

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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September 2013

#### **A Monthly Publication**



## **September To Do List** September will be a fairly quiet month,

fairly quiet month, orchid maintenance wise. However, keep an eye out for pests and watering needs! Page 2

#### Gems from the Annual Auction

Our Annual Auction was well attended and more than 400 plants found new homes. Check out some of the snaps from the event! Page 3

#### **Vendor List**

POS gratefully acknowledges the contributions and donations of the following vendors to the 2013 Annual Orchid Auction.

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### Calendar of Events

September and October features several Orchid Shows and open houses you will not want to miss.

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#### September Meeting • Wednesday, September 4, 2013 • 6:30 pm

## Rafael Acosta-Jaramillo

## Care and Maintenance of Phalaenopsis Orchids

We are delighted to welcome Rafael Acosta-Jaramillo, VP of Sales and Marketing at OrchidSource Laboratory and Nursery located in Vista, CA. Rafael will speak on "Care and Maintenance of Phalaenopsis Orchids". Phalaenopsis orchids are one of the most popular orchid types

Dtps. The Pride of Ben Yu 'Ben Yu' CCM/AOS

maintained by novices and hobbyists alike.

Rafael was first introduced to the fascinating orchid world in 1995 by Barry Lee Cohen, owner of G&B Orchids Lab & Nursery Inc. This introduction to aston-



**Dtps. I-Hsin Waltz** 

ishing color, diversity, and uniqueness were the pillars to his true passion for orchid cultivation. Rafael's OrchidSource Laboratory and Nursery forms an important alliance for orchid conservation together with other reputable orchid growers including Katai Phrao Orchids, Thai OrchidSource, and The Orchid Zone Ltd.



Phal. San Jacinto King 'Ryan' AM/AOS

Rafael has been collecting and hybridizing orchids for more than a decade. His vast amount of hands-on experience with orchid cultivation using various laboratory propagation, division, and tissue culture techniques provide for a strong background in general orchid care. Rafael holds a BA in Computer Science as well as a minor in Spanish from the California State University San Marcos.

OrchidSource Nursery will provide the plant table, which will consist of a variety of orchids raised at their nursery.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to start with a big THANK YOU to all of the individuals who participated in our auction last month either as dedicated volunteers, donors of plants or customers. Although we do not have the final tally on the income yet, it is likely that we did as well or even better than last year! A special thanks goes to Maryanne Kind and Gil Ho who organized the event and put in a lot of time and hard work to make it a successful fundraiser for the society. The auction ran smoothly for the most part; however, as in previous years, there were still a few glitches involving the plant hotel and checkout. The committee and board members plan to meet to discuss what can be done to improve and make the auction even better next year.

It is hard to believe how fast this year has flown by and we now need to start organizing for our year end holiday party, member of the year award, as well as nominating officers for 2014. Accordingly, I would like to solicit volunteers for these committees. You may contact me by email or phone listed below and there will be sign up sheets at the September meeting as well.

The speaker topic this month will be on Phalaenopsis, an orchid class that we have not addressed in some time. Rafael Acosta-Jamarillo of the Orchid Source Nursery and Lab will provide us with everything you need to know about care and blooming of these beautiful plants that combine the advantages of ease of growth, long blooming periods and low light requirements. It is no wonder they are one of the most popular orchids found in

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This month, all members with last

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the homes of novices and experienced growers alike.

Finally, the board appreciates feedback from our members on how we are doing, so please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or phone should you have any comments or desire to discuss any issues you may have.

Looking forward to seeing you at the September meeting!



Alex Nadzan President, POS (760) 753-6280 anadzan@mac.com

# A BIG Thank You - A Great Auction!

We had a terrific auction again this year! The success of our auction is only because of the wonderful people who worked so hard to make it happen. It takes a team to pull it off, and a great team we had this year. They called and picked up plants from vendors, publicized the auction, donated their own plants, brought food for the hungry participants, greeted our guests, manned the membership table, ran the plant hotel, input sales into our new Sales Input Tool, printed invoices, accepted payment and issued receipts

from the cash register, brought friends to the auction, helped with outside plant sales, served as auctioneer, recorder, or runner, and of course, bought plants.

Please thank the following members that helped to make the auction happen. Without them, the auction would not be possible:

Cathy Belt, Harry Clyde, Rene Daly, Judy Dyer, Tom and Gisela Felter, Dotti Forte, Debra Funakoshi, Anne Gold, Jerry Goode, Gil Ho, Marita Hoit,



Craig Johnson, Maryanne Kind, Janice Krause, Carl and Terri Lofthouse, James Mickelson, Elf Mitton, Alex Nadzan, Charlie Padelford, Merle Robboy, Pat & Linda Rusnell, Sandi Sandquist, Vidya Sirsi, Donna Steinbrenner, Jerry & Anita Spencer, Warren Stehle, Ally Tran, Helge Weissig & his kids Eva, Julian, and Bryn, as well as Carl & Anne Wood. If we have inadvertently missed someone, please let us know and accept our sincere apologies.

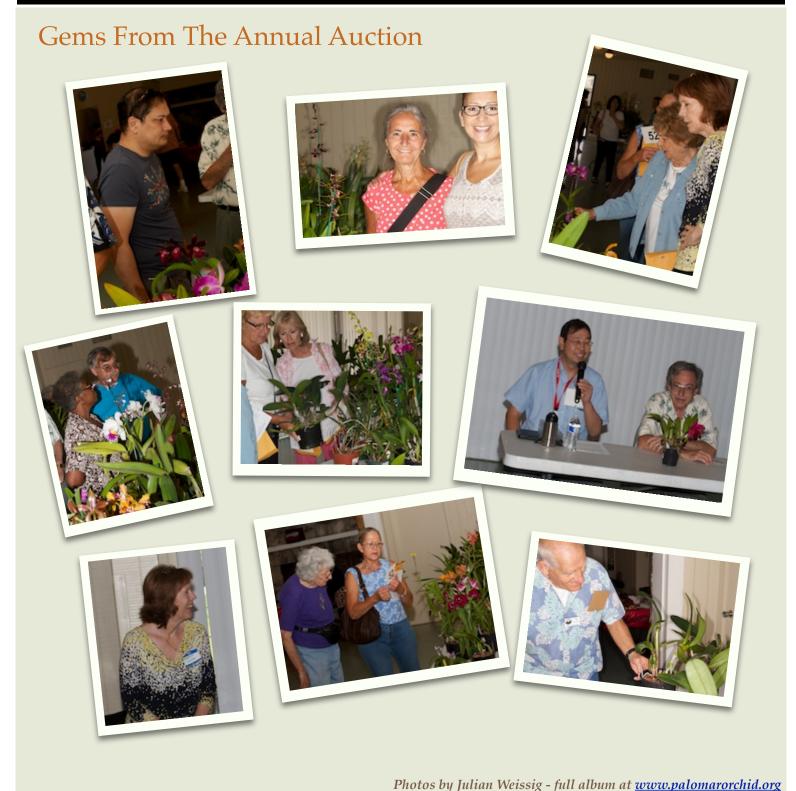
We also thank our generous vendors. Please support these businesses when shopping for orchids or plants, as well as garden and orchid supplies. A list of vendors is given on page 4.

# Orchid To Do List for September

#### General

- In spite of the day length becoming shorter in September, this month can still produce very warm days for continued growth of your plants. Watch them carefully and provide adequate water and fertilizer before tapering off when warm days begin to wane.
- Some cattlyeas and other genera (dendrobiums, oncidiums) are still in active growth mode so take the opportunity to repot those you may have missed before month's end to allow enough growth before the onset of cooler weather and initiation of the dormancy period.
- Maintain good hygiene practices to minimize transmission of pests and viruses, particularly during the warm

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### 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.

## **August Judging Report**

There were 5 orchids presented for judging. Two were awarded, including one receiving two awards.



Den. adundum
'Tan Huong Nguyen'
Exhibited by Tam Huong Nguyen
Awarded AM/AOS 82 points &
CCM/AOS 85 points



C. Pink Leopard 'John's Pick' Exhibited by Billy Baker Awarded AM/AOS 80

Text and photo by Phyllis S. Prestia Ed.D.

## **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

## Vendor List

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#### **Andy's Orchids**

Harry Phillips 734 Ocean View Avenue Encinitas, CA 92024 (888) 514-2639 www.andysorchids.com

#### **Bird Rock Tropicals**

Pam Koide P.O. Box 231458 Encinitas, CA 92023-1458 (760) 436-3088 www.birdrocktropical.com

#### **Cal Orchid**

Jim Rose 1251 Orchid Drive Santa Barbara, CA 93111 (805) 967-1321 www.calorchid.com

#### **Cal Pacific Orchid Farm**

Susan Ayers 1122 Orpheus Avenue Encinitas, CA 92024 (760) 436-0317

#### Casa de las Orquideas

Carl Batchman 170 S. Nardo Avenue Solana Beach, CA 92075 (858) 755-7572 www.orquideas.com

#### **Divine Orchids**

Ying Lee 1015 Uranea Avenue Encinitas, CA 92024

#### **Green Thumb Nursery**

Ms. Mary Bowens 1019 W. San Marcos Blvd. San Marcos, CA 92078

#### **Norito Hasegawa**

159 Monterey Road Orange, CA 92866

#### **Lico Orchids & Flowers**

Nico & Lisa 309 Via Nancita Encinitas, CA 92024 (760) 942-3785

#### **Ben Machado**

4044 Calavo Drive La Mesa, CA 91941-7050 (619) 660-9870

#### **Newman's Nursery, Inc.**

HCR 3 Box 11023 Keaau, HI 96749 (808) 966-4545 www.newmanshi.com

#### **OrchidSource**

Rafael Acosta 2426 Cherimoya Drive Vista, CA 92084 www.orchidsource.com

#### **Park Hyatt Hotel**

Kevin Kienast 7447 Batiquitos Drive Carlsbad, CA 92011

#### **Rex Foster Orchids**

Billy Baker 2645 Massachusetts Avenue Lemon Grove, CA 91945 (619) 466-0605 www.rexfosterorchids.com

#### **Rudvalis Orchids**

Barbara Rudvalis P.O. Box 130665 Carlsbad, CA 92013-0665 760-438-2121 www.rudvalisorchids.com

#### **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate**

1250 Orchid Drive Santa, Barbara, CA 93111 805-967-1284 www.sborchid.com

#### **Sunset Valley Orchids**

Fred Clarke 1255 Navel Place Vista, CA 92081 www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com

#### **Wise Orchids**

Ed & Donna Wise 3524 Meriendo Lane Yorba Linda, CA 92866 (714) 524-1730

#### To Do List cont.

summer months when pests and diseases can proliferate very quickly and spread throughout the collection. Carefully inspect plants for scale and aphids and treat early to minimize spread.

 More details on specific genera can be found on the AOS website

#### Indoors and Greenhouse

- Carefully monitor greenhouse temperatures as higher summer and early fall temperatures can easily cook plants. Make sure fans and automatic vents are in good working order. Mist plants to increase humidity and cool down temperatures.
- Continue to provide good air circulation for indoor plants to discourage diseases and pests such as mealy bugs and scale. Treat early to avoid spreading to other plants. More info on pests and diseases can be found at the <u>AOS</u> website.
- Maintain increased watering and fertilizer to accommodate growth during this period. Avoid over fertilizing to minimize root damage and growth of soft growths. Keep to one half to one fourth the recommended amount on the package.

### Outdoors

 Continue to monitor and control snails, slugs and pests during this period.
 They can do considerable damage to plants in short order.





- Cattleyas should be coming into the fall blooming season as well as hardening off of growth produced in the spring and summer. Maintain watering frequency and cut back on fertilizer as growths mature.
- Early blooming cymbidiums should be developing spikes so switch from high nitrogen fertilizer to one with higher phosphorus and potassium (Hi Bloom such as 10-30-20) to initiate and stimulate spike production. See also the AOS website for more information.
- Catasetums/cycnoches should begin their fall blooming period during this month. Continue to give them warm temperatures, high light and fertilize well at each watering until you see them begin their dormancy period by the yellowing and dropping of leaves. Cut back on water and fertilizer as suggested by Fred Clarke on his website.
- To induce your phalaenopsis to rebloom, subject them to 1-2 weeks of night temps of around 50 °F, but bring them in when night temps go below 50 °F as they are sensitive to cold. If you grow them in the house, put them in a cool room or near a window to obtain the lower night temps for spike initiation.

The monthly To Do list is a collaboration of several POS members. We appreciate any and all comments, suggestions, and feedback on our new feature. Please send them to <a href="mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org">newsletter@palomarorchid.org</a>!

## Miscellaneous

#### Lost

Fujifilm F70 digital camera in small black canvas case. Please contact Maryanne Kind, posorchidsall4@gmail.com (760) 510-8027

#### **New Members**

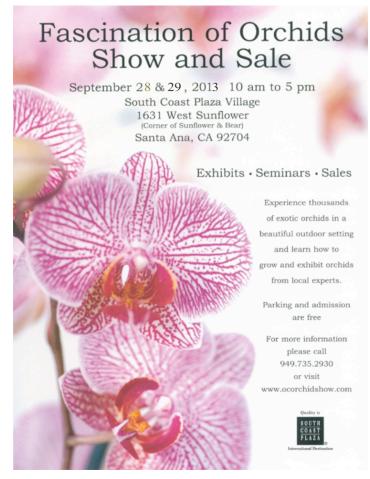
We welcome the following new members: Sigi Coler, Anne and Carl Wood, Gerard Spahn, Heather Dagle, Suzi, Sandore, and Doris Gardella.

#### Keikis

June Andersen would like to collect orchid keikis to give to children at the Orchid Fair in October (see flyer on the next page). They can be any type and do not need to be labeled or potted. Please bring them to the September or October meeting.











## Neofenietia falcata - a.k.a. Fukiran

The cultivation of Fukiran has a long history, originating in Japan's Edo era, about 400 years ago. Text and image are curtesy of the Fukiran Society of America. Find out more information about these fascinating orchids at fukiransoa.weebly.com

Furan or wind orchid, the Japanese name for Neofinetia falcata, is also called 'Fuki-ran', which means the orchid of the rich and noble people. Many years ago, only the rich and royalty could own Fukiran, and they searched the country far and wide for rare and unusual varieties. These

plants were often covered by a gold or silver net in order to protect them, and people had to cover their mouths with Kaishi (a thin paper usually used for calligraphy) in order not to breathe on the plants while they appreciated them. This was an important time for Fukiran as they became established into the Japanese culture. When the Japanese government began to bring in Western culture, people became fascinated with tropical orchids that were more colorful and gorgeous. Consequently, interest in Fukiran declined until the early 1900's. Fukiran have seen a big comeback in interest throughout Japan since the mid 20th century. Today, they are popular

around the world, including Korea, Europe, and most recently, the United States



## POS Caravan to Lico's Orchids

Many thanks to Nico Goosens and Lisa Humphreys of Lico's Orchids for hosting the August 25th caravan and BBQ at their nursery!! Below are a few shots of the attendees. Everyone had a wonderful time.













Photos by Alex Nadzan - full album at www.palomarorchid.org

#### The Editor's Corner



As Alex mentions in his monthly message, it is almost time for various elections. Over the next couple of months we will be collecting your suggestions of candidates for the POS officer elections and the Member of the Year Award. The organization of the latter ballot will be my responsibility this year. I am very much looking forward to hearing from you about who you think made contributions to the society that stand out above those of the many folks that have volunteered their time and efforts this past year. Any POS member except current offi-

cers and myself are eligible for this award and I will be distributing confidential nomination forms at the September and October meetings.

As for the officer elections, please consider throwing your own hat into the ring! POS is a 100% volunteer-run organization and relies on our member's participation in order to be able to organize our monthly meetings and other events and to meet our fiduciary responsibilities as a registered 501(c)3 corporation. The work load is fairly minimal and you'll have your name in this very publication for an entire year! Isn't that something?

As always, any and all contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome. Please email them to <a href="mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org">newsletter@palomarorchid.org</a>. Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.

Happy Growing!

#### **POS Officers**

Alex Nadzan — President John Kidwell — 1st Vice President/Programs Terri Lofthouse — 2nd Vice President/Raffle Cathy Belt — 3rd Vice President/Membership Sandi Sandquist — Secretary Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer Merle Robboy, Renate Schmidt,

Warren Stehle — 2nd Year Trustees Carl Lofthouse, Elf Mitton, Lena Shiroma — 1st Year Trustees Helge Weissig — Newsletter & Website Editor

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#### Website

www.palomarorchid.org www.facebook.com/palomarorchid www.flickr.com/groups/palomarorchid/

## **Upcoming Events**

#### September 3, 2013

**Orchid Judging Center** Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting www.sdorchids.com

#### September 4, 2013

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

#### **September 18, 2013**

SDCCS General Meeting

#### **September 20, 2013**

Plant Day & Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo events.sandiegozoo.org

#### September 21 & 22, 2013

Orchid Show and Sale South Bay Orchid Society South Coast Botanic Garden www.southbayorchidsociety.com

#### September 28 & 29, 2013

Fascination of Orchids Show South Coast Plaza, Santa Ana www.ocorchidshow.com

#### October 1, 2013

Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting www.sdorchids.com

#### October 2, 2013

POS General Meeting Orchid Culture Panel Discussion Pavilion at Lake San Marcos www.palomarorchid.org

#### October 5 & 6, 2013

San Diego International Orchid Fair San Diego Botanic Garden sdbgarden.org

Andy's Orchids Open House 734 Ocean View Avenue Encinitas CA 92024 www.andysorchids.com

#### October 16, 2013

SDCCS General Meeting

#### October 18, 2013

Plant Day & Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo events.sandiegozoo.org

#### October 19 - 21, 2013

Southland Orchid Show Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens www.orchidssc.org

#### October 26 & 27, 2013

Fall Show and Sale Balboa Park www.sdorchids.com

#### November 2 & 3, 2013

53rd Annual Fall Open House Santa Barbara Orchid Estate www.sborchid.com

Fall Open House Cal-Orchid www.calorchid.com

## 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, San Diego Botanic Garden, Ecke San Diego County Orchid Society Building, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024 Bill Wong (760) 931-0502 billtcwong@att.net

