



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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President's Message

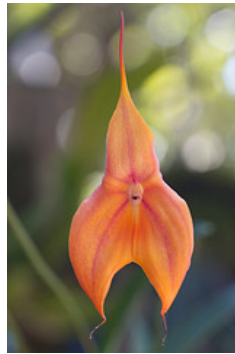
Gil Ho wraps up our annual auction with many thank yous to all the volunteers and donors who have made the event a resounding success.

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The fall season of orchid shows and sales is soon to start! Check out the calendar of events for upcoming shows and other events.

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Results from the monthly judging sessions at the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park

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Auction Pictures

Our annual auction last month was a great success. Have a look at some of the snapshots covering the overburdened plant tables, the many folks in attendance, and the bidding action.

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September Meeting • Wednesday, September 5, 2012 • 7 pm



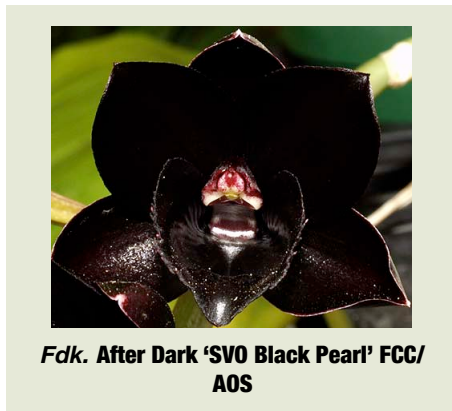
Growing the Best Orchids

Fred Clarke

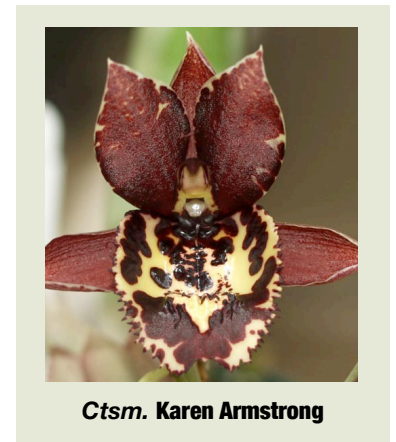
We are fortunate to have return one of our favorite speakers and long time member and supporter of the Palomar Orchid Society, Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Or-

chids, who will speak to us on "Growing the Best Orchids".

Fred's talk will cover multiple aspects of growing orchids including general orchid culture, repotting, potting materials, lighting, fertilization, what orchids grow best together, etc. Fred's power point presentation will review the 'best practices' for growing a variety of orchids and include pictures of some of his novel hybrids and species. The presentation should be of considerable interest to both the novice and advanced



Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl' FCC/AOS



Ctsm. Karen Armstrong

orchid hobbyist. As many of our members know, Fred is an excellent, highly sought after lecturer in the orchid world so his presentation should not be missed.

Fred has been growing orchids for 34 years and has been hybridizing for 26 of those years. With over 26 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery, Sunset Valley

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a great August, and tribute to the end of summer, with an eye toward fall season. For me personally, this summer has been London Olympics and the Stanhopea blooming like mad. Of course, the biggest news for the POS was the Auction in mid August, which was a success with roughly \$5,300 in proceeds to support our operating costs (facility rent, plant tables, speaker fees, etc.). Lake San Marcos was a new adventure for the society, as far as an auction venue, but I think that all members agreed it was an ideal spot for the event. We had some air conditioning on a hot day, and the location was picturesque by a lake. What more could you want? I admit that there were some planning and coordination issues, but don't we always have these issues? Isn't there always a line at the end at checkout? The board and I are going to be looking into these issues in detail at the next board meeting/auction review meeting to discuss how we can improve the auction flow next year. I think, however, most if not all, would agree that Lake San Marcos would be a nice place for next year's auction.

I want again a sincere thanks to all the volunteers who really gave a lot that day to help make the auction a success. I also want to personally thank the many donors who generously gave plants and other items for us to auction. Without them, this event would not be possible. Please look at our vendor page and support those businesses when you need or want orchids and orchid items.

By the way, if the auction fever hasn't left you yet, the Southern California Species So-

ciety is holding their auction in October in Placentia, CA. You might want to check it out.

Happy Growing,



Gil Ho
President, POS

Save the Date!

Our second caravan visiting member's homes is coming up fast!

On Sunday, September 23, we will visit the homes of Renate Schmidt and Merle Robboy to view their orchid collections, as well as stop at Sunset Valley Orchids.

From 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., you may visit Renate's house and Sunset Valley Orchids. Feel free to spend as much time as you want at either location. At 12:30, we will all meet at Merle's house where we will view his garden and greenhouse, and have lunch.

Renate Schmidt is an accredited AOS judge and started collecting orchids when she lived in Chicago. She had three greenhouses there, and served as the president of the Illinois Orchid Society. She worked briefly as secretary and greenhouse assistant at Hausermann Orchids in Villa Park, IL. In 2004 she came to live in California where she now has several



hundred orchids in her collection, which she grows in a 12' x 18' greenhouse and outdoors under shade cloth. About seventy-five percent of her collection is comprised of species plants.

Fred Clarke, owner of Sunset Valley Orchids, is a well-known hybridizer and popular speaker. He has over 30,000 square feet of greenhouse space in Vista. He said he will offer special pricing on some of his inventory during our visit.

Merle Robboy has an extensive orchid collection consisting mostly of species plants of many different genera, as well as a number of cattleya hybrids. He is past-president of the Newport Harbor Orchid Society and the Orange County Species



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Snacks & Refreshments
 This month, all members with last names beginning with **O through Z** 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!

San Diego County Orchid Society

Fall Show and Sale



Free Admission
Balboa Park
Casa del Prado room 101
Saturday October 27, 2012 - noon until 5:00 pm
Sunday October 28, 2012 - 10:00 am until 4:00 pm



Southern California
 Orchid Species Society

ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

Sunday, October 14, 2012

Placentia Library
 411 E. Chapman Ave, Placentia
 Corner of Chapman and Kraemer

Preview at 12:30 PM
 Auction starts at 1 PM

Featuring
Species and Hybrids
 Including many plants not readily available from other sources

www.socalorchidspecies.com

Affiliated with:
 American Orchid Society
 Orchid Digest
 Orchid Conservation Alliance

Upcoming Events

September 4, 2012

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

September 5, 2012

POS General Meeting
www.palomarorchid.org

September 19, 2012

SDCCS General Meeting

September 23, 2012

POS Caravan
 Debra Funakoshi
 (760) 726-7763

September 29 & 30, 2012

Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale
www.ocorchidshow.com

October 3, 2012

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

October 4, 2012

POS General Meeting
www.palomarorchid.org

October 6 & 7, 2012

San Diego International Orchid Fair Annual Show and Sale
www.sdbgarden.org

October 14, 2012

Southern California Orchid Species Society Annual Auction
www.socalorchidspecies.com

October 17, 2012

SDCCS General Meeting

October 19 - 21, 2012

Southland Orchid Show
www.orchidshow.org

October 27 & 28, 2012

SDCOS Fall Show and Sale
www.sdorchids.com

November 3 & 4, 2012

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House
www.sborchid.com

November 3 & 4, 2012

Cal-Orchid Fall Open House
www.calorchid.com

November 6, 2012

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

November 7, 2012

POS General Meeting

November 17 & 18, 2012

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and Sale
www.orchidsb.net

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
bclark@sdorchids.com

San Diego Cymbidium Society

Regular meetings 3rd Wednesday of each month, September-June, 7pm, San Diego Botanic Garden, Ecke Building, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024
 William Wong (760) 931-0502
billtcwong@att.net

August Judging Report

There were 5 orchids presented for judging. Two awards were given.



C. leopoldii v. virginalis 'SVO No Spots'
 Exhibited by Fred Clarke
 Awarded AM/AOS 82 points



Lc. San Diego Variable 'Solana Beach'
 Exhibited by Billy Baker
 Awarded AM/AOS 82 points

Concerning 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

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

Fred Clarke *cont.*

Orchids, located in Vista, California, just north of San Diego. His nursery's web-



Ctsm. Susan Fuchs 'Burgundy Chips'
 FCC/AOS

site is www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com.

Fred is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is wide and varied. Although developing new *Cattleya* hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new *Bulbophyllum*, *Paphiopedilum* and Aussie *Dendrobium* hybrids. Moreover, his pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, *Fredclarkeara* After Dark, which produced "the closest flower color to black ever witnessed". This grex received seven FCC's and three AM's on the first flowers shown for judging.

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Region and a active trustee for the American Orchid Society. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society. In addition to his many orchid activities, Fred is also the manager of the Flower Fields in Carlsbad.

No Culture Class: Since Fred will speak on multiple aspects of orchid culture, there will be no culture class this month.

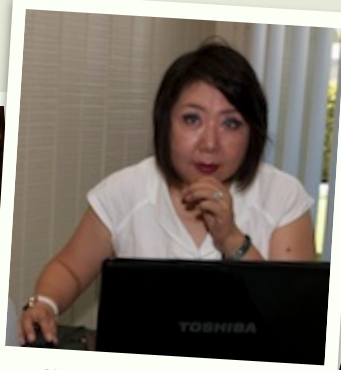
Auction Pictures



Overloaded plant tables



Bidders taking notes



Christina tabulating bids



Renee, Christina, Carl, and Terri



A very social crowd!



Careful plant inspections



Gil starting things off



Alex and Charlie, the auctioneers



A full house!

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

Caravan cont.

Orchid Society. He also grows dahlias, and is a judge for the American Dahlia Society.

Don't miss the opportunity to see Renate's and Merle's orchid collections, and to see what is blooming at Sunset Valley Orchids. Sign up at the next meeting, or

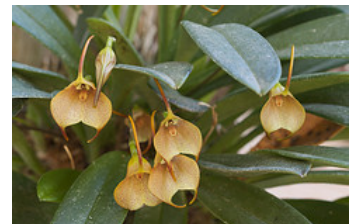
call Debra Funakoshi at (760) 726-7763 to let her know that you plan to attend.

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the Carlsbad Women's Club, 3320 Monroe, Carlsbad.

Go east off 5 on Carlsbad Village Drive 1/2 mile to Monroe, turn South on Monroe to Women's Club. OR go west off El Camino Real

at Carlsbad Village Drive to Monroe and turn south to the Women's Club. Culture Class starts at 6:30 pm. The regular meeting begins at 7:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be on September 5, 2012.



The Editor's Corner



Some of you may have noticed the two strange looking orchids I snuck onto the first two pages of the last newsletter. Due to space constraints, I wasn't able to talk about them then, but they were of orchids I saw on my recent hiking trip in the Austrian and Swiss alps. We saw about a dozen different orchid species in bloom, some of them growing in large groups spread over entire meadows! All of these alpine species are deciduous with bulbs or tubers that can withstand the hard-freeze conditions in the alps.

Here are two small versions of the pictures. The white is the Narrow-leaved Helleborine (*Cephalanthera longifoli*)



and the pink one is the Heath Spotted Orchid (*Dactylorhiza maculata*). We saw quite a few other species of the genus *Dactylorhiza* but this one was most common.



If you ever have the chance to visit the alps during blooming season, make sure to bring a camera other than your smart phone's, which

is all I had. You won't be disappointed!

Happy Growing!

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