



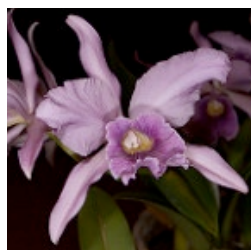
# POS News

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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### Caravan to the Spencers'

POS will be visiting Jerry and Anita Spencer's home and greenhouses on June 10. Sign up at the meeting!  
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### Gems from the Annual Auction

With 57 active bidders and 371 plants auctioned off, our annual sale and auction was a big success!  
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### Newsletter Editor Needed

The time has come for the POS News to find a new editor. It's not a difficult task and only takes a couple of hours each month.  
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### Calendar of Events

Our spring season is wrapping up with a caravan to the Spencers' and the fall show season is just around the corner!  
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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, June 7, 2017 • 6:30 pm



## Tim Culbertson

### *Laelia purpurata*, the Queen of the Cattleyas

POS is pleased to welcome Tim Culbertson who will be sharing his presentation on "*Laelia purpurata*, the Queen of the Cattleyas". Although large, these spectacular cattleyas grow well outside in Southern California, and with their myriad colors and a relatively unique blooming time, these are great

plants for every collection, extending the blooming times in the Cattleya Alliance through July. With more and more *Laelia purpurata* clones and seedlings coming in from Brazil, and large grexes being bred in the United States, these stately, magnificent plants have seen a resurgence in popularity of late, and with good reason! By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of the range of color forms of *Laelia purpurata* and its hybrids, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth. Tim will be providing a plant table of outdoor growing cattleyas, including many plants of *Laelia purpurata* in bud. He also will have additional plants for sale

Although Tim teaches middle school kids for a living, one of his passions has always been plants. Tim began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which his collection numbers nearly 3000. While Tim loves finding old, rare stepping stones in paph breeding, he also does a little hybridizing on his own, and

growing up his own babies is a blast. Tim is the youngest accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and he has served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. Tim loves meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds Tim traveling to shows,



**Laelia purpurata – Anita Spencer**

vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. Tim likes to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, Tim has worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, Tim really likes plants.

**PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**

As we approach the end of spring, we can look forward to June 21st and the start of summer. Actually we have already experienced a warming trend so the memory of our wet winter is in the distant past.

With the change in season, we must be prepared to adjust our orchid growing techniques such as more frequent watering or misting, and more frequent fertilizing. It is also a good time to repot those cymbidiums that are no longer blooming. Please refer to the AOS website and the POS "To Do" list that contain valuable information on what we should be doing this time of the year.

Both Co-Presidents have been extremely pleased with our Society's programs through May. We had several excellent speakers, an informative panel of orchid experts, and a very successful POS Orchid Auction in May. While the results are still being tabulated and finalized, preliminary figures indicate the 2017 auction was close to our successful 2016 auction.

We want to thank a number of people who helped make the auction a big success. First, we express our appreciation to all the vendors who provided us with a generous selection of plants for the auction. Without the support of our

vendors throughout the year and for our auction, we would not be able to continue as a society.

We also thank all the members who donated plants, to all members who volunteered their time picking up plants from vendors and members, to everyone who helped with set-up and those who helped on auction day. It takes a lot of help to coordinate a successful auction. Thanks again to everyone.

Another successful event was the POS Orchid Display at the San Diego Orchid Show in March. We talked about this in an earlier newsletter, but our display was given two notable awards along with two cash prizes thanks to the volunteering of several members.

We are anticipating a number of good speakers for the rest of 2017, starting with our June speaker, Tom Culbertson. Later this month, we have planned an orchid caravan to see Jerry and Anita Spencer's beautiful orchid collection and to conduct a repotting clinic for our newer members. The event will be held on Saturday, June 10. Tom Wisniewski and a committee are planning the event and have sent out correspondence regarding the details and sign ups for the potluck lunch. We already have about 30 attendees who are eager to attend this event. Additional information is available in the caravan announcement below. A final opportunity to ask questions and sign up will be available at the June meeting. A big Thank You in advance to Jerry and Anita for hosting the event!!

As always Bill and Alex are always available to listen to your suggestions, questions and concerns. Please call Bill at 760-931-0502 or Alex at 760-529-5814. Bills e-mail is [billtcwong@att.net](mailto:billtcwong@att.net). Alex's e-mail is [anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com).

We are looking forward to seeing you on June 7th.

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong  
Co-Presidents, POS



**Caravan and Repotting Clinic at Anita and Jerry Spencer's Home**

The Palomar Orchid Society is having a Caravan June 10, 2017 at Jerry and Anita Spencer's home and orchid growing facility in Fallbrook (2589 Rainbow Valley Blvd., Fallbrook, CA 92028). The Spencer's are two of the smartest, nicest and most awarded members of the Palomar Orchid Society. They are opening their facility up to the members of the Palomar Orchid Society and the San Diego County Cymbidium Society for a tour from 10:30-12:00. Members are bringing food so that we can have a pot luck lunch and social hour from 12:00 until 1:00. Following the lunch, the Spencer's are holding a repotting clinic for us from 1:00 until 2:30 to 3:00. They are supplying the potting media and pots for the members participating in the repotting. The fee for the clinic is \$5 per pot. If you are interested in coming, please attend our June 7 meeting so we can sign you up for the clinic, tour, and pot luck. If you are unable to attend the June meeting and would still like to attend the caravan, you can call Tom Wisniewski at 760-224-1776 to sign up.



# Gems From The Annual Auction



**Sue Sang**



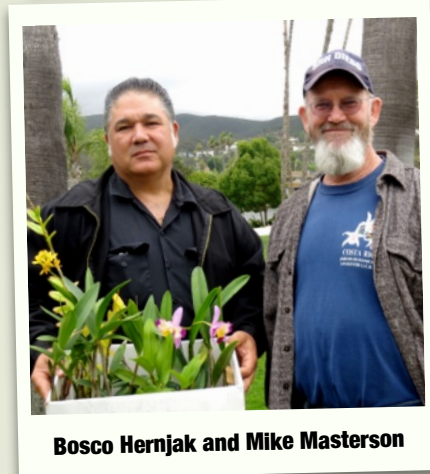
**Linda and Pat Rusnel**



**Jerry Spencer and Linda Rusnell**



**Nana Reyes and Zinnia Malolos**



**Bosco Hernjak and Mike Masterson**



**Auctioneers Merle Robboy and Alex Nadzan**



**James Chowtham and Sue Sang**



**Marshall Lai**



**Genevieve Getz and her daughter Madeleine**

Photos by Debra Funakoshi – Full album at [www.palomarorchid.org](http://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.

## The Editor's Corner



As I have hinted at here a couple of times previously, the POS News is in need of a new editor come this fall. It has been a real pleasure putting the newsletter together over the past 5+ years but it is time for me to pass on the responsibility to someone else. Due to work commitments and a busy family life, it has unfortunately become increasingly stressful for me to get the news out in a timely matter.

The task itself is not hard at all and should only take a couple of hours every month. I will be happy to continue taking and editing pictures at the meetings as well as maintaining the website. Please see me at the meetings or send me an email to [newsletter@palomarorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org) if you are interested!

Do you have any orchid related stories to share? Your comments, suggestions, and/or contributions to this newsletter are very much appreciated! Please email them to [newsletter@palomarorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org).

Happy Growing!

## 2017 POS Officers

**Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President**  
**Tom Wisniewski & Alex Nadzan — Co-1st Vice President/Programs**  
**Marita Hoyt & Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle**  
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## Upcoming Events

**June 6, 2017**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

**June 7, 2017**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**June 10, 2017**  
 POS Caravan & Repotting  
 Session  
 Jerry & Anita Spencer's Home  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**June 15, 2017**  
 Annual Auction  
 San Gabriel Valley Orchid  
 Hobbyists  
[sgvoh.org](http://sgvoh.org)

**June 16, 2017**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**June 21, 2017**  
 SDCCS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

**July 5, 2017**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**July 12, 2017**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

**July 14 - 16, 2017**  
 Annual Summer Open House  
 Santa Barbara Orchid Estate  
[sborchid.com](http://sborchid.com)

**July 21, 2017**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**August 1, 2017**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

**August 2, 2017**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**August 18, 2017**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**September 5, 2017**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

**September 6, 2017**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**September 15, 2017**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**September 16 & 17, 2017**  
 Orchid Fall Show & Sale  
 South Bay Orchid Society  
[southbayorchidsociety.com](http://southbayorchidsociety.com)

**September 20, 2017**  
 SDCCS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

**September 23 & 24, 2017**  
 Fascination of Orchids  
 International Show & Sale  
[ocorchidshow.com](http://ocorchidshow.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, Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
 1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078

