



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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Speaker's Info

Arnold Gum on "Cattleya skinneri"



We are delighted to welcome Arnold Gum as speaker for our Tuesday, September 1st Joint SDCOS/POS Zoom meeting starting at 7:30 pm. Arnold will present a talk on *Cattleya* (*Guarianthe*) *skinneri*, the national flower of Costa Rica, also known as the Easter Orchid. Arnie was recently honored to be invited to judge a *Cattleya skinneri* show in Costa Rica. In his talk, Arnie will review the quality growth in recent C.

skinneri line breeding and will look at one clone in particular: 'Angela' FCC. He says that the advancements in size, flower count, color, and form are amazing. He will present slides of some of the plants that were awarded at the show, as well as pictures of the *C. skinneri* habitat.

Arnie is an AOS judge and familiar figure at SDCOS and POS meetings and at local shows. He works as a patent attorney and, at Qualcomm, he was responsible for putting GPS in our smartphones. Arnie has been growing orchids since he was a child in Hawaii in the 70's. His father had a *Dendrobium* plant that had set a pod, and Arnie got some help from Stanley Taba Orchid Nursery to flask the seeds. As a youth, he knew some of Hawaii's greatest orchid pioneers, including Ben Kodama, Tadao Kazumura,

Isamu Ota, Richard Takafuji, Richard Takase, and Goodale Moir. That first flask and others led to thousands of plants as a youth, and a lifelong interest in orchids that has survived college, career, multiple moves, and 6 orchid societies. Arnie has been an American Orchid Society judge for nearly 30 years. He serves as an official photographer for our Pacific South AOS judging panel and has presented at both Palomar and San Diego County Orchid Societies. Arnie has won over 85 AOS awards and grows all sorts of orchids including *cattleyas*, *phalaenopsis*, *paphiopedilums*, including lots of rare and amazing plants. Over the years, he has amassed a collection of several thousand plants. Like many of us, Arnie also grows other types of plants, including *epiphyllum* cacti, aloes, *plumerias*, and fruit trees.

Speaker cont.



C. skinneri 'Angela' FCC/AOS



C. skinneri f. alba



C. skinneri f. coerulea 'Orchid Eros'



C. skinneri 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS



C. skinneri f. occulata

President's Message

Hello POS Members and Friends,

Following the March declaration of the Covid pandemic, we know life has been difficult for most of us during the past few months. We are happy to report that we are not aware of any member who has tested positive for Covid. Life has changed dramatically for all of us. Most of us do not go out much except for essential activities such as grocery shopping, hardware stores (Lowe's, Home Depot), nurseries, etc. There aren't many places to safely visit. Eating out is very limited and still a risky venture. Shopping for orchids is also limited except for online shopping. The majority of our members are retirees so there is minimal impact on our finances. For those of you still working, we hope your jobs are secure and you are staying safe.

As with prior months, our newsletter is abbreviated. There are few orchid events, few open houses and no orchid shows to discuss. Some of our local growers are open by appointment only so if you have a desire to purchase plants contact the vendors. Most of them have online platforms, but many of us prefer to personally select our plants.

This past month we held our second joint Zoom meeting with the San Diego County Orchid Society (SDCOS). Fred Clark gave

an excellent presentation on *Cattleya mossiae*. The talk was informative and entertaining. We also had a second Zoom meeting on Wednesday evening which was a Culture Class from Debby Halliday on dividing and repotting *Cattleyas*. Thanks Debby!!

For those of you who didn't participate, please consider joining us on the Zoom platform. It is easy and fun to participate and continue to learn new things about our exciting orchid hobby. Refer to our earlier newsletters for more info on Zoom and how to join or contact Alex to discuss. Zoom is free and you can join by computer or smart phone.

For the remainder of 2020, with the exception of December, we plan to continue our joint Zoom meetings. December is normally our month for the Holiday Dinner which will be canceled this year. For September, the speaker will be Arnold Gum of San Diego. Arnold has spoken to POS on several occasions and is an entertaining and energetic speaker. More on his talk is described in another section. We are also planning a Culture Class for Wednesday at 7:30 pm so put that on your calendar as well. Phyllis Prestia will conduct a class on repotting *Neofinetia falcata*s.

As part of the Zoom meetings, the host will include photos of orchids from Society members.

If you have some photos to share, please send them to Debby Halliday along with the name and your growing conditions and any other tips you have for your success on that particular plant. Please see additional info in this newsletter for more details on how to submit your pics.

August and September are two of our warmest months, therefore our plants will require more frequent watering and misting (mounted plants) and more attention to the proper shade cloths for your growing areas. Some of our more advanced growers actually modify the shade coefficients by modifying the shade cloths and/or by moving plants around their growing areas.

Please continue to refer to the AOS website and POS website for additional things to do for your orchids during the upcoming months. These sources of information are excellent and a good way to reinforce good growing techniques.

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. Bill's e-mail is billtcwong@att.net and Alex's e-mail is anadzan@mac.com.

Zoom Culture Classes Continuing on Wednesday, September 2nd

We are going to continue Joint Zoom Culture Classes on the Wednesday following the Joint General Meeting, which is normally the day of our regular POS meetings. Our second class will be on Wednesday, September 2 at 7:30 pm. Phyllis Prestia will conduct a class on how to repot *Neofinetia falcata*, the Japanese Wind Orchid. This is a perfect time to repot them as most have recently finished blooming. Alex Nadzan will send out to POS members the specifics for how to join our Zoom meetings

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POS PHYSICAL MEETINGS CANCELED FOR MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month at 6:30 pm at the Conference Center 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 and 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 conference center will be on the left and there is plenty of parking in front.

How to Submit Your Show-N-Tell Orchid Pics for Zoom Meetings

At our August Zoom meeting, Debby Halliday presented some very nice orchid pics from submissions by SDCOS members and by Alex Nadzan. We encourage additional POS members to send in pics of their own orchids for the September and future meetings. Please send in your orchid photos to Debby Halliday at president@sdorchids.com by the weekend before the meeting. You should provide in your email the information shown on the following form that SDCOS normally uses for their Show-N-Tells and any other info you feel desirable under comments. Also indicate that you are a POS member. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Alex Nadzan at anadzan@mac.com or 858-205-6789.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY	
PLANT NAME	_____
PARENTAGE	_____ _____
CIRCLE ALL CORRECT DATA -	
MINIATURE	FRAGRANT
OUTSIDE GROWN	HYBRID
HOUSE GROWN	NEW CROSS
GREENHOUSE GROWN	SPECIES
SPECIES - FROM WHICH COUNTRY? _____	
COMMENTS	_____
EXHIBITOR	_____

September 'To Do' List

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 cattleyas 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 summer months when pests and diseases can proliferate very quickly and spread throughout the collection. Carefully inspect plants for scale, aphids and thrips 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, scale and thrips. Treat early to avoid spreading to other plants. More info on pests and diseases can be found at the [AOS 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 including thrips 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 re-bloom, 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.

Ken Campbell's Photos



Lc. Angel Eyes



C. violacea



Ctt. Gorgeous Becky



Lc. Aloha Case

Bill Wong's Photo



**Slc. Final Touch
'Mendenhall'
AM/AOS**

Carl Wood's Photos



Coelogyne lawrenceana x usitana



Lc. Panache Amphora

Jerry Spencer's Photos



Bsn. Sunny Delight X Bl. Richard Muller



D. Aridang Blue 'Ángel'



Blc. Sun Spots X Blc. Katherine Clarkson



C. Elegans 'Álba'



Rlc. Waianae Leopard



Rlc. Toshie Aoki 'Starburst' AM/AOS



Rlc. Egyptian Queen 'Ínner Fire'



Blc. Hawaiian Passion 'Çarmela'

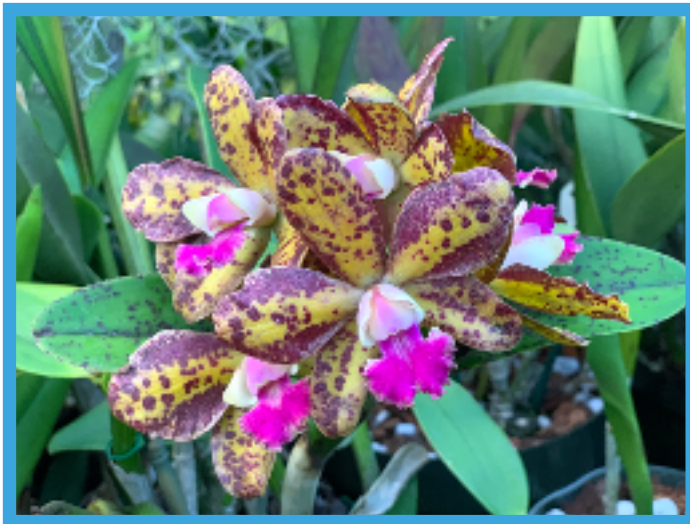
Alex Nadzan's Photos



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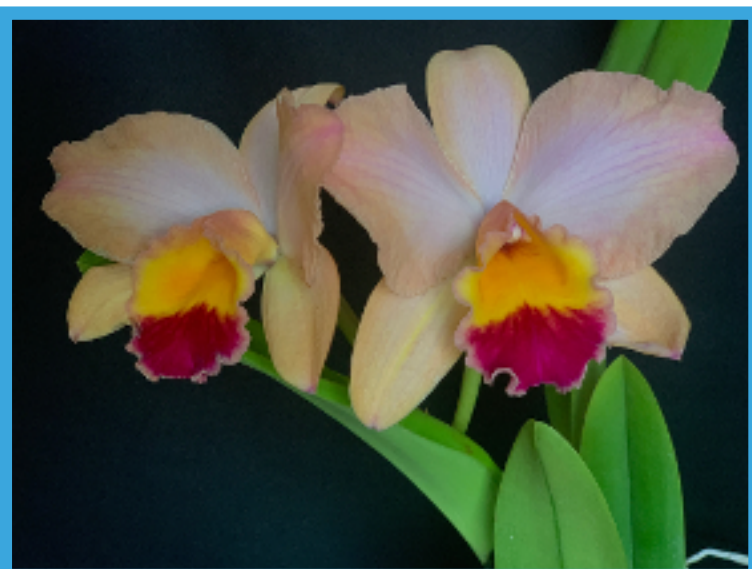
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Pot. Stippled Sunset



SV0910 Lc. Dean's Flair



**AMN-345A Bc. Toshie's Magic 'Kathleen' x
Slc. Circle of Life 'Crossroads'**



**B. nodosa x Enc. Panache Morning
'Noelani'**



Blc. San Diego Hot Spots 'Frosty'



Tolumnia sylvestrioides 'El Gato'



Slc. San Diego Star Burst 'A''



**Neofinetia
falcata**

