



# 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](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

**A Monthly Publication**

**December 2022**



**No General Meeting**

We will not hold a General Meeting this month in lieu of our Holiday Party. If you have not signed up, please do so ASAP.  
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**POS Officer Election**

During our Annual Meeting in November we elected the society's officers for 2023 as stipulated by the by-laws.  
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**November Judging Report**

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**Calendar of Events**

This fall and early winter, there are still some sales, shows, and open houses on the schedule. Check them out!  
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**2022 Holiday Dinner • Wednesday, December 7, 2022 • 6:30 pm**

*Palomar Orchid Society  
Holiday Dinner  
December 7, 6:30 pm*

*Gowland Meeting Room,  
Dove Library*



*B/c. Sharon  
Forsythe  
'Orange Red'*

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

*Hello, All POS Members and Friends,*

*we both want to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and Happy New Year. This is the time of year for us to be thankful that for the life we enjoy in this country. We often take for granted how much we have, but when we compare it to the rest of the world, there is no place like home.*

*We are thankful that the Palomar Orchid Society survived Covid. Many organizations were unable to meet via Zoom or have in-person meetings. They were unable to convince members to attend meetings. We are fortunate that our loyal POS members supported our society. Our attendance throughout the year was better than prior years and we gained a few new energetic orchid lovers. Thanks to all of you as we are only as good as our members. We will strive to make 2023 just as interesting and enjoyable. If we don't succeed, you can boot us out as Co-Presidents!!*

*In November, we welcomed Arnie Gum as our featured speaker. Arnie gave a nice talk on 'Orchid Sherlock'. We are already planning our slate of speakers for next year including one or two culture classes.*



*If you have a specific recommendation, please contact Alex or Stewart Walton.*

*We have not yet identified our speaker for January but plan on attending this meeting to meet our new Board of Officers who have volunteered to serve the organization.*

*This December, there will be three open houses hosted by our favorite local vendors. Sunset Valley Orchids and Casa de las Orquideas will hold their Open Houses on Saturday, December 3 from 9 am-4 pm, while Andy's Orchids will have their event from December 9-11 from 10 am-4 pm. Please refer to the ads in this newsletter and/or their respective websites for more details. Please support these businesses as they are always very supportive of our society.*

*In January, we encourage all our members to renew their membership and consider*

Remember, there will not be a formal meeting in December as we will be having our annual Holiday Dinner on December 7th. If you haven't signed up yet, please [download the sign-up form](#) and submit by **December 1st**. We will enjoy a catered Chinese meal at the Dove Library and all attendees will receive a nice orchid in bud or bloom from Hawaii!

*supporting POS in other ways, such as planning an Orchid Caravan to an orchid grower or hobbyist, helping plan our annual fundraiser, or becoming a volunteer one of our open board positions.*

*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. This is your society so please get more involved and participate in the planning. Please call Bill at 760-931-0502 or Alex at 760-529-5814 or e-mail them at [billtcwong@att.net](mailto:billtcwong@att.net) or [anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com).*

*Happy Holiday and Happy New Year!!!!*

*Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong  
Co-Presidents, POS*



# Slate of Officers for 2023 POS Board

The following individuals were unanimously approved for the 2023 Board by attending members at our Annual Meeting on November 2. Board members will be inducted at our Holiday Dinner on December 7.

2023 POS Officers:

- **Co-President:** Bill Wong and Alex Nadzan
- **1st VP Programs:** Stewart Walton and Alex Nadzan
- **2nd VP Raffle:** Jerry Spahn and **Open Position**
- **3rd VP Membership:** Trudy Ibbetson
- **Secretary:** Maryanne Kind
- **Treasurer:** Vidya Sirsi and **Assistant**
- **1st Year Trustees:** Debra Funakoshi, Tom Wisniewski and Judy Dyer



## 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](#).

- **2nd Year Trustees:** Suzi Sandore, Steve Redmond, and Cecily Bird.
- **Publicity: Open Position**
- **Newsletter Editor:** Helge Weissig and **Assistant**
- **Webmaster:** Helge Weissig and **Assistant**
- **Facebook Editor:** Debra Funakoshi

We still would like some of our members to step up and volunteer for additional positions as highlighted in **bold** above. We encourage individuals to consider working in an supportive capacity so the individual can get and idea of what is involved and, hopefully, take over the responsibility in future years. This is particularly desirable for the positions of 2nd VP/Raffle and Treasurer. 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.

**Publicity:** Seeking someone to promote our society and announce upcoming events to the public by providing information to established newspapers and publications on our monthly POS programs and our annual fundraising auctions and/or sales.

**VP/Raffle:** Jerry Spahn can use a CoVP to work with him to administer our raffles at monthly meetings. The position involves helping to issue tickets and taking monies for winners of our silent auctions.

**Trustee:** We currently have an opening to fill a 2nd Year trustee position. Trustees can participate in board meetings (2-3 per year) to advise the board on issues of importance to the society (financial, speakers, events, etc.). Positions are usually for a two-year term that can be renewed as desired.

**Treasurer Assistant:** Vidya Sirsi has been our treasurer for several years and could use assistance by someone when she is out of town and who might eventually take over the responsibility in future years.

**Newsletter Assistant:** Helge Weissig has been responsible for publishing our newsletter and managing our website for quite some time. He could use someone with computer and internet skills to assist him with these responsibilities.

Please contact Bill or Alex if you would like to volunteer for any of these positions.

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.

## November Judging Report

There were six orchids presented for judging and one was awarded.



*Encyclia plicata* 'Paradox'  
Exhibited by Paul and Ann Tuskes  
Awarded AM, 80 points

## Judging Sessions

The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. Locally, the sessions are held in Balboa Park, Casa del Prado in room 104 on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm.

Starting with the June session, the COVID-19 protocols will be relaxed: vaccinations are not mandated and masks are optional. For questions, please contact Phyllis Prestia at [orchldy1@mac.com](mailto:orchldy1@mac.com)

*Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia*



*You are cordially invited to:*

OUR ANNUAL  
**OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, December 3, 2022  
 9 am - 4 pm

*Casa de las Orquideas*  
 170 S. NARDO AVE.  
 SOLANA BEACH, CA 92075  
 858-755-7572  
 WWW.ORQUIDEAS.COM  
 CASA@ORQUIDEAS.COM

*Andy's Orchids.com*  
 2022 Winter Open House

December  
 9th - 11th  
 10:00am - 4:00pm

**SVO**   
 Sunset Valley Orchids  
*Superior Hybrids for Orchid Enthusiasts*

# Open House

**Fantastic discounts on all plant stock!**

Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 9AM till 4PM  
 1255 Navel Place, Vista CA 92083 (760) 310-0778  
 www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com

**Bring this invite for a raffle ticket**

## 2022 POS Officers

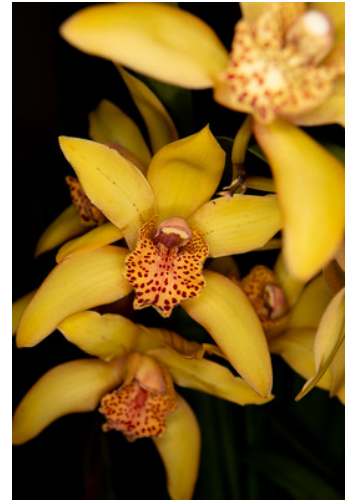
**Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President**  
**Alex Nadzan & Tom Wisniewski — Co-1st Vice President/Programs**  
**Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle**  
**Trudy Ibbetson — 3rd Vice President/Membership**  
**Maryann Kind — Secretary**  
**Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer**  
**Judy Dyer, Debra Funakoshi, Stewart Walton — 2nd Year Trustees**  
**Steve Redmond, Suzi Sandore, Cher Whelan — 1st Year Trustees**  
**Helge Weissig — Website & Newsletter Editor**  
**Debra Funakoshi — Facebook Editor**

## Contact Us

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## Upcoming Events

**December 3, 2022**  
 Open House  
 Sunset Valley Orchids  
[sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://sunsetvalleyorchids.com)

Open House  
 Casa de las Orquideas  
[orquideas.com](http://orquideas.com)

**December 6, 2022**  
 SDCOS Holiday Party  
 TBD  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

**December 7, 2022**  
 POS Holiday Party  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**December 9 - 11, 2022**  
 Winter Open House  
 Andy's Orchids  
[andysorchids.com](http://andysorchids.com)

**December 10, 2022**  
 SDCOS Species Meeting  
 David Vanden  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

**December 16, 2022**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**January 3, 2023**  
 AOS Orchid Judging  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[aos.org](http://aos.org)

SDCOS General Meeting  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

**January 4, 2023**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**January 7, 2023**  
 SDCOS Species Meeting  
 David Vanden  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

**January 20, 2023**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**February 4, 2023**  
 SDCOS Species Meeting  
 David Vanden  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

**February 7, 2023**  
 AOS Orchid Judging  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[aos.org](http://aos.org)

SDCOS General Meeting  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

**February 8, 2023**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**February 17, 2023**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

## Our Sister Society's Meetings

The San Diego County Orchid Society meets on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 101 in the Casa del Prado of Balboa Park in San Diego. Culture class starts at 6:30 pm and the General meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Meetings are free and are open to the public, except for the May and December meetings which are member & invited guests only. Each first Tuesday meeting includes a Plant Forum: your opportunity to share a stunning bloom which wasn't ready for the previous show.

[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

