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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**

#### **POS Board Election**

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September Judging

**Calendar of Events** There are quite a few Filed by Arthur Pinkers shows and related orchid events coming up. Mark you calendars! Page 6



#### Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, October 4, 2017 • 6:30 pm



## Ron Parsons

#### The Orchids of Sichuan, China

We are happy to welcome back Ron Parsons to our society. Ron will be speaking on the Orchids of Sichuan, China. In June of 2012, Ron was fortunate enough to attend a tour in the province of Sichuan, China led by the late Holger Perner and his wife, Wenqing to see Cypripediums and other native orchids in habitat. They traveled through the

northern reaches of the province, seeing some of the most spectacular scenery and wildflowers Ron has ever seen. They visited two World Heritage Sites of such natural beauty, and traveled through different ethnic regions (although most of the people in this area are Tibetan), and the tour of six visitors had a truly incredible adventure. Ron had such a fantastic time that he joined the tour for a second visit in 2013! He will be describing his experiences from the trip and show us many beautiful pics of orchids he observed during his visit.

Ron Parsons has been growing orchids for more than 40 years, and has been interested in species orchids for most of that time. Ron loves to photograph orchids and most other flowers whenever he can, whether it be on trips to see them in nature or in collections. He loves to travel to see orchids in the wild, and does so as often as possible. Ron has close to 60,000 digital images, most of which are of orchids, and still retains a slide library that exceeds 100,000 botanical images. He has almost 3500 published photos that have appeared in magazines, periodicals, journals and books. Ron has co-authored three botanical books, all with Mary E.

Gerritsen. The first two, published by Timber Press, are Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World and Calochortus.



Cypripedium tibeticum

Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives. Most recently, the third book, a large, luxurious, two-volume set, A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species was published by Redfern Natural History Productions in January of 2014. The latter has nearly 1200 pages, 1800 photographs, and features more than 500 species.

The plant table will be comprised of orchids donated to the society by a former member of POS.

#### PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY

#### PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Summer is coming to an end, along with the warm/hot weather. As we enter fall, we will adjust our watering schedule and modify some of our cultural activities. It's a good time to look at the AOS and POS website with guidelines on what things need to be done this time of the year. Many of our orchids will be in bloom or are starting to spike along with different pests to manage.

Our final two speakers of the year will be Ron Parsons and Arnold Gum. Both of these individuals have given great talks to the POS before and we welcome them back.



We are pleased to announce that we have selected a venue for the 2018 POS Orchid Sale & Auction. It will be held at the Shadowridge Golf Club located at 1980 Gateway Drive, Vista. We have signed a contract to hold the event on May 12, 2018. Please save the date on your calendars for helping support our organization on this fundraising event. It is our one and only fundraiser and provides the revenues to pay for the operating expenses of the Society. It enables us to bring all the wonderful speakers, both local and out of area speakers to educate us. As mentioned at the last meeting, we moved the venue because Lake San Marcos no longer books events more than 3 months in advance at the same rate we paid in the past. Advance bookings cost significantly more and would make our event much less profitable.

*It's important to express our appreciation to those members who helped look at* 

alternative sites and who investigated the pros and cons of each one. Without their assistance, we would not have found Shadowridge Golf Club. In addition, we are asking our members to save some divisions or plants to donate to the auction. These donations, along with those from the vendors, are important for a successful auction.

The Holiday Dinner is set for December 5th at Chan's Chinese Restaurant in San Marcos. Please sign up for this end of the year celebration at the next two meetings. We enjoy good food and conversation at this event and install the new board members. None of our members goes home hungry after this feast. For the newer members who have not attended a dinner yet, we normally get about 8 courses, served family style. In addition, members that attend will get a blooming orchid!! The cost will be \$26 per person. For those of you who are vegetarians, we will be sure to order dishes suitable for vegetarians.

Speaking of the POS Board, we still need volunteers to help with various important positions. Without volunteers, we are unable to conduct our meetings and run the organization. In the past, we have distributed sign up sheets, but far too often they come back empty. Both the Co-Presidents urge you to consider doing more for our Society. It is only as good as our members who volunteer. See the following article for details. We need for members to do more as it is unfair for the same members to do all the work each year. We encourage our newer members to volunteer since this is a good way to get to know your fellow members and to learn more about the Society.

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. Bills e-mail is <u>billtcwong@att.net</u>. Alex's e-mail is anadzan@mac.com.

Look forward to seeing you in October.



#### Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong Co-Presidents, POS

# Seeking Candidates for 2018 POS Board

November is our Annual Meeting and we will be electing officers for 2018 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 (<u>anadzan@mac.com</u>) 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

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## Gems From The September Meeting



Peter Lin



Den. sanderae v. hugonicum "Bronson" Alan Castillo



Den. densiflorum "Phil" Alan Castillo



Coelogyne mooreana "Brockhurst"



C. Summer Spot – Ken Campbell



Epicat. Volcano Trick "Paradise" – Iso Zehner



Bulbophyllum Daisy Chain – Merle Robboy



Den. smilliae "Bryan" Alan Castillo

Photos by Helge Weissig – Full album at <u>www.palomarorchid.org</u>

#### General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the <u>Pavilion at Lake San Marcos</u> (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 8 orchids presented for judging. One was awarded.



### The Pacific South Judging Center

Judging Sessions

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 photo by Arthur Pinkers

2018 POS Board cont.

responsibility in future years. This is particularly desirable for positions of Treasurer, Publicity and Newsletter Editor.

2nd VP Raffle: <u>We will need someone</u> to take over for Marita Hoit who has served in this position for multiple years. Candidate will share the work with Jerry Spahn . Responsibilities include managing the raffle sales of tickets at meetings, the silent auction proceeds and the monies that the opportunity table brings in.

3rd VP Membership: <u>We will need</u> <u>someone to take over for Sandi</u> <u>Sandquist who has served in this</u> position for several years. Responsibilities include promoting membership in the society, welcoming new members, and managing membership fees.

1st Year Trustees (2 year term): <u>We</u> <u>have an opening for a trustee.</u> 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. If we get more than 2 individuals who step up, there will be a run off at the November meeting.

2nd Year Trustees (1 year term): Two of the three 1st year trustees, Cher Whelan and Suzi Sandore, will continue for their second year term, however, Susan Johnston will take over the Newsletter position so <u>we</u> <u>need someone to complete her second</u> <u>year term.</u> Responsibilities are the same as 1st year trustee.

Possibilities for Apprentice or additional Co-positions:

Publicity: <u>Seeking someone to assist</u> Jim Anderson in promoting our <u>society and announcing upcoming</u> <u>events</u> to the public by providing information to established newspapers and publications on our monthly POS programs and our annual fund raising auction.

Treasurer: <u>Vidya Sirsi will continue in</u> <u>2018 but could use assistance by</u> <u>someone</u> to start becoming familiar with the responsibility for 2019 and beyond. Board Members who will continue or are committed for 2018:

- Co-President: Bill Wong & Alex Nadzan
- 1st VP: Tom Wisniewski & Alex Nadzan
- 2nd VP: Jerry Spahn
- Secretary: Frank Vogel
- Treasurer: Vidya Sirsi
- 1st Year Trustees: Helge Weissig & Sandi Sandquist
- 2nd Year Trustees: Cher Whelan & Suzi Sandore
- **Publicity:** Jim Anderson
- Newsletter Editor: Susan Johnston
- Webmaster: Helge Weissig



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## Huntington Botanical Gardens INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW



October 20-22, 2017 Theme: Orchid Artistry



Orchid Society of Santa Barbara presents

Falling for Orchids Show & Sale

Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History 2559 Puesta del Sol Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Vendors: Ambriz Kingdom of Plants Orchid Design Orchids of Los Osos Seed Engei

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Saturday Nov. 18

Sunday Nov. 19

10 am - 5 pm

10 am - 3 pm

Museum admission: Adult (18-64 years) \$12 Senior (65+ years) \$8 Teen (13-17 years) \$8 Child (2-12 years) \$7

Child (under 2 years) Free

info: http://orchidsb.org/

Sunday is free!

### The Editor's Corner



At the upcoming October meeting, I will be handing out the nomination forms for the Member of the Year 2017 Award. As you know, each year we honor one member of the society who has made the greatest contribution to the success of Palomar Orchid Society during the past year. Any active member (excepting myself) is eligible for the award.

The nomination forms will include a space for supporting information and I encourage you to provide a

paragraph explaining the reasons for the nomination. If you prefer to submit your nomination by email, please send the name and supporting information to <u>helgew@grajagan.org</u>.

All nominations will be summarized and placed on a ballot for a vote at the November meeting. The winner will be announced and the award will be presented at the Holiday Party on December 6th.

Your comments, suggestions, and/or contributions to this newsletter are very much appreciated! Please email them to <u>newsletter@palomarorchid.org</u>.

Happy Growing!

## 2017 POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President Tom Wisniewski & Alex Nadzan — Co-1st Vice President/Programs Marita Hoit & Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle Sandi Sanquist — 3rd Vice President/Membership Frank Vogel — Secretary Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer Lisa Humphreys, Maryanne Kind, & Carl Wood — 2nd Year Trustees Susie Johnston, Suzie Sandore, & Cher Whelan — 1st Year Trustees Frank Vogel — Publicity Helge Weissig & Ivan Allen — Newsletter & Website Editors

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### Upcoming Events

October 3, 2017 Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

October 4, 2017 POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

October 6 - 8, 2017 Annual Fall Open House Andy's Orchids andysorchids.com

October 7, 2017 Orchid Clinic 2017 San Diego Botanic Garden sdbgarden.org

October 18, 2017 SDCCS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

October 20, 2017 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org October 20 - 22, 2017 Annual International Orchid Show Huntington Botanical Gardens huntington.org

October 28 & 29, 2017 Fall Orchids in the Park Show & Sale San Diego County Orchid Society sdorchids.com

November 1, 2017 POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

November 7, 2017 Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

November 15, 2017 SDCCS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

November 17, 2017 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org November 18 - 19, 2017 Falling for Orchids Show & Sale Santa Barbara Orchid Society SB Museum of Nat. History orchidsb.org

December 5, 2017 SDCOS Annual Holiday Party sdorchids.com

December 6, 2017 POS Annual Holiday Dinner Chan's Chinese Restaurant San Marcos palomarorchid.org

December 15, 2017 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

December 20, 2017 SDCCS Holiday Party

### 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

