



# 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](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

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August Meeting • Wednesday, September 3, 2014 • 6:30 pm



## Fall/Winter Culture Panel Discussion

Alex Nadzan, Jerry Spencer, Merle Robboy, and Nico Goosens

September's program will feature four of our experienced orchid growers who will give brief (10-15 minute) presentations with an emphasis on culture for the upcoming Fall and Winter seasons.

Our panelist will speak on the following topics:

Alex Nadzan: *Fertilizer Basics and Seasonal Use*

Jerry Spencer: *Maintenance of Greenhouses/Shadehouses*

Merle Robboy: *Correct Time to Repot Orchids*

Nico Goosens: *Preparing Orchids for Fall and Winter Seasons*

This will be followed by a panel discussion on questions regarding the above topics or any other cultural questions participants may have. Questions may be brought up at the meeting or sent in advance to Alex Nadzan at [anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com) or by phone (760) 529-

5814 (home, please note new number) or (858) 205-6789 (cell).

The opportunity table will be provided by Rex Foster Orchids and include some of their novel cattleya and related orchid hybrids.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*I hope everyone had a great summer and are looking forward to the upcoming fall orchid shows and sales. Speaking of sales, several of us had fun at last month's caravan to Phyllis Prestia's home and Fred Clarke's nursery. Many thanks to Phyllis and Fred for hosting POS and providing us with information and tips on how to grow our orchids better and to Fred for the generous discount on purchased plants.*

*Kathie and I have finally completed our move to Oceanside (new address and phone: 2060 Oceanview Road, 92056, (760) 529-5814). We are hoping to get the rest of the boxes unpacked and the house and garage organized before I begin the greenhouse construction project. I don't ever want to have to move again, especially with my large orchid collection. What an ordeal!*

*This month's program will be the second program devoted this year to orchid culture. Jerry Spencer, Merle Robboy, Nico Goosens and I will address some timely cultural topics as indicated in the program announcement. Renate, who organized the session, asked me to speak on fertilizers, which is very appropriate since Oceanside water is a bit different from what I experienced in Encinitas and I am considering modifying my fertilizer accordingly. During the discussion, I hope to offer some suggestions on fertilizer selection and use as we enter the last third of the year.*

*Finally, the POS board continues to encourage input from our members at any time via email ([anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com)), phone*

*at (760) 529-5814 or in person. Feel free to contact me, as the board and I are here to serve you.*

*Happy Growing,*



*Alex Nadzan  
President, POS*



## Volunteers Needed!

*POS is looking for volunteers to staff the information booth at the San Diego International Orchid Fair.*

The San Diego International Orchid Fair and Show will be held on October 4-5, 2014 at the San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly Quail Botanical Garden). We will host an information booth for POS and are soliciting volunteers to support the booth on Saturday between 9-5 pm and on Sunday between 9-4. Please contact Sandi Sandquist either by email at [sandquist2@earthlink.net](mailto:sandquist2@earthlink.net) or phone at (760) 918-2408 to participate or sign up at the September meeting on sign up sheet that will be passed around.

For those of you interested, there will be both AOS and ribbon judging at the show so please bring some of your best plants to the Garden's Ecke Building on Thursday, October 2 between 4 pm – 7 pm or on Friday, October 3 between 9 am – 12 pm. More details are provided on the [San Diego Botanic Garden's site](http://www.sandiego-botanic-garden.org).

This year, members of POS, Cymbidium and the San Diego Societies will receive free admission to the

show and sale. All you will need to do is to show your badge at the entrance gate.

## AOS Webinars

*The American Orchid Society (AOS) regularly hosts webinars on a great variety of topics. Registration and "attendance" is free for AOS members and often for the general public as well.*

For a while now, the AOS has been hosting webinars on [their website](http://www.aos.org). Webinars are a great way to watch presentations and participate in question and answer sessions from the comfort of your own home. The AOS site explains the concept as follows:

"What are webinars? Webinars are an internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP. If you cannot make the actual

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### Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning with **M through S** 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 Last Meeting



**James Rose**



**C. Spotted Gem 'Snow Leopard'  
Alex Nadzan**



**Vanda falcata  
Nico Goosens**



**Dendrobium lindleyi  
Sandi Sandquist**



**C. maxima – Lisa Humphreys**



**B/c. Toshie Aoki 'Pizzaz'  
Debra Funakoshi**



**Vidya Sirsi and her Gongora  
galeata var. flava**



**B/c. Mem. Vida Lee – Anita Spencer**



**Terri Lofthouse and her C.  
Hawaiian Wedding Song  
'Virgin'**

Photos by Debra Funakoshi - full album at [www.palamarorchid.org](http://www.palamarorchid.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.

## August Judging Report

There were 6 orchids presented for judging. Three were awarded.



**C. Royal Basin 'Speckles'**  
Exhibited by Arthur Pinkers  
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points



**Ctsm. Alexa 'Arnie'**  
Exhibited by Arnold Gum  
Awarded AM/AOS 81 points



**Paph. Cathrine Briois 'Seagraves'**  
Exhibited by John Hagee  
Awarded AM/AOS 83 points

Text and photos 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. Locally, the sessions are held in Balboa Park, Casa del Prado in room 104 on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 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 Paul Tuskes at (858) 274 5829

**Orchid Show and Sale**  
September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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

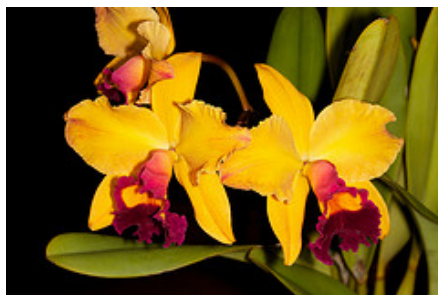
For all show information and map to gardens:  
[www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)  
Information: (310) 707-7097

### Webinars continued

presentation, there will be a link on the website where you can view the webinar at your convenience."

The next webinar will be held on September 27 at 11 am EDT. The presenter is John Salventi, co-owner of the [Parkside Orchids nursery](#). John's topic will be "It's All About the Roots" and he will share his secrets for growing orchids with strong root systems as well as show you how to adapt his techniques to your own collection.

Even if you an't make it for a live webinar, they are still a great resource in recorded form. Past topics include "[Orchids: Pests and Their Management](#)", "[Lycaaste skinneri and its hybrids](#)", or "[Demystifying Dendrobiums](#)" by such speakers



as Ron McHatton, Director of Education & Regional Operations at the AOS, or Greg Allikas, a professional photographer and longtime orchid grower with an extensive portfolio of stunning orchid photographs.

The AOS webinars are a great resource for beginner and advanced orchid growers alike. They are also a wonderful opportunity to hear from expert growers and orchid enthusiasts that small societies like ours would generally not be able to have at our meetings.



# Snapshots From The August 16 Caravan



**Phyllis Prestia showing plants from her collection**



**Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare'**



**Sten. Bill Fogarty**



**Gisela Felter, Elf Mitton, Jerry Spencer, Ron Prestia, and Tom Felter**



**Lc. Puppy Love 'True Beauty'**



**Lena Shiroma, Vidya Sirsi, and Phyllis Prestia**

Photos by Debra Funakoshi - full album at [www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

## The Editor's Corner



It's almost Labor Day, the kids are back in school, and summer is almost over, it just doesn't seem to know this yet. Temperatures are still above normal and we are still getting tropical moisture pushed up from the South. It's often enjoyable), especially in the evenings when it doesn't cool off as fast yet, although I personally prefer "74 and sunny" over "84 and sunny". That said, many plants in my yard, and even some of my orchids (generally better cared for) are definitely still stressed.

Aside from watering an additional time during the week during some of the heat spells, another relief method to try is misting around your plants (not misting them directly though) to keep the humidity high and cool the air a little. Providing some additional shading with temporary awnings or shade cloth is another possibility. The cooler fall temperatures will be here soon enough and the plants best cared for will surely reward us with their blooms.

This month's panel discussion will be a timely resource for getting ready for fall and winter! If the meteorologists are right, we might be in for a particular wet "El Niño"! Recent prognoses have lowered the chances for above-average rains somewhat, but I think we are overdue.

As always, your contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome. Please email them to [newsletter@palomarorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@palomarorchid.org).

Happy Growing!

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## Upcoming Events

**September 2, 2014**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting  
[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)

**September 3, 2014**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Fall/Winter Culture Panel  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

**September 17, 2014**  
 SDCCS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

**September 19, 2014**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org)

**September 20 & 21, 2014**  
 South Bay Orchid Society Show  
 Palos Verdes  
[www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)

**September 27 & 28, 2014**  
 Fascination of Orchids  
 Show & Sale  
[www.ocorchidshow.com](http://www.ocorchidshow.com)

**October 1, 2014**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Paul Tuskes  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos  
[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

**October 4 & 5, 2014**  
 San Diego Internatl. Orchid Fair  
 San Diego Botanic Garden  
[www.sdbgarden.org](http://www.sdbgarden.org)

Fall Open House  
 Andy's Orchids  
[www.andysorchids.com](http://www.andysorchids.com)

**October 7, 2014**  
 Orchid Judging Center  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting  
[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)

**October 12, 2014**  
 Annual Orchid Auction  
 So Cal Orchid Species Soc.  
[www.socalorchidspecies.com](http://www.socalorchidspecies.com)

**October 15, 2014**  
 SDCCS General Meeting  
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

**October 17, 2014**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org)

**October 17 - 19, 2014**  
 Southland Orchid Show  
[www.orchidshow.org](http://www.orchidshow.org)

**October 25 & 26, 2014**  
 Fall Show in the Park  
 San Diego County Orchid Soc.  
[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)

**October 27, 2014**  
 Annual Auction  
 South Coast Orchid Society  
[fascinationoforchids.com](http://fascinationoforchids.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](mailto: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  
 Bill Wong (760) 931-0502  
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