



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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Speaker's Info

Gary Yong Gee on 'Epiphytic and Lithophytic Orchids of Southeast Queensland'



Our May 4th, 7:30 pm, Zoom General Meeting will feature Gary Yong Gee who will speak on 'Epiphytic and Lithophytic Orchids of Southeast Queensland'. Gary's talk will feature the species, which can be seen close to Gary's home city of Brisbane. Some genera which you may be familiar with will be *Cymbidium*, *Dendrobium*, and *Sarcochilus*. An understanding of the habitat where these species grow will provide an insight into how to better cultivate these orchids at home.

Gary Yong Gee [surname *Yong Gee*] is an Australian born

Chinese, and lives in Brisbane, Australia. He began growing orchids around 40 years ago. These days, he maintains a large hobby greenhouse, cultivating Australian native and exotic species. He has over 100,000 orchid photographs taken on travels to parts of Australia, New Guinea, Asia, Europe, Central and South America, South Africa, and Madagascar at shows and in situ. Gary is a judge with the Australian Orchid Council. He is also a member of several Australian orchid societies, the American Orchid Society, and the Orchid Conservation Alliance.

Gary's main interest is species orchids. He has contributed an extensive monthly article to the *Orchid Species Bulletin*, published by the Orchid Species Society for over 30 years. Gary has also written occasional articles for *Orchids Australia*, and the *Australian Orchid Review*; and has given numerous talks to various orchid societies. He has a website, which shows some of his photographs at

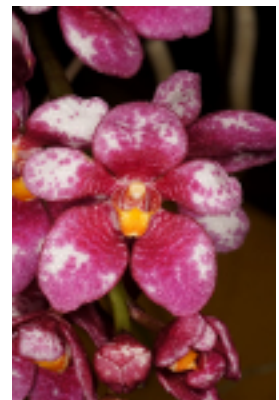
www.yonggee.name



Cym. madidum



Den. canaliculatum



Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii

Zoom Culture Class, Wednesday, May 5th at 7:30 pm

Speakers: Debby Halliday, Jack Schaefer, Stewart Walton on 'Photographing your Orchids'

Debby, Jack & Stewart all really enjoy taking photographs of their orchids. We all strive for accurate and vibrant color, perfect details, and a quiet background. We have different approaches to achieving these goals and thought you might enjoy knowing more about how we do it.

We also have various ways of managing our photo libraries and utilizing our photos. Debby uses hers as a primary means of documenting the progress of her plants from year to year. She also shares her hi-resolution images with the club to use in its promotional activities.

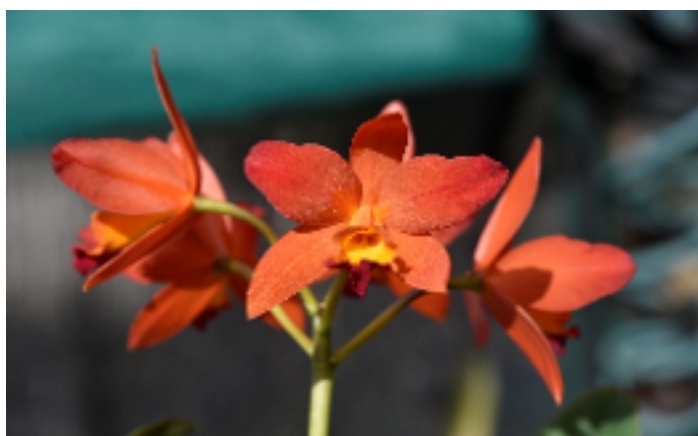
We welcome your questions and hope you will come away with some ideas about taking better photos of your plants.



Onc. hastilabium, taken by Debby Halliday



Blc. Edith North 'Danny Adams' by Debby Halliday



Lc. Tropical Trick by Jack Schaefer



Rlc. Love Love by Stewart Walton

President's Message

Hello POS Members and Friends:

We have almost completed the first quarter of 2021 and things are looking up for our state and region. In today's news, the CDC says that a quarter of the state has been fully vaccinated. For the demographics of the POS that percentage is significantly higher. In the past month, many COVID restrictions have been lifted or relaxed. A good example is the turnout at the April San Diego Botanic Garden 'World of Orchids' Show in the new Conservatory. On the opening night, many of the members of SDCOS and POS attended the event and felt very safe as they mingled with one another. Attendees enjoyed light snacks and drinks without masks and with little fear of contracting COVID. As we go out to eat and shop, we see many more people out and about. The increased traffic on the highways and streets is another indication that normality is starting to return.

We contacted the Lake San Marcos management and they are ready to open up their venues for meetings and other events. Beginning with May, they are taking reservations for events. POS believes that most of our members have been fully vaccinated and ready to resume meetings. We would like to resume POS meeting in June or July.

Alex will be sending out a questionnaire to members polling them on if they feel comfortable enough meeting again. We would of course observe regulatory mandates and rules. We want to make sure we have a good turnout before planning the meeting. When you receive the questionnaire,

please respond promptly. As soon as we have confirmation, we will plan the program and reserve the meeting room. We hope all of you are ready for in-person meetings and socialization. We miss seeing all of you and many of our members have indicated they miss the live meetings and the interactions with fellow members.

Last month's virtual meeting featured Glen Decker who spoke on "My Life with Slippers". Glen gave a nice presentation on Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums. The Culture Class featured Paul Tuskes of SDCOS. Paul, an AOS judge and a very knowledgeable orchid grower, talked about the care and cultivation of Phalaenopsis and how to get them to rebloom. He gave an excellent overview.

Our May Speaker will be Gary Yong Gee who will speak on 'Epiphytic and Lithophytic Orchids of Southeast Queensland.' Our Culture Class will feature Debby Halliday, Jack Schaefer and Stewart Walton who will provide valuable tips on 'Photographing your Orchids' The May Zoom meeting will be held on May 4th, while the Culture Class will be held on Wednesday May 5th, both at 7:30 pm. We hope you tune in for the events.

Please note that the long weekend of April 30-May 2 is the last opportunity to attend the World of Orchids Show and Sale at the San Diego Botanic Garden in Encinitas (see pg. 4 for details). Also ongoing during that weekend is Andy's Spring Open House (refer to the ad on pg. 6 for more info).

In another positive note, the Santa

Barbara Orchid Show organization has sent out notices for the 2022 show. It will be held March 11-13th and most of the orchid community will look forward to attending. Orchid growers in our area who have been impacted financially will look forward to this major orchid event.

As in previous Newsletters, we encourage members to send in your annual membership renewal via mail or on-line using the [POS website](#). Many of you have yet to renew, so please make the effort to support our society. If we are able to resume meetings in June or July, we will need to cover room costs and speaker fees. The fees for the meeting room have increased more than 25% since 2020 so your membership dues are critical. Mail renewals to POS, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013 or [renew online](#).

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

or anadzan@mac.com.

World of Orchids



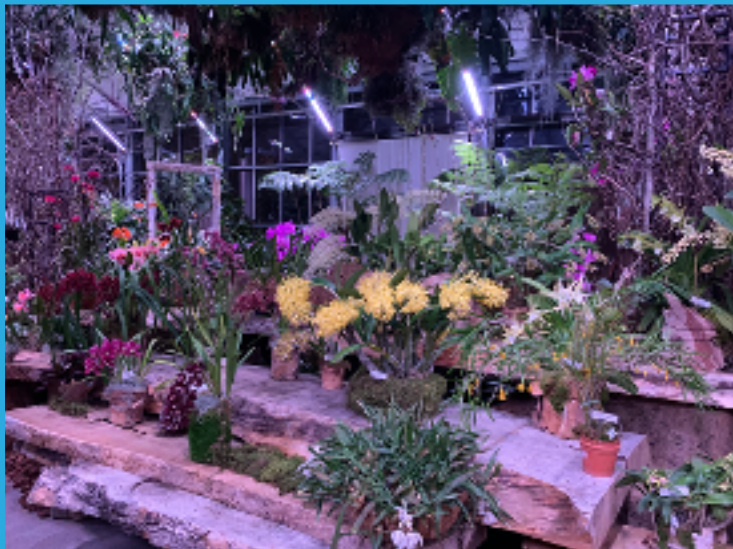
San Diego BOTANIC GARDEN

APRIL 3 - MAY 2, 2021

The World of Orchids Show at SDBG has been a huge success with the members of our Society and the San Diego County Orchid Society providing over 250 blooming orchids from their personal collections that change from week to week as new plants come into and out of bloom. The weekend starting Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2 is your last opportunity to view the excellent show in the SDBG Conservatory (See pics below).

Attendees also will have an opportunity to purchase plants during the last three day weekend from SDCOS sales at good prices, including divisions and seedlings from Alex Nadzan's collection, several other member's divisions, as well as several offerings from Lico Orchids and Everything Orchids. Vendors will be selling from 10-5 on Friday, Sat. and Sunday.

Admission to the World of Orchids is included with the Garden entrance fee or Garden membership. All attendees must make a [reservation online](#) to obtain tickets for entry. Entrance is free for AOS members but you still need to register for tickets (under reciprocal) and show your ticket and AOS membership card upon entry. Make your reservation today for this exciting, month's long show.





Open House
Spring

+ 800 Genera
+ 7,000 Species
+ 140 Countries of Origin

April 30 - May 02
2021

Andy's Orchids

April 30-May 02, from 10-4, more 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). 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

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May 'To Do' List

General

- 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, one wants to have 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 result in additional dust build up on your orchid leaves. This provides the perfect environment for harboring mites. Treat accordingly.
- As your flower spikes grow taller avoid changing the orchids orientation to the light to avoid flowers being twisted on the stems. For paphs, do not stake too early or the stems will not be as strong and flower will be in "nodding" position.
- May should be the height of growth and repotting season 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.
- Repot when orchids have begun to over grow their pots and/or when media has started to break down. Also 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.
- The repotting process can be overwhelming so set aside plants and repot a few every day to ease the process.
- As you repot and divide your plants, set aside any 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.
- Follow good hygiene practices as outlined last month to minimize transmission of pests and viruses.
- During warm weather, pests and diseases can proliferate very quickly and spread throughout the collection. Carefully inspect plants and treat early to minimize spread.
- Cautiously use any pesticide, fungicide or chemical. Always use the lowest prescribed dose and avoid spraying flowers and buds. Recommended dosing for orchids can sometimes be found on the manufacturer's website or on the [St. Augustine Orchid Society website](#) with useful [tables](#) on dosing of agents.

Indoors and Greenhouse

- Address higher light levels by adding shade cloth or painting with shading compound to avoid burning sensitive plants.
- Continue to provide good air circulation for indoor plants to discourage diseases and pests such as mealy bugs. Treat early to avoid spreading to other plants.
- Increase watering and fertilizer to accommodate the growth spurt 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 dendrobiums 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.
- Repot cymbidiums now if they need it after they bloom. You should keep at least 3 growing pseudobulbs and no more than 2 back bulbs per pot. See the [Casa de las Orquideas website](#) for more info on repotting.
- Catasetums are coming out of their dry winter rest. New roots should be 3-5 inches long before beginning to water. Once you start to water and fertilize, do so regularly as growth will be very rapid all summer. More details on culture can be found on [Fred Clarke's website](#).

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

Debra Funakoshi's Photos



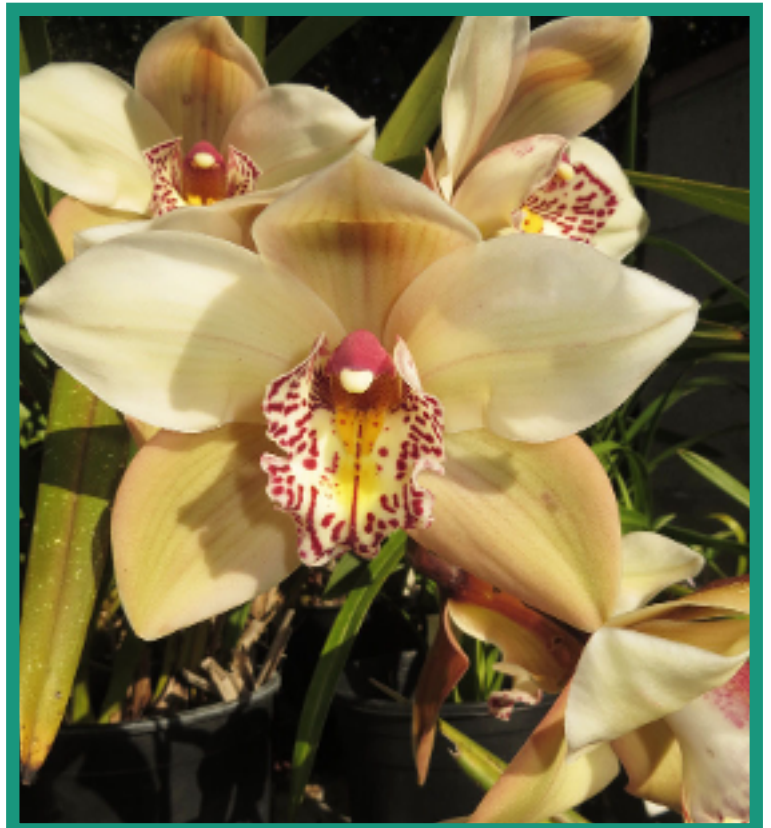
C. intermedia (orlata x orlata 'B')



Cym. Black Silk 'Sweet Dreams'



**Cym. Dorothy Rowe
'Showoff' B/CSA x Cym.
Vogelsang 'Eastborne' 4N**



Cym. Woody Wilson 'Charm' B/CSA

Lc. Angel Heart 'Ann'



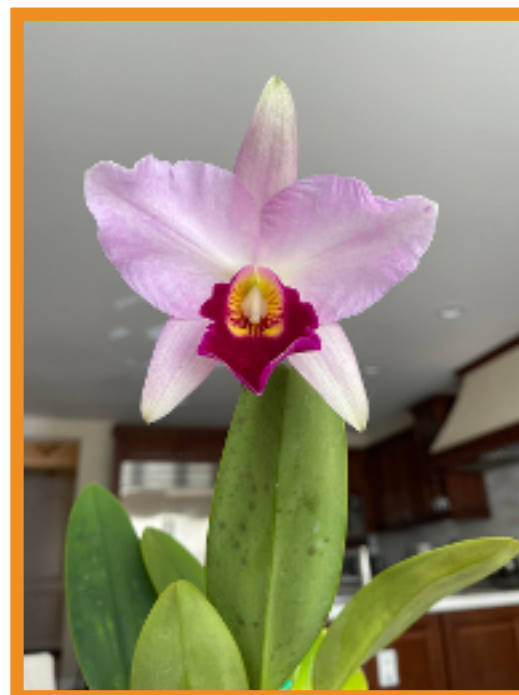
Bill Wong's Photos



**Blc. Beauty Girl
'Kendolie Lily'**



Lc. Blazing Treat



**Blc. Intelligent
'Mariko' BM/JOGA**

Steve Redmond's Photos



Lc. Bryan Wheeler "Grandson"
HCC/AOS



Lc. Tokyo Magic "6-1"
AM/AOS X Slc. Angel's
Fantasy "Solar Flare"



Pot. Love Passion "Island
Romance" X Lc. Tropical Sunset
"Ocean's Heaven"

Jerry Spencer's Photos



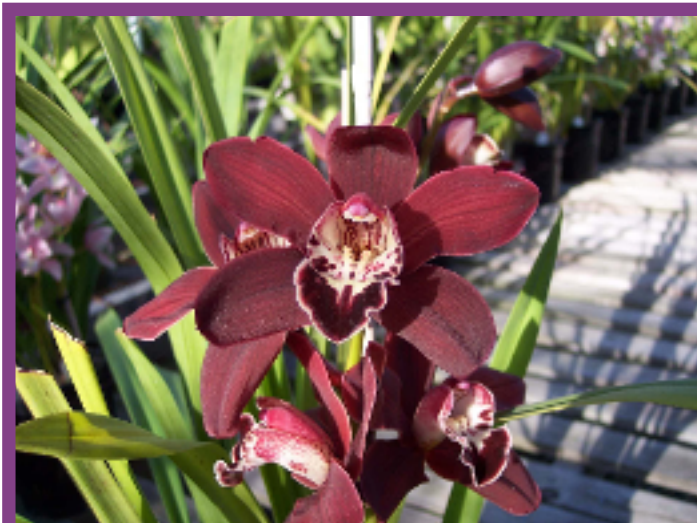
C. Carid's Mini Quinee 'Angel Kiss'



C. Katherine Clarkson



Ctt. Koolau Treat



Cym. Dark Forest



Cym. Lee Teakell with close up



Cym. Happy Lambert 'Torch'



Lcn. Memoria Doug Lace 'Rosminah'



Cym. Tuffet with close up

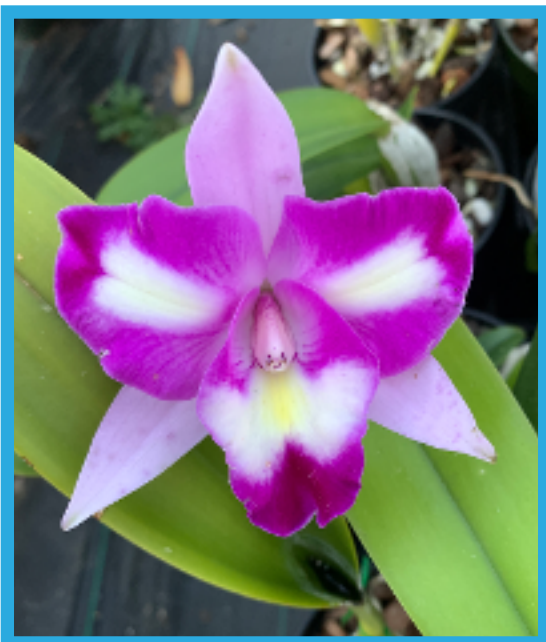
Alex Nadzan's Photos



Cym. Kulnura Eagle 'Big Lip'



C. DiPozzi Tiziano 'Jester's Blues'



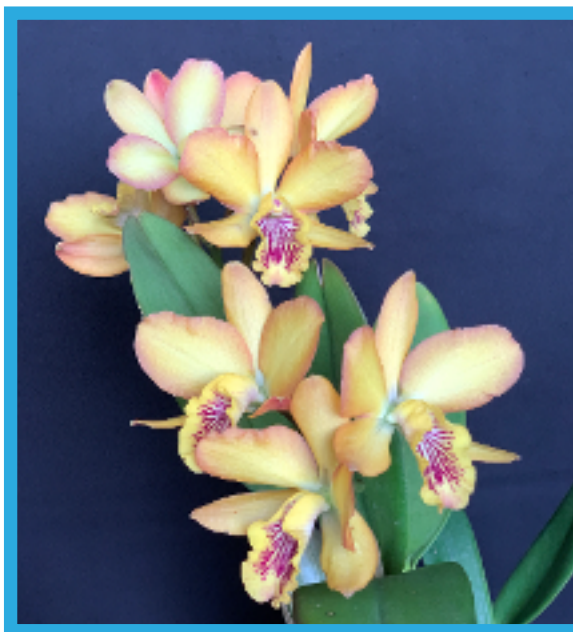
Lc. Miss Wonderful using a petaloid anceps



C. intermedia v. aquinii 'vini color'

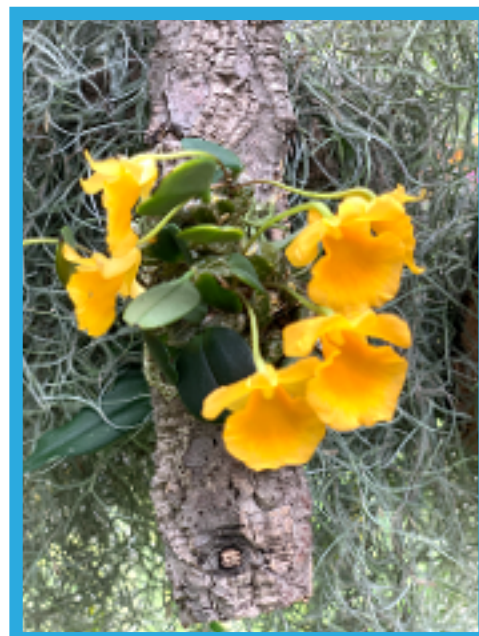


Cym. Bronze Empress



**Burrara
Kyoguchi-
Love Sound**

**Den.
jenkinsii**



Lc. Cosmos-Horeps



Cym. Nandi 'Green Giant'