



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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December Holiday Edition - No Meeting This Month

Palomar Orchid Society Wishes You Happy Holidays
and a Happy New Year

Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'Splash'
by Anita and Jerry Spencer

President's Message

Hello POS Members and Friends,

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to everyone!! We hope all of you had a nice and safe Thanksgiving. This has been a difficult and challenging year for all of us. The COVID-19 pandemic has created havoc in our lives, our families, and all societies. It has disrupted nearly all facets of our daily life. With the recent surge in COVID cases across the nation and our dropping down to the purple stage in San Diego County, we should prepare for another challenging year. Like many of you, we miss seeing everyone's smiling faces and chatting with you at the meetings. Fortunately, advances in vaccine development are looking encouraging as are the ongoing efforts to develop effective treatments for those affected by the virus, particularly at early stages. Let's hope these advances are successful and make 2021 a better year than 2020.

We are not aware of any of our members coming down with COVID, however, we did experience a loss of one of our beloved members, Susan Johnston, to cancer on September 30th. We sincerely

hope and pray that all of you remain safe and healthy for the upcoming year. We can't predict when our in person meetings will resume, but it probably won't be until late 2021 or early 2022.

POS and SDCOS will continue our joint Zoom meetings and culture classes, both of which have been very informative. We believe our members have enjoyed the programs and speakers that we sponsored. On January 5th 2021 one of our favorite speakers, Ron Parsons, will share with us his new talk on 'Rare & Oddities of the Orchid World'. It should be an exciting talk so please mark your calendars accordingly.

Last month, Ken Jacobson gave a nice presentation on the "Oncidium crispum group". We are also appreciative of the SDCOS members who volunteered to put on the culture classes. Last month, John Oswalt of SDCOS gave an informative talk on Reverse Osmosis water and how to build an RO system. We learned that it isn't that expensive to build/install a system and ongoing maintenance is minimal. Thank you, John, for your time and effort. We have access to John's presentation

for those of you who missed it. Please contact Alex if you are interested in receiving a pdf of the presentation.

We will not have a Zoom meeting or Culture Class in December and, of course, will not have a Holiday Dinner this year. There are no Orchid Shows planned in the area that we are aware of. However, our local vendors will continue to hold periodic open houses so we can continue to add beautiful orchids to our collection and support these growers. Andy's, SVO, and Casa de las Orquideas are having Open Houses this month so please refer to the ads on pages 4-6 below for details. Our vendors continue to grow plants, but have limited outlets to sell them so please consider treating yourself to some holiday orchids to add to your collections.

In closing, we hope all of 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 760-529-5814 or e-mail them at billtcwong@att.net or anadzan@mac.com.

NO CULTURE CLASS IN DECEMBER

Our Zoom Culture Classes will resume in 2021, with the first one on Wednesday, January 6th at 7:30 pm. Mark your calendars.

TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2021

We are asking all of our members to renew their membership for 2021 at this time since this is our only source of income during the pandemic. We need these resources to continue to pay for our Zoom speakers, newsletter mailings and storage fees in order to remain a viable organization. Please mail your renewal membership (\$25 individual, \$30 household) to the POS mailing address (Palomar Orchid Society, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013) or contact our membership chairperson, Trudy Ibbetson at (trudygro@aol.com). You also may renew and pay directly online on our, [website](#) which also has membership forms for new members.

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Sunset Valley Orchids December Open House

Sunset Valley Orchids will be hosting an online sale from our website, www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com or please call us at (760) 310-0778 or email us at fred.clarke@att.net. This sale will run from: Tuesday, December 8 thru Thursday, December 10

It's time for our annual December Open House! As you can't be here at the Greenhouses, we are making this a virtual open house available to all, it's almost as good if you were here! All plants listed on the web site will receive at least 15% off in addition to the existing discount schedule and the AOS member discount! Look at how the discount schedule can be applied:

Dollars Purchased	Open House Discount	Existing Discount Schedule	AOS Members Discount	Total Discount
\$50 - \$149	15%	0%	5%	20%
\$150 - \$500	15%	5%	5%	25%
\$501 - \$800	15%	10%	5%	30%
\$801 - \$1100	15%	15%	5%	35%
\$1101 - \$1400	15%	20%	5%	40%

The special voucher code is **SVO**. When you check out, type this into the voucher code box on the shopping cart page and click 'RECALCULATE' to apply the discount. Also if you are an AOS member, don't forget to include your AOS member number in the "note section" during check out, I'll deduct the AOS discount when I charge the card. For local purchasers, let us know if you want to pick up your order by calling us to arrange an appointment for pick up, otherwise they will be shipped to you. Delivery will be either December 15th or 16th depending on weather, just in time for Christmas!

As it is almost Christmas, I'm adding a special gift plant to your order, I can't tell you what it is or it won't be a surprise...!

in cold weather: Heat packs and insulation will be added free of charge, assuring safe arrival. As always, I guarantee your satisfaction. This is a great opportunity to add to your collection and get some nice Christmas gifts for yourself and your orchid growing friends. This year's three-inch Cattleya and Catasetinae hybrids have been the best crop I have grown. All of them will need to be potted up into 4" pots in the spring. Check out the new Australian Dendrobiums and Sarcochilus, these really are nice orchids, give them a try.

This is the best time of year to get the biggest plants with a great discount. I hope you have had a great year growing and flowering your orchids.

Fred Clarke and Carlos Lopez

Don't forget!

Our annual open
house is coming!

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Saturday
Dec. 12, 2020
9 am - 4 pm

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Despite the craziness of the modern world, orchids continue to grow unabated. In recognition of that fact, we would like to welcome you to the annual Casa de las Orquideas open house! Come pick out some new seedlings, see some early-blooming cymbidiums, and enjoy some sale prices!

We look forward to seeing you Saturday, December 12th, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Note that this is the same weekend as the Andy's Orchids open house for those who want to combine trips.) As always, carpooling is encouraged and please remember to park on the street if possible, as parking at the nursery itself is limited to loading and handicap access.

Here's the boring-but-necessary small print: No restrooms available, facial coverings required, Please maintain social distancing, If you're feeling sick, please stay at home!



Andy's Orchids 2020 Winter Open House

Dec. 11th -13th, 2020, 10am to 4pm

*734 Ocean View Ave. Encinitas, CA.
andysorchids.com*

*Three complete days to explore our
incredible collection of Orchids,
Join us with thousands of
beautiful and rare orchid
species for an awesome day of
exploration and wonder.*

Please wear a mask and observe social distancing.

**Note: Bring this ad and receive a free plant on qualified purchases,
Limit one per customer, Must be a society member**

December 'To Do' List

General

- Short days and cold nights in December will slow down the metabolism of most of your orchids and initiate spikes on Fall/Winter blooming orchids. Watch them very carefully and cut back on water and fertilizer as cooler days and nights prevail.
- As watering needs of most plants decrease during the winter, be sure to leach your plants thoroughly. Extend your last watering to remove any accumulated salt built-up in the substrate and root system. Excess mineral built-up prevent plants from absorbing the fertilizer and nutrients they need and may lead to deficiencies during dryer conditions. The St. Augustine Orchid Society hosts a [very good collection of articles](#) on water quality.
- Protect outdoor orchids from winter rains. Keeping them on the dryer side will allow them to tolerate the cold winter nights we can experience in Southern California.
- Bring in cold-sensitive, warm growing orchids (phals, paphs, tolumnias, most vandas and some warm growing cattleyas such as violacea, dowiana and their hybrids) to protect them from night temperatures below 50°. An excellent article on 'Cold Tolerance of Orchids' by Sue Bottom of the St. Augustine Orchid Society can be found [in their October Newsletter \(pgs. 9-11\)](#)
- Cold tolerant orchids, including Odontoglossums, Miltonias, Pleurothallids, Masdevallias, and Draculas, will welcome the cooler weather and respond by initiating growth so continue to water and fertilize them during this period but also protect from freezing temps.
- Fall/winter blooming Cattleyas and Cymbidiums are now in bud or bloom. Provide adequate water and fertilizer, but do so in the mornings so plants dry out before nightfall. Stake cymbidium spikes to guide inflorescences for support of buds and blooms.
- Maintain good hygiene practices to minimize transmission of pests and viruses. Watch for fungus and bacterial rot in cold and wet weather.
- More details on specific genera can be found on the [AOS website](#)

Indoors and Greenhouse

- Carefully monitor greenhouse temperatures and check that circulating fans, automatic vents, humidifiers and heaters are in good working order.
- Continue to provide good air circulation for indoor plants to discourage diseases and pests such as mealy bugs and scale. Be sure to check all edges of the pot and neighboring pots. Pests, especially mealy bugs, also can be found on the bottom of pots. Treat early to avoid spreading to other plants. More info on pests and diseases can be found at the [AOS website](#).
- Cut back on watering and frequency of fertilizing in winter. Avoid over fertilizing to minimize root damage and growth of soft growths. Keep to one half to one fourth the recommended amount on the package.

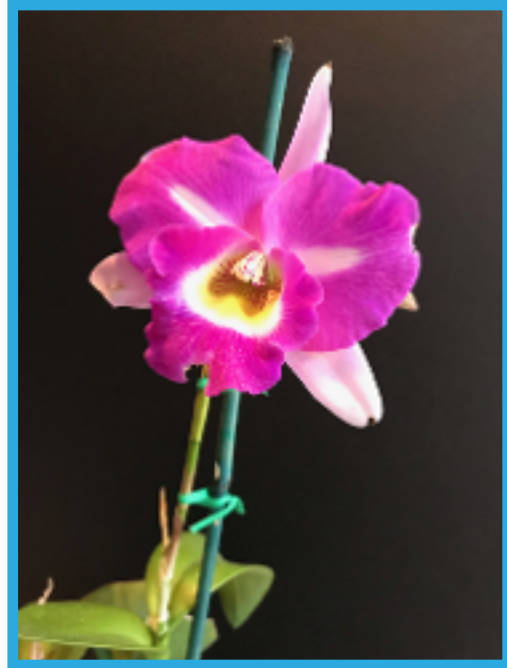
Outdoors

- Continue to monitor and control snails, slugs and pests as cooler and wet weather will bring them out. They can do considerable damage to plants in short order.
- Try not to use water that is much cooler than the plants as their tissues can be shocked. Watering early in the day will facilitate that and allow plants to dry before nightfall in order to minimize bacterial and fungal diseases.
- Most Cymbidiums are now in spike or bloom so switch from high nitrogen fertilizer to one with higher phosphorus and potassium (Hi Bloom such as 10-30-20) to initiate and stimulate spike production. Stake spikes early to train them to grow upright while spikes are flexible. Find out more at the [AOS culture pages for Cymbidiums](#).
- Members of the Catasetinae family (catasetums, clowesia, cycnoches, and mormodes) are entering their dormant period as evidenced by the yellowing and dropping of leaves. Note that some actually initiate spikes at the outset or during their dormant period. Cut back and eventually eliminate water and fertilizer until Spring as recommended by Fred Clarke [on his website](#).
- Most Phalaenopsis are very sensitive to cold and should be inside your home or in a greenhouse by now and starting to spike. Be sure to stake spikes early to train them to grow upright for optimal display of blooms.
- For Phalaenopsis lovers, Orchid Digest Magazine devoted one of their issues (Oct., Nov., Dec., 2013, Vol. 77-4) to this popular class, including topics on culture and temperature sensitivity and recent advances in Phalaenopsis breeding. The issue has some great articles and fantastic pictures and, for individuals who don't subscribe, it can be ordered from the [Orchid Digest website](#).

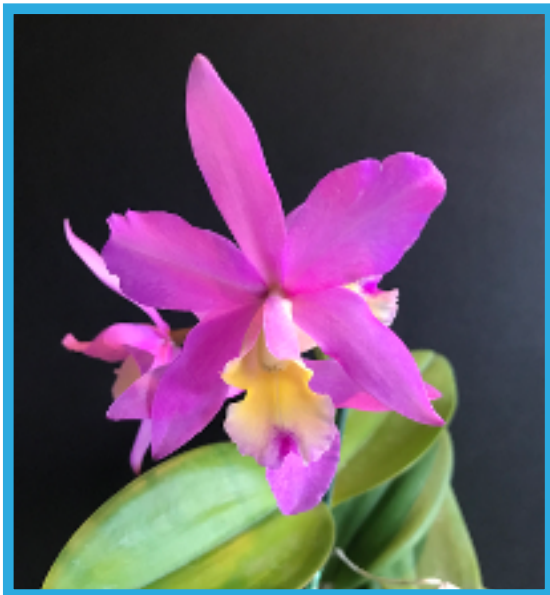
Bill Wong's Photos



L. anceps ('Ultimo' x 'Rustic Royalty')



Lc. Tropical Song x L. anceps Gigas (SVO)



**Lc. Pink Treasure 'Baby Love' x
C. Orchidglade 'SVO' HCC/AOS**

Ken Campbell's Photo

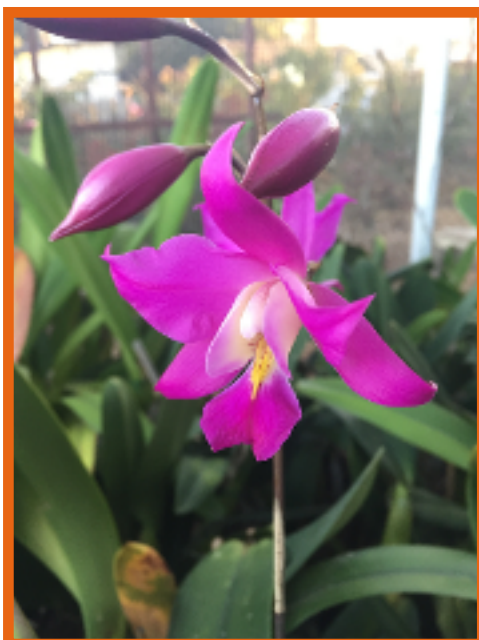
Lc. Aloha Case



Carl Wood's Photos



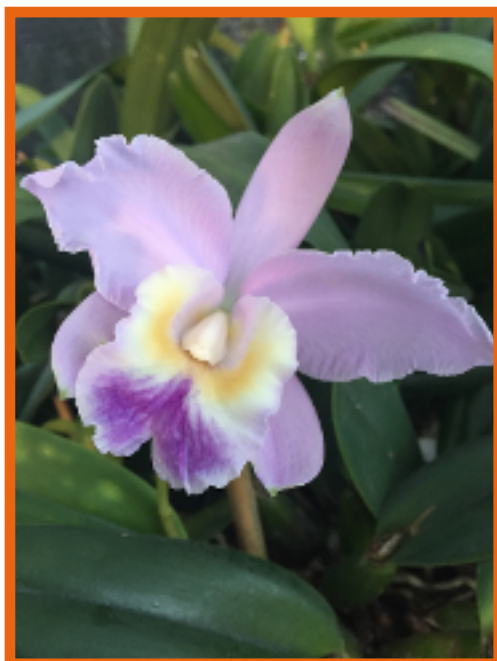
Pot. Carolina Splendor 'Jim Krull' AM/AOS x Pot. Rubescence 'SVO' AM/AOS



Laelia gouldiana



L. anceps ('Helen' x 'Tierra del Fuego')



Lc. Love Knot v. coerulea 'SVO' HCC/AOS x C. warneri v. coerulea 'do Suzuki' AM/AOS



Pot. Greg Uzar 'Newberry Majesty'



Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare'

Jerry Spencer's Photos



Rlc. Kat Green Power 'Triple G'



C. Bactia 'Grape Wax'



C. Dinard



C. Laurie Lynn Westenberger



Dendrobium Clown Feathers



Ctt. Portia



C. Penang 'Black Beauty'



Gur. Barbara Kirch



Lc. Painted Doll



Lc. Jalapa

Alex Nadzan's Photos



**AMN-091 Lc. Angel Heart 'Hihimanu' x
L. anceps 'Feathered Flame'**



**AMN-310 Slc. Circle of Life 'Role Model' x
L. Santa Barbara Sunset Showtime**



Blc. Villiage Chief North 'Green Elf'



**C. Valentine v. coerulea #2 x
Blc. Grezaffi's Blue 'A'**



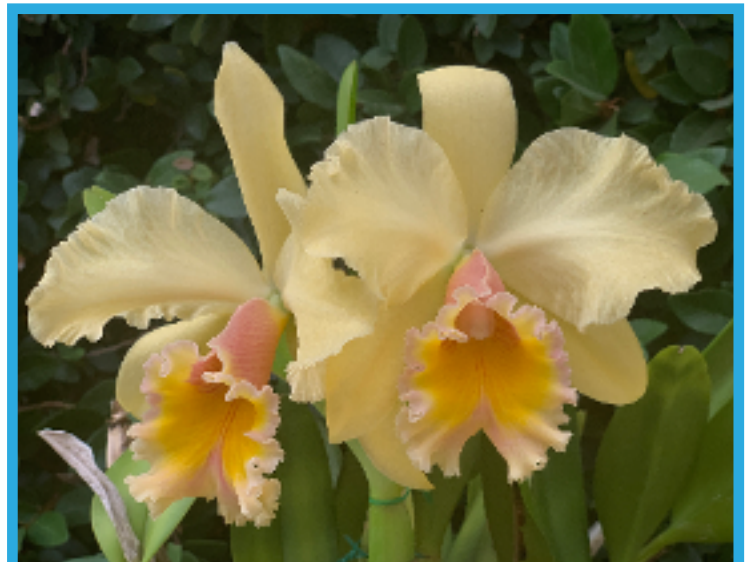
C. walkeriana ('SVO' 4N x 'SVO Best' 4N)



C. percivaliana 'Summit' FCC/AOS



Lc. San Diego Blues 'AMN'



Blc. George King 'Southern Cross' AM/AOS