



# 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)

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### 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 2024 as stipulated by the by-laws.

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### November Judging Report

There were 11 orchids presented for judging and five were awarded.

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### Calendar of Events

This fall and early winter, there are some excellent open houses on the schedule. Check them out!

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2023 Holiday Dinner • Wednesday, December 6, 2023 • 6:30 pm

Palomar Orchid Society  
Holiday Dinner  
December 6th, 6:30 pm

Gowland Meeting Room  
Dove Library



B/c. Village Chief North  
'Green Elf'

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

*Hello to all POS Members and Friends,*

*We wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving and convey our wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season. The final two months of the year is a busy time and an opportunity to spend more time with family and friends, to enjoy the festivities and to reflect on the past year.*

*As Co-Presidents of the Palomar Orchid Society, we are both thankful that we had another successful year. We had many excellent speakers, two successful fundraising events and, most importantly, all our members remained safe and healthy. We hope that 2024 is a good year for all of you. We are pleased to have several active new members join this year as well as a few returning members. Without our members, there would not be the POS. We have received comments from several of you that you appreciate our society. We welcome all new members, both beginners and more advanced growers. Our members are helpful and willing to share information and answer questions and assist in any way we can.*

*We tried doing things differently this year. We did not have an Orchid Auction, but instead had an Orchid Sale at the Dove Library that was very successful. Many of our members chipped in and volunteered to help and donated plants. Thanks to all of you. We also held a 3-day sale at the San Diego Botanic Garden that was quite successful. Again, a big Thank You to all the members who volunteered at the sales booth and who donated plants. With these two fundraising events and the membership dues, we made enough to cover nearly all our expenses and learned that we did not have to stage an all-day Orchid Auction with the expense of renting a venue for the day and requiring extensive manpower to carry out the event. We plan to have similar fundraising events in 2024 with more details to come.*

*Last month, we did not have a live presenter but instead showed an AOS webinar by George Hatfield of Hatfield Orchids. George gave an excellent talk on how to grow award-winning cymbidium orchids and it covered many of the basics for successful growing of cymbidiums and orchids in general. Most of our members thoroughly enjoyed the presentation. We had a lower-than-normal turnout, probably because many of members prefer live speakers. We are aware of that and have avoided zoom only meetings with remote speakers.*

Remember, there will not be a formal meeting in December as we will be having our annual Holiday Dinner on December 6th. If you haven't signed up yet, please [download the sign-up form](#) and submit it by **November 27th**. 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!

*On December 6th, POS will have its holiday dinner at the Dove Library. We encourage all of you to come and have a great time, good Chinese food, delicious desserts and a nice blooming or blooming size orchid. This evening is one of the best meetings of the year because we get to talk with fellow members and friends the entire evening, not just during the break. If you want to attend, please [download the sign-up form](#) and mail it in with your check for \$30 (per person) to Bill Wong at 7098 Heron Circle, Carlsbad, CA 92011. **The deadline is November 27th**. If you have any questions, please call Bill at 818-636-8709.*

*At the dinner, we will hold the installation of Officers and thank the outgoing Board for its contributions. In most instances, the new and outgoing officers remain unchanged, however, we can still use a few members to step up and fill the vacant positions as indicated in the accompanying section on page 3.*

*We are working on developing our slate of programs for 2024 and we hope to provide another year of great speakers and culture classes. In January our speaker will be Carol Beule. She is a first-time speaker to POS and an accredited AOS judge with lots of orchid experiences. Her topic will be Sarcophilus, a class of compact orchids that every hobbyist should have in their collection.*

*Also in 2024, we will be planning our first Orchid Caravan in over 3 years. Due to Covid and for other reasons, we have not had a Caravan and we will work diligently to plan one during the year.*

*In January, we encourage all our members to renew their membership. Due to increasing costs, the board has raised the membership fees to \$30 per individual and \$35 per family. However, for members who do not renew by April 1, the fee increases to \$35 and \$40, respectively.*

*In each President's Message we ask for suggestions and solicit more participation from our members. We receive very few suggestions and few volunteers so we can only assume you are happy with our programs and meetings.*

*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](mailto:billtcwong@att.net) or [anadzan@ma.com](mailto:anadzan@ma.com).*

*We look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Dinner*



Slc. Marie Nohava 'Hollow Advance'

# Slate of Officers for 2024 POS Board

The following individuals were unanimously approved for the 2024 Board by attending members at Annual Meeting on November 1st. Board members will be inducted at our Holiday Dinner on December 6th.

2024 POS Officers:

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

We still encourage some of our members to step up and volunteer for additional positions highlighted below in **bold**. We encourage individuals to consider working in a 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 1st VP/Programs 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.

**1st VP Programs:** To work with Alex and the SDCOS Programs VP to identify prospective speakers for our society and co-ordinate with SDCOS to bring in shared speakers and secure plant tables for POS either from the monthly speaker or local vendors for our meetings. Stewart Walton will continue in the VP capacity until a replacement is found.

**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.

**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.

**Webmaster 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 maintaining the website.

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



Miltonia Earl Dunn

## 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.

# November Judging Report

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), October 28, 2023 Fall Show in the Park

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

There were 5 orchids presented for judging. Two were awarded.



*Gomesa varicose* 'Felicio Valdiño' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Bill Loy

Awarded AM, 84 points



*Catasetum semicirculatum* 'Cassandra' AM/AOS

Exhibited by David Brown

Awarded AM, 84 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.

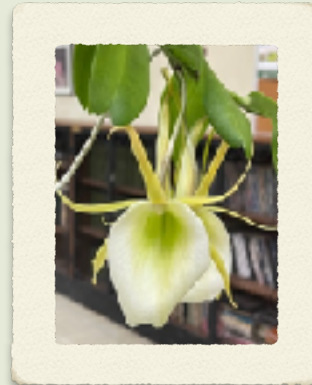
For questions, please contact Phyllis Prestia at

[orchldy1@mac.com](mailto:orchldy1@mac.com)

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), November 7, 2023

Text by Phyllis Prestia. Photos by Jane Westley Brooks.

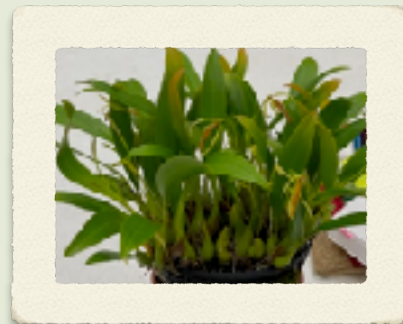
There were 6 orchids presented for judging. Three were awarded.



*Angraecum infundibulare* 'Mister Snow' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Jane Westley Brooks

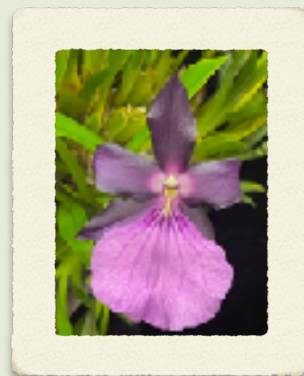
Awarded AM, 82 points



*Bulbo. scaphioglossum* 'Windflower' CBR/AOS

Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz

Awarded CBR, No points need



*Miltonia moreliana* 'Laurie' HCC/AOS

Exhibited by Scott McGregor

Awarded HCC 76 points



# Open House

**Fantastic discounts on all plant stock!**

Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9AM till 4PM  
**1255 Navel Place, Vista CA 92083 (760) 310-0778**  
[www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com)

Bring this invite for a raffle ticket

*Don't forget!*

Our annual open house is coming!

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Saturday  
Dec. 9, 2023  
9 am - 4 pm

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*Casa de las Orquideas*  
170 S. Nardo Ave.  
Solana Beach, CA 92075  
858.755.7572  
[casa@orquideas.com](mailto:casa@orquideas.com)

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for more information, check  
[www.orquideas.com](http://www.orquideas.com)



## 2024 POS Officers

**Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President**  
**Alex Nadzan & Stewart Walton— Co-1st Vice President/Programs**  
**Jerry Spahn & Jim Anderson — 2nd Vice President/Op. Table**  
**Trudy Ibbetson — 3rd Vice President/Membership**  
**Pearl Croiser— Secretary**  
**Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer**  
**Judy Dyer, Debra Funakoshi & Stewart Walton — 2nd Year Trustees**  
**Steve Redmond, Suzi Sandore & Cecle Bird — 1st Year Trustees**  
**Barry Reder — Newsletter Editor**  
**Helge Weissig — Website Editor**  
**Debra Funakoshi — FaceBook Editor**

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## Upcoming Events

**December 2, 2023**  
 SDCOS Species Meeting  
 David Vanden  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

Sunset Valley Orchids  
 Open House  
[sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://sunsetvalleyorchids.com)

**December 5, 2023**  
 AOS Orchid Judging  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[aos.org](http://aos.org)

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

**December 6, 2023**  
 POS Holiday Party  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**December 8-10, 2023**  
 Andy's Orchids  
 Winter/Holiday Open House  
[andysorchids.com](http://andysorchids.com)

**December 9, 2023**  
 Casa de las Orquideas  
 Winter/Holiday Open House

**December 15, 2023**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**January 2, 2024**  
 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 3, 2024**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**January 6, 2024**  
 SDCOS Species Meeting  
 David Vanden  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

**January 19, 2024**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**February 3, 2024**  
 SDCOS Species Meeting  
 David Vanden  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

**February 6, 2024**  
 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 7, 2024**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**February 16, 2024**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**March 2, 2024**  
 SDCOS Species Meeting  
 David Vanden  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

**March 5, 2024**  
 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)

**March 6, 2024**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**March 8-10, 2024**  
 Santa Barbara Intl. Orchid Show  
 Earl Warren Showgrounds  
 Santa Barbara, CA  
[sborchidshow.com](http://sborchidshow.com)

**March 15, 2024**  
 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.



Cymbidium Bob Marlin 'Rob Sam'