



# 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)

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**October 2013**



**Volunteers Needed**

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**October To Do List**

October will bring the first colder nights and it is time to get ready for winter. Start cutting back on water and fertilizer. Maybe bring in cold-sensitive plants.

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**Gems from the Last Meeting**

Rafael Acosta-Jamarillo presented on Phalaenopsis care. As always, there were many beautiful plants grown by our members.

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**Calendar of Events**

The Show and Open House Season will be in full swing throughout October and November. Mark your calendars!

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**October Meeting • Wednesday, October 2, 2013 • 6:30 pm**

## Panel of Orchid Experts

### Preparing your Orchids for Winter

The October meeting will feature our second culture session of the year that will concentrate on "Preparing your Orchids for Winter". Panel members will include Nico Goosens (Lico Orchids), Karl Batchman ([Casa de las Orquideas](#)), Harry Philips ([Andy's Orchids](#)), and other expert growers.



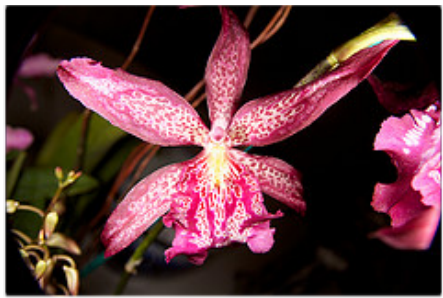
The Black Orchid and related members (cycnoches and catasetums) will drop their leaves and go into dormancy. Cold sensitive plants such as phalaenopsis, toolumnias, and most vandas will need to be brought in to avoid their demise. Potted orchids will need care different than orchids on sticks. Do you know how to care for your loved ones?

Join us on 2 October when your fellow orchid growers guide you into the chilly weather to come. Please bring your questions on winterizing your plants as well as any other orchid related questions you may have.

The opportunity table will be provided by the three commercial growers and should have a very nice collection of plants.

warm weather we are having thus far. But to your orchids, the waning sun, shorter days and cooler evenings are telling them that it is time to start slowing down to begin their winter's rest. To others it is telling them that the mating (flowering) season is fast around the corner.

Cymbidiums also will be send up their spikes of wonderful colors with rainbow hues. Some dendrobiums will shrink if watered in winter, while others will welcome the chill to set next year's flowers.



Believe it or not, winter is approaching! Although it does not seem so with all the



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the year with only three remaining POS events left in 2013! It has been a very good year thus far with several excellent talks and a successful auction in August. Regarding the auction, it appears that we netted over \$5000 this year, money that will go a long way toward covering our Society's expenses (rent, speakers, opportunity table, etc.). Again, sincere thanks to all members who worked hard to make our auction a financial success.*

*Winter is just around the corner in spite of the wonderful weather we are experiencing that has lasted through September and likely will continue through early October. Accordingly, we have scheduled a second culture session for October that will aid you in preparing your plants for their winter's rest. This discussion will be especially important for those of you who grow outdoors, since managing your plants properly will allow them to survive the chilly and wet winters we experience here in San Diego. John Kidwell has arranged for three expert panelists, Nico Goosens, Karl Batchman and Harry Phillips, to provide you tips on managing your plants and carrying them through our relatively short winter period.*

*Another important matter this month is the nomination of officers and trustees for 2014. We have several positions turning over and we are very much in need of members stepping up to fill key positions. Historically, we seem to always have the same individuals volunteer for service so it would be highly*



*desirable to recruit some of our new members to participate and infuse new blood and ideas into the organization to further improve our society. Many of the positions do not require much time and are rewarding for those who participate. I will discuss this matter and the openings in more detail at the October meeting.*

*Finally, the board appreciates feedback from our members on how we are doing, so please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or phone should you have any comments or desire to discuss any issues you may have.*

*Looking forward to seeing you at the October meeting!*

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## Volunteers needed for the San Diego International Orchid Fair

*POS will be setting up an information booth and you do not have to be an "expert" to help out. Please sign up at the meeting.*

Join other POS members to participate at the splendidly colorful San Diego International Orchid Fair. Organized by the San Diego Botanic Garden, this show and sale features countless varieties of orchids, some in exhibits and some for sale.

There will be opportunities to learn from the experts on how to care for your newly purchased orchids at an ongoing lecture series on culture and care. More information is available at [sdbgarden.org](http://sdbgarden.org).

You also can have your orchid judged. The show is an official AOS (American Orchid Society) judging event and there will be ribbon judging as well. Plants can be registered on Thursday, October 3 from 4-7 pm and on Friday, October 4 from 9 am-12 pm.

POS needs additional volunteers for our information booth and, as a volunteer, you will receive free admission to the fair on that day. The booth should be manned Saturday, October 5 from 9 am-5 pm and Sunday, October 6 from 9 am-4 pm. You do not have to be an "expert" to help out. We will have orchid culture sheets, newsletters, and other POS materials to hand out. Above all, we want to share our enthusiasm for and appreciation of orchids with any interested visitors of the fair. Please sign up at the October general meeting.

## Orchid To Do List for October

### General

- Shorter days and cooler nights in October will be the signal for orchids to slow down and prepare for winter's rest. Watch them carefully and cut back on water and fertilizer as cooler days and nights prevail. Protect outdoor orchids from the first fall and winter rains.

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### Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning with **A through E** 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!

# Gems From The Last Meeting



**Rafael Acosta-Jaramillo presenting on Phalaenopsis**



**Alex Nadzan, POS President**



**Den. Judith Nakayama - Merle Robboy**



**Encyclia prismatocarpa  
Merle Robboy**



**B. nodosa x Lc. Blue Boy - Alex Nadzan**



**Aerangis luteo alba var.  
rhodosticta  
Lisa Humphreys**



**Ascofinetia Twinkle x  
Neofinetia falcata  
Alex Nadzan**



**Den. White Grace  
Sandi Sandquist**



**Lc. San Diego Sunrise x Blc. Waianae  
Leopard - Alex Nadzan**



**Rhyncholaelia digbyana  
Gil Ho**

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).

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.

## September Judging Report

There were 7 orchids presented for judging. One was awarded.



*Dracula gorgona var. xanthina*  
 'Windflower'  
 Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz  
 Awarded HCC/AOS, 79 points

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

## 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 one of the following AOS judges:

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

## To Do List *cont.*

- Fall blooming cattleyas and cymbidiums are beginning their blooming season. Provide adequate water and fertilizer but do so in the mornings so plants dry out before nightfall.
- 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 fans, automatic vents 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. Treat early to avoid spreading to other plants. More info on pests and diseases can be found at the [AOS website](#).

- Start to cut back on watering and frequency of fertilizing as the days shorten and nights cool. Avoid over fertilizing to minimize root damage and 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.
- Cattleyas should be in their fall blooming season as well as hardening off of growth produced in the spring and summer. Cut back on watering and frequency of fertilizing as plants slow down their growth rates.
- Cymbidiums should be developing spikes 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.

- Although the best time to repot cymbidiums is in the early spring following blooming, plants can be repotted at this time if roots are deteriorating and media is decomposed in order to avoid loss of plants over the winter period.
- Catasetums/cycnoches are in their fall blooming period. 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.

*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)!*

# Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale

September 28 & 29, 2013 10 am to 5 pm  
 South Coast Plaza Village  
 1631 West Sunflower  
 (Corner of Sunflower & Bear)  
 Santa Ana, CA 92704

Exhibits • Seminars • Sales

Experience thousands of exotic orchids in a beautiful outdoor setting and learn how to grow and exhibit orchids from local experts.

Parking and admission are free

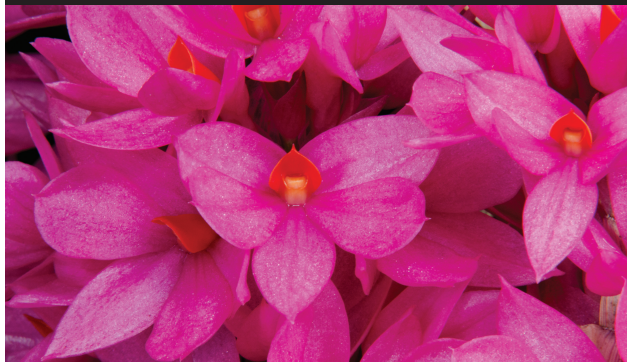
For more information please call 949.735.2930 or visit [www.ocorchidshow.com](http://www.ocorchidshow.com)



# San Diego International Orchid Fair

Hosted by the San Diego Botanic Garden

Saturday . October 5 . 9 am - 5 pm  
 Sunday . October 6 . 9 am - 4 pm



Wide Variety of Rare and Unusual Orchids  
 Lectures on Culture and Care  
 AOS and Ribbon Judging

This coupon is good for  
**\$3.00 OFF admission**  
 Limit 4 People  
 Valid October 5-6, 2013 Only



For Further information visit [SDBGarden.org](http://SDBGarden.org) or call 760/ 436-3036 x204.

# San Diego County Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale



**Free Admission**  
**Balboa Park**  
**Casa del Prado room 101**  
**Saturday October 26, 2013 - noon until 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday October 27, 2013 - 10:00 am until 4:00 pm**



## The Editor's Corner



Despite the beautiful early fall sunshine we have been having, it sure is getting cooler at night now. I have stopped watering in the afternoon, to allow the plants to dry off before nightfall and I will begin cutting back on fertilizer and water soon. My phals are all in spike already, which seems a bit early, but they *did* enjoy their summer residence in a shady corner in the yard, it seems. Time to make some room in the house to bring them back in soon. I am definitely looking forward to additional advice from our expert panel next week!

Just a quick reminder again about the Member of the Year award nominations that will be due at the October meeting. I will attach a printable form to the newsletter email for those who want to fill it out at home and bring it to the meeting. Please provide a short paragraph or two about the person you are nominating with your reason for why they should receive the award. Also, to clarify again: the only person ineligible for the award is yours truly. All POS Officers and any other POS member are fair game.

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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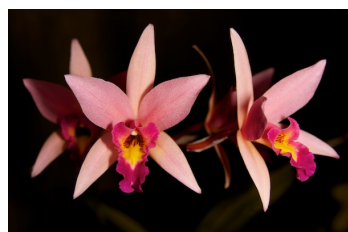
## Upcoming Events

**September 28 & 29, 2013**  
 Fascination of Orchids Show  
 South Coast Plaza, Santa Ana  
[www.ocorchidshow.com](http://www.ocorchidshow.com)

**October 1, 2013**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

**October 2, 2013**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Orchid Culture Panel Discussion  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)



**October 5 & 6, 2013**  
 San Diego International Orchid Fair  
 San Diego Botanic Garden  
[sdbgarden.org](http://sdbgarden.org)

Andy's Orchids Open House  
 734 Ocean View Avenue  
 Encinitas CA 92024  
[www.andysorchids.com](http://www.andysorchids.com)

**October 16, 2013**  
 SDCCS General Meeting

**October 18, 2013**  
 Plant Day & Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[events.sandiegozoo.org](http://events.sandiegozoo.org)

**October 19 - 21, 2013**  
 Southland Orchid Show  
 Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens  
[www.orchidssc.org](http://www.orchidssc.org)

**October 26 & 27, 2013**  
 San Diego County Orchid Society  
 Fall Show and Sale  
 Balboa Park

[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)  
**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)

## 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, San Diego Botanic Garden, Ecke Building, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024  
 Bill Wong (760) 931-0502  
[billtcwong@att.net](mailto:billtcwong@att.net)

