

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

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Harold Koopowitz spoke eloquently about the science behind orchid colors and its use in hybridizing. Page 3

Calendar of Events

Fall is here (it seems) and with it many shows and open houses are on the calendar. Don't miss these events! Page 4



Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, September 7, 2016 • 6:30 pm



Marni Turkel

Coelygyne, Dendrochilum and Related Genera

We are delighted to welcome Marni Turkel to our society. Marni will speak on "Coelygyne, Dendrochilum and Related Genera". Her talk will cover the 9 horticulturally significant genera of the 21 or so that comprise the subtribe Coelogyninae. These include not only Coelogyne and Dendrochilum, but also Pleione, Chelonistele, Pholidota and others. She will discuss the diversity within the different genera, show both common and rarely seen species as well as discuss their habitats and how they relate to cultural needs.

Marni Turkel is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area and has been growing orchids since 1980. She grows in three greenhouses in Santa Rosa with approximately 1000 sq. ft. of growing



Dendrochilum wenzelii



Dendrochilum cobbianum

space. Her main interest is in cool-growing miniature species but plenty of larger plants have crept into the collection as well. Marni has been a contributor to Orchids magazine with her series called 'Well Worth the Space' and 'Give It a Rest'. Her articles have been translated into Dutch, German, Portuguese and Swedish for international publication. Photographs of her plants have been feature in articles noted orchid publications including Orchids Magazine, Orchid Digest, Richardiana, The Orchid Review, and The Australian Orchid

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It's all about Orchids!

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hello to all the Palomar Orchid Society Members. Hope all of you are surviving the hot weather, especially those of you who live in inland areas. Luckily we are nearing the end of summer and looking forward to our beautiful fall season.

We are very excited to have Marni Turkel as our speaker for September. Ms. Turkel will be speaking on "Coelogyne, Dendrochilum and Related Genera". These are plants we seldom hear about, so it will be an opportunity to expand our knowledge of orchids. As with several past speakers, POS is jointly hosting this speaker with the San Diego County Orchid Society and this sharing has been mutually beneficial for our societies.

At the last meeting we asked for volunteers to help with the Design, Set Up and Tear Down of a Table Top Display for the Elegant Orchids Show at the Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens on October 21-23. No one has stepped up to help with any of the activities and we need members to volunteer to help. As mentioned at the meeting, our ability to offer free admission to the Gardens is dependent on POS agreeing to do a Table Top Display. Please see Alex or Bill at the meeting to help out in these activities.

As of the last meeting, 13 members indicated they want to participate in the Bus Caravan being organized by the San Diego Orchid Society. We will pass around the sign-up sheets again at the upcoming meeting. Be sure to sign before the bus fills up.

We also have asked for someone to volunteer to assist in planning the Holiday Dinner. Please see Bill or Alex this month if you want to help. If no one volunteers, we will consider having it at Chan's Restaurant again, which isn't a bad option.

At the last meeting many of our members purchased books from our Speaker, Harold Koopowitz, and/or signed up for the Orchid Digest Magazine. Thank you for supporting the Orchid Digest.

We have 3 final speakers for 2016 and will begin planning our speaker programs for 2017 shortly. If there are any topics you want to hear about or speakers that you want to hear, please let Merle and Alex know your interests. We want to plan programs and topics that are of interest to our members and help you become better orchid growers!!!

Members are encouraged to provide input at any time, via e-mail, phone, or in person (anadzan@mac.com, 760-529-5814, or Bill Wong at billtcwong@att.net or 760-931-0502). We appreciate any feedback you have, positive or negative, but always constructive please. Feel free to contact us; we are here to help make the meetings more beneficial for our members.

Happy Growing!

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong Co-Presidents, POS

Marni Turkel continued

Review. For the last few years she has been sharing her photographs and knowledge on <u>orchidsforum.com</u>.

Starting in 2009, Marni has expanded her work with orchids to include propagation of orchids from seed and has set up a flasking lab of her own to take the process from start to finish and sell flasks of many of the orchids species in her collection. After working for over 43 years as a potter, she has retired from ceramics to pursue orchids full-time. Marni will be providing plants for the opportunity table.

Marni's visit is being co-sponsored by SDCOS and POS. She will be speaking on Tuesday in Balboa Park on "Less Is More: Small Orchids". Members are welcome to attend both talks. More details can be found in the September newsletter on the SDCOS website.



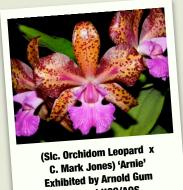




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August Judging Reports

There were 5 orchids presented for judging. One was awarded.



Awarded HCC/AOS

Text by Phyllis Prestia, photo by Arnold Gum

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the FIRST **WEDNESDAY** of every month at the Pavilion at Lake San Marcos (1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078).

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 Traveling on State Route 78, take the 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.

Gems From The August Meeting



Harold Koopowitz



'Freckled Flamingo' - Suzi Sandore





C. gastelliana - Merle Robboy



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

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The Editor's Corner



It looks like we have entered the mild days of late summer and early fall, when humidity levels over night go up and temperatures go down. I know, I have to start being more careful with watering in the late afternoon so as not to risk any fungal damage. On the other hand, my plants will be less stressed by the heat and can finish their new growths before getting that rest during the colder winter months.

With current concerns about mosquito-born illnesses, most notably the Zika virus, I have been a little more diligent about not leaving any standing water. One of the virus' vector, Aedes aegypti, has been found in our area previously and they can breed in a thimble full of standing water!

Your comments and suggestions are very much appreciated! And, as always, your contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome as well. Please email them to newsletter@palomarorchid.org.

Happy Growing!

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Upcoming Events

September 5, 2016

Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

September 6, 2016

POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

September 17 - 18, 2016

Annual Orchid Fall Show and Sale Southbay Orchid Society southbayorchidsociety.com

September 21, 2016

SDCCS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

October 1, 2016

Orchid Clinic 2016 San Diego Botanic Garden sdbgarden.org

October 4, 2016

Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

October 5, 2016

POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

October 19, 2016

SDCCS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

October 21, 2016

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

October 21 - 23, 2016

2nd Annual International Orchid Show and Sale The Huntington Botanical Garden huntington.org

October 22 & 23, 2016

AOS Fall 2016 Member Meeting The Huntington Botanical Garden www.aosfall2016.com

October 24, 2016

Annual Auction South Coast Orchid Society southcoastorchidsociety.com

October 29 & 30, 2016

San Diego County Orchid Society Fall Show In The Park sdorchids.com

November 1, 2016

Orchid Judging Center Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting sdorchids.com

November 2, 2016

POS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos palomarorchid.org

November 5 & 6, 2016

58th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House sborchid.com

Fall Open House Cal-Orchids calorchid.com

November 16, 2016

SDCCS General Meeting Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

November 18, 2016

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.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 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



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