

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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#### **A Monthly Publication**

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### **Volunteers needed for County Fair Tables**

There will be two opportunities during the Month of June to help staff informational Page 4 tables at the County Fair.

# **May Judging Session**

Like last month, a sizable number of plants were presented and 8 were awarded.

# **Calendar of Events**

The months of June and July are filled with meetings, auctions, sales, and open houses. Mark your calendars! Page 6



Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, June 1, 2016 • 6:00 pm



# Karen Muir

# Maxillarias – Still a Mess!

The Palomar Orchid Society is pleased to welcome Karen Muir for a presnetation on Maxillarias. Wikipedia describes that genus as "a diverse genus, with very different morphological forms. Their characteristics can vary widely. [Maxillarias] are commonly called spider orchids, flame orchids or tiger orchids. Their scientific name is derived from the

Latin word maxilla, meaning jawbone, reflecting on the column and the base of the lip of some species, that may evoke a protruding jaw."

Karen hails originally from Michigan where she started raising orchids in 1972. She was a member of the Michigan Orchid Society and held all of the offices of the Society including show chair, program chair, vice president and president. In 1997, Karen became an accredited American Orchid Society

Judge. Eighteen years ago, Karen moved to Irvine, California where she retired in 2002. Karen now resides in Laguna Niguel, California.

Karen served five years as Chair of the Pacific South Judging Region and was an AOS Trustee. She is the Affiliated Societies Chair and Treasurer for Orchid Digest. Karen has traveled to Canada, Guatemala, Ecuador, Brazil, South Africa and Japan to attend, lecture at, and judge orchid shows.



Masdevallia Karen Muir 'Giant' (picture by Eric Hunt, reprinted with permission)

# PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Our members received a well-earned break from meeting activities in May after an extremely busy and successful auction on April 30th. The publicity efforts of Ivan and Maryanne paid off as we had over 70 bidders at the event. That plus many excellent plant donations from our local nurseries and members resulted in a gross amount that exceeded last year's total. 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.

Speaking of publicity, we are looking for someone to take over publicity responsibilities since Ivan Allen has resigned from publicity chairperson due to personal reasons. Please contact Alex or Bill to volunteer for this important position.

The break in May should have allowed members to focus on repotting and dividing orchids as many of them have started to produce new root growth. This is an ideal time to repot. Also note the changing weather conditions is an invitation for pests to initiate their own 'Spring growth' as well. So it is essential to be diligent and minimize the damage to your plants during the spring and summer growing season. Please refer to the monthly 'To Do' list on our website as a reminder on how to manage pests and your plants in the upcoming months.

June is a busy month for orchid activities with Orchid Digest's Speaker's Day on June 4th and Sunset Valley's Open House on June 18th. Members also will have the opportunity again to participate in the San Diego County Fair on June 19 and 23. Please see the newsletter article and ads for more details on these events. There will be a sign up sheet at the June meeting for those of you interested in volunteering at the fair.

Members are encouraged to provide input at any time via email, phone or in person (anadzan@mac.com, 760-529-5814 or billtcwong@att.net, 760-931-0502). Feel free to contact either of us, as we are here to serve you.

Happy Growing!

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong Co-Presidents, POS

# Snacks & Refreshments This month, all members with last names beginning D through L will 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!

# POS Auction Thanks & Acknowledgements

Our annual auction held on April 30, 2016 was a huge success with over 70 bidders.

As mentioned in the President's message, this year's auction was very successful due to a number of factors including increased publicity efforts, the number of high quality plants provided by local nurseries, efficiency of our excellent auctioneers, Merle and Charlie, and, most importantly, the work of the many members and family members who helped in planning, donating and/or picking up plants, setting up, working on auction day, supplying food and purchasing plants. The auction could not have been a success without the dedication and efforts of the following individuals: Alex & Kathie Nadzan, Alexa Davis, Bill & Shelley Wong, Charlie Padelford, Deborah Amis, Debra Funakoshi, Frank Vogel, Helge Weissig, Iso Zehner, Ivan Allen, Jerry & Anita Spencer, Jerry Spahn, Lena Shiroma, Marita Hoit and her daughter, Maryanne Kind, Merle Robboy, Phyllis Prestia, Sandi Sandquist, Stewart Walton, Susan & Fred Johnston, Tom Wisniewski, Vidya Sirsi and Warren Stehle. Please accept our sincere apologies and let us know if we have inadvertently omitted a volunteer's name.

We are most indebted to the following vendors who provided plants. They include Andy's Orchids, Bird Rock Tropicals, Cal Orchids, Cal Pacific Plant Farm, Calavo Gardens, Casa de las Orquideas, Divine Orchids, Ed Wise Orchids, Kalapana Tropicals (Hawaii), Lico Orchids, Malibu Orchids, Orchidanica Orchids, Rex Foster Orchids, and Sunset Valley Orchids.

Sincere thanks goes to all who participated in the auction. The funds received will go a long way to support POS monthly speaker programs and operating expenses for the remainder of this year and beyond.

# County Fair Meet and Greet Opportunities

Members of the San Diego area orchid societies will have two opportunities during June to help staff informational tables at the County Fair.

Tables will be staffed on June 19 and June 23. Any volunteers will receive free Fair entrance tickets for the day. What we ask is that any one interested to help out sign up for any one hour shift(s) between 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM. There will be brochures, bookmarks, and photos of society activities so that you can talk to fair visitors about the benefits of joining our Society. Members of each society will bring specific information about their society's activities. This is a good opportunity to meet some new friends with a common interest in orchids. To sign up, contact Bruce Berg at (619) 258 1963 / b2berg@yahoo.com or sign up online for June 19 or for June 23 respectively.

Saturday, June 4, 2016 Fourteenth Orchid Digest Speakers Day:

# Crazy About Catts

The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA

12:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Expert Lectures-Orchid Displays-Orchid Sales- Silent Auction-AOS Judging-Dinner

**Scheduled Speakers:** 

Fred Clarke: "Modern Splashed and Spotted Cattleyas and How To Grow Them"

Keith Davis—"Superior Culture for Cattleyas"

Munekazu Ejiri— "New Cattleyas from the Far East"

Francisco Miranda—"The Genus Cattleya in Brazil - Species and Groups"

**Evening Presentation:** 

James Comstock—"Cattleyas in 3-D"

Tickets: \$65 (\$80 at door) for afternoon seminars, wine and cheese happy hour, dinner and evening entertainment.

Reservations online at www.orchiddigest.org

or contact Simone Friend at Orchidsimonef@aol.com or call (562) 431-1247. When contacting by e-mail, please include phone number, e-mail address and mailing address. Space is limited so don't wait to buy your ticket.



# Summer Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival 2016







# May Judging Reports

There were 15 orchids presented for judging. Eight were awarded



Myrmecocattleya Mem. Louise Fuchs 'Purple Rain' Exhibited by Tom Biggart Awarded FCC/AOS 90 points



Enc. Rioclarense 'Arnie'
Exhibited by Arnold Gum
Awarded AM/AOS of 83 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



C. Unregistered 'Brazil Treasure' Exhibited by Tom Biggart Awarded AM/AOS 82 points

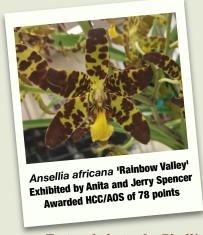


Phal. Haur Jih Fancy 'Cherie CT #3' Exhibited by Glenn F. Stall Awarded AM/AOS of 82 points









Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia







# Gems From The Auction



















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 <u>Pavilion at Lake San Marcos</u> (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.

# The Editor's Corner



Repotting? Did somebody say "repotting"?

I am about one third into it this year and am already sooo over it (to borrow from my teenagers' vernacular). What some may charitably call "extreme deferred maintenance" has really come to catch up with me.

Don't be like me! Do not wait yet another year (again)! Now may be the perfect time since this year's root growths on many plants are just an inch or so long right now. Your plants will thank you for it! Don those gloves

and disposable razor blades (remember Kay Klausing's virus talk!?), spread the old newspaper and get to it. If I can do it, so can you!

In other news, I am available for motivational speaking engagements on topics that I have not followed my own advice for. Call 1-800-TOO-LAZY for information on available dates.

Your comments and suggestions are very much appreciated! And, as always, your contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome as well. Please email them to <a href="mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org">newsletter@palomarorchid.org</a>.

Happy Growing!

# **POS Officers**

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President
Alex Nadzan & Merle Robboy — Co-1st Vice President/Programs
Marita Hoit & Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle
Sandi Sanquist — 3rd Vice President/Membership
Frank Vogel — Secretary
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& Carl Wood — 2nd Year Trustees

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& Charlie Padelford — 1st Year Trustees

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# **Upcoming Events**

# June 1, 2016

POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

# June 4, 2016

Orchid Digest Speaker Day Huntington Botanical Garden orchiddigest.com

# June 7, 2016

Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

#### June 11, 2016

Orchid Society of Southern California Orchid Auction First Christian Church, Burbank orchidssc.org

#### June 15, 2016

SDCCS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

# June 17, 2016 Orchid Odyssey

San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

# June 18, 2016

Sunset Valley Orchids Open House sunsetvalleyorchids.com

#### **July 5, 2016**

Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

#### July 6, 2016

POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

## July 8 - 10, 2016

36th Annual Summer Open House Santa Barbara Orchid Estate sborchid.com

#### July 15, 2016

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

# July 22 - 24, 2016

Summer Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival 2016 Westminster Mall, Westminster nhosinfo.org

#### **August 2, 2016**

Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

#### **August 3, 2016**

POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

#### August 19, 2016

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo 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

