



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

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October Meeting • Wednesday, October 3, 2012 • 7 pm



An Amateur's Attempt at Orchid Hybridizing

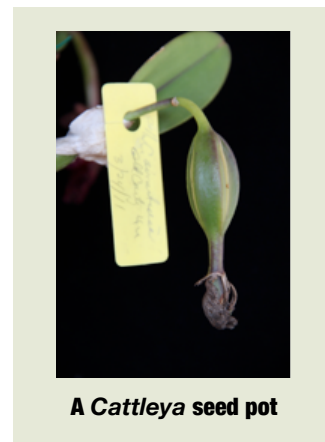
Alex Nadzan

October's speaker will be our own Alex Nadzan who has been collecting and growing orchids for over 20 years with emphasis on *Cattleya*, *Oncidium* and *Cymbidium* species and hybrids. Alex was first

bitten by the orchid bug in the late 1980's when he attended an orchid show at the Chicago Botanic Garden and purchased from Orchids by Hausermann, Inc. two orchids, a *Cattleya* and *Oncidium*, both of which he still owns and manages to bloom on a yearly basis. His orchid collection, which now consists of a few thousand orchids, expanded after he and his family relocated to San Diego where conditions are favorable for growing outdoors compared to the Chicago area.

Over the last 7 years, Alex has embarked on an orchid hybridizing program devoted primarily to creating novel, compact and cold-tolerant *Cattleya* hybrids. He will discuss his attempts at producing

new hybrids, providing an overview of orchid hybridization basics including pol-



A *Cattleya* seed pod

ination, seed production and germination, deflasking and raising orchid seedlings to blooming size. He also will show blooms of some of his first hybrids and share some of the novel hybrids in progress.

As part of his talk and in place of the culture class, Alex will demonstrate how to deflask and start out orchid seedlings for those members who may want to try their hand at it.



S/c. Circle of Life 'Crossroads' x B. Little Stars

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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 work. Please sign up at the meeting.

Join other POS members to help out 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 how to care for your newly purchased orchids at "Orchids 101," an ongoing lecture series on culture and care.

You can also have your orchid judged. The show is an official AOS (American Orchid Society) judging event and there will be ribbon judging as well. More information is available at sdbgarden.org.

POS needs additional volunteers for our information booth. The booth should be manned Saturday, October 6 from 9 am – 5 pm and Sunday, October 7 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.

September Caravan Recap

Our second caravan of the year was well attended and a wonderful success.

On Sunday, September 23, we visited the homes of Renate Schmidt and Merle Robboy to view their orchid collections. Many members also took up Fred Clarke's discount offer for a visit at Sunset Valley Orchids.

Many thanks to Renate and Merle for opening their green houses and hosting us. I think everyone was impressed by their growing set-ups and lunch at the Robboy's was a very nice socializing opportunity.

Thanks to Debra Funakoshi for organizing the caravans this year!

Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning with **A, B, C, D, E, F** and **G** 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!



San Diego County Orchid Society

Fall Show and Sale



Free Admission
Balboa Park
Casa del Prado room 101
Saturday October 27, 2012 - noon until 5:00 pm
Sunday October 28, 2012 - 10:00 am until 4:00 pm



Southern California
 Orchid Species Society

ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

Sunday, October 14, 2012

Placentia Library
 411 E. Chapman Ave, Placentia
 Corner of Chapman and Kraemer

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

Upcoming Events

September 29 & 30, 2012

Fascination of Orchids Show
www.ocorchidshow.com

October 3, 2012

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting

www.sdorchids.com

October 4, 2012

POS General Meeting
www.palomarorchid.org

October 6 & 7, 2012

San Diego International Orchid
 Fair Annual Show and Sale
www.sdbgarden.org

October 14, 2012

Southern California Orchid Spe-
 cies Society Annual Auction
www.socalorchidspecies.com

October 17, 2012

SDCCS General Meeting

October 19, 2012

SD Zoo Orchid Odyssey
events.sandiegozoo.org

October 19 - 21, 2012

Southland Orchid Show
www.orchidshow.org

October 27 & 28, 2012

SDCOS Fall Show and Sale
www.sdorchids.com

November 3 & 4, 2012

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
 Open House
www.sborchid.com

November 3 & 4, 2012

Cal-Orchid Fall Open House
www.calorchid.com

November 6, 2012

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting

www.sdorchids.com

November 7, 2012

POS General Meeting

November 16, 2012

SD Zoo Orchid Odyssey
events.sandiegozoo.org

November 17 & 18, 2012

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara
 Fall Show and Sale
www.orchidsb.net

November 21, 2012

SDCCS General Meeting

December 4, 2012

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting

www.sdorchids.com

December 5, 2012

POS Holiday Dinner (TBA)

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
bclark@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
 Phyllis Prestia (760) 732-0055
orchldy2@mac.com

September Judging Report

There were 10 orchids presented for judging. Five awards were given, with two awards to one plant.



Cyc. Martha Clarke 'SVO'
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM/AOS 82 points



B/c. San Diego Spice 'Tall 'N Spicy'
Exhibited by Billy Baker
Awarded AM/AOS 82 points



Lc. Merle Brandon 'Mahogany Hawk'
Exhibited by O. Jullian Broomfield
Awarded HCC/AOS 78 points,
CCM/AOS 86 points



Phrag. Sue Omeis 'La Jolla'
Exhibited by Helmut Rohr
Awarded HCC/AOS 76 points

Concerning Judging Sessions

The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. They are:

San Diego

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104
1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

San Marino

Huntington Botanical Gardens
2nd Saturday of the month at 10 am

Long Beach

Whaley Park
4th Saturday of the month at 7 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

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Alex Nadzan *cont.*

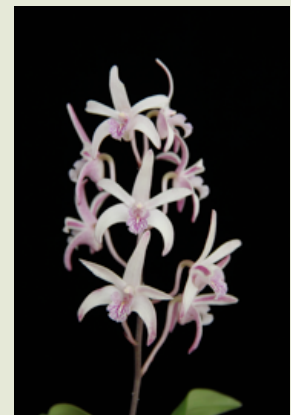
Alex is an active member of the Palomar Orchid Society having served as trustee

and currently as 1st Vice President, responsible for POS speaker programs. He is an organic chemist by training and, when not attending to his plants and his active grandchildren, he consults for the pharmaceutical and biotech industry in the areas of drug discovery and development.

The opportunity table will be supplied by Alex, including a few of his novel hybrids and supplemented with plants from Newman's Orchids.



B/c. Precursor 'Fantasyland'
x **C. Dubiosa 'Scullys'**



Den. Dainty Gem x
Den. speciosum 'Golden Nugget'

Gems From The Last Meeting



Fred Clarke



Vanda coerulescens
Renate Schmidt



Miltonia spectabilis var. moreliana – **Renate Schmidt**



Pot. Haw Yuan Gold
Anita Spencer



Stanhopea oculata x pozoi
Gil Ho



Renate Schmidt admiring the scent of Gil Ho's Stanhopea



C. pumila coerulea
Phyllis Prestia



Stenoglottis woodii
Merle Robboy



Paph. Magic Lantern - **Nico Goossens**

Photos by Helge Weissig - full album at www.palomarorchid.org

Meeting Wrap-up

Fred Clarke spoke eloquently as ever on the topic of orchid culture. His presentation, peppered with humorous anecdotes and illustrated with many beautiful pictures of orchids was both entertaining and informative.

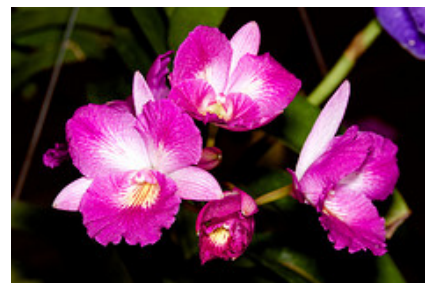
A warm welcome in the form of most of the raffle winnings was given to Vivian and Amy Pulliam and their family. The Pulliams joined POS at the August auction together with Barbara Lee, Harry Seto, Harland Huftel, and Linda Carlson.

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the Carlsbad Women's Club, 3320 Monroe, Carlsbad.

Go east off 5 on Carlsbad Village Drive 1/2 mile to Monroe, turn South on Monroe to Women's Club. OR go west off El Camino Real at Carlsbad Village Drive to Monroe and turn south to the Women's Club. Culture Class starts at 6:30 pm. The regular meeting begins

at 7:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be on October 3, 2012.



The Editor's Corner



It seems like this hot, hot, hot summer is finally at an end and the fall season of shows and sales is upon us with a vengeance! I am particularly looking forward to the fair at our local San Diego Botanic Garden. It's typically much smaller than the big fall show of the San Diego County Orchid Society (coming up at the end of October), but I actually like it that way. Of course, it helps that the Botanic Garden is that much closer to my house.

In the past year or so, I have given some thought to making orchid shows more accessible and fun. For us aficionados, endless tables stock full with beautiful and rare plants, ribbons, and the occasional set of exhibits are all very interesting. I wonder though how attractive they are to the interested public and especially younger generations!? Themed shows take a step in that direction, but often the implementation of the theme is limited to the exhibits.

Well, I have yet to have a Eureka moment on this, but if anyone else is interested in the subject, I would very much love to start an exploratory group to come up with a plan for a small but "different" orchid show put together by POS!

As always, I welcome any comments, submissions, and suggestions at newsletter@palomarorchid.org. Deadline, as always, is the 15th of the month!

Happy Growing!

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