



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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Attending Our Meetings via Zoom

For those unable to attend meetings in person, we will continue to provide Zoom links found in the Newsletter email.

President's Message

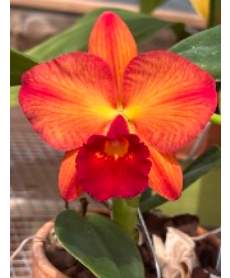
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Judging Report

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Calendar of Events

Two big shows coming up, the SDCOS Spring Show in April and the World of Orchids Show in May.
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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024 • 6:30 pm



April Speaker: Ron Midgett on Kaleidoscope: Breeding with Cattleya Horace 'Maxima' AM/AOS

Our society is delighted to welcome back Ron Midgett from New Earth Orchids. Ron is a shared speaker with our sister society, SDCOS, and will speak

Tuesday, April 2nd in Balboa Park on "Green with Envy: Green Cattleyas—Origins"

On April 3rd, Ron will speak to us on his breeding experiences with Cattleya Horace 'Maxima' AM/AOS. He will explore the fascinating range of colors that crosses with this fabulous parent can create. Ron has personally done crosses with C. Horace with strong yellows among others to create an array of colors. This attribute of breeding with C. Horace seems to be unique to this particular parent. The bonus is that C. Horace hybrids are easy to grow and that Horace imparts good form and size to the hybrid's flowers.

Ron Midgett began growing orchids in 1969 in the orchid-rich environment of Southern California. Since then, he has grown orchids in many different regions of the US and in the Caribbean for three years. Currently, he resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is a breeder with an emphasis on Cattleyas, Paphiopedilums,

and Oncidinae. Several cultivars from his crosses have received AOS awards.

In 1990, Ron founded the New England Orchid Company in Franklin, MA. In 2003, he moved his orchid business to New Jersey and changed the name to New Earth Orchid Co., aka New Earth Orchids. In 2010, New Earth Orchids was moved to Santa Fe, NM.

In addition to Ron's activities in the orchid business, he has been very active in the local orchid societies wherever he lived. This includes serving as an officer, chairing orchid shows, and running the New England Orchid Fair for three years. Before leaving New Jersey, Ron founded the Jersey Highlands Orchid Society.

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President's Message

Hello to all POS Members and Friends,

It's Spring and a very good time of the year for our orchid collections. All the hard work we have put into our collections is paying dividends!!! Many of our *Cymbidiums* and *Zygopetalums* are still blooming and our *Cattleyas* and other genera are in sheath or blooming. Many of us bring in the blooming orchids to display in our homes but quickly run out of room. Some of share cut flowers from our cymbidiums or other orchids and share them with neighbors, friends, etc. *Cymbidium* spikes can last a month in a flower vase. It's a great way to introduce orchids to others and may entice them to attend a meeting and start a new hobby.

Last month, Alex Nadzan and Jerry Spencer provided an excellent program on how to repot and divide cattleyas and cymbidiums. This was our first Culture Class of 2024 and always a good lesson for some of our beginner growers and a refresher for our more experienced members. You can always learn something new from two of our more experienced members. We learned that sources of orchids bark are becoming more difficult to obtain. Some of the manufacturers have stopped producing the 2 cubic foot bags and the smaller volumes are getting more expensive. We will share any updated sources with you as they are identified.

If you didn't have a chance to attend the culture meeting and want a refresher on repotting, you can download Alex's updated document on [Orchid Repotting Basics](#) from our website. Thanks again to Alex and Jerry for their excellent presentations.

Our speaker for April is Ron Midgett who last spoke to our society in 2016. It is a pleasure to welcome him back to speak on "Kaleidoscope: Breeding with *Cattleya* Horace 'Maxima' AM/AOS". Ron is

coming to POS as part of the shared speaker program with SDCOS. Ron also will provide the plant table. More information on Ron's bio is included on the first page of the newsletter.

Before publishing this newsletter, POS held a private trip to SVO on March 23rd, hosted by Fred Clarke. Between 30-40 people visited Fred who provided us an overview of his nursery operation and tour of his vast greenhouses. Many thanks to Fred for hosting the event and for giving us a 20% discount. Besides the tour, our members and friends had a chance to visit before the program started over coffee and refreshments. More details of the trip are on pages 4-5 of this newsletter.

By the time you get this Newsletter, we will have reserved the Dove Library Gowland Room for the remainder of 2024, which includes a second fundraising sale and our annual Holiday Dinner. The Gowland Room has been a great venue for POS, and we are filling up the room each month. With the increase in memberships and guests, we may one day outgrow the room. For now, it meets our needs and at a very reasonable cost. We also find that many of our members like this location for its accessibility and parking, so we plan to be here for the near future.

We also will start planning for our participation in the San Diego Botanic Garden World of Orchids Show from May 4-27. We have not finalized the dates for the POS booth, but it will be three days between May 24 to May 27. We expect and need many of you to volunteer to help this weekend as it provides about half of our fundraising for the year. Save the date and set aside some divisions to donate. More details will be provided at the April and May meetings.

Snacks & Refreshments
This month, all members
with last names beginning
A through M will share at
break time!

We appreciate everyone's
effort in supplying our
meeting with goodies. It
makes for a great meeting
all around!

We hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. 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 858-205-6789 or e-mail them at billtchwong@att.net or anadzan@mac.com.

We look forward to seeing you on April 3rd. Come early and save a seat up close to the speaker.



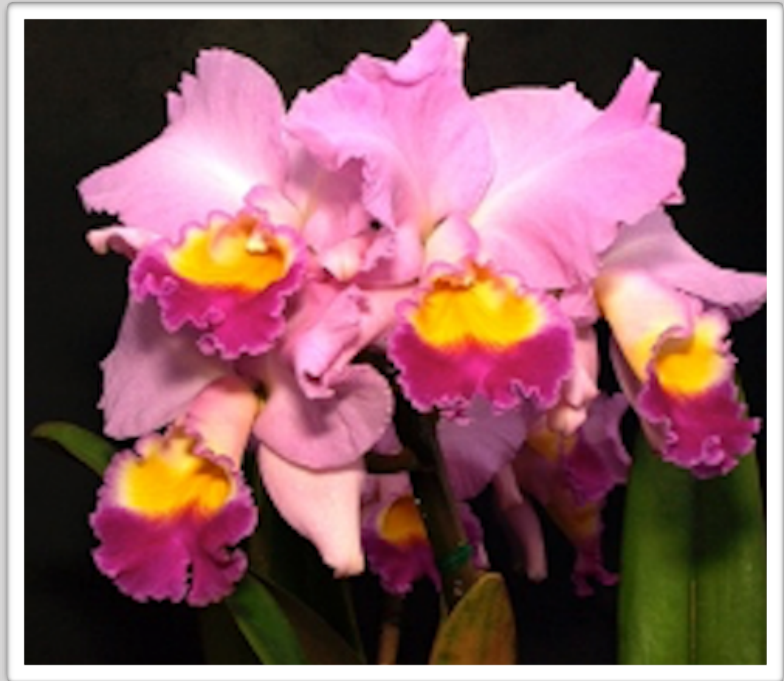
Holcovanstylis Ping Pong 'AMN'

Ron is an accredited AOS judge currently serving in the Rocky Mountain Region. He has served as chairperson for AOS judging for the 2011 and 2012 New Mexico Orchid Guild Shows. In 2011, Ron was invited to participate in judging the Taiwan International Orchid Show.

Ron has authored articles published in *Orchids* and most recently in the *Orchid Digest*. He was given the prestigious Ernest Heatherington award from the *Orchid Digest* for his article, "Beyond Sc. Beaufort—A 25 Year Odyssey in *Cattleya* Breeding". Ron feels a special honor in receiving this award because Ernest was one of his first mentors.

Ron has spoken in many venues across the country. He has twice been an invited speaker to the prestigious *Cattleya* Symposium held each summer in Florida. He has done speaking tours in New England, Central Florida, Mid' Florida, California, and The Texas Circuit.

This month's plant table will be provided by Ron Midgett of New Earth Orchids.



Cattleya Horace 'Maxima' AM/AOS



Pot. Bonnie Petry
(Rth. Heritage Spirit x *C. Horace*)



Rlc. Edgar Foster Daniels
(Blc. Taiwan Yellow Ball x *C. Horace*)

Orchid Virus Testing

As a service to our members at this month's culture meeting, we will test one or two of your orchids for the two main orchid viruses (CMV and ORSV). If you suspect one of your orchids to have a virus or if do you want to divide your orchid into multiple divisions and don't want to test it yourself, bring a small piece of leaf or a flower in a plastic bag to the meeting and we will test it during the break for \$8.00 per test. Should you be interested, please let Barry Reder know in advance so we can have enough kits on hand to accommodate our members. **Barry's email is b.reder@sbcglobal.net or text him at (760) 419-3388.**

POS Field Trip to Sunset Valley Orchids

On March 23rd POS held its first field trip to an orchid grower in three years. Fred Clarke hosted approximately 35-40 members and guests at SVO. Many of the attendees were familiar with SVO and had participated in many of Fred's Open Houses. For several of the guests, it was the first time visiting SVO, and they were treated to a wonderful discussion.

Over the course of two hours, Fred reviewed how he developed his passion for orchids and the early influence of POS on his enthusiasm and passion for orchids. He reviewed the growth of SVO from a primarily cattleya hybridizer to a world-famous hybridizer of numerous other genera, including dendrobium, catasetum, zygotepalum and various species.

We toured each of Fred's greenhouses as he described his production strategies for producing the best, unique, fasted growing and blooming orchids. He explained at what stage the seedlings were in each of the greenhouses. As part of his discussion, Fred gave a mini-culture class and covered topics such as watering, fertilizing, culture, and helpful hints for culling our orchid collections. The final portion of the event allowed us to purchase beautiful plants at a 20% discount.

POS is truly appreciative of Fred for taking the time out of his busy schedule to host our private event. Fred was a wonderful and informative host who made the day very special that was enjoyed by all. Many of those in attendance marveled at the superb greenhouse operation and its efficiency.

Orchid enthusiasts in Southern California are very lucky to have Fred who readily shares his vast knowledge of orchids and resources for all of our orchid growing questions and needs. You can view many of Fred Clarke's award-winning orchids, plants for sale and available supplies on his [SVO website](#).

Again, thank you Fred for making the time for our society. In addition, many thanks to Bill Wong who suggested, arranged and implemented the trip.



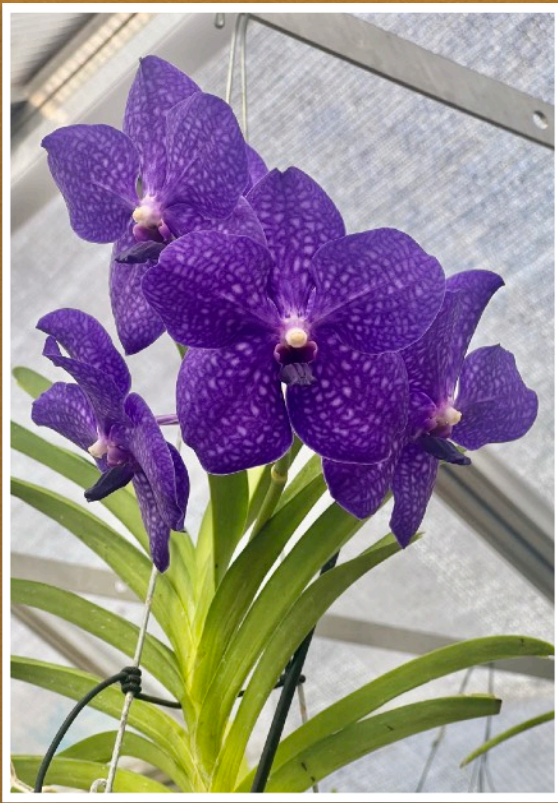
Fred Clarke demonstrating techniques for plant propagation and cultivation.



Rhyncattleanthe Benjamin Reder



Laelia anceps 'Pink Perfection' 'AMN'



Vanda Pachara Delight 'Pachara' AM/ AOS



Rhyncattleanthe Topaz Love 'SVO'

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the [George and Patricia Gowland Meeting Room located in the Carlsbad City Library](#) on Dove Lane, just off El Camino Real in southern Carlsbad. The address is [1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011](#).

Traveling South on I-5, take the Poinsettia Ln. exit and travel east to El Camino Real. Turn right on El Camino Real and turn right again on Dove Lane.

If traveling North on I-5, take the La Costa Ave. exit and travel east to El Camino Real. Turn left on Dove Lane (first traffic light after Aviara Pkwy.)

Traveling West on S-78, take the San Marcos Blvd. exit and travel west, continuing on Palomar Airport Rd.. Turn left on El Camino Real and then turn right on Dove Lane.

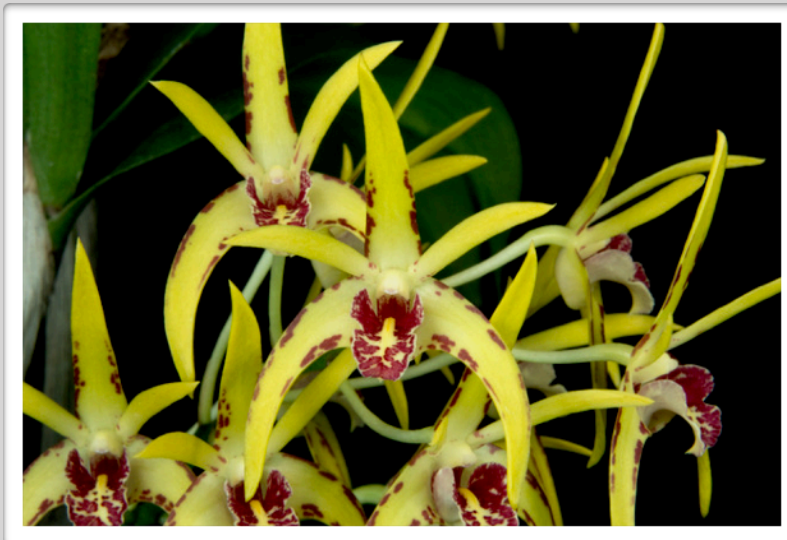
The Dove library will be on your left and there is a large, well-lit parking lot. The Gowland Meeting Room is located on the right hand side of the main entrance.

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa del Prado, Balboa Park)

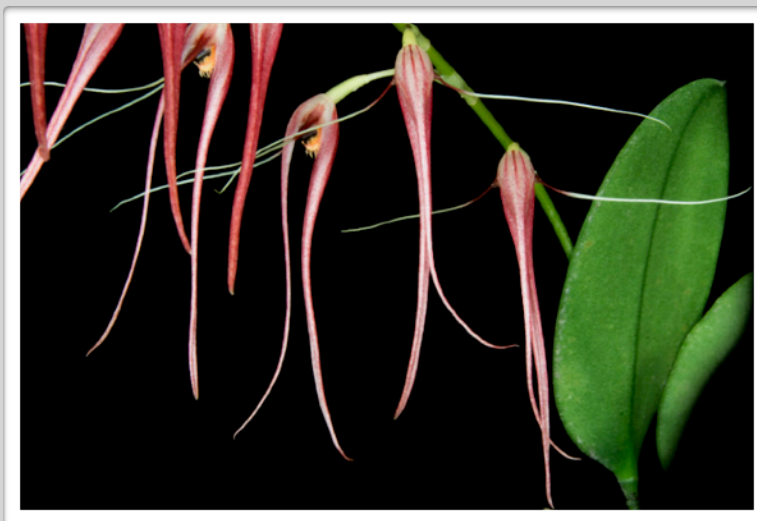
March 5, 2024, 6:30 PM,

Text by Betty Kelepecz, Photos by Arnold Gum.

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Dendrobium Australian Robbie
McInnes AM/ AOS 83pts
Exhibited by George Pflaum



Pleurothallis *glossopogon*
'Windflower'
AM/ AOS 83pts
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz

(Judging March 5th 2024 continued)



Cattleya Minipet 'Jo's Obsession'
AM/ AOS 82pts
Exhibited by Jane Wesley Brooks



Miltonia kayasimae 'Arnie'
HCC/ AOS 78pts
Exhibited by Arnold Gum

World of Orchids Show at the San Diego Botanic Garden

The World of Orchids Show will be held between May 4 and May 27 at the San Diego Botanic Garden.

This year will be the fourth year our society members can participate in the WOS, an event that has been very well-received by the general San Diego community. Members of POS and SDCOS will have the opportunity to display society plants during this year's show which is open from Wed-Mon. during the four weeks of the show. Debby Halliday will again coordinate the submissions and returns of member's orchids on Tuesdays during the show. The initial plant set up is on Wednesday May 1 and those members who participated last year should be on Debby's list and will automatically get an email with details on how to submit your orchids. Please contact Debby Halliday by [email](#) to be added to the list if you have not received her email or want to participate for the first time. You do not have to display plants every week during the show. Forms will be sent out on a weekly basis and plants will be dropped off and picked up on successive Tuesdays (May 7, 14, and 21) with pick up at the end of the show on May 28. The first week drop-off will be on Wednesday, May 1. When you bring in your plants, you will be given a number for each plant and a label, made up by the garden. You tag your plants and hand them off to the garden crew for placement in the display.

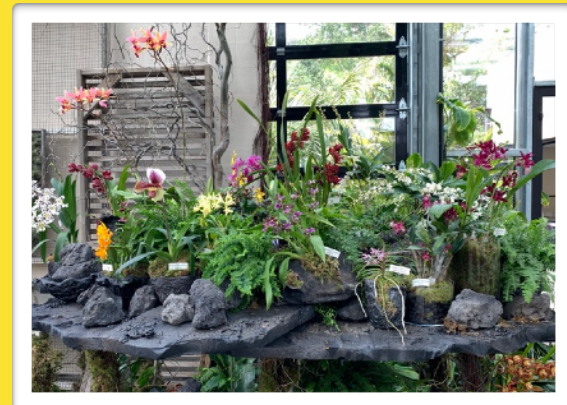
Your plants will remain on display and be cared for by Garden staff until the flowers start to fade. Debby Halliday or Alex Nadzan will look at the plants every Monday and pull out those that need to go home. We will send you a pick-up list and you can get your plants on the next drop-off day. The others will remain for as long as they look nice and will be watered by the garden staff should they need it. We keep a careful inventory of the plants in the show and make sure you get everything back at the end.

Participating in this event is a lot of fun and gives our societies the opportunity to show visitors many of the beautiful orchid hybrids and species we grow to perfection. As a thank you, the Garden gives all participants a free annual membership.

Requirements for your display plants: 1) Clean and bug free - we don't want to introduce pests into the SDBG conservatory. 2) Clean pot, but no outer pot is necessary. 3) Clearly labeled with plant name and your name. 4) Recently watered.

On weekends, show visitors can shop for unusual and unique orchids at the Orchid Marketplace. During the show SDCOS members will be selling orchids the weekends of May 4-5 and 17-19, with the Orchid Conservation Alliance selling on May 11-12 and POS selling plants for their society's fundraiser on the weekend of May 24-27. Additionally, other vendors will be selling from 10-5 every Sat. and Sun. and a few on select Fridays. Please refer to the [SDBG website](#) for more details on vendors, classes and general admission.

Admission to World of Orchids is included with the Garden entrance fee or Garden membership. All attendees are encouraged to make a reservation online to obtain tickets for entry. Entrance is free for AOS members but you still need to register for tickets (under reciprocal) and show your ticket and AOS membership card upon entry. Make your reservation today for this exciting, month's long show.



World Orchid Show 2023



World Orchid Show 2023
Cattleya intermedia f. coerulea

Soliciting Volunteers for the POS Fundraising Event at the WOS

As indicated in recent meetings and our President's Message, we are planning to raise much needed funds for the society.

We are seeking volunteers to participate in our sales at the WOS on three days of the weekend of May 24-27 either by working at the event and/or providing divisions of orchids for sale at the event. We will have sign up sheets at our April and May meetings or contact Bill or Alex by phone, text or email.

We would like volunteers to work at our booth either in the mornings and/or afternoons on the above dates to help setup, sell orchids and take in money for the purchases for the society. We also would appreciate donations of any divisions of member's plants to sell for the sale including orchids and related plants (bromeliads, succulents, etc.). If orchids are not in bloom, please provide a name and picture of the bloom to facilitate selling.




 Long Beach
 Amateur Orchid Society
Annual Auction


Monday, April 8, 2024
 6:00 PM | Preview & Registration
 6:30 PM | Auction Starts Promptly

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
 6201 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815

Contact us:
 LBAOSinfo@gmail.com
 Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society



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San Diego County Orchid Society
Show and Sale • April 19-21, 2024

Spring is a glorious time to enjoy San Diego. Join us in Balboa Park at the historic Casa del Prado for our largest orchid event of the year. Did you know over 25,000 orchid species grow in the wild on six continents in trees and on the ground? San Diego County Orchid Society's fanciful Orchid Tree features 40 epiphytes, both species and hybrids, and 15 terrestrials grown locally by society members. Admire their award-winning plants in person and shop from local and international growers on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; admission is free.

Latest Event Details at sdorchids.com

2024 POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President
Alex Nadzan & Suzi Sandore — Co-1st Vice President/Programs
Jerry Spahn & Jim Anderson — 2nd Vice Presidents/Op. Table
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Upcoming Events

April 2, 2024

AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa
 Park
aos.org

SDCOS General Meeting
 Casa del Prado, Balboa
 Park
sdorchids.com

April 3, 2024

POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

April 6, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

April 8, 2024

LBAOS Annual Auction
 St. Gregorys Church,
 Long Beach
LBAOSinfo@gmail.com

April 19-21, 2024

SDCOS Spring Show
 Casa del Prado, Balboa
 Park
sdorchids.com

April 19, 2024

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

May 1, 2024

POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

May 4, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

May 4-27, 2024

World of Orchids
 San Diego Botanic Garden
 Encinitas, CA
sdbg.org

May 7, 2024

AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa
 Park
aos.org

SDCOS General Meeting
 Casa del Prado, Balboa
 Park
sdorchids.com

May 17, 2024

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

June 1, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
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aos.org

June 4 2024

AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa
 Park

SDCOS General Meeting
 Casa del Prado, Balboa
 Park
sdorchids.com

June 5, 2024

POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

June 21, 2024

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org