



# 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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## Program Info

### Welcome Back!!!

Based on the recent positive polling of our membership, we are resuming our in-person society meetings on Wednesday, June 2. The meeting will be held at our regular location, the Lake San Marcos Conference Center, starting at 6:30 pm

For our first meeting, we will not have a formal speaker but have an informal meeting consisting of a Q&A session for attendees who have pressing questions about their orchids that weren't addressed during the last year and a half. It would be desirable for attendees to send us your questions in advance so we can select ones to address during the session. Please send them to [Alex](#) and [Bill](#). Our own expert growers, Jerry Spencer, Ken Campbell and Alex Nadzan will try to answer your burning questions.

In addition to the Q&A session, we will have a Show and Tell, a plant table, and a silent auction for those who may want to sell some plants. There also will be ample time for socializing.

For this month, the society will provide light snacks, water and coffee so don't bring anything other than yourself, a friend and your plants.

Please note that we will abide by existing state and local guidelines at the time of the meeting so bring your masks and please do not attend if you are not fully vaccinated yet or you feel ill.

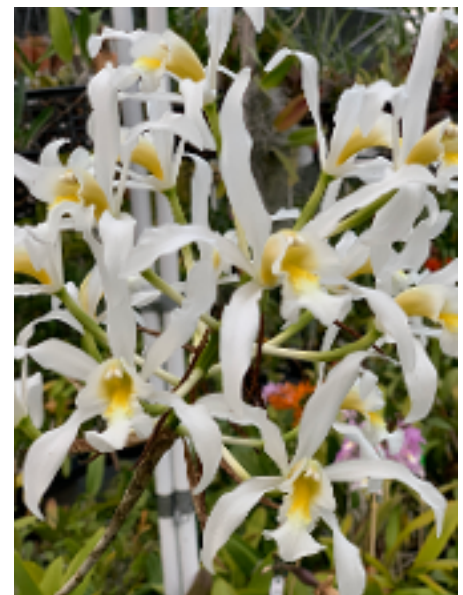
The July 7th meeting will resume our formal speaker program starting with one of our most favorite speakers, Fred Clarke, who also will provide a plant table.

We hope to see all of you on June 2nd.

Alex and Bill



**C. Mossmist 'Matriarch'**



**L. superbium v. alba  
'Don Hubert Cross'**

# President's Message

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## **Hello POS Members and Friends:**

Finally, great news for POS and all of us. A few days ago, the CDC issued new recommendations that will relax most restrictions and, if adopted by local governing agencies, they will get us closer to normal. Happy Days are Here Again!!! We know that most of our older members will relate to that song. You younger ones will have to figure it out!!

As you know a few days ago, we sent out an email asking when members/friends will be ready to attend in-person meetings again. The response was overwhelming in favor of meeting in June. Nearly 85% of you feel safe and willing to attend a live POS meeting. We heard you and decided to meet again and that was before the new CDC decision.

On Tuesday, June 2nd we will have our meeting at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center that will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to attend. As clarity on the CDC recommendation evolves and as local authorities revise their own guidelines, we will follow all rules in place as of the meeting date.

We miss the meetings, our members and the interactions we share for our love of orchids. It's been too long so bring a friend and be sure to renew your membership at the meeting. If you wish to renew prior to the meeting, please mail renewals to POS, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013 or renew online as indicated in the newsletter.

Many of you have not participated in our co-sponsored Zoom

meetings with SDCOS, an indication that you prefer live meetings. As of June, we will discontinue the joint Zoom sessions for POS only members, although members who also belong to SDCOS can still attend the Zoom meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. We appreciated the opportunity to cooperate with SDCOS this past year and a half and, once they return to their in-house meetings, we will resume co-sponsoring speakers that are of mutual interest.

To ease back into the meetings, we will incorporate many of the activities you enjoy. We will continue the "Show and Tell" where members bring in and talk about their beautiful blooming orchids. There will be a plant table with orchids from Sunset Valley Orchids. The society will provide refreshments for this meeting including pre-packaged snacks and bottled water (members, please do not bring food). There also will be a silent auction, where members can sell plants.

Our first meeting will not have a guest speaker. Instead, we decided to have a Question-and-Answer session, where our own experts will answer questions members and friends have on growing orchids. During the COVID lock-down, you haven't been able to get answers to your questions on growing orchids or been able to ask fellow members for help. Access to orchid nursery growers has also been limited, so we wanted to have this Q&A session. It also provides an opportunity for members to participate and get acquainted with one another again.

To further get us back to normal, we have asked one of our favorite speakers, Fred Clarke of SVO, to speak in July and provide a plant table. The topic is to be determined. We always have a great turnout when Fred speaks so we wanted him to be our first speaker of 2021.

We think that many of the orchid events that were canceled this past 1 ½ years will be resumed, so look for announcements from local growers and for orchid shows in the region. See Andy's Orchids ad on pg 5 for online and Summer Open House details. Who knows, maybe we can plan an orchid caravan later this year to a local grower or to see a member's collection.

As always, we hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. Bill and Alex are available to listen to your suggestions, questions and concerns. Please call Bill at 760-931-0502 or Alex at 760-529-5814 or e-mail them at [billtcwong@att.net](mailto:billtcwong@att.net)

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# World of Orchids



San Diego BOTANIC GARDEN

APRIL 3 - MAY 2, 2021

The World of Orchids Show at SDBG was a huge success thanks to many of the members of our Society and the San Diego County Orchid Society who displayed over 250 blooming orchids from their personal collections during the show.

According to SDBG, over 15,000 people attended the month long event and the vendors who sold plants over several of the weekends also did well and sold many plants to both novice and more experienced orchid growers. Perhaps some of them will eventually join our societies. Many thanks to all who participated to make it a wonderful and very successful event. Below are few more pictures of some of the beautiful plants that were exhibited toward the end of the show.



**Bifrenaria harrisoniae**  
**'Herbrita' AM/AOS**



**Tolumnia Pretty in Pink**





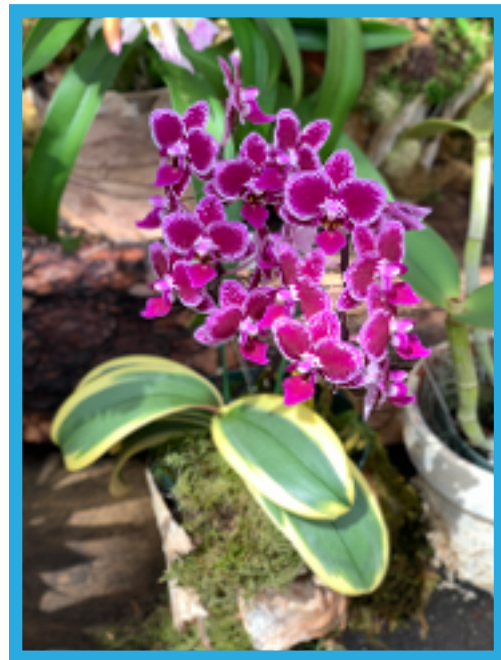
**Cym. Pat Ann**



**Masdevallia 'Peach Fuzz'**



**Ansellia africana 'Garden Party'**



**Phal. Chia E Yenlin 'Variegata'**



**Blc. Picotee Flight 'SVO' x Slc.  
Mari's Vision 'SVO'**



**Blc. Laughing Boy**





Online Memorial Day Sale, Now thru May 31, more details on Andy's [Website](#)



Andy's Summer Open House, June 25-27, see details on Andy's [Website](#)

## TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2021

We are asking all of our members to renew their membership for 2021 at this time, since this is our only source of income during the pandemic. We need these resources to continue to pay for our Zoom speakers, newsletter mailings and storage fees in order to remain a viable organization. Please mail your renewal membership (\$25 individual, \$30 household) to the POS mailing address (Palomar Orchid Society, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013) or contact our membership chairperson, Trudy Ibbetson at ([trudygro@aol.com](mailto:trudygro@aol.com)). You also may renew and pay directly online on our [website](#), which also has membership forms for new members.

### 2021 POS Officers

**Co-President:** Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong

**Co-1st Vice President/Programs:** Tom Wisniewski & Alex Nadzan

**2nd Vice President/Raffle:** Jerry Spahn & Jim Anderson

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# June 'To Do' List

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## 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 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 as donations for the POS auction or for silent auction at the meetings. 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](#)

## 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](#).
- 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 be 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](#).

*The monthly To Do list is a collaboration of several POS members.*



**Cher Whelan's Photos**



**Blc. Little Mike 'Big Green'**



**Lc. Moonlight Glitter**

**Bill Wong's Photos**



**AMN-292: Slc. Circle of Life x  
Lc. Trick or Treat**



**Lc. Mini Song 'Petite' AM/AOS**





**Iwanagaara Appleblossom**



**Lc. Tokyo Magic 'Moonbeam'**

**Alex Nadzan's Photos**



**C. luteola (GC 4n x H&R)**



**SVO6798B: Lc. Love Knot  
v. coerulea**



**C. Lawre-Mossiae v. coerulea 'B' with close up**



**Ansellia africana**



**Epi. parkinsonianum**



**Lc. Chocoberry Fondue**



**AMN-029W: Blc. Bryan Wheeler  
x Lc. Tokyo Magic**