



# 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 2, 2012 • 7 pm**



*Encyclia plicata*

## Encyclias and their Relatives

### Paul Tuskes

Encyclias are a widespread and diverse genus of orchids that consist of about 240 species, which occur from Florida to Argentina. With such a wide range of habitats, it is not surprising that many do well outdoors here in San Diego. All the species grow on tree or shrub branches in

the wild and prefer climates that have distinctive wet and dry seasons. Many species have foliage and growth characteristics similar to *Cattleya* species. Not surprisingly, *Encyclia* orchids readily breed with other members of the *Cattleya* alliance to form interesting hybrids. Paul will discuss *Encyclia* culture and distribution and we will have the opportunity to see some of the outstanding species from each region. He will also discuss some of the trends in their hybrids. Since *Encyclias* are easy to grow, beginners and experienced hobbyists alike will gain much

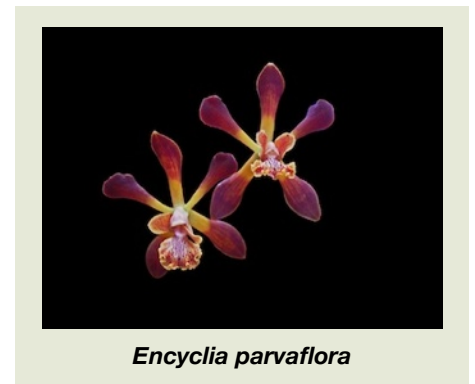
valuable information on this interesting orchid genus by attending Paul's talk.

Paul is a members of the San Diego Orchid Society and he currently serves as 1st Vice President the Society. Paul together with his wife Ann, started the species study group nearly 25 years ago. He is a AOS judge and has traveled extensively in Central and South America. Paul has also written on the care and natural history of a variety of orchid species and his photos have been used in books on both

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*Encyclia dichroma*



*Encyclia parvaflora*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*This past month has been a tough one for POS. We say a final farewell to our good friend, AOS judge, and fellow grower, Loren Batchman, passing recently after a long struggle with terminal illness. We know what Nancy and his children and other family have been through, as have we all, and we wish them all the best. Loren, Nancy and Casa de las Orquideas have been part of the POS family for many years, and we were lucky enough to benefit from Loren's kindness, his orchid knowledge and his gentle wisdom. A pioneer in the cultivation of cymbidiums and zygopetalums, Loren produced new and unique plants for San Diego, but loved and admired the world over. Personally, I have fond memories of him at POS meetings, especially at show-n-tell time, where I (and others) learned so much from him in just a few short minutes of going over plants he had brought in. We will all miss him dearly.*

*The Memorial Service for Loren will be held May 8 at 11am at San Diego Botanic Gardens. I encourage members and friends to RSVP to Nancy Batchman and attend.*

*As far as regular business, this year there was NO Orchid event at the Flower Fields. Logistical issues prevented putting it on this year. Hopefully, Fred Clarke can resurrect it for next year, and POS can participate. Of course, the society will help wherever it can.*

*Happy Growing,*



Gil Ho  
President, POS

First Caravan of the Year is a First

*Our first caravan of the year is scheduled for Saturday, May 12. We will visit the homes of our members Phyllis Prestia, Gil Ho, and Alex Nadzan to view their orchid collections.*

Phyllis has been growing orchids for eight years, ever since moving here from New Jersey in 2004. She grows a wide

variety of orchids, including Cymbidiums, Cattleyas, Epidendrums, Laelias,



and Stenoglottis. About one-third of her collection is comprised of species plants. Gil, shown on the right, enjoys growing Stanhopeas, Neofenetias, Paphiopedilums, and Angraecums. He has a shade structure and a small greenhouse. Alex, below, has an extensive collection of Cattleyas, and grows Dendrobiums, Oncidiums and Australian Cymbidiums as well. He started hybridizing about seven years ago and has since created about 200 crosses.

The caravan will meet at Phyllis' house at 10 am and move on to Gil's house around

11 am. Alex's house will be the last stop of the day and lunch will be provided for those present.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to see how other members are growing their orchids! This is the first in a series of visits to member homes and should provide for lots of opportunity to chat about different set-ups, socialize with other members, and exchange ideas and tips. Sign up at the next meeting, or call Debra at (760) 726-7763 to RSVP.





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**Mark Your Calendar**

The Palomar Orchid Society's Annual Auction will be held on August 18, 2012 at the Lake San Marcos Pavillion in San Marcos. As always, we will have hundreds of orchid plants and other goodies to auction off. At the May meeting, we will begin to ask for volunteers for the event.

**Snacks & Refreshments**

This month, all members with last names beginning with **O through Z** 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!**

## Upcoming Events

**April 27 & 28, 2012**  
Solana Orchids Estate Sale  
[coast101.blogspot.com](http://coast101.blogspot.com)

**May 1, 2012**  
Orchid Judging Center  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

**May 2, 2012**  
POS General Meeting  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

**May 5, 2012**  
SDCOS Species Group Mtg.  
Paul or Ann Tuskes  
(858) 274 5829

**May 8, 2012**  
Loren Batchman Memorial Svc.  
San Diego Botanic Garden  
RSVP to Nancy Batchman  
[www.sorrentovalleychapel.com](http://www.sorrentovalleychapel.com)

**May 16, 2012**  
SDCCS General Meeting

**May 17, 2012**  
San Gabriel Valley OS Auction  
[www.sgvo.org](http://www.sgvo.org)

**May 18, 2012**  
San Diego Zoo Orchid Odyssey  
[events.sandiegozoo.org](http://events.sandiegozoo.org)

**May 19, 2012**  
Casa de las Orquideas Annual Seedling Sale  
[www.orquideas.com](http://www.orquideas.com)

**June 2, 2012**  
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**June 5, 2012**  
Orchid Judging Center  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

**June 6, 2012**  
POS General Meeting  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

**June 20, 2012**  
SDCCS General Meeting



## 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  
[bclark@sdorchids.com](mailto:bclark@sdorchids.com)

**San Diego Cymbidium Society**  
Regular meetings 3rd Wednesday of each month, September-June, 7pm, San Diego Botanic Garden, Ecke Building, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024  
Phyllis Prestia (760) 732-0055  
[orchldy2@mac.com](mailto:orchldy2@mac.com)

# April Judging Report

There were 15 orchids presented for judging. Eight were awarded.

# Concerning Judging Sessions

The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. They are:

**San Diego**

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104  
1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

**San Marino**

Huntington Botanical Gardens  
2nd Saturday of the month at 10 am

**Long Beach**

Whaley Park  
4th Saturday of the month at 7 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 one of the following AOS judges:

- Rohrl, Helmut (La Jolla)  
(858) 452-0976
- Tuskes, Ann and Paul (Clairemont)  
(858) 274-5829



**Cym. Moondog Memory**  
**'Makes Me Happy' HCC/AOS**  
Felisa P. Acantilado  
Awarded 75 points



**Blira. Smile Eri AM/AOS**  
Exhibited by Debra Halliday  
Awarded 80 points



**Cyr. Shirley Dunkelberger**  
**'Ushi' AM/AOS**  
Exhibited by Helmut Rohr  
Awarded 80 points



**C. Phyllis Prestia 'Bell' Orchidea'**  
AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Phyllis Prestia  
Awarded 81 points



**Masd. ignea 'Patti's Flame' AM/AOS**  
Dave and Patti Hoffmaster  
Awarded 81 points



**C. Loren Batchman AM/AOS**  
Exhibited by John Walters  
Awarded 80 points



**Sarco. sceptrodes 'Loren' AM/AOS**  
Exhibited by Charlie Fouquette  
Awarded 81 points



**C. mossiae semi-alba**  
**'Kimberly Burzell' HCC/AOS**  
Exhibited by Linden A. Burzell  
Awarded 75 points

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

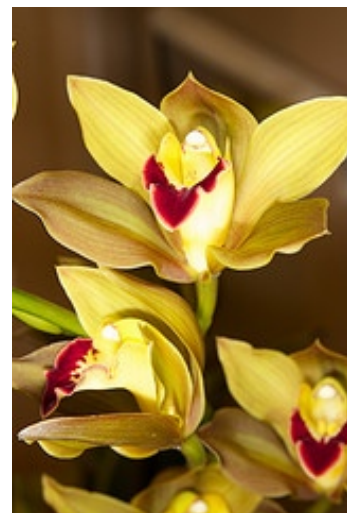
## Paul Tuskes cont.

species and hybrids. Furthermore, Paul is a founding member of the San Diego Orchid Society Conservation effort, which received a Conservation Achievement award from the American Orchid Society.

## What's In A Name?

The genus name, *Encyclia*, is from the Greek word "enkykleomai" meaning "to encircle", and refers to the sides of the

flower's lip, which curve upward and encircle the column. The column is a specialized structure in orchids that is a union (to different degrees) of stamens, style, and stigma. *Encyclia* is often classified as a section within the genus *Epidendrum*, although many botanists feel that *Encyclia* has enough characteristics to distinguish it as a separate group.





# Gems From The Last Meeting



**Cym. Dream Girl 'Royal Red'**  
Harry Clyde



**Blc. Beautiful Morning**  
Renate Schmidt



**Den. thyrsiflorum**  
Anita Spencer



**Calanthe argenteo-striata**  
Merle Robboy



**Zygopetalum Kiwi Korker 'Kutie' x Zygo.  
Mishima Goddess 'Burgundy'** - Gil Ho



**Lc. Tropical Song 'Tango'**  
Alex Nazdan



**Brassia Rising Star**  
Alex Nazdan



**Den. Roy Tokunaga**



**C. Phyllis Prestia 'Bell' Orchidea' AM/AOS**  
Phyllis Prestia

Photos by Julian Weissig - full album at [www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)



## Meeting Wrap-up

Bruce Kidd, pictured to the left, presented a very interesting talk on pest management in orchids. He gave practical tips on the prevention, control, and elimination of common orchid pests.

## General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the Carlsbad Women's Club, 3320 Monroe, Carlsbad.

Go east off 5 on Carlsbad Village Drive 1/2 mile to Monroe, turn South on Monroe to Women's Club. OR go west off El Camino Real at Carlsbad Village Drive to Monroe and turn south to the Women's Club. Culture Class starts at 6:30 pm. The regular meeting begins at 7:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be on May 2, 2012.

## The Editor's Corner



This has been a very busy and exciting month for me personally, and it is hard to believe that I found any time to do some of the badly needed repotting for my Cymbidiums. I am still using the same batch of coconut husk for this that I bought two years ago from Loren Batchman. At the time, I only had a handful of Cymbidiums and had learned at one of my first POS meetings that they might thrive in this substrate and that Loren's was the place to get some. I still remember walking down to his green house to find him busy with some seedlings while listening to the radio or music on his earphones. He didn't hear me coming and I startled him when I called his name. Well, being the greenhorn that I was, he paid me back in kind by selling me a giant pack of coconut husk that will last me through the middle of the decade, I am sure!

I know many of you have know Loren for much longer and much better than I have, but here is hoping that my own little story of how I met him brings back your own fond memories of a great Cymbidium and Zygopetalum grower and hybridizer, a fellow orchid nut, and, by all accounts, a genuine character.

As always, I welcome any comments, submissions, and suggestions at [newsletter@palomarorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org). Deadline, as always, is the 15th of the month!

## POS Officers

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