

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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June Meeting • Wednesday, June 3, 2015 • 6:30 pm



Francisco Miranda

The genus Cattleya in Brazil

We welcome Francisco Miranda as our guest speaker this month. Francisco's presentation will focus on cattleya species and their habitats. Cattleya species can be found throughout Brazil and Francisco will show examples from most of the major regions where they occur.

Francisco was born in Rio de Janeiro and he has been growing orchids since 1979, the same year he received his degree in Biology. He began his taxonomic studies of the orchid family in 1981. In 1985, he completed a Master's Degree and his thesis "Section Cattleyodes of the genus Laelia".

Francisco has made frequent field trips to study the habitats of Brazilian orchids, resulting in many new described species. He has authored two books and several scientific papers. In 1996, he served as the Program Chairman for the 15th World Orchid Conference in Rio de



Cattleya nobilior



Cattleya elongata

Janiero.

Between 1980 and 2000, Francisco owned an orchid nursery in Rio de Janiero, Orquidario Boa Vista, where he specialized in producing superior cultivars of Brazilian orchid species. Francisco now lives in Haines City, Florida where he operates Miranda Orchids, producing high-quality species in the Cattleya alliance in continuation of the Orquidario Boa Vista tradition.

Francisco holds the title of qualified Taxonomic Authority for the American Orchid Society, specializing in the determination of Brazilian orchids, mainly of the Cattleya alliance.

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President's Message

Fortunately for us, May's cooler weather was beneficial to both our orchids and our annual auction, which turned out to be a big success. We clearly grossed much more than last year and that should replenish our coffers, which were depleted due to last year's fire sale. Once all the invoices are received, we will let you know just how well we did. Sincere thanks go to all of our dedicated members and family members who helped with the auction as well as those who attended and bought plants. We could not have done it without your dedication and participation. Also we are deeply appreciative to all the vendors who donated plants and supplies for the auction.

In June, we plan to participate again in the San Diego County Fair. Involvement will not be as extensive as last year, but we will participate with our sister societies on three days by manning booths on June 7, 11 and 19. Fair organizers have designated June 11 as Orchid Day so there will be other activities such as orchid talks by members of the SDCOS. We will have a sign up sheet at the June meeting for those of you interested in volunteering. Alternatively, you many contact Ivan Allen at aaallen@cox.net if you want to sign up sooner.

Finally, the POS board continues to encourage input from our members at any time via email (anadzan@mac.com), phone (760-529-5914) or in person. Feel free to

contact me, as the board and I are here to serve you.

Happy Growing,



Alex Nadzan President, POS

POS Auction Acknowledgements

The annual auction held on May 2, 2015 saw a large turnout and was a good success.

As mentioned in the President's message, this year's auction was a success partly due to the cool weather, which allowed a good turn out, but most importantly due to the many members and family members who helped in planning, providing or picking up plants, setting up, working on auction day and purchasing plants. The auction could not have been a success without the dedication and efforts of the following individuals: Alex Nadzan, Alexa Davis, Betty Meredith, Bill Wong, Carl Wood, Charlie Padelford, Cher Whelan and her sister, Dede, Debra Funakoshi, Helge Weissig, Ivan Allen, James Mickelson, Janice Krause, Jerry & Anita Spencer, Jerry Spahn, Lanai Staley, Marita Hoit, Maryanne Kind, Merle Robboy, Nancy Abernathy, Phyl-

lis Prestia, Renate Schmidt, Renee Daly, Ruby Putenney, Sandi Sandquist, Vidya Sirsi, Tom Wisniewski, and Warren Stehle. Please accept our sincere apologies and let us know if we have inadvertently omitted someone's name.

We also are indebted to the following vendors, who provided plants and or supplies. They include Andy's Orchids, Cal Orchids, Cal Pacific Plant Farm, Calavo Gardens, Casa de las Orquideas, Ed Wise Orchids, Huntington Botanical Gardens, Lico Orchids, Malibu Orchids, Rex Foster Orchids, Rudvalis Orchids, Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, and Sunset Valley Orchids,

The funds we received will go a long way to support our monthly programs and replenish our coffers for the upcoming year.

Francisco Miranda cont'd

Francisco travels to orchid societies throughout the U.S., Canada and Brazil to give lectures on different topics related to Brazilian orchids. More recently he resumed his taxonomic work and is guiding tours to Brazil with the main objectives of orchid conservation, photography and conservation awareness. He is also scheduled to speak on "Rupiculous Orchids from Brazil" at the SDCOS meeting on Tuesday, June 2.





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Gems From The Last Meeting



Alex Nadzan & Fred Clarke



Blc. Haw Yuan Beauty "Pearl" Alex Nadzan



Bulbophyllum papulosum **Nico Goosens**



Tol. Elfin Gem 'Charlie' Nico Goosens



Dialaelia Snowflake 'Frosty' x Blc. Orange Nugget 'Kadooka' – Merle Robboy









Photos by Helge 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 4way 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.

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The Editor's Corner



Remember the monthly to-do list articles we featured in the newsletter a year ago or so? Those were a collaboration of several of our members and contain very useful advice tailored to our growing environments here in Southern California. This month's list is chock full of ideas and tips on orchid care but you may also want to have a look at the prior and following months lists due to the weather patterns we have had lately. An inch of rain in May? Really? As strange as that is, my plants definitely do seem to love it and my rain barrels are still

full. Alas, despite that rain, we are still in a drought and my lawn is not so happy anymore since I put it on a diet. I am hoping to take advantage of the <u>turf removal rebate program</u> and go to a more drought tolerant landscaping solution. Hmmm... maybe something with orchids!?

As mentioned in the past, we are looking for a newsletter editor apprentice! Access to a Macintosh computer would be of benefit but is not a must. If you are interested, drop me a note or see me at the meeting.

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

Happy Growing!

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Upcoming Events

June 2, 2015

Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting www.sdorchids.com

June 3, 2015

POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos www.palomarorchid.org

June 13, 2015

Orchid Digest Speakers' Day Huntington Gardens Botanical Center orchiddigest.org

June 17, 2015

SDCCS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

June 19, 2015

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo www.sandiegozoo.org

July 1, 2015

POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos www.palomarorchid.org

July 7, 2015

Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting www.sdorchids.com

July 10 - 12, 2015

35th Annual Summer Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House www.sborchid.com

July 17, 2015

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo www.sandiegozoo.org

July 25 & 26, 2015

SDCOS Summer Show in the Park Balboa Park www.sdorchids.com

August 4, 2015

Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting www.sdorchids.com

August 5, 2015

POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos www.palomarorchid.org

August 21, 2015

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo www.sandiegozoo.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

