



# 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.

A Monthly Publication

March 2019

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**Meeting - March 6, 2019**

**Lake San Marcos Conference Center**



Ken in his greenhouse with his pet panda

## **Topic: "Orchid Culture: The Ins and Outs of Orchid Growing"**

Two of our more experienced members, Ken Campbell and Alex Nadzan, will speak on growing orchids in a greenhouse and outdoors under shade cloth, respectively. They will share their conditions and tips for successful growing a variety of orchids under a climate controlled environment and outdoors. The presentation should be educational for both experienced and novice orchid growers alike. It is a timely topic to kick off the 2019 orchid growing season as your plants emerge from their winter resting period. The plant table this month is provided by Cal Orchid of Santa Barbara.

When Ken Campbell's in-laws passed away about 20 years ago, Ken took over their modest orchid collection, which consisted primarily of cattleyas. Being an engineer at heart, and always willing to accept a new challenge, the first thing he decided he needed to do was to build a greenhouse... and as they say, the rest is history.

Over the years Ken's appreciation of orchids has grown from not being able to even spell the word correctly (Ph. D. engineers are notoriously bad spellers), to being able to keep the plants alive (at least most of them), to actually getting some of them to bloom. Ken says he owes a special thanks to the many knowledgeable individuals that have over the years helped him achieve the level of success and enjoyment he finds in orchids today.



Alex Nadzan is an avid orchid enthusiast and an active member of the Palomar Orchid Society. He currently serves as Co-President and Co-1st Vice President of Programs. He also is a trustee of the San Diego County Cymbidium Society and an active member of the San Diego County Orchid Society. Alex has been collecting and growing orchids for over 25 years, with emphasis on cattleya, oncidium and cymbidium alliances. During the last 12 years or so, he has developed an orchid hybridizing program devoted to creating novel, compact, and cold-tolerant cattleya hybrids and related genera that do well outside in the San Diego area.

Previously, Alex worked as a research chemist and manager in the pharmaceutical industry but retired about 5 years ago to devote full time to his orchid activities and to apply his scientific knowledge to his large orchid collection.

Alex in front of his shade structure



**Ken Cambell & Alex Nazdzan  
-speaker cont.**



One of Ken's mini cattleyas

Ken's Best of Section Vanda from the Orchids in the Park Show



Alex's Ros. Rawdon's Jester won Best  
Oncidium at the Westminster Show.



One of Alex's own hybrids: Lc. Culminat 'La Tulerie' x L. anceps  
'Mendenhall'

## President's Message

As we approach the start of spring, it feels like winter isn't quite over yet. We have had one of the wettest winters in several years and it's been much colder than we are accustomed to. Our heating bills attest to that. The wet weather has given most of us a break from our watering chores and the associated expenses.

We have started 2019 with two excellent speakers. As mentioned last month, Brandon Tam of the Huntington Library spoke to us in January on his Orchid Exploration of Ecuador. Last month, John Oswalt of the San Diego County Orchid Society gave a superb overview of his experiences growing Cymbidiums and many of us walked away with new tips on how to grow these plants successfully. We want to thank John for joining us. John shared his knowledge with us because of his love for orchids and he did not accept a speaker fee. As a show of our appreciation, we gave him his pic of one the beautiful cymbidiums we had on our opportunity table.

POS's outreach to attract new members and visitors is starting to reap dividends. In February we had five visitors (one former member) and we received positive feedback from them on the meeting. We hope all of them come again and bring their friends. The topic was perfect for beginners. Our March culture meeting will feature Ken Campbell and Alex Nadzan, both members of POS, who will share secrets for successful growing of orchids in a greenhouse and outside under shade cloth conditions, respectively. Alex and Ken always bring in beautiful orchids for our Show and Tell table and they often win awards at the local judging events. More on their backgrounds is described above.

We are starting to finalize our speaker program for the rest of the year and will have more definitive information soon. As a start, we have lined up Fred Clarke, one of our most favorite speakers, who will give us an updated presentation on Aussie Dendrobiums. In September,

James Rose of Cal-Orchid Inc. will speak to us so be sure to mark your calendars. Jim is also one of our favorite speakers and will talk about his 10 Favorite Orchids. This is a new talk that we have not heard before. Jim's visit to San Diego is a part of our shared speaker effort with SDCOS. By the way, this month's plant table is provided by Cal-Orchid.

We want to remind all members and prospective members to renew their POS membership in March. Too often members wait until later in the year and it is nice to update our Rooster earlier. The membership fees also help cover the operating expenses, so be sure to renew with Sandy Sandquist.

As always 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. Bills e-mail is [billtcwong@att.net](mailto:billtcwong@att.net). Alex's e-mail is [anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com)

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### General Meeting Information

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 intersection, turn right onto La Bonita Drive. The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month at the Conference Center 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 and way STOP, turn right on La Bonita Drive. Proceed ahead for one block on La Bonita. The conference center will be on the left and there is plenty of parking in front.



## 2019 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

**3rd Vice President/Membership:** Wendy Dancau (on maternity leave) & Sandy Sandquist

**Secretary:** Frank Vogel

**Treasurer:** Vidya Sirsi

**1st Year Trustees:** Suzie Sandore & Cher Whelan, & Steve Redmond

**2nd Year Trustees:** Maryanne Kind & Sandi Sandquist, & Helge Weissig

**Newsletter Editor:** Susan Johnston

**Website Editor & Publicity:** Helge Weissig

**Facebook Editor:** Debra Funakoshi



Pot. Little Toshie "Gold Country" –  
Ken Campbell

**Dues for 2019 are due now. I am in the process of updating the roster so please let me know if you plan to renew. Thank you**

**Sandi Sandquist (temporary membership chairman)**

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www.flickr.com/groups/palomarorchid/

*Snacks & Refreshments This month, all members with last names beginning **Q through B** 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!*



**Annual Orchid Auction**  
**April 10, 2019**

**Garden Grove Masonic Lodge**  
**11270 Acacia Pkwy GG 92840**

**Preview - 6:30 pm Auction - 7:00 pm**

**Free: Parking - Admission - Refreshments**

**www.coolorchids.org**

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## CALENDAR

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### March 5, 2019

Orchid Judging Center  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

### March 6, 2019

POS General Meeting  
Conference Center, Lake San Marcos  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

### March 11, 2019

Annual Auction  
Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society  
[lbaos.com](http://lbaos.com)

### March 15, 2019

Orchid Odyssey  
San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

### March 15 - 17, 2019

74th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show  
Earl Warren Fairgrounds, Santa Barbara  
[sborchidshow.com](http://sborchidshow.com)

### March 16, 2019

44th Annual Cymbidium Society of America Congress  
Earl Warren Fairgrounds, Santa Barbara  
[cymbidium.org](http://cymbidium.org)

### March 20, 2019

SDCCS General Meeting  
San Marcos Senior Center  
[sdcymbidium.org](http://sdcymbidium.org)

### March 22 - 24, 2019

San Diego County Orchid Society Spring Show  
Scottish Rite Center, Mission Valley, San Diego  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

### April 2, 2019

Orchid Judging Center  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

### April 3, 2019

POS General Meeting  
Conference Center, Lake San Marcos  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

### April 17, 2019

SDCCS General Meeting  
San Marcos Senior Center  
[sdcymbidium.org](http://sdcymbidium.org)

### April 19, 2019

Orchid Odyssey  
San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

### May 7, 2019

Orchid Judging Center  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

### May 11, 2019

POS Annual Orchid Auction and Sale  
Conference Center, Lake San Marcos  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

### May 15, 2019

SDCCS General Meeting  
San Marcos Senior Center  
[sdcymbidium.org](http://sdcymbidium.org)

### May 17, 2019

Orchid Odyssey  
San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

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## 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  
[www.sdorchid.com](http://www.sdorchid.com)

### Cymbidium Society

Regular meetings 3rd Wednesday of each month, September-June, 7pm, San Marcos Senior Center  
111 Richmar Ave, San Marcos 92078  
[www.sdcymbidium.org](http://www.sdcymbidium.org)

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Lc. Drumbeat "Heritage" – Alex Nadzan

2018-19 CSA San Marino Judging Center Schedule  
Judging Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums  
Huntington Botanical Gardens Mishler Resource Building 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108  
12:30pm Registration 1:00pm Judging Next sessions are:  
March 9, April 13, May 11, Summer Break, Aug 10, Sept. 14, Oct 12, Nov. 9, Dec 14

Contact Phyllis Prestia,  
San Marino Judging Chair

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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park),**

**JANUARY 2019**

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

There were 5 orchids presented for judging. Two were awarded:

1. Amsellia minor 'Windflower' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Betty Kelopecz

Awarded AM/AOS 80 points

2. Den. Hilda Poxon 'Joan Mickelson' CCM/AOS

Exhibited by Tom Biggert

Awarded CCM/AOS 86 points

**FEBRUARY 2019**

There were 5 orchids presented for judging. Three were awarded:

3. Dendrobium Regal Vista 'Margaret Scott' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Neal Grant

Awarded AM/AOS 80 points

4. Paph wilhelminiae 'Egger' AM/AOS

Exhibited by David Brown

Awarded AM/AOS 82 points

5. Paph. Unregistered (Macabre x venustum) 'Royal Basin' HCC/AOS

Exhibited by Arthur Pinkers

Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points



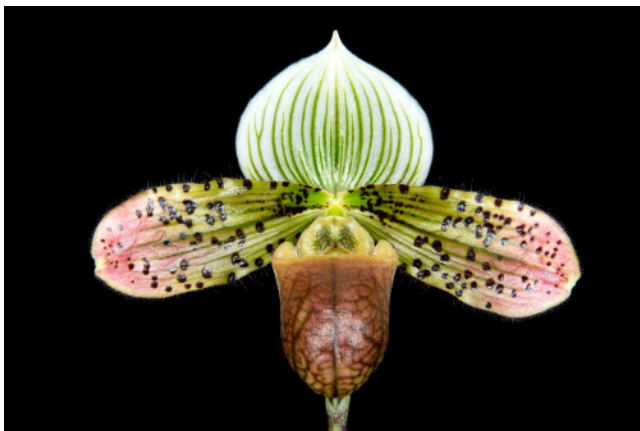
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'Joan Mickelson'  
CCM-AOS



1. Amsellia minor 'Windflower'  
AM-AOS



3. Dendrobium Regal  
Vista 'Margaret  
Scott' AM/AOS



5. Paph Macabre x Paph venustum 'SV0  
Royal Basin' HCC/AOS

**Photos from Feb.  
judging taken by Arnie  
Gum**

4. Paph wilhelminiae 'Egger'  
AM/AOS





74<sup>TH</sup> SANTA BARBARA  
INTERNATIONAL  
ORCHID SHOW

MARCH 15-17, 2019  
9AM-5PM

*Orchid Magic*



EARL WARREN SHOWGROUNDS ~ SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

General Admission - \$14 • Seniors, students w/ ID, advance group sales - \$12  
3-Day Pass - \$22 • Children 12 & younger with paid adult - FREE

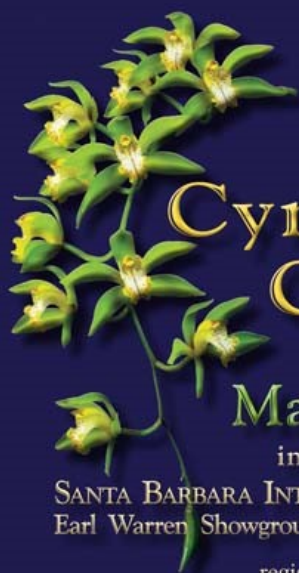
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The  
Orchid  
Treasures  
will be  
revealed  
March 2019



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The **MAGIC**  
of the  
44<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Cymbidium  
Congress

happens

March 16, 2019

in conjunction with the

SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW  
Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara California

register online at  
[WWW.CYMBIDIUM.ORG](http://WWW.CYMBIDIUM.ORG)

- Carol Butcher
- Dr. Ken Cameron
- Wenqing Perner
- Dr. Randall Robinson
- Dave Sorokowsky
- Continental Breakfast & Luncheon
- Evening Reception
- Auction of Unusual Orchids
- Gala Awards Banquet
- Unlimited Entry to Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, March 15-17, 2019

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society  
**47<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Sale**

April 6 - 7, 2019

9 AM - 4 PM



*Aeonium sunburst*

South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd. • Palos Verdes Peninsula 90274

January Meeting Photos  
by Helge Weissig



Pot. Orange Tower x Pot. What About Love – Ken Campbell



Fdk. After Dark –  
Suzi Sandore



Paph. Nancy Depauw –  
Debra Amis



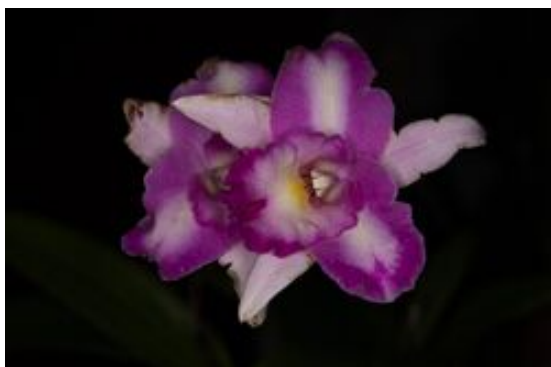
Cym. Street Hawk Prolific – Bill Wong



Dendrochilum yuccafolium – Merle Robboy



Coel. Mem. Louis Forget – Carl Wood



Lc. Miss Wonderful – Cecily Bird



Den. Bruce Murray x Den. Australian  
Rhubarb Pie –...Jim Anderson