



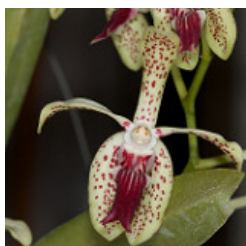
POS News

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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A Monthly Publication

October 2015



POS Board Nominations Needed

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Orchid Judging Results

Phyllis Prestia reports on the orchid judging results for the month of September.

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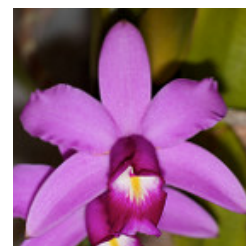
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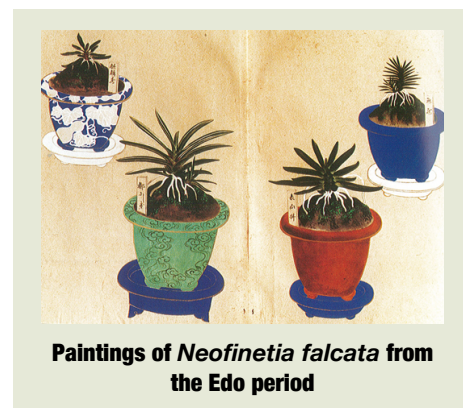
Satomi Kasahara

Neofinetia Falcata

Our guest speaker this month is Satomi Kasahara of [Seed Engei](#). Her topic is *Neofinetia falcata*, an orchid native to Japan. She will discuss the history, culture and special methods that are used to judge this unique orchid.

The Japanese have been cultivating *Neofinetia falcata* (now officially named *Vanda falcata*) for over 400 years. In Japan, it is called Fūki-ran (富貴蘭), the orchid of the rich and noble people. Many years ago, only the rich and royalty could own them.

Satomi's father, Shigeru, started Seed Engei 35 years ago in Shiuzuoka, Japan. They specialize in growing *Neofinetia falcata* as well as other Japanese orchids. Satomi grew up around *Neofinetia falcata* and interacted with some of the best growers in Japan. She started working for her father in 2006. After a visit to Santa Barbara, he declared that the U.S. would be the perfect place to grow *Neofi-*



Paintings of *Neofinetia falcata* from the Edo period

netia falcata. After that, Satomi started coming to orchid shows in California to expand the business.

She is the founder of the Fūkiran Society of America, created to promote Fūkiran growing in the United States, Canada and other parts the world. The Fūkiran Society of America is an offshoot of the Japan Fūkiran Society, which is responsible for registering *Neofinetia falcata* varieties. There are over 250 registered varieties, but if you add unregistered varieties to that, the total is 1000.

Every year, Satomi organizes a *Neofinetia falcata* judging event in Santa Barbara.



Neofinetia falcata grown by Alex Nadzan

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we come to the end of 2015, it appears that we will have a repeat of last year in that there still is a need for some members to step up and take on responsibilities for 4 positions on the POS board including President, 1st VP, Secretary and 1st Year Trustee.

As I indicated last year, it would be highly desirable to identify a successor for President to take over the responsibility. A fresh President would bring new ideas to the organization and allow me to continue to serve the society in other ways. In actuality, I wouldn't mind taking over the 1st VP slot as I do enjoy scheduling speakers and initiating new programs. The other open positions on the board are not very work intensive and involve attending a maximum of 4 board meetings per year and providing your input and/or recording the proceedings. Please refer to the accompanying article highlighting the available opportunities to serve POS.

In order for POS to survive and thrive, it is important for some of our new members to step up and participate so we can continue to provide quality programs, good growing advice and fun opportunities to our membership. Otherwise our society will die a slow death, which is something none of us would like to see happen.

As always, the POS board continues to encourage input from our members at any time via email (anadzan@mac.com), phone

(760-529-5814) or in person. Feel free to contact me, as the board and I are here to serve you.

Happy Growing,



*Alex Nadzan
President, POS*

Seeking Candidates for 2016 POS Board

November is our Annual Meeting and we will be electing officers for 2016 as stipulated by the bylaws.

At our recent board meeting, we identified the various openings for the coming year. We encourage all members to seriously consider volunteering for these positions, as it is important for the future success of our society. It is particularly desirable for new members to get involved in order to infuse new ideas and vigor into the organization.

If you are interested in any of the following positions, please contact Alex Nadzan either by email (anadzan@mac.com) or by phone (760-529-5814, home; 858-205-6789, cell). A sign up sheet will be circulated at the October meeting.

Please note that all of the positions, with the exception of trustee, can be shared to make the jobs more manageable. We also are encouraging individuals to consider working in an apprentice capacity so the individual can get and idea of what is involved and, hopefully, take over the responsibility in future years. This is particularly desirable for positions of Treasurer, Publicity and Newsletter Editor.

President: This year, Alex completes his third term as President. He would like to find a suitable replacement so

he can serve POS in other capacities. Responsibilities consist of overseeing all activities for the society such as conducting monthly meeting and quarterly board meetings and working with other officers / members to advance the overall mission of the society.

1st VP Programs: Responsible for identifying, scheduling, introducing, making arrangements for monthly speakers and programs including write ups for the newsletter. On occasion the 1st VP will substitute for the President in his absence. This is a great opportunity to become familiar with the many talented orchid experts and other society members who have similar responsibilities. Potential speaker programs are suggested by the board to assist the VP in this activity.

3rd VP Membership: Sandi Sandquist will continue in 2016, but would appreciate a co-VP to share the responsibility. Responsibilities include promoting membership in the society, welcoming new members, and managing membership fees.

Secretary: Responsibility includes taking and issuing minutes at quarterly board meetings that usually take place on weekends.

1st Year Trustees (2 year term): We have an opening for trustee. Responsibilities include attending quarterly board meetings (usually on weekends) to provide input on society matters and interfacing with the board via email on more pressing matters.

Possibilities for Apprentice or additional Co-positions

Publicity: Seeking someone to assist Ivan Allen in promoting our society and announcing upcoming events to the public by providing information to established newspapers and publications on our monthly POS programs and our fund raising events such as our annual auction.

Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning **M through S** will 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!

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Gems From The Last Meeting



Brandon Tam



Photos by Debra Funakoshi - 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.

September Judging Reports

There were 5 orchids presented for judging. Three were awarded.



C. jenmannii 'Kimberly Burzell'
Exhibited by Lynn Burzell
Awarded AM of 85 points



Vanda falcata 'Feuerbach'
Exhibited by Renate Schmidt
Awarded CCE of 90 points



L. colnagoi
Exhibited by Better Kelepecz
Awarded CHM of 85 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

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

Board Positions continued

Treasurer: Vidya Sirsi will continue in 2016 but could use assistance by someone to start becoming familiar with the responsibility for 2016 and beyond.

Newsletter and Website Editor: Work with Helge Weissig to learn how to put together the newsletter and manage the website with the aim of assuming additional responsibilities in 2017.

Board Members who will continue or are committed for 2016:

2nd VP: Marita Hoit and Jerry Spahn

3rd VP: Sandi Sandquist

Treasurer: Vidya Sirsi

1st Year Trustees (3 positions): Lisa Humphries and Charlie Padelford

2nd Year Trustees (3 positions): Lean Shiroma, Tom Wisniewski and Carl Wood

Publicity: Ivan Allen

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster: Helge Weissig

Member of the Year Nominations

Each year we honor one member of the society who has made the greatest contribution to the success of Palomar Orchid Society during that year.

At our upcoming meeting in October you will be given the opportunity to nominate the member you believe was most outstanding this year. All current members are eligible except for last year's winner – Merle Robboy. The nomination forms for our Member of the Year will include a space for supporting information. Your nominee will have a better chance of success if we can include on the November ballot a good description of the contributions they made.

Please come to the October meeting prepared to nominate your favorite person. Your nominations will be placed on a ballot and we will vote at the November meeting. The winner will be an-

nounced and the award will be presented at the Holiday Party December 2rd.

Guest Mentoring

Our membership chair Sandi Sandquist is looking for help with the mentoring of guests.

At times we have more guests than a membership chair can easily handle. In order to make new guests feel welcome, I would like some volunteers to help. Having someone approach especially guests who come in alone is a great way to extend a warm welcome! You will not be needed every meeting and will only be called on if you are attending the meeting. Just adopt the guest for the evening, explain the meeting schedule, how Show and Tell and the plant table work, and maybe introduce them to someone who has an interest in the same type of orchid or lives near the guest. Please let me know if you are willing at the next meeting.

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Beautiful Orchids

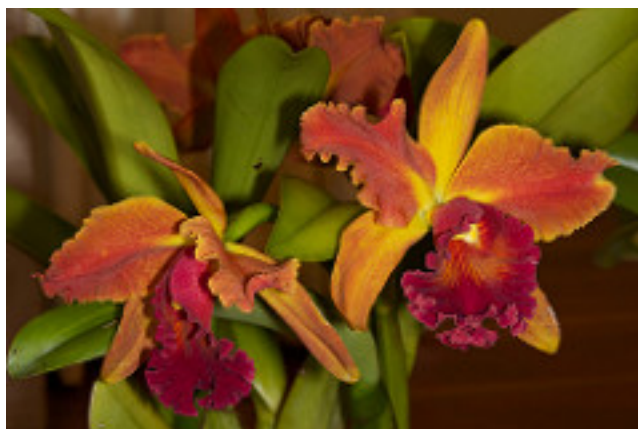

International Orchid Show and Sale at
The Huntington Library,
Art Collections, and
Botanical Gardens

October 16-18, 2015
Friday: Noon-4:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

- Exhibits by Southern California Orchid Societies and International Growers
- Orchids and supplies for sale from vendors from around the world
- Lectures for beginners and experts alike

 THE HUNTINGTON
Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens

1151 Oxford Road | San Marino, CA 91108 | More information: Huntington.org/OrchidShow

**Southern California
Orchid Species Society**

ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

Sunday, October 11, 2015
Kraemer Memorial Park
Backs Community Building
201 Bradford Ave., Placentia
Chapman and Bradford
Parking off Bradford, north side of park

Preview at 12:30 PM
Auction starts at 1 PM

Featuring
Species and Hybrids
Including many plants not readily available from other sources

www.socalorchidspecies.com

Affiliated with:
American Orchid Society
Orchid Digest
Orchid Conservation Alliance

San Diego County Orchid Society's Fall Show in the Park



Saturday
October 24th 2015
Noon to 5 pm

Sunday
October 25th 2015
10am to 4 pm

Casa del Prado rm
101 Balboa Park

sdorchids.com






The Editor's Corner



Did you know that there is an orchid nursery in Yucca Valley, about 2 1/2 hours North in the high desert? Talk about a challenging environment to grow orchids! [Gubler Orchids](#) has been at it for 40 years, apparently, and they are having their [20th annual Orchid Festival](#) this weekend. The event has raised more than \$200,000 for charitable causes over the past years. It features hot air balloon rides, wine and cheese tasting, various food and entertainment, an art show, and, of course, everything else you would expect from an orchid show: orchid classes, awards, and a greenhouse tour. If you don't have any plans yet for the weekend, go check them out and report back about this hidden gem in the desert!

If you would rather stay local, there is Andy's Orchids Open House on the calendar and the rest of the month looks like a lot of fun as well with various auctions and shows.

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
Debra Funakoshi — 1st Vice President/Programs
Marita Hoit & Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle
Sandi Sanquist — 3rd Vice President/Membership
Anne Gold — Secretary
Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer
Lisa Humphreys, Charles Padelford,
& Merle Robboy — 2nd Year Trustees
Lena Shiroma, Tom Wisniewski, & Carl Wood — 1st Year Trustees
Maryanne Kind & Ivan Allen — Publicity
Helge Weissig — Newsletter & Website Editor

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Upcoming Events

October 2 - 4, 2015

Andy's Orchids Open House
www.andysorchids.com

October 3 & 4, 2015

Morongo Basin Orchid Festival
 Gubler Orchids, Landers
www.gublers.com

October 6, 2015

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

October 7, 2015

POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

October 11, 2015

So Cal Orchid Species Soc.
 Annual Orchid Auction
www.socalorchidspecies.com

October 16, 2015

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.sandiegozoo.org

October 16 - 18, 2015

Huntington Botanical Gardens
 1st Annual International Orchid Show
www.huntington.org

October 21, 2015

SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

October 24 & 25, 2015

San Diego County Orchid Society
 Fall Show In The Park
www.sdorchids.com

November 3, 2015

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

November 4, 2015

POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

November 6 - 8, 2015

Cal-Orchid Fall Open House
www.calorchid.com
 Annual Fall Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House
www.sborchid.com

November 18, 2015

SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

December 1, 2015

SDCOS Holiday Party
www.sdorchids.com

December 2, 2015

POS Holiday Party
 TBD
www.palomarorchid.org

December 5 & 6, 2015

Annual Open House
 Casa de las Orquideas
www.orquideas.com

Rudvalis Orchids
www.rudvalisorchids.com

Sunset Valley Orchids
www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com

December 16, 2015

SDCCS Holiday Party

December 18, 2015

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
www.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

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
billtwong@att.net

