



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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President's Message

Gil wraps up a fantastic caravan experience and revisits the discussion in regard to the new auction and potential general meeting location.

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First Caravan of 2012

Have a look at some of the many pictures from the first caravan of 2012. Additional shots are available at our home page!

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Calendar of Events

A list of events coming up this month and next. Please make a note of the date of the Annual Auction: August 18, 2012.

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Judging Report

Results from the monthly judging sessions at the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park

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A collection of pictures from the May general meeting.

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June Meeting • Wednesday, June 6, 2012 • 7 pm

Indoor and Outdoor Orchid Growing Structures for Southern California and Beyond

Nico Goossens

Nico Goossens is a grower and co-owner of Lico Orchids and Flowers, Encinitas, CA. Since 1982, he has also worked in the construction industry. His first exposure to orchids came in 1978 when he was given custodial care of a shipment of bare root central American orchids that had been inspected by US Agriculture, fumigated, held in quarantine, and warehoused for over two months, and finally refused by the consignee. In spite of total degradation, with time and lots of research on orchid care, Nico managed to



Gil Ho's green house

bloom some of the plants, thus, marking the beginning of his passion for orchids. He continued to sparingly and cautiously dabble with growing orchids outdoors until about 1995 when Lisa Humphreys and he started Lico Orchids & Flowers and build their greenhouse, thus adding greenhouse building and growing to his knowledge.

Nico enjoys growing all kinds of varied orchid genera and especially species. He is also very interested in the conservation of Southern California's local native orchids. He has traveled to Thailand, Ma-

laysia, Indonesia, Ecuador, Brazil, and China to see orchids growing in the wild. This should be a very educational talk for our members.

Lico Orchids will provide plants for the opportunity table this month.

June's culture class will be given by our own Jerry Spencer who will provide culture tips on "Growing Magnificent Specimen Orchid Plants". As POS members know, Jerry and Anita Spencer are experts in producing wonderful specimen orchids, several of which have won awards.



Alex Nadzan's shade structures

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May has been a crazy month with all sorts of things going on. On the 12th of May, we had our first ever home tour/learning/socializing caravan, and the response was overwhelming. Thirty-seven signed up, and we had close to 30 people who eventually participated, which is phenomenal. Starting at my house and ending at Alex Nadzan's home, participants had the chance to look at and discuss different ways of growing orchids and some of the individual challenges each of us face in growing. I'm sure everyone learned a thing or two and we were all able to share our experiences, which is invaluable. For those with an itch to buy something, Barbara Rudvalis' Open House was added as another stop. It was a fun event for all, and went very smoothly, even for the hosts. I want to extend a thank you to Debra Funakoshi for organizing the event and to my co-board member Alex Nadzan and his wife for hosting the last leg of the tour and providing lunch for us all. We will definitely be organizing similar caravans again in the future.

A major issue brewing has been the location for the annual auction this year and the consideration of a possible new location for the regular meeting. At the last meeting, I announced that the auction will be held at the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos due to lack of availability at the Carlsbad Woman's Club. Because Maryanne Kind is a resident of the community, we have the opportunity to hold our auction at a cost of only \$100. The Pavilion is quite similar to the Woman's Club, but it is larger and better organized in my opinion. The discussion at the meeting turned to perhaps holding the general meeting there in future, with strong arguments being made on both sides of the issue. Most opposition was directed toward the travel distances and the re-direction of travel to meetings that would be the consequence of such a move. On the other hand, meeting there would save POS about \$1,700 per year, a significant cut in expenses. Also, at the Pavilion, a better speaker system, centralized controls, and the setup and takedown of tables and chairs are all included. The board and the resurrected meeting space committee will be investigating the issue further to determine distances based on the addresses of our members, and

we will present our findings to the membership after the auction date to debate on the merits of the possible plan.

Happy Growing,



Gil Ho
President, POS

Pictures from the Caravan

The first POS caravan of the year was scheduled for Saturday, May 12. Some 30 members visited the homes of our members Gil Ho and Alex Nadzan to view their orchid collections. In addition, members also stopped by at Barbara Rudvalis' Open House.



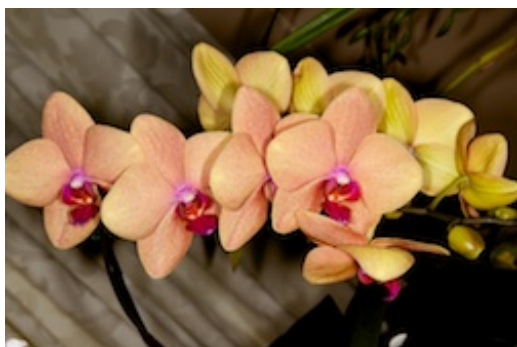
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Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning with **A, B, C, D, E, F** and **G** 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!



THE PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY
PRESENTS



2012 Orchid Auction

Saturday, August 18, 2012

Preview at 11:00 am

Auction starts 12 Noon

The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
1105 Bonita Drive
San Marcos, CA 92078

FREE TO THE PUBLIC • More info at www.palomarorchid.org

Upcoming Events

June 2, 2012

SDCOS Species Group Mtg.
Paul or Ann Tuskes
(858) 274 5829

June 5, 2012

Orchid Judging Center
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting

www.sdorchids.com

June 6, 2012

POS General Meeting
www.palomarorchid.org

June 9, 2012

Annual Orchid Auction
Orchid Soc. of Southern CA
www.orchidssc.org

June 15, 2012

San Diego Zoo Orchid Odyssey
events.sandiegozoo.org

June 20, 2012

SDCCS General Meeting

July 3, 2012

Orchid Judging Center
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting

www.sdorchids.com

July 11, 2012

POS General Meeting
(please note the date change due to the July 4th holiday)
www.palomarorchid.org

July 13 - 15, 2012

32nd Annual Orchid Fair
www.orchidfair.com

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate

Open House
www.sborchid.com

Cal-Orchid
Open House

www.calorchid.com

July 20, 2012

San Diego Zoo Orchid Odyssey
events.sandiegozoo.org

July 21 & 22, 2012

SDCOS Summer Show
www.sdorchids.com

August 7, 2012

Orchid Judging Center
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting

www.sdorchids.com

August 18, 2012

POS Annual Orchid Auction
The 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
bclark@sdorchids.com

San Diego Cymbidium Society

Regular meetings 3rd Wednesday of each month, September-June, 7pm, San Diego Botanic Garden, Ecke Building, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024
Phyllis Prestia (760) 732-0055
orchldy2@mac.com



April Judging Report

There were 11 orchids presented for judging. Six were awarded.



Galeopetalum Ink Spot AM/AOS
Exhibited by Renate Schmidt
Awarded 81 points



Paph. philippinense v. compactum 'Tyrone' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Charlie Fouquette
Awarded 77 points



Rdcm. Lovely Lady HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Helmut Rohr
Awarded 78 points



L. sincorana 'Harald' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Kay Klausing
Awarded 77 points



Dtps. Lioulin 'Goldfinch' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Helmut Rohr
Awarded 78 points



Phrag. Haroldeen Quintal HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Helmut Rohr
Awarded 77 points

Concerning Judging Sessions

The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. They are:

San Diego

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104
1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

San Marino

Huntington Botanical Gardens
2nd Saturday of the month at 10 am

Long Beach

Whaley Park
4th Saturday of the month at 7 pm

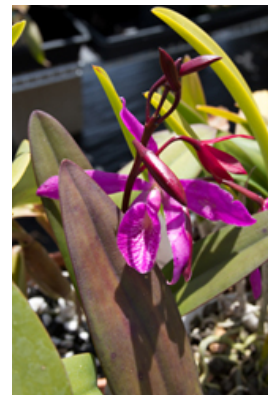
Visitors, with or without plants, are welcome anytime. If a member of the POS wishes to have flowering plants judged at one of these sessions but is unable to take the plants to the judging facility, please contact one of the following AOS judges:

- Rohrl, Helmut (La Jolla)
(858) 452-0976
- Tuskes, Ann and Paul (Clairemont)
(858) 274-5829

Text and photos by Phyllis S. Prestia Ed.D.

Pictures from the Caravan continued

Many more pictures are available at www.palomarorchid.org



Gems From The Last Meeting



Paul Tuskes, our speaker, with an *Encyclia* plant



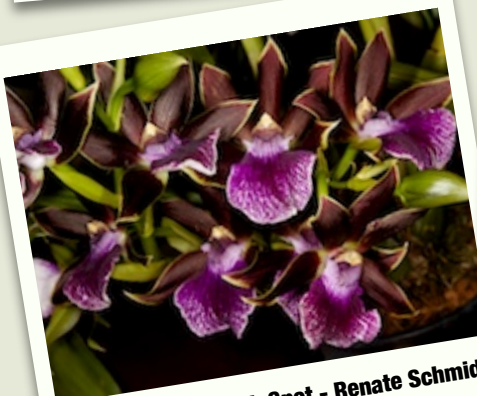
Lc. Gold Digger "Orchid Jungle"
Alex Nadzan



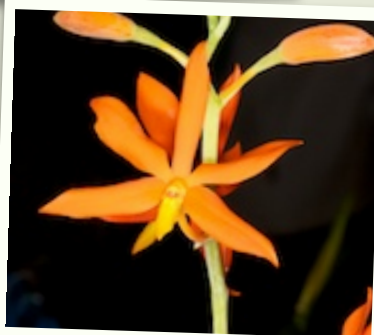
Odontoglossum cordatum



Cecily Bird with her orchid
Cym. Cecily Bird



Galeopetalum Ink Spot - Renate Schmidt



Prosthechea (Encyclia) vitellina
Merle Robboy



Enc. cochleata
Merle Robboy



C. intermedia v. alba "Crestwood"
Bill Wong



Sarc. Cherie "Speckled Rose" x Sarc. Fitzhart "Red"



Alex Nadzan conducting the culture class on repotting

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

Meeting Wrap-up

Alex Nadzan led off the meeting with a culture class on repotting orchids. He was followed by Paul Tuskes who presented his talk on the *Encyclia* family of orchid genera. His presentation covered many species and hybrids as well as their cultivation.

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the Carlsbad Women's Club, 3320 Monroe, Carlsbad.

Go east off 5 on Carlsbad Village Drive 1/2 mile to Monroe, turn South on Monroe to

Women's Club. OR go west off El Camino Real at Carlsbad Village Drive to Monroe and turn south to the Women's Club. Culture Class starts at 6:30 pm. The regular meeting begins at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be on June 6, 2012.

The Editor's Corner



Following up on Gil's comments about the caravan, I also want to extend my thanks to Gil and Alex for inviting us over to their places to poke around their growing areas. How much fun was that!? If everyone only had half as much fun as I did, we all had a blast! I hope you enjoy some of the pictures I took. Due to space reasons, they are only shown in small form in the newsletter, but they and many more can be found also on our website in full resolution.

Speaking of pictures, I have a small request for help: Please label all your orchids at the general meeting using the little label sheets we have and please label them legibly. This would make my life so much easier as I am putting together the album for the meeting. It also helps me to correctly identify your plants and give attribution to you, the grower.

It looks like the summer months are packed with events. Please note the change in dates for the July and August meetings: July's meeting will be held on the 11th due to the July 4th holiday and the August meeting will be replaced by the Auction on August 18th.

As always, I welcome any comments, submissions, and suggestions at newsletter@palomarorchid.org. Deadline, as always, is the 15th of the month!

Happy Growing!

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Gil Ho — President
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