



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.

A Monthly Publication

October 2019

President's Message
Page 3

Judging Reports
Page 4

Member of the Year Nominations
Page 6 & 7

October 2, 2019, 6:30 pm

Lake San Marcos Conference Center



Alan Koch

It is a distinct pleasure to welcome back Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids in Lincoln, CA. Alan will be speaking to us on 'Cattleyas 365, 24/7' where he will provide us the knowledge on how to build a cattleya collection that will flower all year long and tell us how to grow them. Alan will highlight the species that have been used by hybridizers for years to control bloom time and his talk will be adapted to our climate conditions. He also will provide the plant

opportunity table including some of his novel hybrid cattleyas and related orchids.

Alan's visit is being co-sponsored by POS and SDCOS. He will be speaking on Oct. 1 in Balboa Park on 'Unusual Species for the Cattleya Grower'. More details can be found on the SDCOS website at www.sdorchids.com

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature, and compact Cattleyas. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with three Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. Alan has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 250,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and is a trend setter in miniature compact and Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society magazine, as well as many international publications. He has

also been published in several proceedings of the World Orchid Conference and he is an internationally known speaker. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an accredited judge and is training coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and 3 terms on the Board of Directors, as well as two terms as a Trustee for the AOS.



C. Beaufort x C. Landate

Continued on page 2

Speaker Continued

As mentioned in the recent email sent out by the POS president, Alan Koch will be taking pre-orders from his list and from his website. Please follow the instructions in that email if you are interested in purchasing any

of his orchids. Alan will bring the orders to our meeting on Oct. 2. Be sure to mention that you are with POS so he knows which society you belong to. If you need to receive the email again, please let Alex know at

anadzan@mac.com and he will send you another email with the list.

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.

AOS Corner

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Dr. Ron McHatton
Thursday, October 3rd, 2019 @ 8:30-9:30 EDT **Public**

Please join Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Science Officer, as he answers your questions about all things orchid. He will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on questions submitted by attendees. Please send your questions and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at greenhouse@aos.org by Tuesday, October 1st. Please remember to include pictures as well.

Last chance... Make sure that all members of your society know that they are welcome to join us at the AOS Fall Members Meeting. The Trustees of the AOS and its Standing Committees meet twice each year in the spring and fall. This fall's meeting, which is hosted by the East Everglades Orchid Society, is being held October 16th – 20th, 2019 in Homestead, Florida. The Affiliated Societies Committee will meet Thursday morning, October 17th and we welcome you to join us. We always want to hear how we can better support your society. Registration is still open so get signed up for the meeting and make your hotel reservation while space is available. It's not too late to join us but rooms are going fast!

President's Message

POS Members and Friends,

Bill and Alex have been asking for feedback, positive or negative input on our programs, but we rarely get any. However, this past month one of our members made a key observation about our newsletter. He indicated that it was a good publication that took a lot of effort, but did not clearly delineate the time and place for our meeting. Although most members know the details, new members and others getting the newsletter may not know. Thank you for the feedback.

So, the Wednesday, October 2, 2019 POS meeting will be held at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center. Program begins at 6:30 pm. Please note this is the regular starting time and location of our meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of the month except for May, the month of our auction, and December when we have our holiday dinner.

We are approaching the final two programs for 2019. We think you will agree that our speakers and programs were some of our best in recent history. Last month, James Rose of Cal-Orchids gave an engaging and interesting talk on his "Favorite 10 Orchids". All of our members and guest enjoyed his talk and we look forward to seeing James again soon.

This month we are very pleased to welcome back Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids (Northern California grower). Alan hasn't spoken to us in several years because he seldom comes to Southern California to speak. Alan is also an engaging and informative speaker so be sure to come. More on Alan's bio and talk are provided elsewhere in this newsletter. Those

of you interested in pre-ordering plants from Gold Country can use the order form that Alex sent out separately. Alan will bring your orders to our meeting.

We have very good news regarding our December Holiday Dinner. Maryanne Kind has used her negotiating skills to persuade Lake San Marcos to provide the Pavilion and similar menu to us at the same price as last year. This is great because we were upgraded to the Pavilion at no additional cost last year and also for this year. Most, if not all of us, thoroughly enjoyed the event last year. The Pavilion was transformed into a nice banquet room and there was ample room for our dinner and social hour and plants. One member who seldom attends holiday dinners at various society events told us he was glad he came. Sign-ups for the dinner will be taken at the October and November meetings so be sure to come if you can. Attendees will receive a nice orchid to take home.

The POS Board will have its final meeting later this year. Any members interested in becoming more active and/or sharing a role is welcome to attend the Board Meeting to see how we conduct our planning. If interested, see Alex or Bill. We welcome new participants, new ideas and energy.

As we approach the last month of summer, it's finally getting cooler. Our plants require less watering and we can spend more time on other activities. Many of our plants will start spiking or blooming. Refer to the AOS website or POS website for tips on what to do during the fall/winter.

Recently, three of our members helped Merle Robboy unpack his orchid collection that was moved from Fallbrook to Orange County.

As you know Merle moved to Orange County recently and had an enormous task moving his large collection of orchids. POS wanted to show its appreciation to Merle for all the support he has provided our society over the past few years.

In 2019 we did not have an Orchid Caravan to a grower or to see a member's collection. This is partly due to the fact that no one volunteered to help plan the event. Actually no one volunteered to help plan the Holiday Dinner either except for Maryanne. We would like to plan a Caravan in 2020, but need more volunteers to get involved in all aspects of the society.

We hope our meetings are informative, enjoyable, and keep your interest. We want to continue providing excellent programs and need your feedback in order to improve. At last month's meeting two new members joined on their first visit and asked about culture classes. We will plan one or more culture classes in early 2020, but we shared that the best way to learn about growing orchids was to ask questions to our members at the meetings. You can learn more talking to members each month rather than at a single culture class. The two new members later shared that they spoke to some members and agreed that was a great way to learn.

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 billtcwong@att.net. Alex's e-mail is anadzan@mac.com.

Hope to see in October.

**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center
(Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), July 2019.**

Text & Photos by Phyllis Prestia,

Of the several orchids presented for judging,
three were awarded.

Chiloschista viridiflava 'Arnie' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Arnold Gum

Awarded AM/AOS 83 points

Guaritionia Why Not? 'Feuerbach' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Renate Schmidt



Guaritionia Why
Not? 'Feuerbach'



Chiloschista viridiflava 'Arnie' AM/AOS



Ctmds. Darkonium
'Ebony Beauty'
FCC/AOS

it received an FCC of 90
points and was
exhibited by Rick Wells

2018-19 CSA San Marino
Judging Center Schedule
Judging Cymbidiums,
Paphiopedilums,
Phragmipediums Huntington
Botanical Gardens Mishler
Resource Building 1151 Oxford
Road, San Marino, CA 91108
12:30pm Registration 1:00pm
Judging Next sessions are: Oct
12, Nov. 9, Dec 14

Contact Phyllis Prestia,
San Marino Judging Chair
orchldy1@mac.com

2019 POS Officers

Co-President: Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong

Co-1st Vice President/Programs: Tom Wisniewski & Alex
Nadzan

2nd Vice President/Raffle: Jerry Spahn & Jim Anderson

3rd Vice President/Membership: Wendy Dancau (on
maternity leave) & Sandy Sandquist

Secretary: Frank Vogel

Treasurer: Vidya Sirsi

1st Year Trustees: Suzie Sandore & Cher Whelan, & Steve
Redmond

2nd Year Trustees: Maryanne Kind & Sandi Sandquist, &
Helge Weissig

Newsletter Editor: Susan Johnston

Website Editor & Publicity: Helge Weissig

Facebook Editor: Debra Funakoshi



The Huntington - International Orchid Show and Sale

DATE: Fri., Oct. 18, 2019 | 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

CATEGORY: Garden

LOCATION: Brody Botanical Center

EVENT NOTES:

General admission

There is Still Room for Signup for Bus Caravan to Huntington Orchid Show and Sale

The San Diego County Orchid Society (SDCOS) will be participating in the Huntington Library's Fall Orchid Show and Sale, October 18th through 20th.

As was done last year, SDCOS would like to arrange a bus trip to the Huntington on Saturday, October 19th. A signup sheet is available via the 'Volunteers' tab on the SDCOS website (<https://www.volunteersignup.org/TJKMT>). If you are still interested in going on the all day trip, please signup on the website as soon as possible. Those who already signed up need to pay Myra at the October meeting. Cost will be \$50 for the round trip. POS members who signed up should contact Myra DeTate of SDCOS (treasurer@sdorchids.com) to make arrangements for payment. Payment must be in advance as mentioned in last month's newsletter. Guests of SDCOS members and Palomar Orchid Society members & guests are welcome. Pickup spots will be the same as last year, namely the Broken Yolk restaurant in Mission Valley and the carpool parking lot at La Costa Ave & the I-5.

Admission to the Huntington Library grounds will be free with this bus tour but we ask that all Society members bring their Society badges. You may bring a lunch or purchase food at one of the Huntington's restaurants. Once again, please sign up as soon as possible so Myra can finalize the list



FALL SHOW

"Orchids in the Park"
October 26–27, 2019

Balboa Park's Casa del Prado, Room 101

*Snacks & Refreshments This month, all members with last names beginning **O** 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!*



Volunteer Opportunities for the Huntington Orchid Show

Brandon Tam has asked if any society members are interested in volunteering for a variety of activities before and during the show running from October 18-20. Activities include ribbon judging (on Thursday, Oct. 17) and several general help opportunities. Ribbon judging is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about orchids and judging from AOS Judges. Lunch will be provided for ribbon judges. Societies who put in an exhibit for the show will get free admission to the orchid show and grounds for the duration of the show. If your society is not putting in a display, you can volunteer for a shift or ribbon judge and you will get free access to the show and grounds for the duration of the show as well! Please remember to wear your society badge!

Members who are interested in volunteering, please contact Alex (anadzan@mac.com) for directions on how to sign up as a volunteer.

2019 Member of the Year Nomination

At the September and October meetings, we will be soliciting nominations for Member of the Year for 2019. Maryanne Kind will be handing out forms for members to nominate individuals at our next meeting. Each year we honor one member of the society who, in the eyes of his/her peers, has made the greatest contribution to the success of POS during the past year. Any active member (excepting Maryanne Kind, Bill Wong and Alex Nadzan) is eligible to be nominated for the award. The nomination form (provided below) includes space for information supporting the nominee and you are encouraged to provide a few sentences justifying your nomination (It doesn't have to be long).

We will have forms available at the September and October meetings, but for those of you who are not able to attend, you may send in your nomination and supporting info by email instead. We are doing this a month earlier than usual so individuals have time to fill out the forms and/or send in their recommendations by email. Maryanne Kind will be collecting the forms at the meetings and receiving nominations by email (posorchidsall4@gmail.com). We encourage all members to participate. Voting on Member of the Year will occur by secret ballot at the November meeting by those in attendance. The awardee will be announced and presented at the December 4th holiday dinner.

Palomar Orchid Society

2019 Member of the Year

Nomination Form

The POS Member of the Year program honors the Society member who in the eyes of his/her peers has made the most valuable contribution to the organization during the year.

Please give the nomination form below to Maryanne Kind or email her your nomination at posorchidsall4@gmail.com by no later than October 15st. Nominees will be voted on by secret ballot at the November general meeting. At the Holiday Dinner in December, the result will be announced and the award will be presented to the member who received the highest number of votes.

There are two rules:

- 1) All current members are eligible for nomination.
- 2) No member may receive the award in two successive years. (Please exclude Maryann Kind, Bill Wong and Alex Nadzan)

Nomination:

I would like to nominate _____ to be the 2019 Palomar Orchid Society Member of the Year. She/he deserves this honor for the following reasons:

My Name (Optional) _____

(You will only be contacted if additional information or clarification is needed)

Still in Need of Candidates for 2020 POS Board

November is our Annual Meeting and we will be electing officers for 2020 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 September and October meetings.

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 an 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.

3rd VP: We need someone to fill this position since Wendy Daneau has not returned and Sandi Sandquist will not be able to continue in this position. Responsibilities include promoting membership in the society, welcoming new members, and managing membership fees and member database.

Secretary: We have an opening for someone to take minutes at our board meetings and to send out thank you letters to vendors and members who donate to

our auction. The board usually meets three times a year.

1st Year Trustee (2 year term): We have three openings for first year 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. If we get more than three individuals who are interested, there will be a run off at the November meeting.



Alex's Kirchara Georgie



Anita Spencer's Blc. Mem. Vida Lee

Contact Us:

Palomar Orchid Society

PO Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013

Email

newsletter@palomarorchid.org

WWW

www.palomarorchid.org

www.facebook.com/palomarorchid

www.flickr.com/groups/palomarorchid/

Possibilities for Apprentice or Additional Co-positions:

Publicity: Seeking someone to assist Helge Weissig 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 annual fund raising auction.

Treasurer: Vidya Sirsi will continue in 2020 but could use assistance by someone to start becoming familiar with the responsibility for 2021 and beyond.

Webmaster: Seeking an individual to serve as a backup webmaster to Helge Weissig. Person will manage the website and update it on a monthly basis.

Board Members who will continue or are committed for 2020:

Co-President: Bill Wong and Alex Nadzan

1st VP: Tom Wisniewski and Alex Nadzan

2nd VP: Jerry Spahn and Jim Anderson

3rd VP: One open position or a second shared position.

Secretary: One open position

Treasurer: Vidya Sirsi

1st Year Trustees: 3 open positions.

2nd Year Trustees: Suzie Sandore, Cher Whelan, and Steve Redmond

Publicity: Helge Weissig

Newsletter Editor: Susan Johnston

Webmaster: Helge Weissig

Facebook Editor: Debra Funakoshi

Meeting Photos

by Debra Funakoshi



Debra's Lc. Angel Heart 'Ann



CarlWood's Laelia crispa

CALENDAR

October 1, 2019

Orchid Judging Center
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

October 1, 2019

SDCOS General Meeting & Culture class
Culture Class: 6:30 pm
General Meeting: 7:30 pm
sdorchids.com

October 2, 2019

POS General Meeting
Conference Center
Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

October 5, 2019

SDCOS Species Group Meeting
Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00 am
First Saturday of the month [Paul or Ann Tuskes, \(858\) 274-5829](#)

October 18, 2019

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

October 18-20, 2019

Huntington Show and Sale
Huntington Library,
[see info on page 6](#)

October 23, 2019

SDCCS General Meeting
San Marcos Senior Center
111 Richmar Ave. San Marcos
www.sdscybidium.org

October 26-27, 2019

SDCOS Orchids in The Park Show and Sale
Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 101
sdorchids.com

November 2, 2019

SDCOS Species Group Meeting
Breakfast 8:30 am, meeting 9:00 am
First Saturday of the month
[Paul or Ann Tuskes, \(858\) 274-582](#)

November 2-3, 2019

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate and
Cal-Orchid Open Houses
Santa Barbara, CA
SBOE@SBORCHID.COM
calorchid.com

November 5, 2019

Orchid Judging Center
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

November 5, 2019

SDCOS General Meeting & Culture class
Culture Class: 6:30 pm
General Meeting: 7:30 pm
sdorchids.com

November 6, 2019

POS General Meeting
Conference Center
Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

November 16, 2019

SDCCS General Meeting
San Marcos Senior Center
111 Richmar Ave. San Marcos
www.sdscybidium.org

November 20, 2019

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

December 4, 2019

POS Holiday Dinner
Pavilion
Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

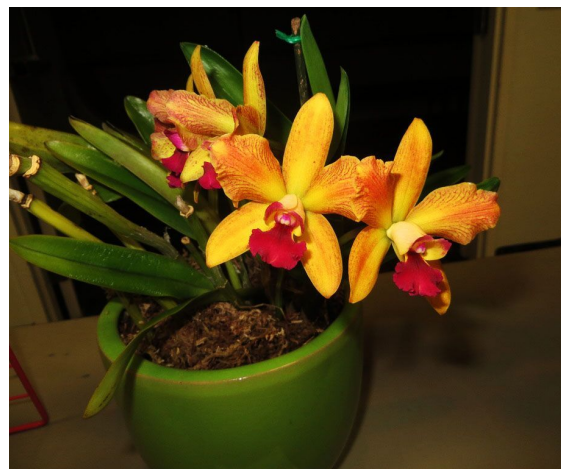
Other Orchid Societies' Meetings

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
sdorchids.com

Cymbidium Society

Regular meetings 3rd Wednesday of each
month, September-June, 7pm, San
Marcos Senior Center 111
Richmar Ave, San Marcos 92078
www.sdscybidium.org



Cher Whelan's Cattleya (unknown)



Carl Wood's Lc. Lake Tahoe v.
coerulea x C. loddigesii v.