



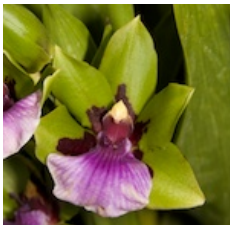
POS News

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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October Meeting • Wednesday, October 1, 2014 • 6:30 pm



Paul Tuskes

Unique Outdoor Growing Orchids

Palomar Orchid Society is pleased to welcome back Dr. Paul Tuskes. Paul's presentation will be on "Unique Outdoor Growing Orchids" with an emphasis on growing information for the hobbyist and a focus on the culture of outdoor growing orchids--water, fertilizer, light,

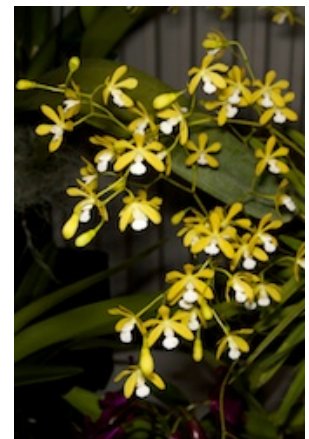
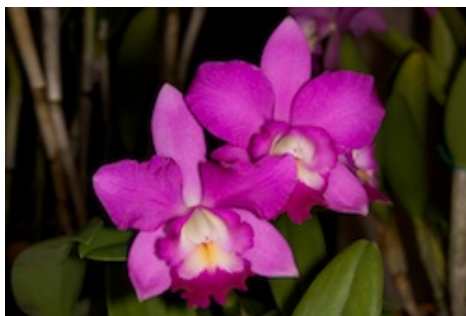
and tricks to make them bloom as well as dealing with problem plants.

Paul will also discuss how to enliven outdoor spaces by including orchids in the landscaping. San Diego County has a wide range of climates ideal for growing various orchids outdoors. Microclimates can be created within your own yard or outdoor space by providing natural and artificial shade spaces as well as affecting humidity with the incorporation of water features, for example.

Paul has been growing orchids for 30 years and his photographs have been used in various books and journals. He serves as an AOS orchid judge and co-founded with his wife Ann the orchid species study group of the San Diego



County Orchid Society. He was one of the first members of that society's conservation group, which received a Conservation Achievement award from the American Orchid Society.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looks like the unseasonal summer heat has begun to subside with more normal autumn conditions returning to our area. Thanks to Merle, Nico and myself, attendees at September's meeting got several tips on how to manage their orchid collections as Fall and Winter approaches. For those of you who were unable to attend, please consult to the 'To Do' lists to gain further insights on how to proceed with changing seasons.

As we approach the end of the year, our society needs to identify new blood to add to the Board of Officers and Trustees for 2015. I am completing my second year as President, which definitely has been a fun and fulfilling experience; however, it would be highly desirable to identify a successor to take over the responsibility in order to allow me to continue to serve the society in different ways. A new President at the helm also would bring new ideas to the organization. If the President position is not your cup of tea, perhaps applying for another position on the board would be more appealing. Please refer to the accompanying article highlighting the other available opportunities to service POS. We really need some new individuals to participate.

Hopefully in 2015 with the help of new members to step up, we will be able to continue to provide quality programs, good growing advice and fun opportunities to our membership.

Happy Growing,



*Alex Nadzan
President, POS*

Seeking Candidates for Next Year's POS Board

November is our Annual Meeting and we will be electing officers for 2015 as stipulated by the bylaws.

At our recent board meeting, we identified the various openings for the coming year. We encourage all members to

seriously consider volunteering for these positions, as it is important for the future success of our society. It is particularly desirable for new members to get involved in order to infuse new ideas and vigor into the organization.

If you are interested in any of the following positions, please contact Alex Nadzan either by [email](#) or by phone ((760) 529-5814, home; (858) 205-6789, cell). A sign up sheet also will be circulated at the October meeting.

Please note that all of the positions, with the exception of trustee, can be shared to make the jobs more manageable. We also are encouraging individuals to consider working in an apprentice capacity so the individual can get an idea of what is involved and, hopefully, take over the responsibility in future years. This is particularly desirable for positions of Treasurer, Publicity and Newsletter Editor.

President: This year, Alex completes his second term as President. He would like to find a suitable replacement so he can serve POS in other capacities. Responsibilities consist of overseeing all activities for the society such as conducting monthly meeting and quarterly board meetings and working with other officers / members to advance the overall mission of the society.

1st VP Programs: Responsible for identifying, scheduling, introducing, making arrangements for monthly speakers and programs including write ups for the newsletter. On occasion the 1st VP will substitute for the President in his absence. This is a great opportunity to become familiar with the many talented orchid experts and other society members who have similar responsibilities. Potential speaker programs are suggested by the board to assist the VP in this activity.



2nd VP Raffle: Manage the raffles at meetings and keep track of the monies received by the society. This can be a shared responsibility.

3rd VP Membership: Sandi Sandquist will continue in 2015, but would appreciate a co-VP to share the responsibility. Responsibilities include promoting membership in the society, welcoming new members, and managing membership fees.

Secretary: Responsibility includes taking and issuing minutes at quarterly board meetings that usually take place on weekends.

1st Year Trustees (2 year term): We have openings for 3 trustees. Responsi-

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Gems From The Last Meeting



Merle Robboy



Bic. Vida Lee 'Limelight'
Alex Nadzan



Nico Goosens



Den. kopfii
Lisa Humphreys



Den. Enobi 'Purple Splash' – Alex Nadzan



Den. amabile
Merle Robboy



Enc. prismatocarpa
Merle Robboy



Pot. Little Fortune – Maryanne Kind



Tol. Jairak Rainbow 'Orange Glow' – Alex Nadzan

Photos by Helge Weissig - 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.

POS Board continued

bilities include attending quarterly board meetings (usually on weekends) to provide input on society matters and interfacing with the board via email on more pressing matters.

2nd Year Trustee (1 year term): Opening to serve out the remaining term of James Michelson, who is unable to continue as trustee for 2015.

Possibilities for Apprentice or additional Co-positions:

Publicity: Seeking someone to assist Maryanne Kind in promoting our society and announcing upcoming events to the public by providing information to established newspapers and publications on our monthly POS programs and our fund raising events such as our annual auction.

Treasurer: Vidya Sirsi will continue in 2015 but could use assistance by someone to start becoming familiar with the responsibility for 2016 and beyond.

Newsletter and Website Editor: Work with Helge Weissig to learn how to put together the newsletter and manage the website with the aim of assuming additional responsibilities in 2016.

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 that year.

At our upcoming meeting in 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 – Maryanne Kind.

The nomination forms for our Member of the Year will include a space for supporting information. Your nominee will have a better chance of success if we can include on the November bal-

lot a good description of the contributions they made. Please come to the October meeting prepared to nominate your favorite person.

Your nominations will be placed on a ballot and we will vote at the November meeting. The winner will be announced and the award will be presented at the Holiday Party December 3rd.

Stanhopea

The following is the Stanhopea culture sheet provided by the AOS and available [at their website](#).

Stanhopeas and related genera have large, pleated leaves and bear incredible flowers with intricate, complex structures and mechanisms for pollination, ranging from channeled walkways



for insects to buckets of a watery solution. Most have inflorescences that grow downward, so the plants must be potted in hanging baskets or similar containers. Flowers are often spicily fragrant, and although the flowers are short-lived, each plant may produce many inflorescences throughout the year. Related genera Paphinia and Peristeria grow warmer than others in this group, and may produce upright inflorescences.

Light should be bright, with direct sunlight diffused so as not to burn the leaves. Most growers suspend these orchids due to their pendulous inflorescences. This also brings the plants closer to the light. Light levels approximating those for cattleyas, around 3,000 foot-candles, are best.

Temperatures should be moderate: 52° to 60° F at night, with day temperatures 68° to 75° F in the winter. Plants can stand short spells of higher temperatures, but air movement, humidity and shading must all be increased. Many species flower in the summer, and putting them outside in the summer may be beneficial. Move into higher light slowly to avoid burn.

Water in ample quantities is important to produce strong pseudobulbs and prevent foliar spotting. Stanhopeas and their relatives can be sensitive to salt accumulation in the medium, so should never be allowed to dry out entirely, even during the winter months when growth may slow or stop. Poor watering habits are also conducive to root loss in these types, and some may be very slow to re-establish once they have lost their roots.

Fertilize at regular intervals. Most growers fertilize with a diluted concentration every week to two weeks. For plants in bark, use a 30-10-10 high-nitrogen formulation, alternating with a 20-20-20 balanced formulation; in the blooming season, which is mainly summer, use a 10-30-20 blossom-booster formulation. Plants grown in osmunda need fertilization only infrequently.

Potting is done best right after summer flowering, as most plants seem to grow year round. Plants that rest in the winter can be repotted in the spring. The best flowerings come from large clumps of plants, so large baskets are usually used. An airy, yet moist medium seems to work best, such as medium-grade fir bark (often mixed with sphagnum peat) or osmunda fiber. Vigorous plants may need repotting every three years or so.



Southern California
Orchid Species Society

ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

Sunday, October 12, 2014

Kraemer Memorial Park
Backs Community Building, Main Room
201 Bradford Ave., Placentia
Chapman and Bradford
Parking off Bradford, north side of park

Preview at 12:30 PM
Auction starts at 1 PM

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

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American Orchid Society
Orchid Digest
Orchid Conservation Alliance



ORCHIDTOBER FEST

The 2014 Southland Orchid Show

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens
October 17-19, 2014 Fri. 12 - 4:30 Sat. & Sun. 10:30 - 4:30

Exhibits by Southern California Orchid Societies
& International Orchid Growers

Orchid Symposia on Saturday and Sunday

photo: James Osen

www.orchidshow.org

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SCOS Orchid Auction

Species
Blooming
Orchids



Hybrids
Outdoor
Growing
Orchids

Monday, October 27, 2014
6:30 p.m.

Join the fun and excitement at our
Annual Orchid Auction.
Bid on Exotic Quality Plants
from commercial growers and
private collections
at no-reserve auction prices.

Whaley Park Clubhouse
5620 Atherton Street, Long Beach
www.southcoastorchidsociety.com



South Coast Orchid Society
meets at Whaley Park
7:00 p.m. the 4th Monday
of each month.



San Diego County Orchid Society

Fall Show and Sale



SDORCHIDS.COM



Free Admission
Casa del Prado room 101
Balboa Park
Saturday October 25th 2014
noon until 5:00pm
Sunday October 26th 2014
10:00am until 4:00pm

The Editor's Corner



On the occasion of the upcoming board elections and the nomination of the member of the year candidates, I would like to use this little corner of mine to give a shout-out to the folks listed to the right. Except for that last fellow, maybe, I have gotten to know them as some of the most dedicated individuals I have had the pleasure of volunteering with for any organization. Their commitment to the society has enabled POS to grow its membership, attract interesting speakers, lead caravans to member's homes and vendors in the area, and to provide a home for orchid enthusiasts in the San Diego North County area.

We have been fortunate that over the past year or so new members have joined us not just for the general meetings but also in helping out with staffing booths or running the annual auction, for example. The crew on the right cannot do it all themselves and it would be great if more people stepped up and pitched in. Also, volunteering as trustee or "intern" with one of the positions listed in the article on page 2 are great opportunities to get involved even for very new members.

As always, your contributions to the newsletter or website are very welcome. Please email them to newsletter@palomarorchid.org.

Happy Growing!

POS Officers

Alex Nadzan — President
Renate Schmidt — 1st Vice President/Programs
Terri Lofthouse
 & **Donna Steinbrenner — 2nd Vice President/Raffle**
Sandi Sanquist
 & **Cher Whelan — 3rd Vice President/Membership**
Anne Gold — Secretary
Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer
Carl Lofthouse, Elf Mitton, & Lena Shiroma — 2nd Year Trustees
Lisa Humphreys, James Mickelson,
 & **Merle Robboy — 1st Year Trustees**
Maryanne Kind — Publicity
Helge Weissig — Newsletter & Website Editor

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Upcoming Events

October 1, 2014

POS General Meeting
 Paul Tuskes
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.org

October 4 & 5, 2014

San Diego Internatl. Orchid Fair
 San Diego Botanic Garden
www.sdbgarden.org

Fall Open House

Andy's Orchids
www.andysorchids.com

October 7, 2014

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

October 12, 2014

Annual Orchid Auction
 So Cal Orchid Species Soc.
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

October 17 - 19, 2014

Southland Orchid Show
www.orchidshow.org

October 25 & 26, 2014

Fall Show in the Park
 San Diego County Orchid Soc.
www.sdorchids.com

October 27, 2014

Annual Auction
 South Coast Orchid Society
fascinationoforchids.com

November 1 & 2, 2014

54th Annual Fall Santa Barbara
 Orchid Estate Open House
www.sborchid.com

Cal-Orchid Fall Open House
www.calorchid.com

November 4, 2014

Orchid Judging Center
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

SDCOS General Meeting
www.sdorchids.com

November 5, 2014

POS General Meeting
 Arnold Gum
 Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
www.palomarorchid.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
 Bill Wong (760) 931-0502
billtcwong@att.net

