



POS News

The Palomar Orchid Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the understanding and cultivation of both hybrid and species of 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 promote an opportunity for their display and the exchange and dissemination of information relating to their culture.

Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 pm



Andy R. Cameron: “Steamy Stories: How Genes and Chromosomes Do Their Dance”

Our society is happy to welcome Andy Cameron, Ph.D., from California Institute of Technology. Andy will be speaking to us on the importance of genes and chromosomes in orchids. In

the present era of genomics, concepts involving DNA, genes and chromosomes are offered to explain many of the everyday processes that we, as orchidists, find fascinating. How do genes affect the shape and colors of orchid flowers? What can the number of chromosomes tell us about our favorite cymbidium hybrids? The relevance of these questions to our understanding of the growth and hybridization of cymbidiums emerges from stories about the way the genetic material behaves during plant growth and form. His talk will take place in the Lake San Marcos conference center which is located near the pavilion.

R. Andrew Cameron, Ph.D., is a semi-retired member of the research faculty at the California Institute of Technology. He studies how the

genomes of marine creatures like sea urchins and sea stars dictate the form of these animals. He is past president of the San Gabriel Valley Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America and an Associate Judge for the CSA. He writes the Duffer’s Corner column for the CSA Journal. He also tries to convince cymbidiums and other cool-growing orchids that Pasadena is a good place to live. One of his major goals is to introduce orchid hobbyists to the wonderful body of biological information that underlies their pursuits.

Andy’s visit is co-sponsored by POS and SDCOS, thus, Andy also will be speaking to SDCOS on Tuesday, February 6 at Balboa Park on orchid flower genes. Andy will be providing the plant table consisting of plants of Tony Velardi crosses from Mariposa Gardens and some of his own cymbidium back bulbs.

Gems from the January Meeting

January 2018 Speaker Fred Clarke on 'Orchid Flower Judging'

At our January meeting, Fred Clarke gave us a very exciting and informative talk on 'Orchid Flower

Judging'. He reviewed how AOS judges evaluate flowers and what criteria are used to award plants. The talk was interactive, and Fred used a few of his own and some plants that were brought in by members to demonstrate what constitutes an awardable plant. Our members got a

good idea of what is necessary for an awardable plant from an expert who has won many AOS awards for his own orchids. Fred also provided a very nice plant table for members to add to their collections.

President's Message

We hope everyone had a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. We apologize for the belated greeting and not having a January Newsletter. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we were not able to publish last month's Newsletter. It makes us appreciate even more the effort it takes to write and publish it. We thank our past and current Newsletter Editors for their efforts.

We had many excellent speakers in 2017 and will strive to continue our strong programs in 2018. Our speaker last month was Fred Clark, one of our favorite speakers (see article below for a summary) and a strong supporter of POS.

Our speaker for February, Andy Cameron, is a faculty member of Cal Tech, a prestigious university located in Pasadena (see write up on Andy's background).

The New Year brings multiple orchid shows beginning with the San Diego County Orchid Society's Winter Show and Sale in Balboa Park the weekend of January 27-28, followed by shows in February thru March. These shows provide members an opportunity to replace those plants that went to

'orchid heaven' or ones that have done poorly over the last year.

Our Holiday Party, attended by 43 members and guests, was held on Dec. 6 and was a great success thanks to the manager and waitresses at Chan's Chinese Restaurant.

Our members always enjoy this event and we hope that those who have not attended before can make it to next year's dinner! As a special treat, everyone, members and guests, received an orchid plant as our appreciation for coming and for a successful year.

The new board was sworn in at the dinner and Bill Wong received the Member of the Year award as a result of his dedication and hard work for POS as co-president, which has made Alex Nadzan's job much easier over the last couple of years.

One of the biggest and urgent challenges for POS this year is to find a new meeting location. Our rental fee for the Lake San Marcos Pavilion has nearly tripled and we will not be able to continue our meetings there.

We will discuss this matter in more detail at the February meeting and, if any members have suggestions on alternative meeting locations, please

let Bill or Alex know about them as soon as possible. If you can make an initial investigation this will help the committee exploring options. We are trying to get the cost below \$200 per meeting with the ability to book several months or a year in advance. We need at least 1000 sq. feet and seek a facility close to our membership base.

Please note that the February, March and April meetings will take place in the **Lake San Marcos Conference Center**, a few doors away from the Pavilion in the same parking lot.

As always, we are open to your inputs, suggestions and constructive criticisms via email, in person, or by phone.

Bill's contact information is billctwong@att.net (760-931-0502)

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Best wishes for a successful growing season.

Bill Wong and Alex Nadzan
Co-presidents, POS

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2017 Member of the Year Award

At the December Holiday Dinner, Bill Wong was presented with the POS Member of the Year Award by the previous year's awardee, Helge Weissig. Bill received the award for his excellent service to the society over the past year by serving as co-president of the society and being intimately involved with planning caravans, show displays, the holiday party and running or assisting with

several of the meetings during the year. Bill also has been instrumental in alleviating some of Alex Nadzan's presidential responsibilities, allowing him to more easily conduct his co-VP of program duties. We are very fortunate to have Bill as an active member of our society and to acknowledge him as 2017 Member of the Year

2018 POS Officers

POS Board Elections *November was our Annual Meeting and Elections of POS officers for 2018 as stipulated by the bylaws.*

The following slate of officers for 2018 was approved by voting of members in attendance at the November meeting. The elected officers will be installed at the December Holiday Dinner.

Co-Presidents: Bill Wong and Alex Nadzan

Co-1st VP/Programs: Tom Wisniewski and Alex Nadzan

Co-2nd VP/Raffle: Jerry Spahn and Open Position

3rd VP/Membership: Wendy Daneau

Secretary: Frank Vogel

Treasurer: Vidya Sirsi

1st Year Trustees: Maryanne Kind, Sandi Sandquist, Helge Weissig

2nd Year Trustees: Suzie Sandore, Cher Whelan, Carl Wood

Publicity: Jim Anderson

Newsletter Editor: Susan Johnston

Webmaster: Helge Weissig

As indicated above, we still have one open position for the 2nd VP Raffle position to

take over for Marita Hoit. This is a very important position and the volunteer will share it with Jerry Spahn. Responsibilities include managing raffle sales of tickets at meetings, the silent auction and the monies that are taken in for the society. Please contact Alex or Bill if you are willing to volunteer.

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Upcoming Events

February 6, 2018 SDCOS General Meeting Casa del Prado of Balboa Park 6:30 Culture Class, 7:30 Meeting

February 7, 2018 POS General Meeting, Pavilion at Lake San Marcos

February 9-11 Newport Harbor Orchid Society, Orchid Expo and Sale, Westminster Mall, Orange County, CA

February 23-25, Pacific Orchid Expo, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

March 9-11 73rd Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Earl Warren Fair Grounds, Santa Barbara, CA, hours 9-5

March 12, LBAOS Annual Orchid Auction, St. George Episcopal Church, 6201 E Willow, Long Beach CA

March 23-25 SDCOS Spring Show, Shiners

April 11 The Cool Growing Orchid Society Annual Auction, Garden Grove Masonic Lodge, 11270 Acacia Pkwy, Garden Grove, CA

April 20, South Bay Orchid Society-Second Annual Orchid Auction, South Coast Botanical Garden Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA

May 12, POS Orchid Auction, Shadowridge Country Club, Vista, CA

December/January 2018

Judging Report

December 2017 Judging: Five orchids presented for judging. One was awarded:

Zygopetalum Firewater 'Frisky'
AM/AOS Exhibited by Casa de las
Orquideas Awarded AM/AOS 80
points

January 2018 Judging: Eight orchids
presented for judging. Six were
awarded:

Paphiopedilum Chiu Hua Dancer
'Sunset Valley Orchids I' HCC/ AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke Awarded
HCC/AOS 78 points

Paphiopedilum Chiu Hua Dancer
'Sunset Valley Orchids II' HCC/ AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke Awarded
HCC/AOS 78 points

Paphiopedilum N.R. 'Sunset Valley
Orchids' AM/AOS Exhibited by Fred
Clarke Awarded AM/AOS 81 points

Cynoches warszewiczii 'SVO Green
Goddess' AM/AOS Exhibited by Fred
Clarke Awarded AM 81 points

Cattleya wittigiana 'Windflower'
AM/AOS Exhibited by Betty Kelepez
Awarded AM/AOS 84 points

Cattlianthe Kool Treat 'Sunset Valley
Orchids' AM/AOS Exhibited by Fred
Clarke Awarded AM/AOS 81 points

Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all member with last
names beginning **A through E** will
share at break time! We
appreciate everyone's effort in
supplying our meeting with
goodies. It makes for a great
meeting all around!

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

San Diego Cymbidium Society

Regular meetings 3rd Wednesday of each
month. Pavilion at Lake San Marcos, 1105
La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078

Alex's SL Circle of Life "Crossroads" x BC
Maikai "Lea"



Ken's Lc. Aloha Case



Jerry & Anita Spencer



Merle's Lc. Trick or Treat "Orange Magic



Suzi Sandore's L. Tropical Song "Tango" x
L. anceps...White Marble



Jim Anderson's Bc. Maikai



MaryAnn Kind's Pap "Snowbird"