

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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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, October 6, 2021 • 6:30 pm



Peter T. Lin

Neofinetia falcata and its Hybrids

We are delighted to welcome back Peter T. Lin who has previously spoken to our society on a number of interesting orchid topics. This month Peter will present a talk on '*Neofinetia falcata and its Hybrids*'. Peter's fast paced PowerPoint presentation will feature this Japanese native or-



chid species, a bit of history, the many forms and varieties, and a selection of its hybrids within the Vanda alliance. He also will discuss on how to grow these



Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom 'Carmela'

Peter started growing orchids over 35 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 15 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has

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Neofinetia falcata Kinoboshi

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hello POS Members and Friends,

We hope all our members and friends remain happy, healthy and safe. Even though we have endured more than 1½ years of Covid, been vaccinated (hopefully all of us), there is still much uncertainty. Covid variants and the need for booster shots are still a fact of life.

Last month we held our first meeting at the Dove Library and it was a big success. Most of our members and visitors followed us to the new location and it seem that most of us are happy with it as we did not get any complaints. Although the facility is not as large as Lake San Marcos, it is big enough and the price is great (one third the previous rate). It's a convenient location, well-lit and safe. Accordingly, we have reserved the Dove Library thru June 2022 and if all goes well, we will continue renewing it for the foreseeable future. The room is not large enough for our annual auction, so we will need to find a place for our auction when that is planned.



In September we enjoyed having Tim Culbertson speak to us on Laelia anceps. Tim gave an excellent, energetic and informative talk. We are pleased that our selection of speakers has been very good. Speaking of speakers, Peter Lin will talk at our Oc-

tober meeting. As most of you know, Peter is a regular and one of our favorite speakers. Peter will give a presentation on 'Neofinetia falcata and its Hybrids' and will provide the plant table this month. More on Peter's background can be found on the first page of this newsletter.

The matching fund campaign will end at the end of October. We want to thank all of you who donated either cash or plants for the silent auction. We really appreciate your support and participation in POS. We have reached about \$2000 towards our goal of \$2500 of the matching gift program. So please consider a donation this month to help us reach the goal. Purchasing of plants on the silent auction also will add to the goal so be generous with your purchases.

As an important reminder, we welcome all vaccinated attendees to our meeting. This is to ensure a safe environment for our members and visitors. In addition, we want to emphasize that the City of Carlsbad requires that anyone entering a city facility wear a mask whether they be vaccinated or not. This regulation is strictly enforced as there is a city coordinator at the meeting to ensure compliance. So, if you are unable to wear a mask for any reason, with or without a medical certification, please DO NOT come to the meeting. Hopefully when it is deemed safe enough to resume meetings without masks, we will welcome all attendees at that time.

Summer has officially ended, and the days are much shorter. Orchid care in some ways is much easier, with the cooler weather and lower watering requirements. In other ways, it is more work because of the increase in slugs and snails during the winter so please refer to the POS or AOS websites for culture recommendations for the fall/winter. We have several new members who have recently joined so we want to encourage all members to share any helpful hints with our new members/



friends. Some of the best culture tips are achieved by talking with our members and asking questions either before or during the meeting.

As mentioned in the previous newsletters, we encourage our member to send in your annual membership renewal via mail or <u>on-line using the POS website</u>. Many of you have yet to renew, so please make the effort to support POS. Mail renewals to POS, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013 or renew online.

As always, we hope 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 <u>president@palomarorchid.org</u>.

> Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong Co-Presidents, POS



Peter Lin cont.

thousands of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr.

<u>Peter's website</u> has additional information on his orchids and on plants for sale.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and, of course, Neofinetias! He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.

Peter will be providing the plants for this month's raffle table. There will be a nice selection of orchids, so be sure to buy your tickets!

Fundraising Opportunities

Our board has been considering ways of raising funds to make up for our inability to conduct auctions over the last two years and the board has come up with the following approaches.

Matching Member Donations

Two of our long term members have very generously offered to match POS donations of up to a total of \$2500 raised from POS members and friends between the beginning of July and October 31, 2021. Donations can be made either by check or credit card via <u>our</u> <u>website</u>. In order to keep track of donations, please make checks out to POS and write on the check Matching Donation so we keep them separate from dues. Send your checks to Palomar Orchid Society, PO Box 130774, Carlsbad, CA 92013.

Special Plant Auctions at Meetings and Online

During this period, we will solicit donations from members of special plants preferably in bud or bloom to auction off to members and friends at our monthly meetings. Thus far, Jerry and Anita Spencer and Alex Nadzan have agreed to donate some plants for this internal auction. We also hope to obtain a few donations from our local vendors as well. Moreover, since special plants are not always in bud or bloom in time for our meetings, we plan to auction off plants online, the details of which are being worked out and will be announced in advance.

We hope our members take advantage of these opportunities to raise needed funds to continue our meeting, our educational activities and our society. Your efforts and generosity toward this end will be greatly appreciated.

POS Board Elections

As outlined in our bylaws, we will be holding the election of the POS board of directors during the November meeting. Alex will announce details about the election and a separate note will be going out before that meeting. Please consider joining the board as an officer or trustee to keep the society active and thriving!





General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the <u>George and Patricia Gowland Meeting</u> <u>Room located in the Carlsbad City Library</u> on Dove Lane, just off El Camino Real in southern Carlsbad. The address is <u>1775 Dove Lane</u>, <u>Carlsbad, CA 92011</u>. Traveling South on I-5, take the Poinsettia Ln. exit and travel east to El Camino Real. Turn right on El Camino Real and turn right again on Dove Lane.

If traveling North on I-5, take the La Costa Ave. exit and travel east to El Camino Real. Turn left on Dove Lane (first traffic light after Aviara Pkwy.) Traveling West on S-78, take the San Marcos Blvd. exit and travel west, continuing on Palomar Airport Rd.. Turn left on El Camino Real and then turn right on Dove Lane.

The Dove library will be on your left and there is a large, well-lit parking lot. The Gowland Meeting Room is located on the right hand side of the main entrance.

Gems From The September Meeting





Lc. Cinnamon Landosa x Lc. San Diego Surprise Anita & Jerry Spencer













Lc. Jhoenmy Hermo Alex Nadzan

Elegance 'Alba' – Cecily Bird





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Gems From The September Meeting cont.



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Upcoming Events

October 2, 2021 SDCOS Species Meeting David Vanden 4davidv@gmail.com

October 5, 2021 AOS Orchid Judging Casa del Prado, Balboa Park aos.org

SDCOS General Meeting Casa del Prado, Balboa Park sdorchids.com

October 6, 2021 POS General Meeting Gowland Meeting Room Dove Library, Carlsbad palomarorchid.org

October 15, 2021 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org October 30 & 31, 2021 Fall Orchids in the Park Casa del Prado, Balboa Park sdorchids.com

November 2, 2021 AOS Orchid Judging Casa del Prado, Balboa Park aos.org

SDCOS General Meeting Casa del Prado, Balboa Park sdorchids.com

November 3, 2021 POS General Meeting Gowland Meeting Room Dove Library, Carlsbad palomarorchid.org

November 7, 2021 SDCOS Species Meeting David Vanden 4davidv@gmail.com

November 19, 2021 Orchid Odyssey



San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

December 1, 2021 POS Holiday Party TBD

December 4, 2021 SDCOS Species Meeting David Vanden 4davidv@gmail.com

December 7, 2021 SDCOS Holiday Party TBD

December 17, 2021 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

January 4, 2021 AOS Orchid Judging Casa del Prado, Balboa Park aos.org

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January 21, 2021 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org



Our Sister Society's Meetings

The 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 Meetings are still being held online for now sdorchids.com