



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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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 2025 as stipulated by the by-laws.
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November Judging Report

Five orchids were awarded on November 5th.
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Calendar of Events

There are Holiday Dinners and Open Houses on the schedule in December. Check them out!
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2024 Holiday Dinner • Wednesday, December 4, 2024 • 4:00 pm

*Palomar Orchid Society
Holiday Dinner
December 4th, 4-7 pm*



*Gowland Meeting
Room, Dove Library*

*B/c. Hausermann's
Holiday 'Christmas'
AM/AOS*

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Seasons Greetings to All POS Members and Friends,

Alex and Bill wish all of you a very happy and safe Holiday Season and a wonderful New Year. As we write the final newsletter for this year, it seems that this year has passed so quickly. Part of that is due to the many good meetings and great speakers that we were able to book. It's also due to the enthusiastic members, new and old, that support POS. At each meeting we see how much you enjoy the programs and how much you enjoy interacting with each other. There is so much energy in the room before, during and after the meeting.

During Covid we were unsure how we could maintain our meetings and retain the members. We were not sure how we could afford the rental fees of meeting rooms. Good news is we are stronger than ever. Meeting attendance averages about 40 and our finances are strong.

2024 was a big success because we were able to blend in many of our regular speakers and sprinkled in a few new speakers, such as Mitch Schneider and Cindy Hill.

Remember, there will not be a formal meeting in December as we will be having our annual Holiday Dinner on December 4th. If you haven't signed up yet, please contact Bill Wong directly **no later than November 29**. We will enjoy a Chinese meal at the Dove Library and all attendees will receive a nice orchid in bud or bloom from Hawaii!

We want to express a big Thank You to all of you for making this happen and we need your continued support in 2025.

The final meeting of 2024 is our December 4th Holiday Dinner at the Dove Library from 4-7 pm. About 30 people have already signed up. If you want to attend, it's not too late but you need to let Bill know by November 29th at the latest. We can accommodate at most 5 or 6 more people. Please contact Bill ASAP either by phone or email (760-931-0502, billtcwong@at-t.net) as we must finalize the dinner menu and guarantee the headcount.

There is no speaker this month and every person will receive a blooming orchid. Due to the early start of the event, we will have a few announcements at the outset, induct our 2025 Board of Officers for POS, then begin our dinner from Chin's Gourmet around 5 pm.

In November we welcomed Cindy Hill as a first-time speaker to POS. Cindy gave an excellent presentation on her Top Ten Favorite Orchids and How to Grow Them. We received several compliments on her presentation and look forward to inviting Cindy again.

Cindy is a big and generous supporter of the orchid community. Cindy did not accept the normal speaker stipend (basically donating it back to POS). On top of that she donated 9 beautiful hand-crafted clay Neo Pots to POS to help our fundraising efforts. We are very appreciative of Cindy's support and generosity. Bill thinks we should invite her to speak January thru November!!

Alex and Suzi are already planning next year's slate of programs, and the first 3 months are set. We still need volunteers to help with planning other activities such as a Caravan or Open House. Contact Alex

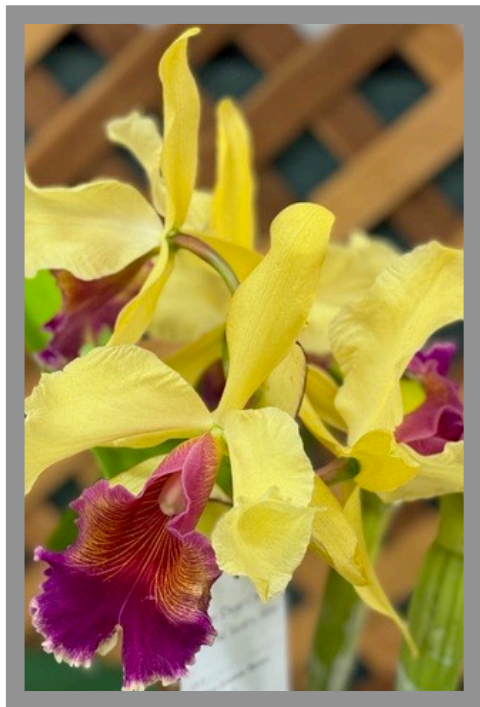
or Suzi and offer to help and provide suggestions for new speakers or interesting events.

Typically, at the end of the year, there are few orchid events so it's a good time to spend on maintaining your orchid collection. Besides the wealth of information on the AOS and POS websites for Culture Tips, be sure to talk to your fellow members. One good tip is to monitor the health of your collection and handle problems (pests and disease) regularly. It's always best to be preventative before the problems invade your entire collection.

We hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. As always, Alex is available to listen to your suggestions, questions and concerns.

POS does not have a Co-President for 2025 so if you wish to help more significantly, please let him know. Please call Alex at 858-205-6789 or e-mail him at anadzan@mac.com.

We look forward to seeing you on December 4th.



C. dowiana 'Blumen Insel'
AM/AOS



Ctt. Blue Boy 'Malibu'

Slate of Officers for 2025 POS Board

The following individuals were unanimously approved for the 2025 Board by attending members at our Annual Meeting on November 6. Board members will be inducted at our Holiday Dinner on December 4th.

2025 POS 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 and **Assistant**
- **1st Year Trustees:** Judy Dyer, Trish Kaufman and Bill Wong

- **2nd Year Trustees:** Ceclie Bird, Steve Redmond, and Stewart Walton.
- **Publicity:** Shelley Hardy
- **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 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 desir-

able to have others to share the responsibility.

Co-President: To work with Alex and the board to run the society by organizing and/or overseeing society activities (sales, caravans, holiday party, etc.), contribute to the Presidents Message, and help make financial and related decisions for the society.

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.

Trustees: Trish Kaufman has filled the open position but other members also can volunteer as some of the current board members have served for some time now and would step down if new members were interested. Trustees 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.

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 Alex if you would like to volunteer for any of these positions.



Paph. Caroline Hands

General Meeting Information

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

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), November 5, 2024

Text by Phyllis Prestia. Photos by Arnie Gum.

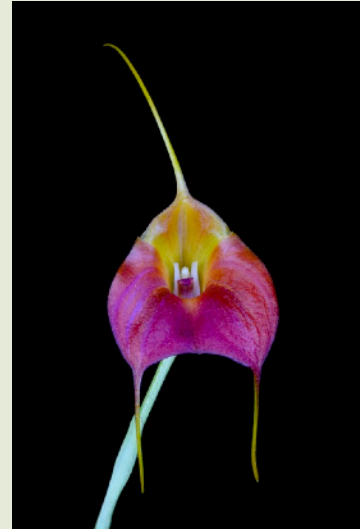
There were five orchids awarded.



Ctsm. Josito's Backlit Phoenix 'Sunset Valley Orchids AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded AM, 83 points



Masd. Elven Magic 'Satry Hill' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson

Awarded AM, 82 points



Ctsm. Richard Fulford 'Sunset Valley Orchids' FCC/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded FCC, 91 points



Paph. *henryanum* 'Sunset Valley Orchids Ruby' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded AM, 81 points



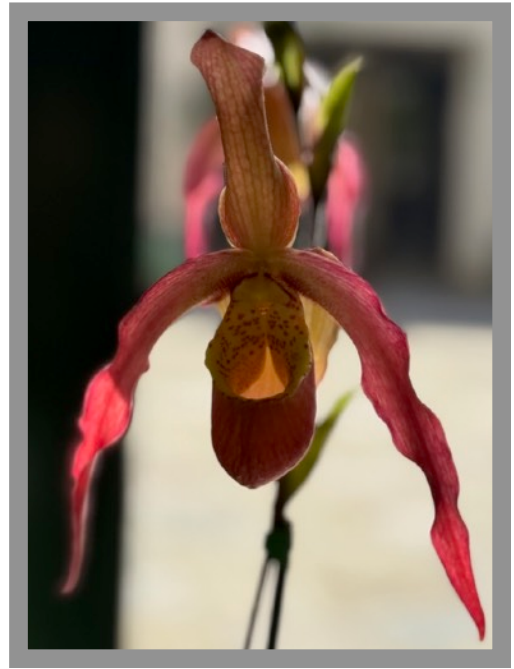
Paph. *charlesworthii* 'Dee Dee's Pride' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Dee Dee Flores

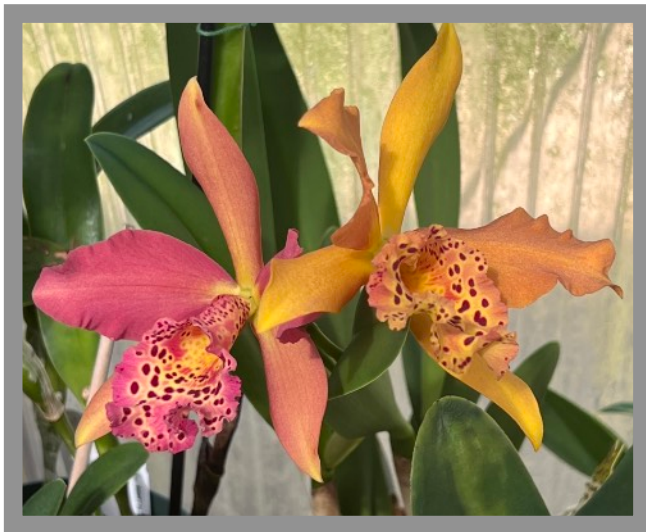
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Ctt. Blue Boy 'Gainsborough' HCC/AOS



Phrag. Fliquet



Rhynchobrassoleya Copper Queen 'H&R'



Slc. Golden Wax 'Lone Star II' HCC/AOS



2025 POS Officers

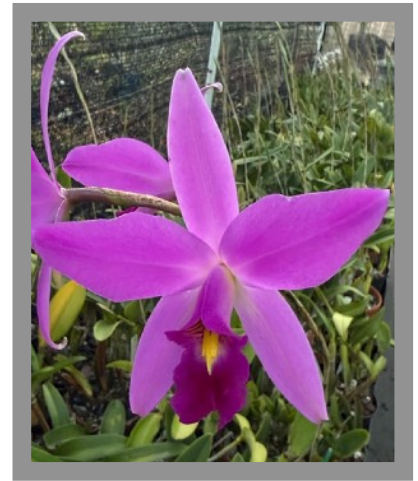
Alex Nadzan & Open Position — Co-President
Suzi Sandore — 1st Vice President/Programs
Jerry Spahn and Jim Anderson — Co-2nd Vice President/ Opportunity Table
Trudy Ibbetson — 3rd Vice President/Membership
Pearl Croiser — Secretary
Vidya Sirsi and Assistant — Treasurer
Judy Dyer, Trish Kaufman,
Bill Wong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

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L. anceps 'Dark One'

Upcoming Events

December 3, 2024
 AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

SDCOS Holiday Party
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

December 4, 2024
 POS Holiday Party
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

December 7, 2024
 Open House
 Casa de las Orquideas
orquideas.com

SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

December 13-15, 2024
 Winter Open House
 Andy's Orchids
andysorchids.com

December 20 2024
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

January 4, 2025
 SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

January 7, 2025
 AOS Orchid Judging

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

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

January 8, 2025
 POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

January 20, 2025
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

January 25-26, 2025
 SDCOS Winter Show & Sale, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

February 1, 2025
 SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vandebroek
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February 4, 2025
 AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

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

February 5, 2025
 POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
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February 21 2025
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
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March 1, 2025
 SDCOS Species Meeting
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March 4, 2025
 AOS Orchid Judging
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March 5, 2025
 POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

March 7-9, 2025
 Santa Barbara Intl. Orchid Show, Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara
sborchidshow.com

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



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