry and Anita Spencer's homes. Please sign up in advance. More details are provided in the caravan section below.

Also June and early July offers another unique opportunity for us to promote orchids

and our society to the general public. Nico Goosens has arranged for our three societies (San Diego, Cymbidium and POS) to participate in the San Diego County Fair for the entire duration of the fair (June 7 thru July 6) as well as on Orchid Day, Friday, June 20. Several volunteers have signed up to man the combined society booth during the fair; however, we can still use several more volunteers. Please see the additional information below for details.

Finally, the POS board continues to encourage input from our members at any time via email (anadzan@mac.com), phone (760) 753 6280, or in person. Feel free to contact me, as the board and I are here to serve you.

Happy Growing,



Alex Nadzan
President, POS
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Caravan to Robboy's and Spencer's

Our second caravan of the year on June 7th will take us to the homes of Merle Robboy as well as Jerry and Anita Spencer. As all three are very avid growers with large collections, this should be a wonderful to learn, socialize, and share a potluck lunch.

We are meeting at 11:30 AM at Dr. Merle Robboy's, [560 Puerta de Lomas, Fallbrook](#), (760) 758 8442, and at 1:00 PM at the Spencer's: [2589 Rainbow Valley Blvd. in Fallbrook](#) as well, (760) 731 7021.

Please note that to get to the Robboy's, you must enter Puerta de Lomas via Olive Hill Rd., not the back way since there is a locked gate off of Sleeping Indian Rd. The front gate will be open by 11 AM. Parking is behind the house by passing the front drive and turning left onto



Rancho del Cerro which leads to the marked back drive. Diagonal parking for 12 cars is available near the lemon trees, outside the fence.

There are two meeting points to join the caravans:

1. 10:45 AM at the Westfield Plaza on El Camino Real right next to the I-5 in Vista/Oceanside, far Parking area behind Sears and close to the Public Bus Station.
2. 11:10 AM on the intersection of Route 76 and Olive Hill Road. From Route 76 turn left on Olive Hill Road and immediately turn right into the McDonald's Parking area.

Please RSVP for the caravan and sign up for the lunch at the Spencer's home at our next society meeting on June 4th or call Cher Whelan at (760) 599 0245 or Renate Schmidt at (760) 295 9178 by June 4th, 2014.



Gems From The 2014 Auction



Charlie Padelford



Auctioneers Merle Robboy & Charlie Padelford



C. Katherine Clarkson - Anita Spencer



Den. nobile



Bill Wong, Carl Wood, Cher Whelan, and Phyllis



Laeliocattleya hybrid



Miltonia hybrid



Paph. (Stone Lovely 'Enchanted' x Gege Hughes Best of 84')



Phalaenopsis hybrid



Tom Wisniewski and James Mickelson organizing the plant hotel

Photos by Julian Weissig - full album at www.palomarorchid.org

General Meeting Information

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

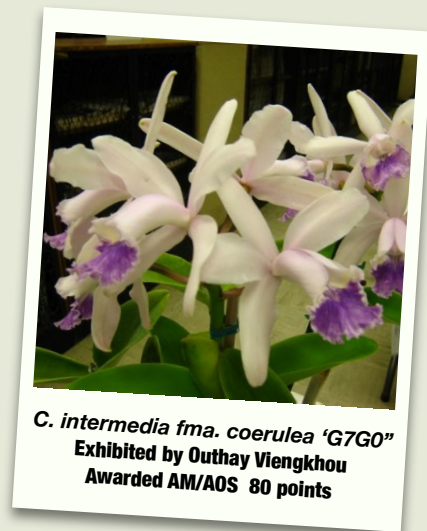
Inside the resort at the first "T" intersection, turn left on San Marino Drive. At the next 4-way STOP, turn right on La Bonita Drive. Proceed ahead for one block on La Bonita. The pavilion will be on the left and there is parking in front of the pavilion.

May Judging Report

There were 6 orchids presented for judging. Two were awarded.



Ansellia africana 'Arnilicious'
Exhibited by Arnold Gum
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points



C. intermedia fma. coerulea 'G7G0'
Exhibited by Outhay Viengkhou
Awarded AM/AOS 80 points

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 Paul Tuskes at (858) 274 5829

Text and photos by Helen Pfister

SD County Fair Orchid Society Volunteers Still Needed

Last month we discussed an opportunity to enlighten the general public about orchids and our local orchid societies by participating in the upcoming San Diego County Fair (see May newsletter for details).

Nico Goosens and several volunteers have constructed a very nice orchid exhibit, but they are still in need of a number of additional volunteers to man the Society's booth as well as to loan plants for the display. Volunteer ambassadors will receive free entrance to the fair, spend two or three hours at the information table and enjoy the rest of the fair at

their leisure. POS members are encouraged to participate in this worthy project.

Those of you who are interested in volunteering may contact Nico directly at licoorchid@aol.com or (760) 942 4143 to learn more and sign up to spend time as an ambassador during the running of the fair .

Auction Wrap-Up & Thank You

POS hosted its annual auction on May 17 at the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos.

The 2014 auction turned out to be a success despite the very real impact of the fires in Northern San Diego County during the week leading up to it. Although attendance was only half of that of last year's event, we managed to auction off all plants at a good profit to the society.

This success would not have been possible without the tremendous help and participation by many of our members as well as the generous donations we received from several growers and vendors. During the auction itself, we even

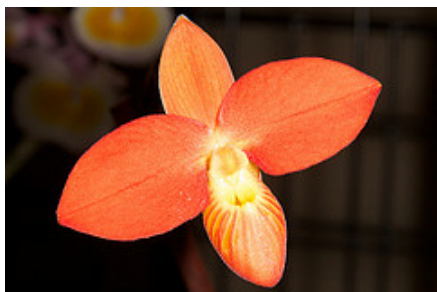
had help from several family members that are not carriers of the orchid bug.

Please join us in thanking the following individuals for their efforts. Without the help from so many volunteers, the auction would not have been possible:

Alex & Kathy Nadzan, Alexa 'Kat' Davis, Anne Gold, Bill Wong, Carl & Terri Lofthouse, Carl Wood, Cecily Bird, Charlie Padelford, Cher Whelan, Debra Funakoshi, Eva & Julian Weissig, Gary Conklin, Ivan Allen, James Mickelson, Janice Krause, Jerry & Anita Spencer, Jerry Spahn, Lanai Staley, Lena Shiroma, Linda Rusnell, Lisa Humphreys, Maryanne Kind, Merle Robboy, Pat & Linda Rusnell, Phyllis Prestia, Renate Schmidt, Renee Daly, Sandi Sandquist, Suzi Sandore, Tom Wisniewski, Warren Stehle.

Should we have inadvertently omitted a name, please let us know and accept our sincere apologies.

We also would like to thank our generous vendors. Your support of these businesses when shopping for orchids or supplies is highly encouraged! A list of vendors is provided on the following page.



Vendor List

POS gratefully acknowledges the contributions and donations of the following vendors to the 2014 Annual Orchid Auction.

Andy's Orchids

Harry Phillips
734 Ocean View Avenue
Encinitas, CA 92024
(888) 514-2639
www.andysorchids.com

Bird Rock Tropicals

Pam Koide
P.O. Box 231458
Encinitas, CA 92023-1458
(760) 436 3088
www.birdrocktropical.com

Cal Orchid

Jim Rose
1251 Orchid Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
(805) 967 1321
www.calorchid.com

Cal Pacific Orchid Farm

Susan Ayers
1122 Orpheus Avenue
Encinitas, CA 92024
(760) 436 0317

Casa de las Orquideas

Carl Batchman
170 S. Nardo Avenue
Solana Beach, CA 92075
(858) 755 7572
www.orquideas.com

Divine Orchids

Ying Lee, Owner
1015 Uranea Avenue
Encinitas, CA 92024

Green Thumb Nursery

Ms. Mary Bowens, Assistant Manager
1019 W. San Marcos Blvd.
San Marcos, CA 92078

Lico Orchids & Flowers

Nico Goosens & Lisa Humphreys
309 Via Nancita
Encinitas, CA 92024
(760) 942 3785

Ben Machado

4044 Calavo Drive
La Mesa, CA 91941-7050
(619) 660 9870
Bmach16814@aol.com

OrchidWiz, LLC

Alex Maximiano
PO Box 531107
Miami Shores, FL 33153
www.orchidwiz.com

Park Hyatt Hotel

Kevin Kienast
7447 Batiquitos Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92011

Rex Foster Orchids

Billy Baker
2645 Massachusetts Ave.
Lemon Grove, CA 91945
(619) 466 0605

Rudvalis Orchids

Barbara Rudvalis
P.O. Box 130665
Carlsbad, CA 92013-0665
(760) 438 2121

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate

1250 Orchid Drive
Santa, Barbara, CA 93111
(805) 967 1284
www.sborchid.com

Sunset Valley Orchids

Fred Clarke
1255 Navel Place
Vista, CA 92081

Wise Orchids

Ed & Donna Wise
3524 Meriendo Lane
Yorba Linda, CA 92866
(714) 524 1730

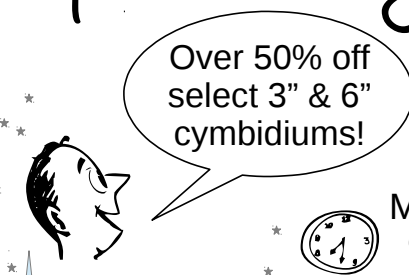
Casa de las Orquideas
presents:

Our 14th Annual
Super Seedling Sale!

Over 50% off
select 3" & 6"
cymbidiums!

May 31, 2014
9 am – 4 pm
In person only!

170 S. Nardo Ave.
Solana Beach, CA 92075
858.755.7572
casa@orquideas.com




The Editor's Corner



The large number of volunteers helping with this year's auction was a wonderful reminder of how lucky POS is to have such a group of dedicated members. This year, given that we were having a bit of a fire sale, really, they also got in on a great opportunity to snatch up some very nice plants for low prices. I know I did.

Working with Maryanne Kind on the auction reminded me again that she was one of the first members who talked to me when I went to my first POS meeting a handful of years ago. I still know how the conversation started: Maryanne turned to me and asked me how many years I had been growing orchids. I didn't really know and flippantly (as I am wont to be) said she must mean how many years I had been *buying* orchids. We had a laugh and commiserated about our luck (or lack thereof) with orchids.

Next time we have guests or members come and join us for an event, be it a meeting or an auction, it would be great if they are made feeling as welcomed as I did by Maryanne. Myself, I am more of the shy kind, but I want to thank Maryanne, Cher Whelan, and all the others who I see greeting guests and talking to them during breaks. It makes a tremendous difference for someone new to a great group of people!

As always, your contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome. Please email them to newsletter@palomarorchid.org.

Happy Growing!

POS Officers

Alex Nadzan — President
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Terri Lofthouse
 & **Donna Steinbrenner — 2nd Vice President/Raffle**
Sandi Sanquist
 & **Cher Whelan — 3rd Vice President/Membership**
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Upcoming Events

May 31, 2014
 Super Seedling Sale
 Casa de las Orquideas
www.orquideas.com

June 3, 2014
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting



www.sdorchids.com

June 4, 2014
 POS General Meeting
 Bruce Kidd
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
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June 7, 2014
 Caravan to Robboy's and
 Spencer's
 RSVP by June 4th
 Cher Whelan (760) 599 0245 or
 Renate Schmidt (760) 295 9178

June 18, 2014
 SDCCS General Meeting

June 20, 2014
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
zoo.sandiegozoo.org

July 1, 2014
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

July 2, 2014
 POS General Meeting
 James Rose
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

July 11 - 13, 2014
 Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
 Summer Open House
www.sborchid.com

Cal-Orchid
 Summer Sale Weekend
www.calorchid.com

August 5, 2014
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

August 6, 2014
 POS General Meeting
 Phyllis Prestia
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

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 Dr.
 San Marcos, CA 92078
 Bill Wong (760) 931-0502
billtcwong@att.net

