



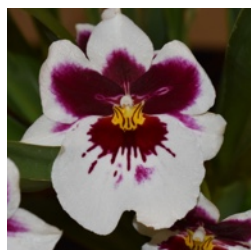
POS News

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.

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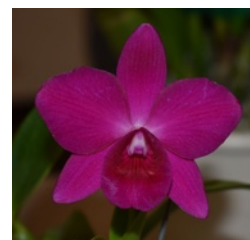
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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, September 6, 2017 • 6:30 pm



Peter Lin

Genus Dendrobium: a Family Portrait of Dendrobium Species

We are delighted to welcome back Peter T. Lin to our society. Peter is one of our favorite speakers who will be talking about the Genus *Dendrobium*. He will present a fast paced PowerPoint presentation on this fascinating genus of over 1000 species!

Dendrobiums are primarily found in Asia, New Guinea and Australia. There are many different classifications within the genus, with species ranging from tiny miniatures to huge giants. They grow in climates ranging from hot and steamy lowlands, cool and moist mountain ranges, to seasonally dry savannas. Many are quite temperature tolerant and can be grown outside in frost-free areas. Peter will review a few of the important species in each classification. He will provide some basic cultural advice for each species, and there will be time for questions at the end of the program.

Peter started growing orchids over 35 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about



Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'Splash'

14 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the



Dendrobium aggregatum

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 hundreds of photos of his orchids](#) that he maintains on Flickr.

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 Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

As we approach the last three POS meetings for the year, we are looking forward to our final slate of speakers and our Holiday Dinner in December. For those of you who attended the August meeting, we were treated to a wonderful presentation from Curtis Gean on Laelia anceps and its hybrids. Curtis gave an informative and entertaining talk that our members enjoyed and we will be sure to invite him back again!! It was one of the best talks we have had this year. For those of you who missed the meeting, you will have to catch Curtis another year. Each year we try to arrange for a mixture of new and regular speakers to captivate our audience so if you have any suggestions for topics, please let Alex or Tom know.

Our last meeting was held in the Lake San Marcos Conference Center because the Pavilion was not available. Based on limited comments from our members, we think the alternate room worked out well and in some ways is better laid out than the larger Pavilion. It is somewhat more intimate also, and makes for a good alternative if the Pavilion is occasionally not available.

For this month, we had a late cancellation by Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids and are fortunate that Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids agreed to speak in his place. We can count on Peter for an entertaining talk and slide presentation with excellent graphics and visuals. Many of you have seen Peter at Sunset Valley's



Open Houses and admired his unique collection of plants.

In our newsletter and at our meetings we ask the membership for suggestions on topics for our speakers and other suggestions for helping improve our society. Recently, one of our members won an award at the San Diego County Orchid Society show at the Scottish Rites Center and was interested in knowing more about what qualities judges look for in judging orchids. Many of our experienced members who regularly enter plants for judging know how to select plants for judging and prepare them so they look their best. The rest of us don't have a clue!! In response to that suggestion, we have made arrangements to have Fred Clarke give a talk on this subject for the January 2018 meeting. As many of you know, Fred is an accredited AOS judge who has won many awards and is an excellent person to speak on this topic.

Recently one of our previous members approached POS and the SD County Cymbidium Society to see if we were interested in his orchid collection because he is relocating to another county and will not have room for his collection. Alex went to see his collection and we have reached a tentative agreement with the Cymbidium Society and the member to take his collection based on a combination of a donation and partial purchase. The collection is very nice and we will be using the plants for future plant tables.

From time to time we are contacted by people who want to donate their orchids to our Society because they aren't able to take care of them and they want a better home for them. We never know what we receive and sometimes we are just providing a

service by taking plants they cannot care for. This month we received around 30 plants from another donor that have not received the best of care and we will be offering them on the Silent Auction table for a nominal fee. Most of the plants do not have names and many need some tender loving care.

We still have not finalized plans for a second caravan this year. We hope to have one more before December and Tom, our First Vice President, is working on this. Please see Tom with any suggestions.

Bill and Alex are always open to your suggestions, questions, and concerns. Please call Bill at 760-931-0502 or Alex at 760-529-5814. Bill's e-mail is billtcwong@att.net and Alex's is anadzan@mac.com.

We look forward to seeing you in September in our regular meeting room in the Pavilion.

*Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong
Co-Presidents, POS*

Peter Lin - continued

California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as an offsite greenhouse. Peter maintains [a website with info on some of his plants offered for sale.](#)



Dendrobium victoriae-reginae

Peter will be selling some of his unique plants at the meeting so be sure to check them out and add a few interesting additions to your collection.

This month's opportunity table will consist of several 4" cattleyas donated by Fred Clarke. Many thanks to Fred for his generosity to our society.

Snacks & Refreshments
 This month, all members with last names beginning **D** through **K** 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!

Gems From The August Meeting



Curtis Gean



Vanda falcata – Alex Nadzan



**Anacheilium trulla
Merle Robboy**



**Cattleya bicolor
Merle Robboy**



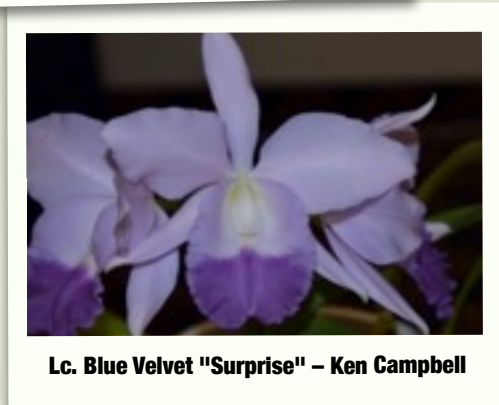
**C. harrisoniana "Makuu" x
"Impassionata" – Suzi Sandore**



Jim Anderson and Alex Nadzan



**C. Portiata coerulea x Lc. Love Knot "Blue
Star" – Alex Nadzan**



Lc. Blue Velvet "Surprise" – Ken Campbell



**C. Penny Kuroda x Lc. Diana
Rehfield – Alex Nadzan**

Photos by Debra Funakoshi – Full album at www.palomarorchid.org

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).

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.

Member of the Year Nominations

Each year we honor one member of the society who has made the greatest contribution to the success of Palomar Orchid Society during the past year.

At our upcoming meetings in September and October you will be given the opportunity to nominate the member you believe was most outstanding this year. All current members are eligible except for last year's winner – Helge Weissig. The nomination forms for our Member of the Year will include a space for supporting information and we encourage you to provide a paragraph explaining the reasons for the nomination. If you prefer to submit your nomination by email, please send the name and supporting information to Helge Weissig at helgew@grajagan.org. All nominations will be summarized and placed on a ballot for a vote at the November meeting. The winner will be announced and the award will be presented at the Holiday Party on December 6th.

Novice Dendrobium Culture Sheet

Dendrobium is a diverse genus of orchids with different cultural needs. This culture

information is for the phalenopsis-type Dendrobiums which are evergreen with thin, tall stems (pseudobulbs). The complete culture sheet and many others can also be found at [the AOS website](#).

Water – Water your orchids in the morning so that the leaves are dry before night. *Dendrobiums* like to be in small pots and are usually much taller than the pot is wide. Because they are usually large plants in relatively small pots, watering twice a week is about average. They like to be almost dry before re-watering.

When watering, place the plant in the sink and use tepid water. Do not use salt-softened or distilled water. Let the water run through the plant for a minute or so. Be sure to let the plant drain completely.

This is a good time to look closely at your plant for any sign of insects or disease.

Light – *Dendrobiums* need lots of light, but not direct sun. A lightly shaded south window is best. East or west facing windows are satisfactory if bright (avoid direct sun except at the beginning or end of the day).

Temperature – *Dendrobiums* can withstand hot weather if adequate ventilation and humidity are provided. They are best grown when the temperature is between 65°F and

75°F in the day and between 55°F to 60°F at night.

Fertilizer – Any balanced orchid fertilizer (look at the numbers on the container, 20-20-20, etc.) can be used to fertilize your orchid. Feed weakly (1/4 strength) weekly works well for *Dendrobiums*. Once a month use clear water to flush any accumulated salts from the potting mix.

Tips – Use a shallow tray of pebbles filled with water to increase humidity around your plants. Be sure the pot does not sit in water as this will rot the roots.

Give your plants room for air to circulate around them. Crowding of plants can lead to problems with insect infestations and fungus.

When your plant has finished blooming, you can cut the flowering stem at the point where it came out of the tall thin pseudobulbs. Do not cut off the tall thin stem because the new flower stem will grow from there. Continue watering and fertilizing and within a year a new growth will spike to begin the blooming cycle again!

When re-potting, use a small pot; using a large pot will slow growth and reduces flowering significantly. Re-pot every two to three years.

Welcome, Jim Anderson!

POS welcomes new member Jim Anderson. Jim had been growing orchids purchased at hardware stores with “moderate success” when he decided to join our society. He calls joining POS a “fortuitous and fortunate decision” as he discovered orchids that he never knew existed. “I was not prepared for the almost abstract, ethereal forms that more exotic orchids could take,” he said. “The

fact that Northern San Diego County is a genuine orchid growing paradise means that some of the best orchids and some of the best orchid growers, both professional and amateur, are right here in this neighborhood.” Jim also stated that he has benefited from information about orchid-growing presented at meetings. He has grown his collection since becoming a member to include a diverse mix of plants, although he still likes the orchids he purchased at hardware stores too.



Orchid Show and Sale

September 16 and 17

Orchids-R-Easy Classes All Weekend

Sales: Sat 9-5 & Sun 9-4
 Show: Sat 11-5 & Sun 9-4
 Location: South Coast Botanic Garden
 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes

- Buy direct from commercial growers
- See award winning orchids/displays
- All day demonstrations on orchid care and repotting
- Stroll the botanical gardens

Admission: \$9 Adults \$6 Seniors
 Free Parking

For all show information and map to gardens:
www.southbayorchidsociety.com

Fascination of Orchids International Show & Sale

SEP 23 & 24, 2017 10 am to 5 pm
 South Coast Plaza Village
 1621 West Sunflower
 Santa Ana CA 92704

Exhibits - Seminars - Sales

Experience the Beauty & the Fragrances of Thousands of Exotic Orchids from many Different Lands

Learn how Local Enthusiasts Grow, Bloom & Show Beautiful Orchids

Admission & Close-In Parking are FREE

More Information
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Annual Fall Open House

Oct. 06
 Oct. 08
 10 am - 04 pm

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 734 Ocean View Ave. Encinitas, CA

Our nursery features over 7,000 species and 750,000 plants plus we'll have a select few bare roots for you as well.

Species specialist, SERIOUSLY!

Note: Bring a copy of this ad and receive a free plant on qualified purchases, Limit one per customer, Must be a society member.

Orchids Show and Sale in the Park

Presented by the San Diego County Orchid Society

October 28-29

Saturday Noon - 5 p.m.
 Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Balboa Park's Casa del Prado, Room 101
 Near the Natural History Museum

Free Admission

sdorchids.com
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The Editor's Corner



With the only three General Meetings remaining this year, it is almost time for our society's election of POS officers and the selection of the Member of the Year awardee. Organizing the latter ballot will be my responsibility this year and I am looking forward to receiving your nominations. Fortunately, we have many active and involved members, but this award is for that one person who has gone above and beyond! Who do you think made the most significant contributions over the past year?

As mentioned in the separate blurb about the award, any member but myself is eligible for this award and I will be distributing confidential nomination forms at the September and October meetings.

The society is also looking for volunteers for the various officer positions listed to the right. POS is 100% volunteer-run and depends on members participating and volunteering. The work load is fairly minimal and you'll have your name in this very publication for an entire year! Isn't that something?

Your comments, suggestions, and/or contributions to this newsletter are very much appreciated! Please email them to newsletter@palomarorchid.org.

Happy Growing!

2017 POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President
Tom Wisniewski & Alex Nadzan — Co-1st Vice President/Programs
Marita Hoit & Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle
Sandi Sanquist — 3rd Vice President/Membership
Frank Vogel — Secretary
Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer
Lisa Humphreys, Maryanne Kind, & Carl Wood — 2nd Year Trustees
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Upcoming Events

September 5, 2017
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
sdorchids.com

September 6, 2017
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

September 10, 2017
 Annual Orchid Auction
 Southern California Orchid
 Species Society
socalorchidspecies.com

September 15, 2017
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

September 16 & 17, 2017
 Orchid Fall Show & Sale
 South Bay Orchid Society
southbayorchidsociety.com

September 20, 2017
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

September 23 & 24, 2017
 Fascination of Orchids
 International Show & Sale
ocorchidshow.com

October 3, 2017
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
sdorchids.com

October 4, 2017
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

October 6 - 8, 2017
 Annual Fall Open House
 Andy's Orchids
andysorchids.com

October 7, 2017
 Orchid Clinic 2017
 San Diego Botanic Garden
sdbgarden.org

October 18, 2017
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

October 20, 2017
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

October 20 - 22, 2017
 Annual International Orchid Show
 Huntington Botanical Gardens
huntington.org

October 28 & 29, 2017
 Fall Orchids in the Park
 Show & Sale
 San Diego County Orchid Society
sdorchids.com

November 1, 2017
 POS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
palomarorchid.org

November 7, 2017
 Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
sdorchids.com

November 15, 2017
 SDCCS General Meeting
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

November 17, 2017
 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

