



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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Speaker's Info

Ken Jacobson: "Oncidium crispum Group: History, Membership and Culture"

Our November 3rd Joint General POS/SDCOS Meeting will be at 7:30 pm. with our speaker, Ken Jacobson, who will talk about the group of Brazilian orchids formerly known as the *Oncidium crispum* group and hybrids made from these orchids.

The *Onc. crispum* complex includes *Onc. praetextum*, *Onc. curtum* and *Onc. gravesianum* and all are now referenced as synonyms of *Onc. crispum*, but are kept separate as the individuals have been known as separate species for years (Jay Pfahl, www.orchidspecies.com).

To make matters even more complex, the genus of these species has been changed to *Gomesa* and *Onc. crispum*, itself, is now under the name *Gomesa imperatoris-maximiliani* in the Orchid Wiz and

[Orchid Roots](#) databases.

In addition to the individual species and the direct descendants of those species, Ken will cover more complex hybrids derived from the species. A fair amount of time will be spent discussing culture, and how these plants can be grown successfully in the California coastal areas.

Ken was first introduced to orchids by his uncle in the 1960's and has been growing orchids for well over 50 years. His collection includes *Cymbidiums*, *Oncidiums*, *Odontoglossums*, *Lycastes*, *Cattleyas*, *Laelias*, *Masdevallias* and several other genera.

Ken and his wife, Amy, enjoy traveling to all areas of the world where orchids are grown, visiting the local growers, and seeing various species in the wild. Together, Amy and Ken have over 7000 orchids. Ken is a judge in the AOS judging

program and the CSA judging program, and is currently an AOS trustee. Amy is a judge in the AOS judging program. This should be a very informative talk and we encourage all to join us. The Zoom link will be sent with the email announcing the newsletter and will be the same as last month's link.



Oncidium crispum (Syn. *Gomesa imperatoris-maximiliani*)

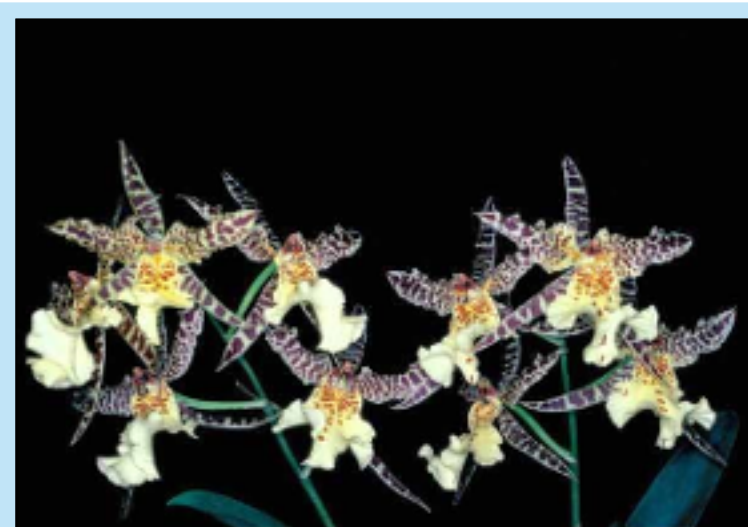
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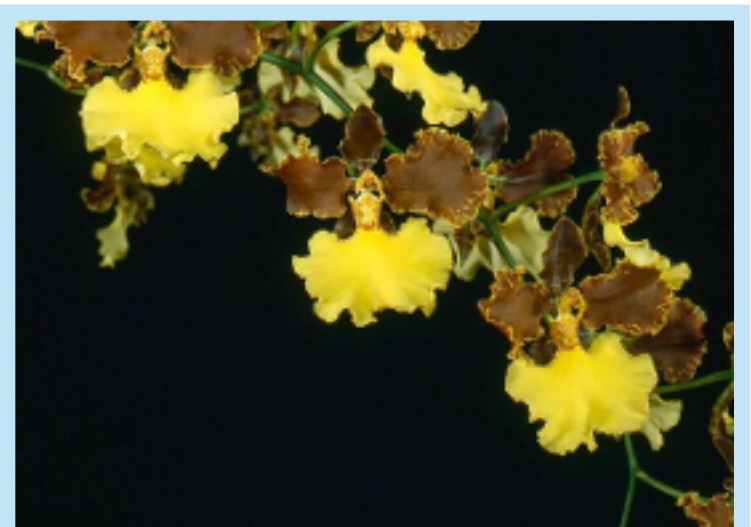
Ken and his wife, Amy at Machu Picchu, Peru



**Gomesa (Onc.) Jorge Verboonen
Richella' AM/AOS
(Gomesa imperatoris-maximiliani x
marshalliana)**



**Gombrassiltonia (Alceara) Hawaiian
Delight 'Oka' AM/AOS
(Bratonia Cartagena x Gomesa
imperatoris-maximiliani)**



**Gomesa (Onc.) Summer Solstice
'Santa Barbara' HCC/AOS
(Gomesa imperatoris-maximiliani
x Gomesa Mantinii)**

President's Message

Hello POS Members and Friends,

We will have our final POS virtual meeting of 2020 this month. It seems like we have been locked down with Covid isolation for eternity, but in reality, it's been slightly over 8 months. We are still not out of the woods and we are many months away from returning to some semblance of normalcy.

We believe the collaboration with SDCOS during this period has been mutually beneficial for both societies and we plan to continue it in 2021 until we can meet in person again. We hope our members and friends have benefited from the programs and culture classes. If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics, please provide them to Alex or Bill for consideration.

The warm weather we have experienced this summer has finally subsided. Fall is upon us and with that, many of our orchids are in bud or starting to bloom. This is a great time of year to enjoy the fruits of our labors. Please refer to the 'To Do' list on page 7 for culture tips in November.

Our speaker this month will be Ken Jacobson who will talk on the *Oncidium crispum* group of orchids and their hybrids. Ken is a veteran orchid grower who will share his knowledge about this group of Brazilian orchids. For more detailed info on Ken and his talk, please refer to the

speaker's section on page 1.

For those of you who want to learn more about other orchids, consider joining the Orchid Digest's International Speaker's Day on Saturday, October 31 from 9:30 am to 2 pm PST (\$30). In addition to learning from four excellent orchid experts, attendees will be entered in a raffle and all non-members will receive a complementary one year subscription to Orchid Digest magazine (a \$39 value). See the advertisement on pg 6 and visit their [website](#) to sign up.

It has come to our attention that the International Cymbidium Society of America and our local San Diego County Cymbidium Society are shutting down. This is unfortunate, but it's a sign of the times. We hope any cymbidium society members who are not already members of POS, consider joining our society next year. Many organizations including orchid societies, garden clubs, etc. have had difficulties in sustaining memberships in recent years. The pandemic has magnified this situation. As the older members move on, there are fewer young people joining our societies.

We encourage all of our members to renew their membership for 2021. We need your support to remain a viable organization. Please mail your renewal membership (\$25

individual, \$30 household) to the POS mailing address (Palomar Orchid Society, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013) or contact our membership chairperson, Trudy Ibbetson at (trudygro@aol.com). You also may renew online on our website, which also has membership forms for new members. Your membership is critical because we did not have an orchid auction this year and still incur costs for our virtual meetings, newsletter and storage.

We also want to announce that one of our long time members, Sandy Sanquist and her husband Fred, are moving out of the area and most likely will be less involved in POS activities. We thank Sandy for her many years of service to our society. Sandy has served for several years as a board member and has always been there to plan, organize and contribute her skills to making us a better organization and we will truly miss her. Please extend your thanks to Sandy for her many contributions to POS.

In closing, we hope all of our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. As always, 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 billtcwong@att.net or anadzan@mac.com.

Zoom Culture Class on Wednesday, November 4th at 7:30 pm

Our speaker for the class will be **John Oswald** who will educate us on **Reverse Osmosis (RO) water** so if you want to learn about the pros and cons of RO water, please join us by using the same login information as for Tuesday's meeting. An outline of John's talk is provided below:

1. What is Reverse Osmosis Water?
2. How is it made?
3. Designing a system to make R/O water for your orchids
4. System Maintenance
5. Watering Orchids with R/O Water
 - Adding fertilizer
 - Buffering the pH of the water
 - Checking the TDS and pH
6. Discussion and Questions

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POS PHYSICAL MEETINGS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month at 6:30 pm at the Conference Center 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 and 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 conference center will be on the left and there is plenty of parking in front.

How to Submit Your Show-N-Tell Orchid Pics for Zoom Meetings

At our previous Zoom meetings, Debby Halliday presented some very nice orchid pics from submissions by SDCOS members and a few POS members. We encourage our POS members to send in pics of their own orchids for the November and future meetings. Please send in your orchid photos to Debby Halliday at president@sdorchids.com by the weekend before the meeting. You should provide in your email the information shown on the following form that SDCOS normally uses for their Show-N-Tells and any other info you feel desirable under comments. If you do not know all of the information, just provide what you have. Also indicate that you are a POS member. Additional information on your orchids can be gleaned from the internet either by Googling the name of the orchid to determine a hybrid's parentage or the species origin. One also can get this info using the free site [Orchid Roots](http://OrchidRoots) and searching the orchid name. Should you have any questions or need help, do not hesitate to contact Alex Nadzan at anadzan@mac.com or 858-205-6789.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY	
PLANT NAME	_____
PARENTAGE	_____ _____
CIRCLE ALL CORRECT DATA -	
MINIATURE	FRAGRANT
OUTSIDE GROWN	HYBRID
HOUSE GROWN	NEW CROSS
GREENHOUSE GROWN	SPECIES
SPECIES - FROM WHICH COUNTRY?	_____
COMMENTS	_____
EXHIBITOR	



International Speakers Day

A Virtual Experience

October 31, 2020 12:30-5 pm EDT

All speakers live, via Webinar

\$30 Register [here](#) to join in

All registrants will be entered in a raffle for prizes donated by our sponsors and for memberships/renewals to the Orchid Digest



Lourens Grobler, Afri Orchids, Pretoria, South Africa.

My 10 Favorite African Orchids

Lourens has been growing orchids since he was 10 years old and now co-owns Afri Orchids, a nursery that for 40 years has specialized in species from around the world. The collection includes approximately 4,000 species. Lourens is the co-author of the *Field Guide to the Orchids of Northern South Africa and Swaziland*. He is an accredited South African Orchid Council Judge and chaired the judging committee at the 21st World Orchid Conference.

Andrea Niessen, Orquídeas del Valle, Cali, Colombia

Orchids in Nature in Colombia

Andrea Niessen, a native of Cali, Colombia, former virologist and lifelong orchid grower, has served as the president of the Asociación Vallecaucana de Orquideología and judge of the Colombian Orchid Committee. A popular speaker, Andrea has given lectures around the world. With her husband Juan Carlos Uribe, Andrea owns Orquídeas del Valle, an orchid nursery that has been researching, reproducing and exporting Colombian orchids for over 25 years.



Lou Jost, EcoMinga Foundation, Baños, Ecuador

Orchids as Guides to the Conservation of Unique Biodiversity

Lou, an internationally renowned expert in molecular phylogenies, has made significant contributions to the protection of orchids and orchid habitat in the New World Tropics. Originally from the US, Lou was fascinated by tropical diversity, and worked in Mexico and Costa Rica before moving to Ecuador in 1994. He has described a number of new Ecuadorian orchid species, many found in unprotected areas. Lou formed the EcoMinga Foundation in 2006 to build large reserves to protect strategic biodiversity hotspots.

Alek Zaslowski, AWZ Orquídeas, Vitória, Brazil

Beautiful Brazilian Mountains (and the Orchids that Grow There)

Alek, an engineer, grew up surrounded by orchids, and traveled with his father to see and photograph orchids in nature. He joined his father to establish AWZ Orquídeas in 1991, and they began to reproduce many of the species in their collection because of their rarity and disappearance from the wild. Now with over 20,000 plants from around the world, the nursery has some of the finest known varieties of Cattleya Alliance species.



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November 'To Do' List

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

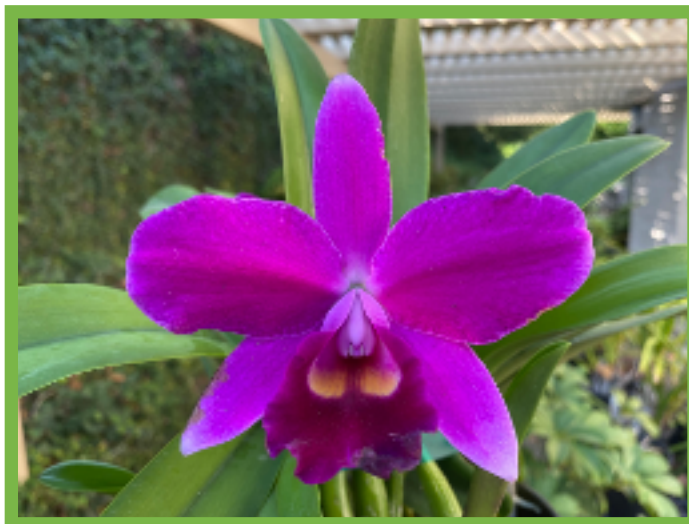
- Continue to monitor and control snails, slugs and pests as cooler and wet weather will bring them out. They can do considerable damage to plants in short order.
- Water early in the day to allow plants to dry before nightfall in order to minimize bacterial and fungal diseases.
- Cymbidiums should be 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/cycnoches 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 re-bloom, 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 feature. Please send them to newsletter@palomarorchid.org!*

Ken Campbell's Photos



Pot. Little Toshie 'Gold Country'



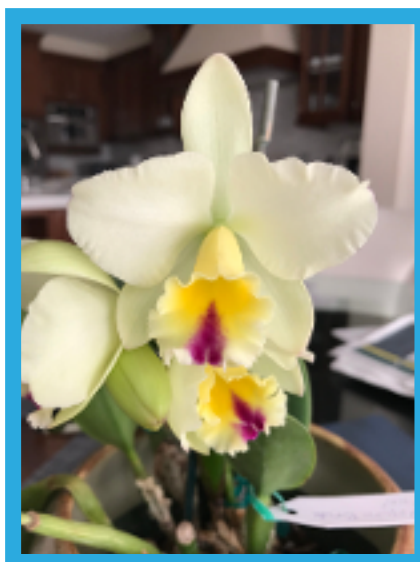
C. Lady Rebecca (an SVO cross)



Ascda Tubtim Velvet x V. Charles Goodfellow

Bill Wong's Photo

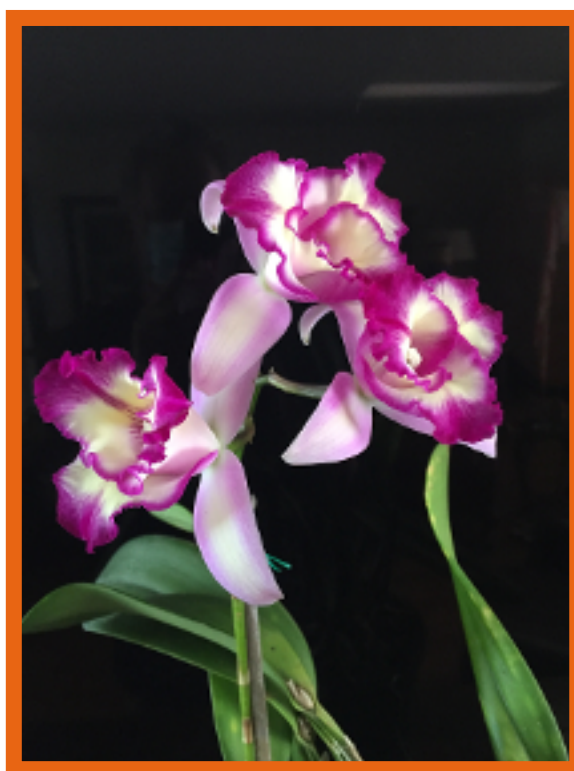
Pot. Psycho Bride 'NN'



Carl Wood's Photos



Laelia albida rosa 'Achim'



Lc. Miss Wonderful (Lc. Mari's Song 'CTM 217' HCC/AOS x L. anceps 'Las Brisas')

**Pot. Paradise Rose 'SVO' x
Pot. Rubescence 'SVO'**



Jerry Spencer's Photos



Blc. Sunspot 'SVO' X C. Katherine Clarkson 'SVO'



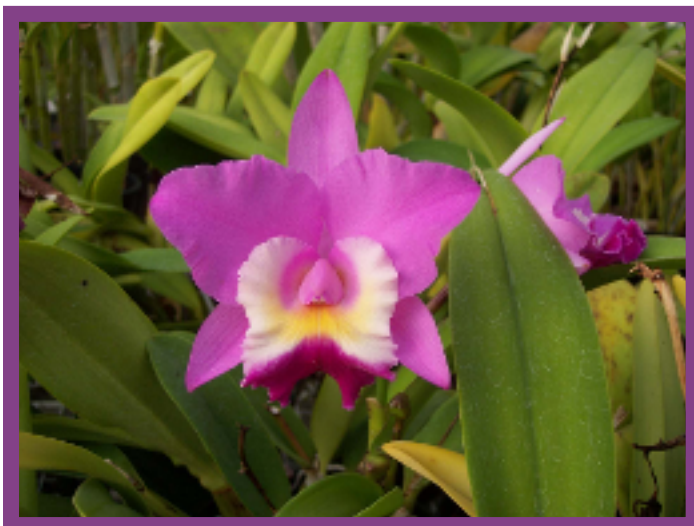
Ctt. Chocolate Drop X C. California Apricot



C. Little Mike X C. Toowong



C. Cariad's Mini Queene 'Ángel Kiss'



C. Rosie's Surprise 'Crestview'



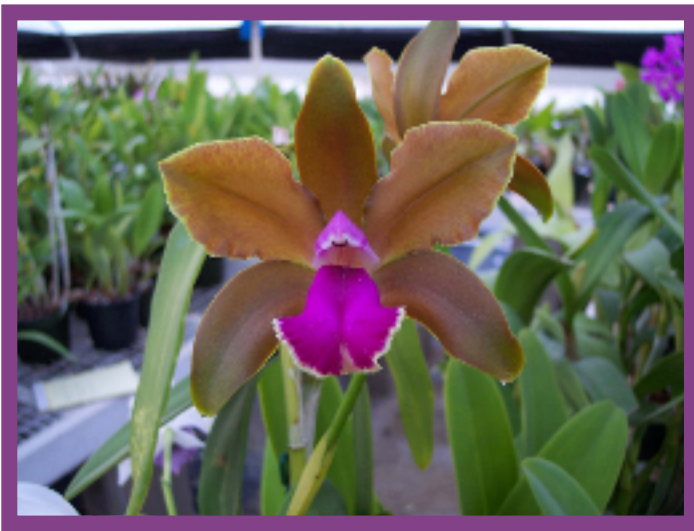
Gur. bowringiana



Rth. Yen Orange 'Martin'



C. perrinii



C. bicolor



Epc. Lime Sherbert X B. nodosa

Alex Nadzan's Photos



C. labiata 'September Mist' AM/AOS



Blc. Mem. Crispin Rosales 'Behold'



Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare' AM/AOS



Lc. Preface



Bepi. Jim Wallace



Lc. Higher Ground 'Masterpiece' x self



**AMN-155: Lc. Canhamiana (Cal Orchid) x
L. anceps 'Mendenhall' x self**



Blc. Haw Yuan Rose 'NN'