



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

The August meeting will not be conducted on Zoom this month but will resume in September. Sorry for any inconvenience.

President's Message

New meeting time is now 4-7 pm at the Dove Library. POS Orchid Sale on September 7 at the Dove Library

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Judging Report

The July judging report will be published next month.

Calendar of Events

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, August 7th, 2024

August Speaker: Gil Ho, MD on Orchids in Flight: Stanhopeas Around the World



It is an honor to welcome back Dr. Gil Ho, our former POS President, who has previously spoken to the society before about Stanhopea species and hybrids. This month, he will be presenting a fun, updated presentation on Stanhopeas based on a new theme. Wait to find out what it is.

For the past 15+ years, Gil has been an avid grower and collector of prominent new world orchids, namely

Stanhopea and related genera, and Lycastes in Carlsbad, CA. Gil is obsessed about anything Stanhopea or Lycaste. Although he collects some species in the genera, these days he is more focused on growing ever-evolving Stanhopea primary and complex hybrids. As pointed out by Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids, Stanhopeas have been an area largely ignored by mainstream hybridizers, likely due to the short duration of the flower blooms. In recent years, small pockets of dedicated hybridizers and growers have been pushing the boundaries of Stanhopea hybridization to new and exciting forms, while continually supporting their commercial value in the orchid trade. In line with this, Gil has been a strong advocate for growing Stanhopeas in our southern California region, because, following a little common sense rules, any grower can be rewarded with vigorous orchid plants producing fantastically abundant blooms. These are really super wonderful plants that every orchid grower

should consider having in their collection.

When Gil is not growing orchids, his day job is a neurologist in memory disorders and traumatic brain injury, running two clinics in the greater San Diego area. Gil also owns a small biotech company involved in clinical and translational research into cognitive disease. Gil started growing orchids some 20+ years ago as hobby to get away from work, but as with others, this soon became an obsession. As an extension of his orchid growing, Gil joined the Palomar Orchid Society many decades ago, and went on to serve as President of the society for several years. Since then, Gil has continued to be a strong supporter of the society and orchid growing through volunteering and educating the public wherever he goes. Gil always enjoys visiting the orchid shows and vendors, when possible, to see what others are growing and, of course, to get more plants!

August's plant opportunity table will be provided by Cal-Orchid, Inc.

President's Message

August 2024

Hello to all POS Members and Friends,

We hope all our friends and members are doing well. While our focus is on orchids, we are aware that there is much happening in the country and world that impact our lives. We obviously can't control external events but try to make our orchid society a positive activity for you and an escape from these events.

In July, in lieu of a normal meeting with speakers, plant table, etc, we held an Orchid Exchange and Pot Luck Dinner. Based on comments received, it appears everyone had a great time, lots of good food and good conversation. If our members strongly encourage it, we may have a mid-year potluck regularly. Approximately 30 people attended the dinner. If we have another dinner, we will modify the program to include some fun activities.

July was our first meeting at the new 4 p.m. start time. It does not appear that the new time had a significant impact on our attendance. Attendance was lower than normal, but that may be attributed to not having a speaker or just due to member vacation schedules.

Our August speaker is Dr. Gil Ho, past president of POS and a strong supporter of our Society. Gil's talk is "Orchids in Flight: Stanhopeas Around the World". Several years ago, Gil gave a talk on this orchid class, but he has an updated version based on a new theme. Be sure to come hear this talk about this genus of orchids, as Gil is an expert on Stanhopeas. More on Gil's background is included in this Newsletter.

In July, the San Diego Fair was held and included a display of orchids and had several speakers including our president, Alex Nadzan, and Nico Goosens who spoke on orchids. The display was smaller than in prior years and only two of our orchid growers, Stewart Walton and Alex Nadzan, participated. We hope to get more participants next year.

We want to remind everyone that POS will have an **Orchid Sale at the Dove Library on September 7th**. We are still planning the details, but we have reserved the Gowland Room from 9 am to 3 p.m. The first hour will be set up for the sale and the last hour will be to wrap up the sale and remove unsold plants. We would like for our members to sign up to help at the sale and to donate plant divisions for sale.

This is our second and likely last fundraising event of the year, so we want it to be a success. Proceeds will fund our meetings, speakers and activities. Also see the POS Orchid Sale write up below for more info.

In August, Alex will not be able to attend the meeting, one of the few times we will miss Alex and his leadership. We will NOT ZOOM the August meeting so if you are one of the few who attend our meetings by Zoom, please note this change. Zoom meetings will resume in September.

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 billtcwong@att.net or anadzan@mac.com.

We look forward to seeing you on August 7th at 4 p.m.

POS Orchid Sale on September 7, 2024

Our society is having an orchid sale on Saturday, September 7th in the Gowland Room at the Carlsbad Dove Library (our regular meeting room) from 10 am to 2 pm, with set up at 9-10 am and tear down from 2-3 pm. The sale is in order to raise more funds to cover our expenses for speakers, opportunity tables and other operating costs. We will have orchids from local growers, Cal-Orchid, Hawaiian growers, and from member donations. Attendees will be able to purchase blooming and non-blooming orchids and some related plants at good prices for their collections. Please plan to participate in this sale and invite your friends and relatives. This is our second and final fundraiser of 2024 and is critical to help cover our operating expenses.

We will have a sign up at our August meeting so please volunteer to assist in the promotion, setup, conduction and take down as well as donation of plants for the sale. It is a great opportunity to donate those extra divisions you have been keeping over the summer in order to clear your benches for new additions. Contact Bill or Alex to volunteer and donate plants for the sale. If you have only a few plants to donate, you may bring them to the August meeting, however, if you have several plants to donate, contact Bill or Alex to arrange for delivery of plants before the meeting. We ask that you donate plants that are cleaned up and in good condition with pictures for non-blooming plants, if possible. We will not have time clean up or repot plants. Also please save your boxes for the sale as we will need them on the 7th.

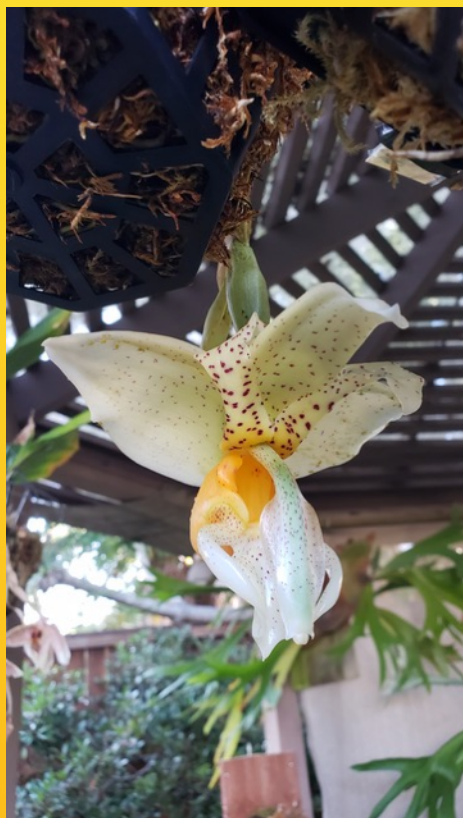
Thanks in advance for your assistance. Member involvement in our societies fundraiser will be essential to the success of our sale.

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

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



Stanhopea jehischiana



Stanhopea Yolanda Breck
(Stan. Lydia Bush x Stan. Dachart)



Stanhopea Ronsard (oculata x wardii)



Stanhopea tigrina 'Predato'



Stanhopea Yoshihiro Urabe
(Stan. Michael Bloyer x martiana)

2024 POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President
Alex Nadzan & Suzi Sandore — Co-1st Vice President/Programs
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General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month **4:00-7:00PM**, 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.

ANDY'S ORCHIDS FALL OPEN HOUSE



Upcoming Events

July 27-28, 2024

SDCOS Orchids in the Park
Show and Sale
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

August 3, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

August 6, 2024

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

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

August 7, 2024

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

August 16, 2024

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

September 3, 2024

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

SDCOS General Meeting
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September 4, 2024

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

September 7, 2024

POS Orchid Sale, 10 am-2 pm
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September 7, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vanden
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September 7-8, 2024

South Bay Orchid Society
Show and Sale
Palo Verdes Art Center
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
southbayorchidsociety.com

September 13-15, 2024

Andy's Orchids Fall Open House
Encinitas, CA
andysorchids.com

September 20, 2024

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

October 1, 2024

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

SDCOS General Meeting
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sdorchids.com

October 2, 2024

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

October 5, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vanden
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October 18-20, 2024

8th Intl. Huntington Orchid
Show and Sale
Huntington Library,
San Marino, CA
huntington.org/orchid-show

October 18, 2024

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

October 26-27, 2024

SDCOS Orchids in the Park
Show and Sale
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com