



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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November Meeting • Wednesday, November 5, 2014 • 6:30 pm



Arnold Gum

Wild Orchids of Southern France

This month's presentation will survey the different orchids encountered in a variety of day hikes through Provence, most with orchids in mind, with a bit of discussion about the habitat and the travels, laced with a bit of French scenery, food and background.

While the Provence region in the South of France is known for its delicious food, a broad variety of scrumptious cheeses, and fine wines, it is also one of the most bio-diverse regions in the world. The coast of Provence also has some of the earliest known sites of human habitation in Europe. Thus, it was with some delight that Arnold discovered that, amid the ruins of old civilizations, there are a host of butterflies, wildflowers, and orchids. The sheer number and variety of species speaks to the tenacity and resilience of nature!

The orchids start blooming early, perhaps around March, each species blooming in a small slice of perhaps two weeks in any given area. The last bloomers may bloom as late as August or September! That means that the serious orchid lover needs to visit Provence multiple times to see all of the different orchid species in bloom!

The orchids in the presentation consist of photos taken in two brief slices of time, once in the mid-June time frame and again, on a return trip to hunt for Ophrys, in early May. What Arnold found was nothing short of astounding. Ophrys were so thick that you could not avoid

walking on them! Quite the sight, when you are used to the somewhat barren, dry Southern California landscape.

Arnold Gum is a patent attorney by profession and has been growing orchids for over 40 years. As a child, he spent many fascinating afternoons chatting about orchids with some of the pioneer orchid growers in Hawaii such as the Kodamas, the Moirs the Aokis and the Ais. He started growing orchids by attempting to plant one of his dad's Dendrobium pods and ended up flasking the seed in flasks kindly provided by the Stanley Taba Orchid Nursery. That blossomed into thousands of orchids in the back yard and has turned into a hobby that has survived college, multiple jobs, 6 orchid societies, 4 cities and 3 states. He currently grows mostly species of various sorts and is a judge for the American Orchid Society.

The plant table will be provided by Arnold consisting of some of his own divisions, supplemented by additional plants from Hawaii.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We finally have gotten some relief from our crazy hot summer with the onset of more typical San Diego fall weather. Although orchids on the coast really loved the hot summer, our inland member's plants experienced considerable stress with 100 degree and above conditions. Hopefully, they will recover as the weather returns to normal.

At the October meeting, several members stepped up to fill several of the open officer and trustee positions; however, we still are in need of a few others to take over some key positions as highlighted in the accompanying article. I still would like to identify a successor for President or at least a co-President. Since nobody has come forward, I will run for one last year but in 2016, the society will have to find a replacement or function without a President. We also need someone to co-chair the 1st VP Programs position with Debra Funakoshi and 3rd VP Membership to assist Sandi Sandquist. Remember this is your society and its success is dependent on volunteers to participate and share in the society's responsibilities.

The annual election will be held on November 5th to select officers, review the status of the society and vote for member of the year so we hope many members as possible can attend this event.

Our annual Holiday Party will be held on December 3 at Chin's Szechwan, San Marcos, with more information on the menu and sign up will be available at the November meeting. Everyone always has a great meal and fun time so our members should consider attending.

Also for the November meeting, we are delighted to welcome Arnold Gum who will speak on Orchids of Southern France. Arnold is a dedicated orchid enthusiast who has made two trips to the Provence area of France, which is a culturally rich and very beautiful location. I visited Provence many years ago but was not into orchids as I am now and really did not know that so many varieties of native orchids existed in the area. I am very much looking forward to learning more about this subject and am

sure Arnold will share some very beautiful pictures of Provence, information on the orchids that grow there and other fun experiences. It is a subject not to be missed.

Finally, I would like to thank all the officers and members who contributed to the success of POS this year. We had a number of great speaker programs and caravans that were well received by members and we anticipate an even better 2015 with the help of members who are willing share their time and expertise for the society.

Happy Growing,



Alex Nadzan
President, POS

POS Board Elections 2015

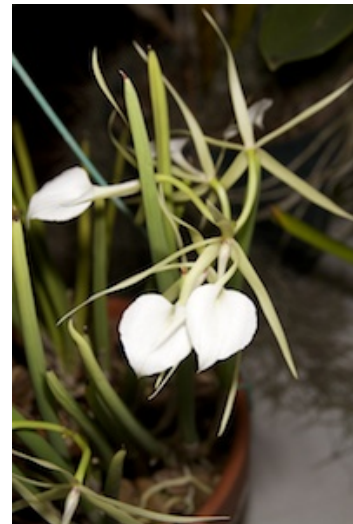
November is our Annual Meeting and Elections of POS officers for 2015 as stipulated by the bylaws. All POS members are encouraged to attend and vote.

We have a great slate of officers for 2015 as provided below. Still available are the positions of co-officers for President, 1st VP Programs and 3rd VP Membership (see responsibilities below*). If individuals are interested in these positions, please contact Alex Nadzan prior to the meeting by phone 760.529.5814 or by email at anadzan@mac.com

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

Candidates Slate of Officers:

- President:** Alex Nadzan (co-position open)
- 1st VP Programs:** Debra Funakoshi (co-position open)
- 2nd VP Raffle:** Martia Holt and Jerry Spahn
- 3rd VP Membership:** Sandi Sandquist (co-position open)
- Secretary:** Anne Gold
- Publicity:** Maryanne Kind and Ivan Allen (apprentice)



- Treasurer:** Vidya Sirsi
- 1st Year Trustees:** Lena Shiroma, Tom Wisniewski, Carl Wood
- 2nd Year Trustee:** Charlie Padelford (to complete 2nd year term of James Michelson)

* President – conduct meetings, oversee all aspects of POS, conduct board meetings, provide message for newsletter:
 1st VP Programs – identify monthly speakers, write up speaker bio for newsletter, secure plants for opportunity table when speaker does not provide them;
 3rd VP Membership – collect membership dues, sign up new members, welcome new members and guests.



Gems From The Last Meeting



Paul Tuskes



C. DiPozzi Tiziano "Freckle Me Blue" x C. Indigo Mist "Coastal Blue"
Maryanne Kind



Ctism. Frilly Doris SVO
Alex Nadzan



Dialc. Silver Toy SVO
Alex Nadzan



C. loddigesii 'Herbrita' x C. gaskelliana



Den. Valdina – Xiem Le



Gongora maculata
Merle Robboy



Lc. Wrigley "Blue Lagoon"
Merle Robboy



Eria fragrans – Merle Robboy

Photos by Helge Weissig - 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.

Annual Holiday Dinner

The Palomar Orchid Society will be holding their annual Holiday Dinner and Officers installation on Wednesday, December 3 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. Ivan Allen has agreed to receive forms and payments at the meeting.

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 is in the process of being finalized and will be similar to last year's with appetizers, multiple main courses, tea and a fortune cookie. A cash bar will be available for those wanting beer, wine or mixed drinks.

We hope you will join us for fun, food, good conversation and mutual enjoyment of orchids. Please plan to arrive at 6 pm with dinner to be served at 6:30 pm.

If you would like to attend, please fill out [the RSVP form](#) (see also next page) and either bring it and your check to the November meeting (forms will be available at the meeting as well) or mail it in with a check payable to the Palomar Orchid Society to Ivan Allen, 1493 Monte Mar Road, Vista, CA 92084.

Deadline for receipt of your payment is November 26, 2014. No payments accepted at the door!

If you have any questions, please contact Ivan at (760) 533-4975 or by email at aaallen@cox.net.

Masdevallia

The following is the Masdevallia culture sheet provided by the AOS and available [at their website](#).

Masdevallia is a genus of some 350 species usually from cool, misty mountains of the New World Tropics. Masdevallias are best known for their showy flowers consisting of sepals fused into a tube-like structure. Their origins in cool, damp environments make them an excellent choice for cool or coastal climates. Most species and hybrids are compact enough so that they can be easily accommodated on windowsills or under lights.

Light should be like that given for phalaenopsis and paphiopedilums —1,000 to 1,500 foot-candles. Masdevallias can be kept in light intensities up to 2,500 foot-candles if the growing area can be kept cool. Plants grow well under standard fluorescent fixtures and can be summered outside in shade. In the home, place in an east or shaded south window or under artificial lights.

Temperatures should be cool to intermediate. The plants will grow slowly and eventually expire if temperatures remain high for long periods. Cool evenings help reduce heat stress during the day. Nights of 55 to 60 F are ideal; day temperatures should be 65 to 75 F. Evaporative cooling pads or humidifiers are useful in maintaining these conditions. Avoid day temperatures higher than 80 F.

Water is critical for these plants because they have minimal water-storage tissue. Roots should be allowed to become almost dry before watering again; if drainage is adequate, constantly moist roots are fine. Good-quality water low in dissolved solids is imperative for success.

Humidity is an important factor in the successful culture of masdevallias. The ideal range is 60 to 80 percent. In the home, set the plants on trays of gravel partially filled with water. In the green-

house or enclosed growing area, humidity can be increased by use of a humidifier, while evaporative coolers help raise humidity and lower temperatures. If plants are summered outdoors, automatic misters under the benches are recommended as is more frequent soaking.

Fertilize regularly with a dilute solution while plants are actively growing. Applications of 30-10-10-type formulations twice a month are ideal for plants in a bark-based medium. A 20-20-20-type formulation should be used for plants in other media. If weather is overcast, applications once a month are sufficient.

Potting is best done in the winter or early spring, before the heat of summer arrives or as new roots are produced. Plants must be repotted frequently, every one to two years, before the potting mix decomposes. A fine-grade potting medium, such as fine fir bark or tree-fern fiber, is often used with plastic pots. Sphagnum moss is also used, especially for establishing plants. The plant should be positioned in the pot so that the newest growth is farthest from the edge of the container, allowing the maximum number of new growths without crowding the vessel. Plants growing in many directions may be positioned in the center of the pot. Spread the roots over a cone of potting medium and fill in around the roots with potting medium to the junction of the roots and the plant. Firm the medium around the roots. Keep humidity high and the potting medium slightly dry until new roots form.





Palomar Orchid Society

Annual Holidays Dinner and Officers Installation
 Chin's Szechwan Restaurant, San Marcos
 Wednesday, December 3, 2014 – 6 p.m.

Yes I/we would like to attend and I have enclosed my check for

- \$26 (one attendee)
- \$52 (two attendees)
- \$78 (three attendees)
- \$104 (four attendees)

PLEASE CHECK THE CORRECT DOLLAR AMOUNT AND NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY

Names of Attendees:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please mail this completed form and your check made out to:

Ivan Allen
 1493 Monte Mar Road
 Vista, CA 92084

If you have any questions, please call Ivan at (760) 533 4975 or via email at aaallen@cox.net.

The Editor's Corner



Having grown up (?) in Southern Germany and studied some botany in a university town situated in one of the most biologically diverse areas of Europe where orchids grow in fields and forests everywhere, I am very much looking forward to Arnold Gum's talk on orchids in Southern France.

To add some trivia to the article on Arnold's talk I want to point out that European orchids, most of them deciduous, are quite different from most species and hybrids we grow here. They are commonly terrestrial and adapted to the changes in temperatures and precipitation brought by the very contrasting seasons. They even are found at higher altitudes in the alps where annual snow falls are comparable to the Northern Sierras.

During a hiking trip two years ago, I was able to see many species of orchids growing almost like lawns in the alps and I can relate to Arnold's excitement of encountering them in such abundance. Arnold is VERY knowledgeable about orchids and you do not want to miss his presentation!

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
Renate Schmidt — 1st Vice President/Programs
Terri Lofthouse
 & **Donna Steinbrenner — 2nd Vice President/Raffle**
Sandi Sanquist
 & **Cher Whelan — 3rd Vice President/Membership**
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Upcoming Events

November 1 & 2, 2014
 54th Annual Fall Santa Barbara
 Orchid Estate Open House
www.sborchid.com

Cal-Orchid Fall Open House
www.calorchid.com

November 4, 2014
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

November 5, 2014
 POS General Meeting
 Arnold Gum
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

November 15 & 16, 2014
 "Orchid Dreams" Show and Sale
 Orchid Society of Santa Barbara
www.orchidsb.net

November 19, 2014
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

November 21, 2014
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

December 2, 2014
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS Holiday Party
www.sdorchids.com

December 3, 2014
 POS Holiday Party
 Chin's Szechwan Restaurant
 San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

December 6 & 7, 2014
 Open Houses:
[Casa de las Orchideas](http://www.casa-de-las-orchideas.com)
[Rudvalis Orchids](http://www.rudvalis-orchids.com)
[Sunset Valley Orchids](http://www.sunset-valley-orchids.com)

December 10, 2014
 SDCCS Holiday Party
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December 19, 2014
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

January 6, 2015
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

January 7, 2015
 POS General Meeting
 Kai Klausung
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

January 21, 2015
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

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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