



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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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, May 3, 2023 • 6:30 pm



Fred Clarke

Modern Blue Cattleyas

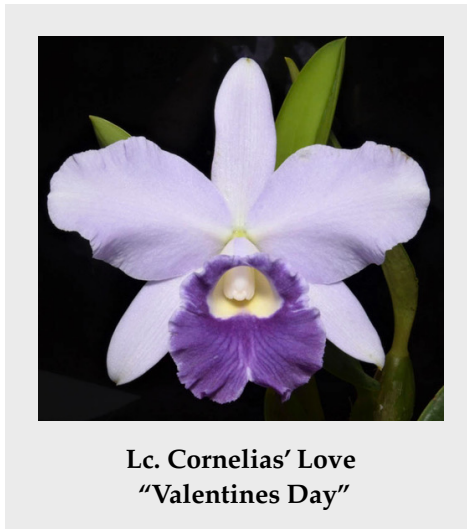
We welcome back this month, Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids, one of our most favorite and impressive speakers. Fred will present a new talk entitled 'Modern Blue Cattleyas' that reviews the successes he has had in developing novel blue and spotted blue cattleyas by using

several of the blue or coerulea cattleya species available to hybridizers. Fred also will discuss orchid culture and repotting which is a very timely topic as we enter the spring repotting and dividing season. Fred will be providing the plant opportunity table so bring yourself and friends for a very interesting and stimulating talk. If you are unable to attend in person, we will be streaming Fred's talk on zoom.

Most of our members know Fred Clarke well, since he is a frequent speaker, a life



C. Leoloddiglossa "Speckled Blue"



Lc. Cornelias' Love "Valentines Day"

member, friend and long-time supporter of our society. For those of you who do not know him, Fred has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, located in Vista, California, just north of San Diego. [His website](#) has a wealth of information on growing orchids, many pic-

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hello to all POS Members and Friends,

It's been a very busy four months for the Palomar Orchid Society, its members, and the local orchid community. This past weekend the San Diego County Orchid Society sponsored its annual Spring Orchid Show at Balboa Park. The show was previously held at the Scottish Rite Center but, due to escalating facility rental costs, the show was moved to Balboa Park. It also coincided with the biannual AOS meeting, so there were many orchid experts and AOS judges in attendance. It appears that the show was a big success for SDCOS and the participating vendors. The same weekend, South Coast Plaza hosted its annual Southern California Spring Garden Show and, as usual, the mall was packed with orchid lovers.

At the San Diego Society show, POS participated in the orchid society displays and sponsored a 5 by 8 tabletop display, along with displays from the SDCOS, Newport Harbor Orchid Society and displays from other hobbyists and vendors. Thanks to the contributions of our members who participated in the display design, set-up, take down, and provision of plants for the display, we received three awards. More details on the participants and the awards are described later in the Newsletter. We extend a big Thank You for all the participants.

It has been a hectic several months, since this show followed the World of Orchids Show at the San Diego Botanic Garden, in which many our members participated and included a successful POS fundraiser.

For our April speaker program, we shared an international speaker with the San Diego County Orchid Society. Mr. Gilberto Castro from Brazil talked about the "The Brazilian Amazon" and highlighted some of the orchids that are found in that area. One of the comments from the individual hosting Gilberto said that his talk elicited more questions and comments than any of his prior talks. That is a good indication that his presentation was well-received by our members.

For May, we welcome back Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids. Fred is one of our most favorite speakers and one of the best orchid hybridizers in the country and, possibly, the world. He also is a generous supporter of our society. This month Fred's talk will be "Modern Blue Cattleyas", which is a new talk that highlights his very successful efforts to produce novel blue and spotted cattleyas. Please plan to come and bring a friend or relative to enjoy Fred's presentation. SVO will provide this month's plant table.

As noted last month, POS will hold another fundraiser on Saturday, June 10th to sell members orchids, donations from local vendors as well as other purchased orchids at the Dove Library (Gowland Room) in Carlsbad. Members are encouraged to donate plants for the sale. Even though we had a successful fundraiser at the Botanic Garden, we are still making up the deficit from not having a sale or auction for more than 3 years. If you have plants to donate, please contact Alex or Bill as soon as possible. We also are seeking volunteers to help plan the event and participate on the day of the sale. There will be a signup sheet at the May meeting for this event.

The cold and wet weather has finally ended. With the warmer and longer days, we need to pay attention to our plants particularly more frequent watering schedules. It's also a busy time for repotting many of our cymbidiums and dendrobiums that have bloomed and cattleyas that are waking up and putting out new roots. Repotting for most of the experienced hobbyists is straightforward and a bit of a chore, but rewarding because you can divide and share plants and enhance the health of the plant with fresh orchid mix, etc. For those of you who need a refresher on repotting basics, a useful article by Alex Nadzan can be found and downloaded from our POS website under the Meetings pull-down menu and under Speaker handouts.



One tip for the beginner hobbyists is to be prepared for the repotting season. Consider purchasing different size pots and orchid mixes before starting because you never know if you will divide the plant into one or more divisions or upsize the orchid to a bigger container.

We hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. We are always thinking about our members who are unable to attend due to serious health issues and hope that all of you continue in good health.

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 president@palomarorchid.org.

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong



Fred Clarke cont.

tures of his award-winning orchids, as well as a variety of orchid genera for sale.

Fred is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Paphiopedilum, Australian Dendrobium, Zygopetalum and some others to be named if they work out! His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclareara After Dark, which produced “the blackest



C. intermedia var. aquinii coerulea

flower ever witnessed”. This grex has received over 100 awards worldwide.

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region and his plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society. Finally, Fred also is the man-

ager of the Carlsbad Flower Fields and is an avid fisherman.

Palomar Orchid Society Display Awards

Our society was pleased to receive three awards for our display at the SDCOS Spring Show in Balboa Park over the April 21-23 weekend. We won the Best of Section for Large Tabletop Displays by Hobbyists and Orchid Societies, The Jim Wright Trophy for Most Artistic Display (\$100 award for the society) and the Orchid Digest Show Trophy. Many thanks to all of our members who were involved in the design, setup and who offered and provided plants or props for the display. They include Bill & Shelley Wong, Debra Funakoshi, Barbara McCubbin, Suzi Sandore, Stewart Walton, Ken Campbell, Cher Whelan, Dona-Marie Swaim, Carl Wood, Gil Ho and Alex Nadzan. We had lots of fun putting the display together which was truly a team effort. Congratulations to all who helped make the display a great success.



Seeking Volunteers for the POS Orchid Sale on June 10, 2023

Our society is planning a sale on June 10th from 10-2 pm. at the Dove Library in Carlsbad to raise additional funds for the society. Although we did well at the WOS/POS fundraiser, we still need to raise more money to cover our expenses for speakers, opportunity tables and other operating costs. We will have a signup sheet at our May meeting to identify volunteers to assist in the promotion, setup, conduction and take down as well as donation of plants for the sale. We also plan to purchase orchids in bud and flower from select vendors to supplement our own donations. Please plan on attending and supplying orchids and related plants (tillandsias, bromeliads, succulents, etc.). It is a great opportunity to donate those extra divisions you have been keeping over the last couple of year in order to clear your benches for new additions. Contact Bill or Alex to volunteer and donate plants for the sale

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the [George and Patricia Gowland Meeting Room located in the Carlsbad City Library](#) on Dove Lane, just off El Camino Real in southern Carlsbad. The address is [1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011](#).

Traveling South on I-5, take the Poinsettia Ln. exit and travel east to El Camino Real. Turn right on El Camino Real and turn right again on Dove Lane.

If traveling North on I-5, take the La Costa Ave. exit and travel east to El Camino Real. Turn left on Dove Lane (first traffic light after Aviara Pkwy.)

Traveling West on S-78, take the San Marcos Blvd. exit and travel west, continuing on Palomar Airport Rd.. Turn left on El Camino Real and then turn right on Dove Lane.

The Dove library will be on your left and there is a large, well-lit parking lot. The Gowland Meeting Room is located on the right hand side of the main entrance.

March Judging Report

There were several orchids presented for judging. Four were awarded. One received two awards. One was awarded an Award of Quality for 12 orchids presented from one grex and two from that grex received two quality awards.



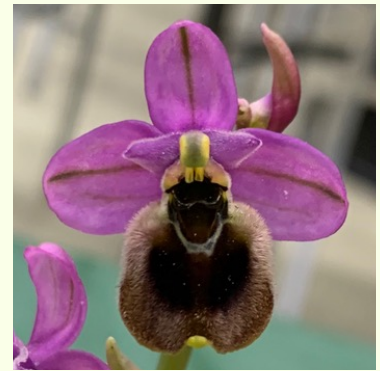
Holcovanstylis Ping Pong
Exhibited by Peter T. Lin
Awarded AQ, 0 points

Holcovanstylis Ping Pong
'Diamond Orchids'
Awarded AM, 80 points

Holcovanstylis Ping Pong 'HQ'
Awarded AM, 82 points



Ophrys spegodes var. *helenae*
'Cassandra'
Exhibited by David Brown
Awarded AM, 82 points



Vanda A.F. Buckman
'Diamond Orchids'
Exhibited by Peter T. Lin
Awarded AM, 81 points
Awarded CCE, 92 points



Coelogyne pangasinanense 'Arnie'
Exhibited by Arnold Gum
Awarded CBR, 0 points

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.

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Upcoming Events

May 2, 2023
 AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

SDCOS General Meeting
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

May 3, 2023
 POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

May 6, 2023
 SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

May 19, 2023
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

June 3, 2023
 SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
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June 6, 2023
 AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

SDCOS General Meeting
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

June 7, 2023
 POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

June 10, 2023
 Palomar Orchid Society
 Orchid Sale
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

June 16, 2023
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

July 3, 2023
 AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

SDCOS General Meeting
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

July 5, 2023
 POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
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July 8, 2023
 SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

July 21, 2023
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

July 29 - 30, 2023
 Summer Show
 "Orchids in the Park"
 San Diego County
 Orchid Society
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Our Sister Society's Meetings

The 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
sdorchids.com

