



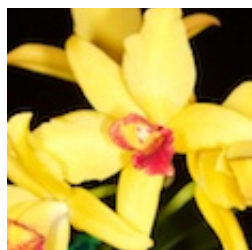
# POS News

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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### Gems from the February Meeting

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### February Judging Report

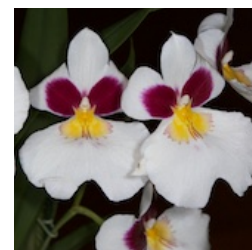
There were two judging sessions to report on and a total of 3 orchids were awarded AOS points and awards.

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### Calendar of Events

March, April, and May are filled with orchid events from several big shows to numerous auctions, including our own on May 6th.

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, March 1, 2017 • 6:30 pm

## Culture Class Panel

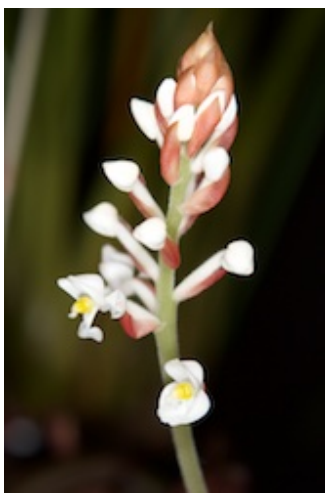
**Lisa Humphreys, Merle Robboy, Jerry Spencer, and Helge Weissig**

Our great society has had an influx of new members over the past year and many of them have asked for a culture class session. Our senior members are more than willing to answer any questions and for the March meeting we will have a panel session with four of our more experienced members answering questions related to orchid culture. Members on the panel are **Lisa Humphreys, Merle Robboy, Jerry Spencer, and Helge Weissig**. Please write down any questions you might have and bring them to the March meeting. The more questions we have, the more informative this session will be. As the saying goes: "There are no dumb questions in this world, never be afraid to ask".

**Lisa Humphreys** is co-owner of Lico Orchids & Flowers and has been growing orchids since 1994, with an emphasis on

species. She has been active in the orchid business since 1995, primarily selling hybrid orchids to florists. Lico Orchids specializes in orchids that are easy to grow and have long-lasting blooms.

**Merle Robboy, MD**, is a long-time member of our society with much experience in growing many plants of the orchid family. Dr. Robboy regularly presents all of the blooming flowers brought in by our members in the monthly "show and tell" sessions. His encyclopedic knowledge of most all of the plants and his detailed explanation of



their geographical origin, culture needs, and genetic background make these sessions a favorite part of the meetings for many.

**Jerry Spencer**, together with his wife Anita, cultivate a vast collection of thousands of orchids and many years of experience growing them. We visited their greenhouses in 2016 during one of our caravans and learned much about orchid cultivation on a scale. Jerry has a very scientific approach to raising orchids. While we were there, he was running an experiment to find out which solution would hold a certain spray chemical in suspension the longest. In three different containers he was testing alcohol, vodka and water. Jerry combines a wealth of knowledge, a great personality, and an enormous curiosity with a wonderful sense of humor.

**Helge Weissig, PhD**, produces the monthly POS newsletter and maintains both website and email services for our society. Helge has been growing and photographing orchids for about 10 years and most of the pictures in the newsletter

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## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

*As we write this newsletter, we are quickly approaching spring, which officially begins on March 20. As with last month's message, the rains have continued and are helping relieve California's drought conditions. It also means we are continuing to save time, money and water for our precious orchids.*

*We have noticed an increase in the number of snails and slugs in our garden so be on the alert for these pests in your orchid collections. This is particularly true for those of us with outdoor collections. There are many readily available products on the market to control snails and slugs. Ask your fellow members what they use and what is effective for them. Note that such products containing metaldehyde are quite toxic to dogs so select products that are pet safe if you have them.*

*Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids gave us a wonderful talk in February entitled 'The Modern Cattleya'. This is the first time we have heard this talk and Fred had excellent slides of his beautiful cattleyas. In addition, he gave us a number of tips on cattleya orchid culture. This was a nice preview to our March meeting, where our expert panel will address your questions and concerns on any culture related topics. As an additional note, don't rely on this meeting to answer all your questions. Take the time at our regular meetings to talk with others about your questions and concerns. Our expert members are more than willing to share information with you.*

*During our last meeting there were several side conversations with fellow members during the speaker's talk. This is not only disrespectful to the speaker but also to fellow members who are trying to listen to the talk so please refrain from side conversations during the presentation, but do ask questions of the speaker during the meeting and with colleagues during the break as a courtesy to our speakers and other members.*

*We have finalized plans for our April speaker who will be George Hatfield, current president of AOS and a well-known and recognized grower of award winning cymbidiums. George will speak on pendulous cymbidiums and will provide the plant table as well.*

*In May, there will be no monthly meeting because that is the month of the POS Annual Orchid Auction. Our auction is scheduled for May 6, so please mark that date on your calendar to help support this important fundraiser. We need a number of people to serve in different capacities and they are all important roles. As most of you know, this is the primary fundraiser for POS that enables us to fund excellent speakers, both local and from out of the area. It also helps pay for the plant tables and other events, such as caravans, plants for holiday dinner, etc.*

*Regarding the upcoming auction, please look at your collections for duplicate plants you can donate to the auction. Regularly dividing plants is a good way to increase your collection and provide divisions to share with friends and the society. March and April will be an opportune time to divide plants as they should be initiating new root growth. 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. Bill's email is [billtcwong@att.net](mailto:billtcwong@att.net) and Alex's email is [anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com).*

*We look forward to seeing you on March 1st.*

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong  
Co-Presidents, POS

## Snacks & Refreshments

*This month, all members with last names beginning **M through T** 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!**

## Culture Class Panel cont.

are taken by him. Helge was recently awarded the Member of the Year award for the second time for his contributions to the society, which included the design and implementation of the software we use for our annual auctions as well as his "IT support" during the meetings. Helge grows mostly species orchids and will be happy to share his knowledge about orchids, their culture, and photography.

Again, please bring your questions to the March meeting, or if you like, send questions in advance to Tom Wisniewski at [twisniewski1@cox.net](mailto:twisniewski1@cox.net).



# Gems From The January Meeting



**Fred Clarke**



**Bc. Indian Mountain x Unknown  
Suzi Sandore**



**Bc. Mem Victoria Kam – Bill Wong**



**Cym. tracyanum – Cher Whelan**



**Cym. Where's Walky "Copperpot"  
Alex Nadzan**



**Paph. wardii – Steve Redmond**



**Lc. Orglade's Grand "Tian Mu" – Suzi Sandore**



**Cym. Baltic Dew "Freckleface" – Alex Nadzan**



**Paph. Jenna Marie  
Steve Redmond**

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.



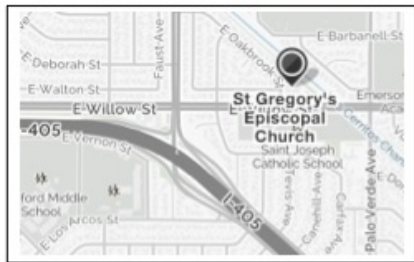
**LONG BEACH AMATEUR ORCHID SOCIETY**

*The more than friendly society, Est. 1955*

**LBAOS Annual Orchid Auction  
Monday, March 13, 2017**

5:30 PM- Doors open for Auction set-up  
6:00 PM- Preview & Registration  
(Get your paddles!)  
6:30 PM- Auction starts  
Visitors & Guests Welcome

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Hall  
6201 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA  
(Between Palo Verde Ave. & Woodruff)



Join us for a fun evening with quality orchids from commercial growers and society members!

LBAOS meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at St. Gregory's Church Hall at 7PM. Come join us at our regular meetings and meet dedicated hybridizers, growers, amateurs and beginners.  
Info: [www.lbaos.com](http://www.lbaos.com), info@lbaos.com, 562-972-0450

**72<sup>nd</sup> SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW**

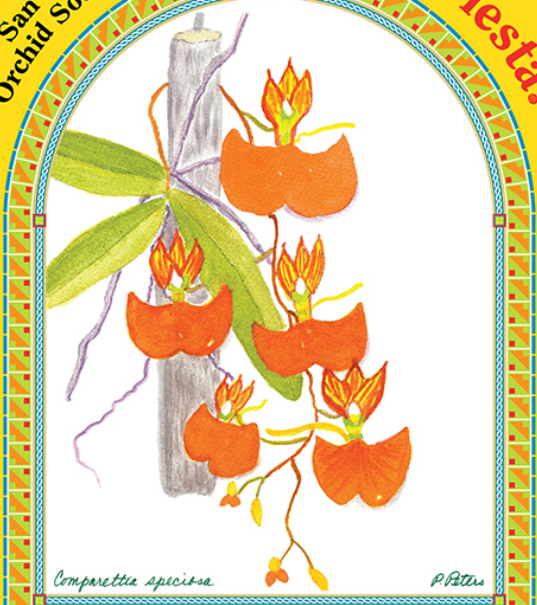


*Orchid Mystique*

*Mystidium capense 'Carrie Chu' CCE-FCC/IAOS*

**Friday March 17 - Sunday March 19, 2017**

San Diego County  
Orchid Society presents **Orchid Fiesta!**



*Cypripedium speciosum*

P. Peters

**Show and Sale • March 24-26, 2017**

Friday 3-7 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Scottish Rite Event Center  
in Mission Valley  
1895 Camino Del Rio South  
San Diego, CA 92108

Admission: \$10  
Weekend Pass: \$12  
Children under 12: Free  
Free Parking

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THE PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY  
PRESENTS



**2017 Orchid  
Sale &  
Auction**

**Saturday,  
May 6, 2017**

Sale & Preview 9:30 am - 11:00 am  
Auction 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sale of blooming orchids & arrangements for Mother's Day  
Over 300 plants to be auctioned  
Plant raffle for auction participants  
We accept all major credit cards, checks, and cash

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

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING  
More info at [www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

## February Judging Report

There are two judging sessions to report this month. At the regular, monthly session, 6 orchids were presented for judging. One was awarded:

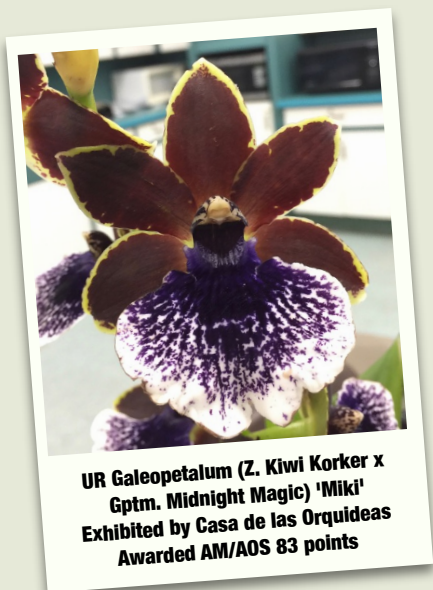


## Judging Sessions

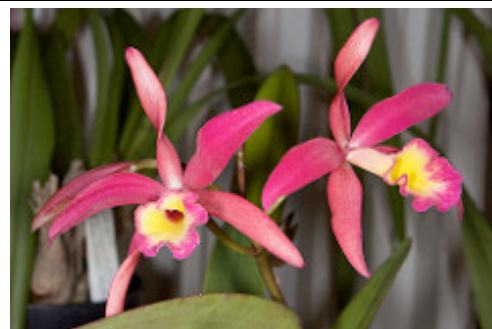
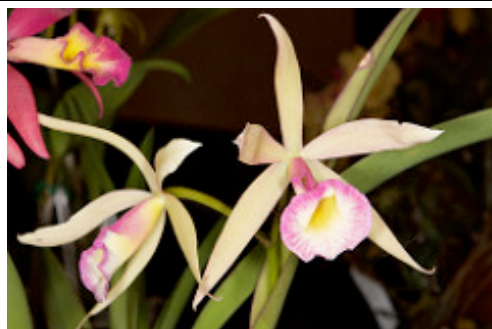
The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. Locally, the sessions are held in Balboa Park, Casa del Prado in room 104 on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm.

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

At the January Show in the Park (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), 5 orchids were presented for judging, and two were awarded:



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



## The Editor's Corner



Rain, rain, go away! Who would have thought that we would be saying this this year and winter isn't even officially over yet!? If you are growing your plants like I do, only protected by trees or shade cloth, your pots are probably as soaked as mine are and had nary a time in between to dry out. On top of it, weeds are growing everywhere and slugs are having a field day already.

It's very much time to get busy! While there isn't much to be done about the wetness, keep an eye on your plants for any signs of water stress. Pull those weeds early before the grow seeds and set up snail traps or use appropriate pest control methods (iron phosphate is my favorite go-to here, since it is relatively harmless to other animals).

The nuisances of the very rainy winter aside, it is a tremendous relief to be finally out of the drought and the green hills everywhere are visually simply stunning!

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**  
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**Marita Hoyt & Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle**  
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**Frank Vogel — Secretary**  
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## Upcoming Events

**March 1, 2017**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**March 7, 2017**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

**March 13, 2017**  
 Annual Orchid Auction  
 Long Beach Amateur OS  
[lbaos.com](http://lbaos.com)

**March 15, 2017**  
 SDCCS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

**March 17, 2017**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**March 17 - 19, 2017**  
 72nd Annual Santa Barbara  
 International Orchid Show  
[sborchidshow.com](http://sborchidshow.com)

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate  
 Open House  
[sborchid.com](http://sborchid.com)

Cal-Orchid Open House  
[calorchid.com](http://calorchid.com)

**March 24 - 26, 2017**  
 Annual Spring Show & Sale  
 San Diego County Orchid Society  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

**March 30, 2017**  
 Annual Auction  
 Malibu Orchid Society  
[malibuorchidsociety.org](http://malibuorchidsociety.org)

**April 4, 2017**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

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

**April 19, 2017**  
 SDCCS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

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

Orchid Auction  
 South Bay Orchid Society  
[southbayorchidsociety.com](http://southbayorchidsociety.com)

**May 2, 2017**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

**May 6, 2017**  
 Annual Orchid Auction  
 Palomar Orchid Society  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**May 17, 2017**  
 SDCCS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

**May 19, 2017**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**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)

## 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

