



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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May Meeting • Wednesday, May 6, 2015 • 6:30 pm



Fred Clarke

How To Be An 80% Grower

We welcome back Fred Clarke as our guest speaker this month. Fred will discuss the fundamentals of growing orchids and explore some advanced techniques. Orchid plant culture will be explained and techniques on how to maximize growth and flowering will be reviewed. Fred says If you do 80% of what you're

supposed to do correctly, you will be a good grower.

Fred is a long time, generous supporter of the Palomar Orchid Society and one of our most favorite speakers. Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 35 years and has been hybridizing for 32 of those years. With over 28 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 nursery's website](#) has considerable information, plants for sale and many beautiful pics of his



Pot. Martha Clarke 'Orange Tart'

award winning orchids.

He 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 Bulbophyllum and Paphiopedilum hybrids.

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever wit-



Blc. Picotee Passion 'SVO' AM-AOS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This last month has been a busy time preparing for our annual auction on May 2. Although several volunteers have signed up for the event, we can use more help to give our workers a break and allow them to bid on some new additions to their orchid collections. There will be some unique orchids from Hawaii and from Cal Orchid as well as from several of our local vendors. Don't forget to bring in some of your extra orchid divisions or plants to be auctioned off as well as some goodies to share with auction attendees. Please contact me should you desire to help but did not sign up previously.

POS intends to participate in the San Diego County Fair again this year with Thursday, June 11 designated as Orchid Day. Details are still being worked out and more information will be provided at the May 6 meeting.

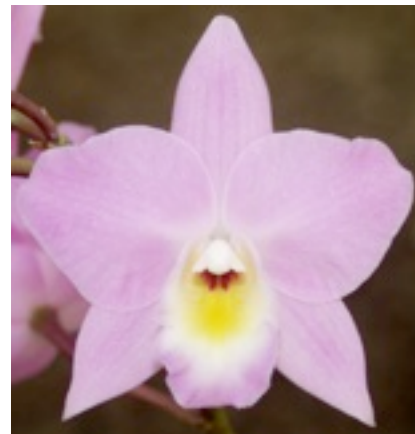
Speaking of May 6, our speaker will be none other than Fred Clarke one of our most popular speakers and POS members. As most of you know, Fred is an internationally renown orchid hybridizer and grower, who operates his nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista, CA. Fred is planning to share many of his culture techniques developed over the years and will talk on 'How to be an 80% Grower'. It is a talk not to be missed by novices and experienced grower alike. Fred also will supply the plant table.

Finally, the POS board continues to encourage input from our members at any time via email (anadzan@mac.com), phone (760) 529 5814 or in person. Feel free to contact me, as the board and I are here to serve you.

Happy Growing,



Alex Nadzan
President, POS



Moreover, one magnificent specimen plant, supplied by Merle Robboy, was used as the centerpiece. Not only did his Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters' win a first place blue ribbon, a culture ribbon, and best of section ribbon, it won the Casa Herbrita trophy for Best Sophronitis Hybrid in the show. Congratulations, Merle on your impressive, well-grown specimen plant. The picture above is a close up of Merle's Slc. Jewel Box.

Congratulations and thanks to all volunteers who contributed to the successful display. Specifically, Cher Whelan, Maryanne Kind, Renee Daly, Dee Dee Cline, Miriam McPherson, James Mickelson and Merle Robboy contributed to the design and/or construction

POS Display at San Diego County Orchid Show and Sale

The Palomar Orchid Society's volunteers assembled a beautiful display at the recent Spring Show of the San Diego County Orchid Society.

POS volunteers did an excellent job in planning and orchestrating a wonderful display at last month's show. Participants had fun with the project and several show attendees commented on the high quality of the display. A prominent feature of the display was the large rotating globe. Although our display did not win an award, many of the plants in the display did receive ribbon awards.



Snacks & Refreshments

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

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Gems From The Last Meeting



Peter Lin



Ctt. Trick or Treat – Jerry Spencer



**Lc. Tropical Pointer "Amethysto" HCC/AOS
Alex Nadzan**



**Den. Nagasaki
Lisa Humphreys**



**Phal. Timothy Christopher "Marcia Vasquez" x
Phal. equestris "Plank" – Alex Nadzan**



**(Pot. Wm. Ferrell x C. Horace) "Watermelon Perfume"
Merle Robboy**



**Lc. Straight Answer No Question
Jerry Spencer**



**Scl. Jewel Box "Dark Waters"
Merle Robboy**



**Maxillaria picta
Merle Robboy**

Photos by Debra Funakoshi - full album at 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

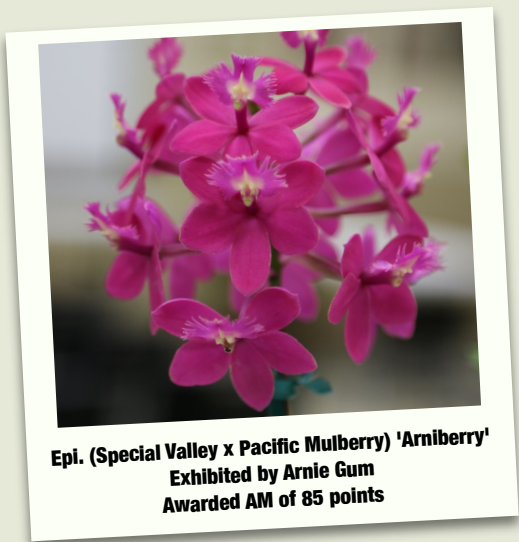
the Lake San Marcos Resort is on your left about a 1/4 mile South of the San Marcos Blvd. intersection. Traveling on I5 South from Oceanside and North Carlsbad, take the Palomar Airport exit and turn right onto Rancho Santa Fe after about 7 miles. Traveling North on I5 from South Carlsbad and Encinitas, 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.

April 2015 Judging Report

There were 8 orchids presented for judging. One was awarded.



Epi. (Special Valley x Pacific Mulberry) 'Arniberry'
 Exhibited by Arnie Gum
 Awarded AM of 85 points

Judging Sessions

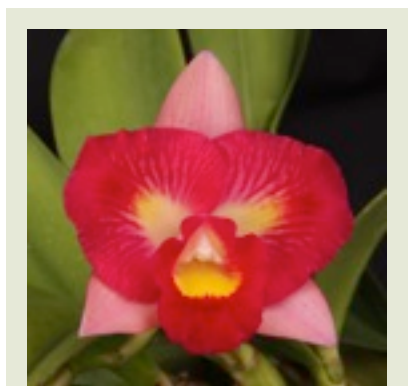
- The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. Locally, the sessions are held in Balboa Park, Casa del Prado in room 104 on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm.
- Visitors, with or without plants, are welcome anytime. If a member 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

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

Fred Clarke continued

nessed". This grex has received eight FCC's and 44 AM's on the first flowers shown for judging!

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region as well as a passionate fisherman.



Pot. Denis Roessiger
'Sunset Valley Orchids' AM/AOS

POS Display continued

of the display, while Cher, Maryanne, Ivan Allen, Phyllis Prestia, Sandi Sandquist, Charlie Padelford, Lena Shiroma, Debra Funakoshi, Nancy Abernathy and Alex Nadzan were involved in the set up and/or take down of the display. Renate Schmidt, Maryanne, Cher, Merle, Charlie, Phyllis and Alex provided plant materials.

Finally, additional awards and trophies were won by other POS members including Jerry and Anita Spencer, Phyllis Prestia and Nico Goosens and Lisa Hum-

phreys (Lico Orchids). The specific awards with pics can be viewed on [the San Diego County Orchid Societies web site](http://www.san-diego-county-orchid-societies.com).





The Palomar Orchid Society
Presents:



2015 Orchid Auction

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Preview at 10:00 a.m.

Auction starts at 11:00 a.m.

The Lodge (Pavilion)
1105 La Bonita Dr.
Lake San Marcos, CA 92078

Free Admission & Parking

For more info: www.palomarorchid.org



**San Diego County Orchid Society's
Summer Show in the Park!**

Come join us for some fun!
July 25th, 2015 - Noon until 5:00pm
July 26th 2015 - 10:00 am until 5:00 pm
Casa del Prado rm 101 Balbo Park
sdorchids.com



Please Renew Today!

The cost of delivering the newsletter via US mail is significant each month. If you have not paid your 2015 dues and receive the newsletter via US mail, this is your last issue. We hope to get the member roster out at the next meeting. Please mail your 2015 dues to Sandi Sandquist, 6408 Crossbill Court, Carlsbad, CA 92011 or bring them to the auction or to the next meeting. If you have any questions, please call Sandi at (760) 918 2408.

Memberships are renewable annually. Dues are based on the calendar year January 1 through December 31 and are prorated on a quarterly basis for new members. When joining between October and December, please add the full dues for the following year.

Our membership form is available at the auction, the next meeting, or [online](#). If you were a member in past years, there is no need to fill out the form.



The Editor's Corner



It is time for the annual auction this coming weekend and like Alex mentioned in his message, we are still looking for volunteers! Did I mention that the auction is this coming weekend on May 2, 2015? Also, we are looking for some more volunteers!

In all seriousness, volunteering for a community organization is fun and rewarding in itself but it is also what makes or breaks groups like the Palomar Orchid Society. Membership dues (another not so subtle hint!!) are only one part, however, in my personal view, participation is almost more important. Put bluntly, if everyone only came to attend the meetings, auctions, or caravans, there wouldn't be any meetings, auctions, or caravans! They are organized by volunteers and members like you and it has been wonderful to see so many folks that joined us not too long ago step up and pitch in.

If you are interested in helping out at the auction, you can help set up on Friday, May 1 between 4 and 6 pm or just come early on Saturday, May 2 between 9 and 9:30 am.

As always, your contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome. Please email them to newsletter@palomarorchid.org.

Happy Growing!

POS Officers

Alex Nadzan — President
Debra Funakoshi — 1st Vice President/Programs
Marita Hoyt & Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle
Sandi Sanquist — 3rd Vice President/Membership
Anne Gold — Secretary
Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer
Lisa Humphreys, Charles Padelford,
& Merle Robboy — 2nd Year Trustees
Lena Shiroma, Tom Wisniewski, & Carl Wood — 1st Year Trustees
Maryanne Kind & Ivan Allen — Publicity
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Upcoming Events

May 2, 2015
 POS Annual Auction
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

May 5, 2015
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

May 6, 2015
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

May 15, 2015
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

May 20, 2015
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

June 2, 2015
 Orchid Judging Center

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

June 3, 2015
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

June 13, 2015
 Orchid Digest Speakers' Day
 Huntington Gardens Botanical Center
orchiddigest.org

June 17, 2015
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

June 19, 2015
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

July 1, 2015
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

July 7, 2015
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

July 10 - 12, 2015
 35th Annual Summer
 Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
 Open House
www.sborchid.com

July 17, 2015
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

July 25 & 26, 2015
 SDCOS Summer Show in the Park
 Balboa Park
www.sdorchids.com

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

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
 Bill Wong (760) 931-0502
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