



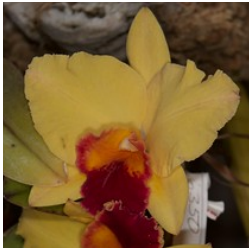
POS News

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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Attending the February Meeting via Zoom

For those unable to attend in person, we will provide a Zoom link

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, February 2, 2022 • 6:30 pm



Alex Nadzan & Jerry Spencer

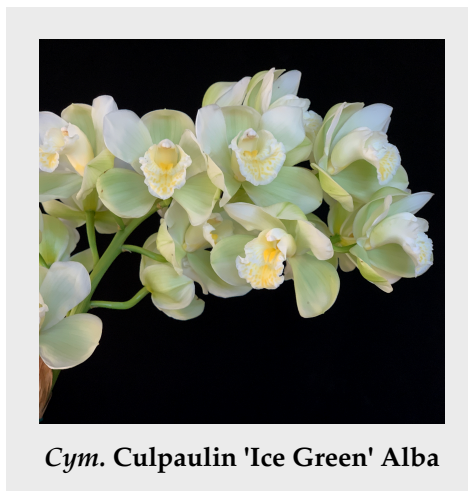
Orchid Culture – Tips on Preparation for the 2022 Growing Season and Cymbidium Culture and Repotting

Some of our members have been asking

recently about cultural issues so we would like devote this meeting to orchid culture and address maintaining your orchids in late winter and transitioning to early spring as well as tips on how to prepare for the upcoming growing season. Since we are now into cymbidium flowering season, we also will review aspects on growing, dividing and repotting of these beautiful and easy to grow orchids that are ideally suited for our Southern California climate. The meeting will be an in-person meeting and will be available on Zoom for those who can't



Cym. Little Big Horn



Cym. Culpaulin 'Ice Green' Alba

attend or are uncomfortable attending at this time. All in-person attendees must be vaccinated and boosted and wear a mask during the meeting. To maintain safety of attendees, we will not have food or drink but members can bring their own water if desired.

Our first culture meeting of this year will feature two of our very experienced growers, Alex Nadzan and Jerry Spencer. Alex has successfully grown orchids out-

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Greetings to all POS Members and Friends,

As we get into the new year, things are still unsettled as far as COVID is concerned. We are still not out of the woods, but there may be improvements ahead. We do not attempt to make our Newsletter an authoritative document on COVID as there is much written in the press and there are differences of opinion from various experts. Last week, the SD County Public Health Officer's new modeling shows we are approaching the peak of omicron infections in SD County. If that holds true, that is good news for all of us in the near future.



In January, to be extra cautious, we cancelled our in-person meeting and went with a Zoom format instead because of concerns about the rapid spread of the omicron variant. At least 20 members attended our zoom meeting and experienced a very outstanding talk by Betty Kelepecz on her orchid trip to Papua New Guinea. Besides covering the orchids in this region, Betty also talked about fascinating culture of the natives and fauna.

Last month, the SD County Orchid Society (SDCOS) also cancelled its January meeting; however, for this month both societies have decided to have in-person meetings and zoom the meeting for those who are unable or uncomfortable with attending in person. The SDCOS also

decided to go ahead with their Spring Orchid Show on March 18-20 at the Scottish Rite Events Facility so please mark your calendars as it is always a great event.

We believe the benefits of meeting in-person outweigh the risks. Our POS audience is comprised primarily of seniors who are vaccinated and boosted. We also tend to be more cautious than the public at large. Some of our members prefer meeting in-person and enjoying the social interactions and discussions that can't be replicated with Zoom. By having an in-person meeting and joint Zoom presentation, we will be satisfying both groups. It's interesting to note that we have not been made aware of very many (if any) of our members who have contracted COVID!! Maybe a spouse or two, but few members.

For our February meeting, the Board agreed to forego refreshments, no food and no drinks. Therefore, there will be no need to unmask during the meeting. We also plan to space the chairs a bit further apart. Masks will be mandatory as required by the City of Carlsbad.

Alex has volunteered to be the February speaker. He will give a Culture presentation that should be beneficial to many of our newer members and some of our long-time members who can benefit from a refresher course. It seems that during the past few meetings many of you have approached Alex and others with culture questions. Jerry Spencer will give a demo on repotting and dividing cymbidiums as they are usually the first ones to be repotted early in the year. Our plant table will be provided by SVO. Fred Clark generously donated many cattleya plants to POS. Thank you, Fred.

As mentioned last month, POS has been invited to enter a display in the SDCOS Spring Show that will be held at the Scottish Rites Center again. We decided that we can only participate if we have enough volunteers to help in the planning and execution of the display. If you can and want to participate, be sure to let Alex or Bill know ASAP or at the February meeting. We will have a signup sheet at the

meeting. If we don't get enough interest, we will forego the display.

As we are now into 2022, please renew your POS Membership or join if you have not already done so. These fees are minimal but are important and help cover the speaker fees, opportunity table, meeting room expense and other operating expenses. Mail renewals to POS, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013 or renew online.

Please refer to the POS website or AOS website for orchid culture tips for this time of the year. One of the primary pests we have during December, January and February are snails and slugs. They can do lots of damage to our orchid collection, so be on the lookout. The most environmentally friendly eradication method is to hand pick and crush them. Some people are even known to go out at night with flashlights looking for them. For the rest of us, snail baits, such as Sluggo and 'That's It', are our chemicals of choice.

We hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. 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 president@palomarorchid.org.

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong
Co-Presidents, POS



Culture Tips cont.

doors for many years in Southern California. He will discuss end of winter maintenance of your orchids and prep for the upcoming growing and repotting season that should help both beginners and more seasoned growers prepare for the busiest part of our growing season. He will provide some tips and valuable sources of information and supplies.

Anita and Jerry Spencer are expert growers of award-winning cymbidiums displayed at our local shows as well as at our meeting show-and-tells. They have many years of experience growing these popular plants and Jerry will give a demo on repotting/dividing cymbidiums that should aid all attendees in their efforts for maintain-

session for all who want to get a head start on the upcoming orchid growing season.



Cym. Teresa Patterson 'Pink Passion' HCC/CSA

Finally, the plant table this month will consist of orchids donated to the society by Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids. It will be a robust table so everyone that purchases tickets will be able to get at least one plant.

SDCOS Spring Show and Request for Volunteers for POS Display

Our society has been invited to participate by entering an orchid display as we have done in previous years.

The SDCOS Spring Show 'Orchid Magic' will be held at the Scottish Rites Events Center between March 18-20, 2022 rather than over Easter weekend at the location mentioned at

our previous meetings. The Scottish Rites Events Center has had a change in plans and is now available and accepting booking for the 2022 and, possibly, for 2023.

We have tentatively indicated that we will participate as long as we have enough members to volunteer for the event. We have had a lot of fun coming up with creative ideas for our past displays that have won several awards so we would like to invite our members to volunteer to plan for our 2022 display. If you would like to volunteer in the planning, set up/take down or providing blooming plants, please contact Bill Wong or Alex Nadzan to participate. We also will circulate a signup sheet at the February meeting.



Cym. Tanto's Target

ing and blooming cymbidiums.

Alex and Jerry will address any questions you may have so bring your questions to the meeting. This should be a very interesting and educational



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.

February Orchid To-Do List

The full list of to-do items is published for every month on the [Palomar Orchid Society website](#).

In general, most orchids should still be kept fairly dry in winter even during warm periods. If you grow on the coast near the ocean, humidity is usually higher so occasional misting (with pure water, if available) or light watering in extended periods of warm or Santa Ana conditions may be warranted. If you grow further from the ocean, where orchids experience even warmer temps and low humidity and are openly exposed to Santa Ana winds, then you may need to mist and water more often to avoid dehydration, but avoid watering excessively. Too much water will encourage plants to send out new growths, which will not fare well when the weather turns cold again.

When you do water, do so in the morning and avoid wetting buds and flowers to minimize botrytis (fungal) spotting. Keep tabs on the ten day weather forecasts and avoid watering if cooler and/or wet weather is predicted. Orchids should be kept on the dry side to allow them to tolerate the cold winter nights we experience in Southern California. If February brings colder weather, cut back on water and avoid fertilizing.

Maintain cold-sensitive, warm growing orchids (phals, paphs, tolumnias, most vandas and warm growing dendrobiums and cattleyas such as violacea, dowiana and their hybrids) inside or in a greenhouse to protect them from night temperatures below 50 °F. However, watch under leaves for spider mites and other pests that flourish under dry, less humid conditions. An excellent article on 'Cold Tolerance of Orchids' by Sue Bottom

of the St. Augustine Orchid Society can be found [on their website](#).

Separate cold loving orchids, including odontoglossums, miltonias, pleurothallids, masdevallias, draculas, from orchids that need a drier winter rest (many encyclias, deciduous dendrobiums, catasetinae and some terrestrials) so they can be freely watered and fertilized to allow growth but also avoid overwatering and protect them from freezing temps. Take this opportunity to divide or repot these cool growers during their winter growth period to encourage new growth and avoid the stress of repotting during the warm season.



Winter blooming cattleyas and cymbidiums should be in bud or full bloom. Provide adequate water and weak fertilizer, but do so in the mornings so plants dry out before nightfall. Avoid wetting buds and blooms to minimize fungal spotting. Stake cymbidium spikes to guide inflorescences for support of buds and blooms.

Maintain good hygiene practices to minimize transmission of pests and viruses. Practice careful watering and remove problem plants and debris from the healthy collection. Old dying leaves even on healthy plants will succumb to diseases and decay so keep your growing area picked up.

Watch for fungus, bacterial rot and cold burn in cold and wet weather. Remove infected tissues and treat accordingly. Diligently check pseudob-

ulbs and canes for discoloration and firmness. Though some change is normal, it can also be indicative of black rot. If any pseudobulbs or canes are soft, mushy, and possibly exuding dark fluid, isolate and treat. An excellent article to read "Is There a Fungus Among Us?" (A.O.S. Orchids Magazine, Aug. 2012) or refer to the [AOS website](#).

Many paphs will be coming into bloom at this time. These terrestrial orchids should be kept on the warmer side and not be allowed to completely dry out due to their sensitive hairy roots. Although they grow all year long, paphs grow more slowly in winter but can be repotted at this time if warranted, since they are one of the few orchids that can be repotted at almost any time and benefit from it every 1-2 years. Repotting should be done more carefully at this time to avoid plant damage, particularly to roots that are needed for quick recovery. After repotting, observe plants carefully to detect and intercept disease damage.

Spring show season is beginning so be sure to stake and groom your plants to have them look their best for judging. When staking, be sure to not restrict the new soft growth tips. Permit growths to expand naturally and tie securely at the bottom and then further up when stems start to harden. Spikes and flower canes can be encouraged to open sooner by increasing the ambient temperatures and allowing enough time for the flowers to mature fully.

More details on specific genera for January and February are available on the [AOS website](#). Additional details for indoor/greenhouse and outdoors growing are available on the [Palomar Orchid Society February to-do list website](#).

Orchids

July 30-31

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



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Show and Sale
in the Park

Orchid Magic



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Orchid Show & Sale

March 19 - 20

10 am - 4 pm

PALOS VERDES ART CENTER

5504 Crestridge Road
Rancho Palos Verdes CA 90275

Admission: \$5 Adults
Children under 12: Free

Free Parking

See award winning orchids

Buy direct from commercial growers

For complete show information and map:

www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html

NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY
ORCHID EXPO & SALE 2022



Orchid Displays
Vendor Sales

~~Repotting Classes
Botanic Art & Bonsai Exhibit~~

February 11, 12 & 13
Westminster Mall
Orange County, CA

Friday: 11am - 8pm
Saturday: 11am - 8pm
Sunday: 12pm - 6pm

Free Admission & Parking



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Located on 2nd Floor
(near Penney's Wing)

2022 POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President
Alex Nadzan &
Tom Wisniewski — Co-1st Vice President/Programs
Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle
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Upcoming Events

February 1, 2022
 AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

SDCOS General Meeting
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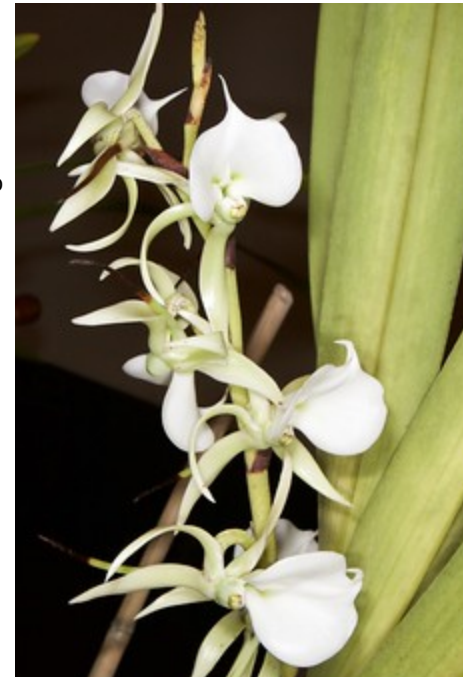
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April 15, 2022
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org



Our Sister Society's Meetings

The San Diego County Orchid Society meets First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in Room 101 in the Casa del Prado of Balboa Park in San Diego Meetings are still being held online for now
sdorchids.com