



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.

www.palomarorchid.org

Monthly Publication



Attending the July Meeting 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

Our society will hold our second fundraiser on September 6 with signup at our August meeting.

Page 3

Calendar of Upcoming Events

SDCOS Orchids in the Park Show and Sale on July 26-27 in Balboa Park.

Page 7 & 8

AOS Judging Report

No judging report this issue



Monthly Meeting Wednesday August 6th, 2025 4:00 PM

August Speaker: Dave Sorokowsky "Don't Fear the Slippers: A Guide to Successful Paph Culture."

We are excited to welcome Dave Sorokowsky, who is speaking to our society for the first time. Dave's talk is "Don't Fear the Slippers: A Guide to Successful Paph Culture." "Don't Fear the Slippers" is an in-depth review of how to grow Paphiopedilum, covering easy, beginner plants all the way through the most challenging species. There are tips for novice and seasoned growers alike. Dave is a shared speaker with SDCOS. He will be speaking at their meeting on Tuesday, Aug 5th on "Paphiopedilum rothschildianum" for those of you who would like to attend at Balboa Park or via Zoom (contact Alex for link).



After receiving his degree in biochemistry from the University of Toronto, Dave opted to step outside his chosen field and operated a tropical fish import business for eight years. Upon returning to school, Dave received a degree in enology and viticulture from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. While attending Brock, Dave began acquiring orchids one 2" pot at a time and before he graduated, Dave had over 100 orchids. About one year later, winemaking and a passion for orchids prompted Dave to seek a warmer climate in California. Dave has been growing paphiopedilums for about 20 years and seriously hybridizing for over 10 years. He is an Accredited Judge with the American Orchid Society, California Sierra Nevada Judging Center, and his paphiopedilums have received over 100 awards to date from the AOS and CSA. Many of those awarded plants play important roles in his breeding program. In 2018, Dave left wine-making to devote all his time to running Paph Paradise Orchids.

Dave is taking pre-orders for any of our members who are interested in purchasing orchids from Paph Paradise (<https://www.paphparadise.com/>) and there is a 10% discount on orders over \$100. Pre-orders are due August 1st, and you can email Dave with your order at dave@paphparadise.com. Dave will also be providing this month's plant table.



Paph. fairrie anum



Paph. delenatii



Paph. Vitner's Delight



Paph. Mr Whiskers 'Jethro'

To POS Members and Friends,

We hope everyone is enjoying our relatively mild July weather thus far and hope August is as favorable as last month.

It still takes a lot more water to keep our orchid collection in top shape as we head into the hottest part of the year. We have lots of plants continuing to produce new growths and nice blooms so divide and repot your orchids in order for them to harden off the new growth before the cooler weather begins in the fall. Please remember to consult our newsletter and website links for monthly tips on managing your orchid collections throughout the year.

For our July meeting we had a very nice and informative talk from Carol Klonowski who updated us on the latest breeding of Taiwanese growers on Phalaenopsis and their direction toward the warmer growing Phals that are fragrant and have novel flowering habits and shapes. Our members were able to add some very nice new Phals to their collections from the Opportunity Table supplied by Ontario Orchids of Vista. Since they are a local nursery, members and friends are able visit their nursery and purchase orchids from them retail. It is well worth a visit to their nursery with days and times of operation found on their website.

Our August meeting will feature Dave Sorokowsky, a renown Phaphiopetalum grower and hybridizer who will speak on "Don't Fear the Slippers: A Guide to Successful Paph Culture." Since only some of us grow Paphs, it is an opportunity to learn more about these interesting, terrestrial orchids and also have the ability to pick up a few new ones for our own collections from the opportunity table or from a pre-sale that Dave is making available to our societies. See the speaker info on page (1) for more details about Dave and the presale opportunity.

August is a light month for orchid events but we will have multiple opportunities in September. On September 6, POS will have their second and last fundraiser of the year and we will be soliciting volunteers for the one day event at the Dove Library. Linda Ivor will have signup sheets at the August meeting and there will be flyers for handouts to friends and local companies to advertise the event. Please see the detailed notice on page 4 of this newsletter for more information and the people to contact to volunteer and to donate orchids and related plants for sale at the event.

As always, Alex and our board members are available to listen to your suggestions, questions and concerns. Please call or text Alex at 858-205-6789 or e-mail him at anadzan@mac.com. See you at the August 6th meeting!!!

POS Orchid Fundraiser on September 6, 2025



Our society is having an orchid sale on Saturday, September 6th 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, Hawaiian growers, and from member donations. Attendees will be able to purchase blooming and non-blooming orchids 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 2025 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 the 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. Our member team, consisting of Shelley Wong, Suzi Sandore, Jim Anderson and Linda Ivor, will be responsible for the sale with some assistance from Bill and Alex. Please contact Linda Ivor (760-846-0242, livor@mac.com) to volunteer for the sale and Jim Anderson (760-724-1531, jnanderson1@gmail.com) for pickup of plants for the sale. If you have only a few plants to donate, you may bring them to the September meeting; however, if you have several plants to donate, contact Jim Anderson for pickup of plants for the sale or deliver them yourself the morning of the sale on Saturday morning between 8:30 and 9:30 am, outside the back door of the meeting room where we will be staging and pricing plants. 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 so make sure they do not have pests such as scale, snails, mealy bugs or ants to the sale. Also please save your boxes for the sale as we will need them on the 6th.

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

Two POS Members Won Awards at the July Fukiran Society of America Exhibition and Judging

On July 19 the Fukiran Society of America held their 15th Annual Exhibition and Judging on July 19th at the Cal-Orchid Summer Hummer Event in Santa Barbara, CA. Several blooming and non-blooming *Neofinetia falcata* entries were judged by Satomi Kasahara Davis and her brother Daisuke Kasahara of Seed Engei. Five top entries were selected out of the total orchids submitted for judging.

Phyllis Prestia won the second place award and trophy for her beautiful, variegated *Neofinetia falcata* 'Nishidemiyaoko' and Alex Nadzan won third place for his blooming, light pink *Neofinetia falcata* 'Toyosakura'. Of particular interest is that Alex's 'Toyosakura' was obtained several years ago as a small plant from the late James Rose of Cal-Orchid that has grown into a nice specimen plant. Congratulations to both Phyllis and Alex for their well-grown and beautifully displayed Japanese Wind orchids.



Phyllis's *Neo. falcata* 'Nishidemiyaoko'



Alex's *Neo. falcata* 'Toyosakura'



Top 5 Award Winners with trophies.

2025 POS Board Officers

- **Co-President:** Alex Nadzan and **Open Position**
- **1st VP Programs:** Suzi Sandore
- **2nd VP Opportunity Table:** Jerry Spahn and Jim Anderson
- **3rd VP Membership:** Trudy Ibbetson
- **Secretary:** Pearl Crosier
- **Treasurer:** Vidya Sirsi
- **1st Year Trustees:** Judy Dyer, Trish Kaufman and Bill Wong
- **2nd Year Trustees:** Cecle Bird, Steve Redmond, and Stewart Walton.
- **Publicity:** Shelley Hardy
- **Newsletter Editor:** Barry Reder
- **Webmaster:** Helge Weissig and **Assistant**
- **Facebook Editor:** Debra Funakoshi

Snacks & Refreshments
This month, all members with last names beginning **A through L** 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 want to encourage more of our members to step up and volunteer for additional positions **highlighted above in bold**. We ask individuals to consider working in a supportive capacity so the member can get an idea of what is involved and, hopefully, take over the responsibility in future years. This is particularly desirable for the positions of Co-president, Treasurer and Webmaster. Many of the current individuals have served in their capacities for several years and it would be desirable to have others to share the responsibility.

Almost Real Science

Many of my orchid friends have expressed a desire to improve their orchid care hygiene while trimming and dividing orchids, but are frustrated both with the cost and difficulty of compliance. "Bleach is so caustic. How long to soak in a given solution for effective sterilization? How hot is hot enough to flame a tool? How many shears do I need? Can I use opposite sides of the same blade safely? etc., etc. Here is my solution to all of those questions. Buy cheap disposable razors from Walmart, Amazon, or Harbor Freight. Use it once and **THROW IT AWAY!** Five to ten cents per plant is a small price to pay. I prefer single-edge blades, but those of you with thin skin may prefer the "safety razor".

Those of you who are getting serious about eliminating Cymbidium Mosaic Virus and Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus, the two most common orchid viruses, from your orchid collection, might wish to contact Dr. Alex Nadzan (858) 205-6789 and set up a group purchase of virus detection kits if enough members are interested. Alternatively, individuals may contact Arthur Pinkers directly (661-607-8220, arthur.pinkers@gmail.com) to purchase kits and have them shipped to your home for a small additional fee.

Silvermax from The Shave Factory Japan Steel Single Edge Razor Blades 100 pcs \$4.99 (\$0.05 per blade)



IVY Classic 11182 Single-Edge Razor Blades, USA, 100 Pack \$9.58 (\$0.10 per blade)



Upcoming Events

July 26-27, 2025

SDCOS Summer Show in the Park
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

August 2, 2025

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

August 5, 2025

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

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

August 6, 2025

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

August 15, 2025

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

September 2, 2025

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

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

September 3, 2025

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

September 5-7, 2025

Andy's Orchids
Fall Open House
Encinitas, CA

September 6, 2025

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

September 6, 2025

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

September 19, 2025

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

October 1, 2025

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

October 4, 2025

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

October 7, 2025

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

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

October 17-19, 2025

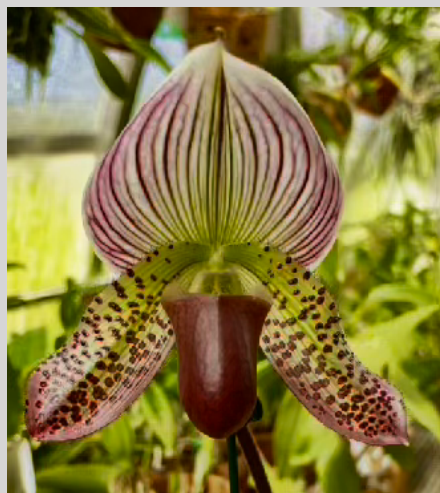
9th Annual Intl. Huntington Orchid Show & Sale
San Marino, CA

October 17, 2025

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

October 25-26, 2025

SDCOS Fall Show & Sale in the Park
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com



Paph. Wood Wunder x Paph. Memorial. Serafin Perez

Orchids
July 26-27
 Saturday Noon – 6 p.m.
Early bird sales start at 10 a.m.
 Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 Balboa Park's
 Casa del Prado, Room 101
Near the Natural History Museum
Free Admission

**Show and Sale
 in the Park**

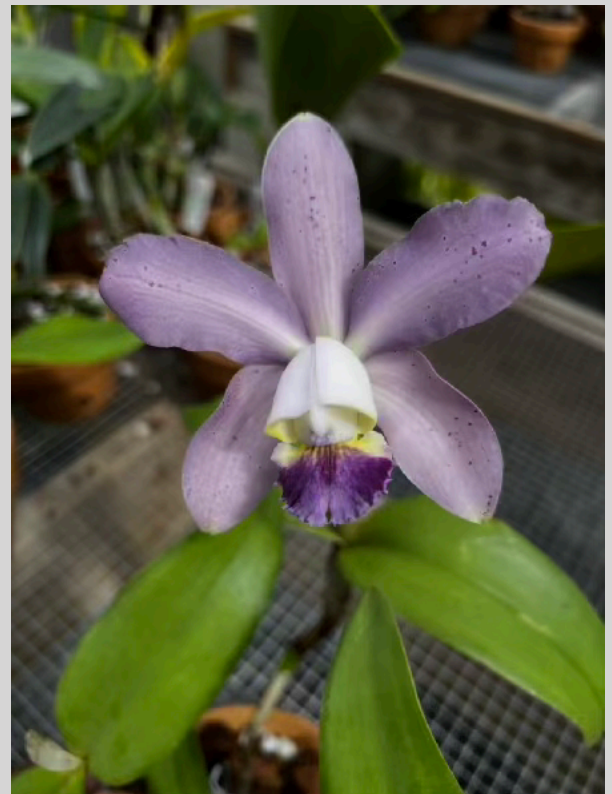



sdorchids.com
 San Diego County Orchid Society
 @SDOrchids

Anders Orchids
 2025 FALL
 OPEN HOUSE
SEPT 5 - 7
 10AM - 4PM




Rlc. Stella Kacev



C. Enju's Blue Diamond