



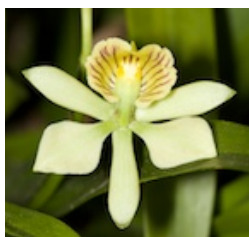
# POS News

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.

[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

## A Monthly Publication

November 2013



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### POS Officer Elections

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### Gems from the Last Meeting

Our October culture class panel featured Karl Batchman, Nico Goosens, and Harry Philips and focused on winterizing orchids.

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### November To Do List

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### Calendar of Events

Year end is the time for the final shows, auctions, and sales. Of course, don't forget our holiday party! Mark your calendars!

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November Meeting • Wednesday, November, 2013 • 6:30 pm



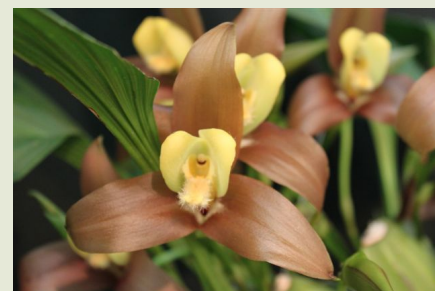
## Growing Masdevallias

### Betty P. Kelepecz

It is a pleasure to welcome back Betty Kelepecz to our society. Betty has been an orchid hobbyist in Southern California for over 30 years. She has grown orchids in Long Beach and Huntington Beach, and, since 2003, in the Point Loma area of San Diego. She started raising orchids in the early 1980's when her husband and co-orchid grower Steve brought home a discarded cutting/keiki of a red Epidendrum he found in a trash bin in the alley beside

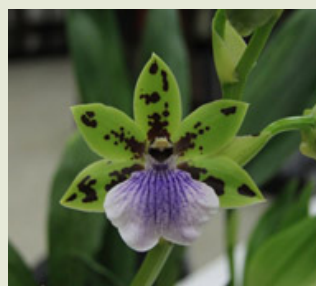
their home in Long Beach. He planted the unimpressive and bloomless cutting on a moss-covered rock and confidently predicted that it would bloom beautifully in no time. When the Epidendrum actually did bloom and, in fact, never since has stopped blooming, the disbelieving Betty became an orchid enthusiast and both of their collection of orchids has since grown with the unwavering passion so often accompanying that first orchid discovery.

Betty and Steve grow a large selection of predominantly species orchids. Their more than 800 plants grow outside, in a small greenhouse, and in a recently constructed shade structure. Betty enjoys the challenge of replicating the demanding



*Lycaete lasioglossa*

**Best in Show - San Diego County Orchid Society Winter Show 2013**



**Zga. Oval 'Windflower' HCC/AOS**

environments required by species orchids and particularly enjoys the challenge of growing Pleurothallids. Over the last few years she has become a successful Masdevallia and Dracula grower. Betty began growing Pleurothallids after she joined the San Diego County Orchid Society in 2005 when she was informed by several members that her home in Point Loma was a good environment for growing her favorite but not yet successfully grown orchid, Masdevallia veitchiana. She was also encouraged to join the Society's Species Group. As a result, Betty began growing Masdevallias outside in her yard, un-

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*As we approach the holiday season, we are rapidly coming to an end of another successful year of interesting talks, opportunity tables, fun caravans, and valuable orchid growing information, thanks to the many efforts of our speakers, board members and numerous volunteers. We truly appreciate all of their contributions and willingness to devote time and orchid knowledge to support our organization.*

*The recent participation of POS at last month's San Diego Botanic Garden Orchid Fair was valuable in that we gained two new members, Lanai Staley and Linda Carlson. Welcome aboard! The display of orchids at the show was the best that I can remember in recent years; however, overall show attendance was not so high, which was particularly disappointing for vendors. In any case, I want to thank all members who volunteered their time at our information booth and entered plants in the show.*

*At this month's meeting, we will vote on officers, trustees and member of the year so be sure to attend the meeting. In addition, members will be treated to a very informative presentation by Betty Kelepecz on Growing Masdevallias. Betty is a very knowledgeable, expert grower of these and other cool growing orchids, which is quite evident from the number of AOS awards she has received.*

*Finally, we will be taking reservations for December's Holiday Dinner to be held at Chin's Szechwan Restaurant in San Marcos.*



*Previous parties have been a lot of fun so please join us and bring your spouse, significant other or friend.*

*Looking forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting!*

*Alex Nadzan  
President, POS  
(760) 753-6280  
anadzan@mac.com*

## Annual Holiday Dinner

*The Palomar Orchid Society will be holding their annual Holiday Dinner and Officers installation on Wednesday, December 4.*

All current members and their spouses are invited to join us at Chin's Szechwan Restaurant located at 1650 Descanso Avenue, San Marcos, just off Highway 78 at the Rancho Santa Fe exit (Ph. (760) 471 6088). This is the same location as last year.

We will be taking reservations and payment for the Holiday Dinner at the November meeting for those who want to do so. Betty Meredith will be receiving forms and payments on November 6.

The cost is \$26 per person and includes a multi-course dinner and an orchid plant. Members may bring a guest if they choose to pay for them. The dinner menu consists of crispy cream cheese wonton and pot sticker appetizers, imperial soup, ku ting crispy chicken, black pepper beef, szechwan shredded pork, sautéed snow peas and Chinese black mushrooms, vegetable Lo Mein, Hon Hon shrimp, tea and a fortune cookie.

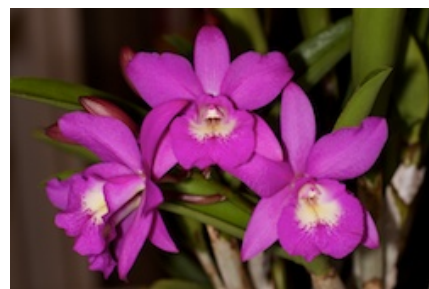
We hope you will join us for fun, food, good conversation and mutual enjoyment

with dinner to be served at 6:30 pm.

If you would like to attend, please fill out the RSVP form (see our [website](#)) and either bring it and your check to the November meeting (forms will be available at the meeting) or mail it with a check payable to the Palomar Orchid Society to Elf Mitton at 2314 Carriage Circle, Ocean-side, CA 92056.

Deadline for receipt of your payment is November 27, 2013. No payments accepted at the door!

If you have any questions, please contact Elf at (760) 439 3806.



## POS Board Elections

*November is our Annual Meeting and Elections of POS officers for 2014 as stipulated by the bylaws. All POS members are encouraged to attend and vote.*

The Nominating Committee (Cher Whelan and Gil Ho) is submitting a great slate of officers. The positions of co-person for publicity is still open (please review the responsibilities below\*). If anyone is interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Cher Whelan prior to the meeting by phone (760) 519 3451 or email at carvett6@yahoo.com

Nominations the open position or any other position also will be taken from the floor.

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## Gems From The Last Meeting



John Kidwell introducing Nico Goosens



Karl Batchman and Andy Philips



B/c. Magic of Mishima 'Volcano Queen'  
James Mickelson



Cattleya violacea  
Alex Nadzan



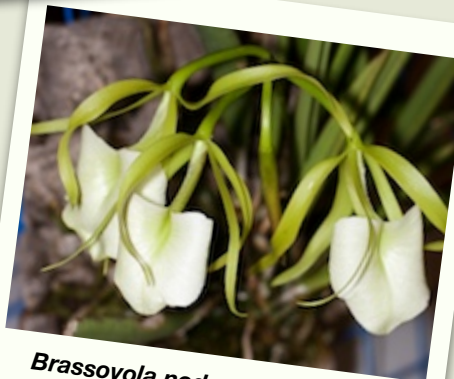
Lc. Mari's Song – Alex Nadzan



Miltonia spectabilis – Gil Ho



Sophrolaelia Summer  
Charm 'Rio Rose'  
Helge Weissig



Brassovola nodosa – Alex Nadzan



Trichocentrum microchilum – Merle Robboy

Photos by Helge Weissig - full album at [www.palomarorchid.org](http://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). Please note, there is no regular meeting in December.

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.

## October Judging Report

There was one orchid presented for judging.



**C. Landate (*C. aelandia* x *C. guttata*)**  
**Exhibited by Renate Schmidt**  
**Awarded AM/AOS with 81 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

The Orchid Society of Santa Barbara presents

# SEA OF ORCHIDS

## Show and Sale

November 23 & 24, 2013

At Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History  
 2599 Puesta del Sol Road  
 Santa Barbara, CA  
 Info: fmorchids@hotmail.com

Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 am to 5 pm  
 Sunday, Nov. 24, 10 am to 3 pm  
 Museum admission: Adults \$12, Seniors and ages 13-17, \$8, and ages 3-7, \$7

Masdevallias and Draculas have been awarded American Orchid Society awards.

In recent years, Betty has established a small but quite functional orchid flasking lab in her home where she has been hobby flasking and raising predominantly species orchids for about three years.

Betty's talk will focus on growing Masdevallias and will also discuss Draculas as well.

Since Betty does not sell her orchids, this month's opportunity table will be courtesy of Andy's Orchids and Rex Foster Orchids.

## Pre-Holiday Orchid Auction and Sale

Wednesday, November 20

### All Types of Orchids!

Preview and Soup at 6:30 PM

Auction at 7:00 PM

Lake San Marcos -Lake Pavillion  
 1105 La Bonita Drive  
 San Marcos, CA 92078

**Admission and Parking are Free!**  
**Sponsored by the San Diego County Cymbidium Society**

Auction and Sale Chairperson: orchldy2@mac.com or 760-732-0055

Meetings monthly (except July and August) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at address above.  
 Culture class 6:30 PM General meeting 7:00 PM

## Betty Kelepecz cont.

der a small overhang that partially shaded the side patio area of the house. This particular location has become a perfect micro-climate for shade-loving, cool-growing orchids and Betty's Masdevallia collection has since grown to over 150 plants, almost all of them species. In addition, she grows more than 60 species of Draculas and several of her





## Officer Election *cont.*

### Candidates Slate of Officers:

President	Alex Nadzan
VP/Programs	Renate Schmidt
2nd VP/Raffle and	Terry Lofthouse
ner	Donna Steinbren-
3rd VP/Membership	
and	Sandi Sandquist
Secretary	Cher Whelan
Publicity	Anne Gold
and	Maryanne Kind
	co-position (Open, see responsibilities below)
Treasurer	Vidya Sirsi
1st Year Trustees	Lisa Humphries
	James Mickelson
	Allie Tran
	Merle Robboy
	Tom Wisniewski

\* The co-position for publicity will share responsibility for providing information to established newspapers and publications on our monthly POS programs and our fund raising events such as our annual auction.



## Orchid To Do List for November

### General

- Shorter days and cooler nights in November will slow down the metabolism of your orchids and initiate spikes on Fall/Winter blooming orchids. Watch them carefully and cut

back on water and fertilizer as cooler days and nights prevail. Protect outdoor orchids from winter rains.

- Bring in cold-sensitive, warm growing orchids to protect them from night temperatures below 50°.
- Fall/winter blooming cattleyas and cymbidiums are either in bloom or preparing for blooming. Provide adequate water and fertilizer but do so in the mornings so plants dry out before nightfall. Stake cymbidium spikes to guide inflorescences for support of buds and blooms.
- Maintain good hygiene practices to minimize transmission of pests and viruses. Watch for fungus and bacterial rot as weather cools and wetter conditions prevail.
- More details on specific genera can be found on the [AOS website](#)

### Indoors and Greenhouse

- Carefully monitor greenhouse temperatures and check that circulating fans, automatic vents, humidifiers and heaters are in good working order.
- Continue to provide good air circulation for indoor plants to discourage diseases and pests such as mealy bugs and scale. Be sure to check all edges of the pot and neighboring pots. Pests, especially mealy bugs also can be found on the bottom of pots. Treat early to avoid spreading to other plants. More info on pests and diseases can be found at the [AOS website](#).
- Cut back on watering and frequency of fertilizing as the days shorten and nights cool down. 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.

### Outdoors

- Continue to monitor and control snails, slugs and pests as cooler and wet weather will bring them out. They



can do considerable damage to plants in short order.

- Water early in the day to allow plants to dry before nightfall in order to minimize bacterial and fungal diseases.
- Cymbidiums should be in spike or bloom so switch from high nitrogen fertilizer to one with higher phosphorus and potassium (Hi Bloom such as 10-30-20) to initiate and stimulate spike production. Stake spikes early to train them to grow upright while spikes are flexible. See also the [AOS website](#) for more information.
- Catasetums/cynoches are in their fall blooming period, while Mormodes and Clowesia are getting ready to flower next month. Continue to give them warm temperatures, high light and fertilize well at each watering until you see them begin their dormant period by the yellowing and dropping of leaves. Cut back on water and fertilizer as suggested by Fred Clarke on [his website](#).
- To induce your phalaenopsis to rebloom, subject them to 1-2 weeks of night temps of around 50°, but bring them in when night temps go below 50° as they are quite sensitive to cold. If you grow them in the house, put them in a cool room or near a window to obtain the lower night temps for spike initiation. Be sure to stake spikes early to train them to grow upright.

*The monthly To Do list is a collaboration of several POS members. We appreciate any and all comments, suggestions, and feedback on our new feature. Please send them to [newsletter@palomarorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org)!*

## The Editor's Corner



At the beginning of the month, yours truly had the honor to fill in for Phyllis Prestia as the newsletter photographer for the monthly AOS orchid judging session at Balboa Park. Having never attended one of these before, it was a wonderfully inspiring and educational opportunity. As there was only one plant presented for judging, the three judges had quite a bit of time to discuss this particular primary hybrid's parentage and the plant's features. Make sure to check next month's newsletter for a longer report!

During the November meeting, we will be electing the 2013 Member of the Year awardee. I have received a few nominations so far but I would encourage you to keep them coming. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. All POS members are eligible with the exception of myself.

As always, any and all contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome. Please email them to [newsletter@palomarorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org). Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.

Happy Growing!

## POS Officers

**Alex Nadzan** — President  
**John Kidwell** — 1st Vice President/Programs  
**Terri Lofthouse** — 2nd Vice President/Raffle  
**Cathy Belt** — 3rd Vice President/Membership  
**Sandi Sandquist** — Secretary  
**Vidya Sirsi** — Treasurer  
**Merle Robboy, Renate Schmidt,**  
**Warren Stehle** — 2nd Year Trustees  
**Carl Lofthouse, Elf Mitton, Lena Shiroma** — 1st Year Trustees  
**Helge Weissig** — Newsletter & Website Editor

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[www.flickr.com/groups/palomarorchid/](https://www.flickr.com/groups/palomarorchid/)

## Upcoming Events

### November 2 & 3, 2013

53rd Annual Fall Open House  
 Santa Barbara Orchid Estate  
[www.sborchid.com](http://www.sborchid.com)

Fall Open House  
 Cal-Orchid  
[www.calorchid.com](http://www.calorchid.com)

### November 5, 2013

Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

### November 6, 2013

POS General Meeting  
 Betty P. Kelepecz  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

### November 15, 2013

Plant Day & Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[events.sandiegozoo.org](http://events.sandiegozoo.org)



### November 20, 2013

San Diego Cymbidium Society  
 Pre-Holiday Orchid Auction/Sale  
 Lake San Marcos Pavillion  
 Phyllis Prestia (760) 732 0055  
[orchldy2@mac.com](mailto:orchldy2@mac.com)

### November 23 & 24, 2013

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara  
 Sea of Orchids Show and Sale  
 Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History  
[www.orchidsb.net](http://www.orchidsb.net)

### December 3, 2013

San Diego County Orchid Society  
 Holiday Dinner  
[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)

### December 4, 2013

POS Annual Holidays Dinner and  
 Officers Installation  
 Chin's Szechwan Restaurant  
 Elf Mitton (760) 439 3806

### December 7, 2013

San Diego County Orchid Society  
 Rex Foster Orchid Tour  
 Jim Wright (619) 208 7272

### December 7-8, 2013

The Greater San Diego Orchid  
 Growers' Open House.  
[Andy's Orchids](http://Andy'sOrchids.com), [Sunset Valley Orchids](http://SunsetValleyOrchids.com),  
[Casa De Orquideas](http://CasaDeOrquideas.com),  
 and [Rudvalis Orchids](http://RudvalisOrchids.com).

### December 20, 2013

Plant Day & Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[events.sandiegozoo.org](http://events.sandiegozoo.org)

## 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](mailto: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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