



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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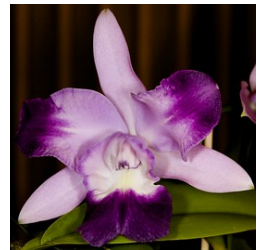
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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, February 1, 2023 • 6:30 pm



Brandon Tam

A Virtual Tour of the Huntington Library's Orchid Collection

We are delighted to welcome back our friend Brandon Tam, Orchid Collection Specialist at the Huntington Library, who will take us through a virtual tour of The Huntington's Orchid Collection. As the Orchid Collection Specialist, Brandon

curates one of the largest and most diverse orchid species collections in the world, including over 1500 unique species and 3,600 different varieties across 280 orchid genera. He oversees day-to-day horticultural operations, including acquisitions, propagation, conservation, and supervision of over 40 orchid volunteers. Under Brandon's stewardship, The Huntington has won over 100 awards from the American Orchid Society. He supervises numerous public education events, such as orchid shows, orchid judgings, and



Brandon Tam and a *Lycaste virginalis* specimen plant



Huntington's Corpse Flower (*Amorphophallus titanum*)

conferences. Additionally, Brandon co-curates the *Amorphophallus titanum* (corpse flower) collection of 43 mature specimens and has exhibited over ten blooming specimens. Brandon started as the Orchid Collection Specialist at The Huntington at age 16 while concurrently earning his bachelor's degree in plant science from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, which he completed in 2015. Brandon is an extremely

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hello to all POS Members and Friends,

We were pleased to see many of you at our January meeting. Despite the threat of rain, 32 members and visitors attended the meeting and heard speaker Carol Klonowski give a nice presentation on the Orchids of South Africa. Most of us aren't familiar with orchids from that part of the world so it was quite informative. Although several of the orchids in South Africa are terrestrials that are not easy to grow here, several members of the genera Ansellia, Aerangis, Angrecum, Disa and Eulophia can be grown well in our mediterranean Southern California climate.

We held the installation of Officers and want to thank all those who volunteer to serve POS in this capacity. Without the efforts of our Board Members, POS would not be able to maintain a functioning society.

We also honored Jerry Spahn as the POS Member of the Year. Jerry has been on the Board for many years and is always there to help in any capacity. He has been responsible over the last 7 years for handling the Opportunity Table and Silent Auction sales and continues to serve as an active board member who provides valuable suggestions on numerous activities, including the meeting location, holiday dinner, membership, and many other topics. We thank Jerry for his continuous and valued support.



For February, we welcome back Brandon Tam of the Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens. Brandon last spoke to us in 2019 and we are pleased to have him back. The Huntington is a

world class facility located in San Marino and is host to an annual orchid show and sale. The Huntington houses a vast, outstanding orchid collection that Brandon is responsible for as Orchid Collection Specialist.

Brandon will provide an overview of the Huntington's orchid collection and will give a tour through photographs and a video. More on Brandon's bio is included in this Newsletter. This month's Opportunity Table will be provided by one of our local orchid growers.

For March, we are planning a Culture Class that is different from previous ones. Jerry Spencer and Ken Campbell will be the speakers. Details on their talks will be described in the March Newsletter, but plan on coming as Jerry and Ken are two of our more accomplished POS orchid hobbyists. Both give excellent presentations that are insightful and enjoyed by our members.

We are pleased that many of our members renewed their annual membership at the January meeting. If you have not yet renewed or are a visitor, we encourage you to renew/sign up at the next meeting.

With all this wet weather, we have not had to water our orchid collections, which saves us water and time. Please be on the lookout for bacterial and fungal rot that must be treated before it damages your plants. Also be on the watch for snails that proliferate during these wet conditions. They can quickly damage new growth and flowers. It's also a good time to begin repotting/dividing your cymbidium orchids that have finished blooming and to take the time to cull your collections. All of us have plants that are in poor health and we suggest discarding them and making more room on your bench for new, healthy plants available from the upcoming spring orchid shows and sales events. Culling is one of the many recommendations that Fred Clarke of SVO has made during several of his presentations.

Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning R through Z will share at break time!

We appreciate everyone's effort in supplying our meeting with goodies. It makes for a great meeting all around!

Thank you!

If you have a healthy plant that has not bloomed for you, consider giving it to a fellow member who may have more favorable growing conditions for that type of orchid.



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*

Brandon Tam cont.

knowledgeable orchidist whose presentation is not to be missed, especially if you've never visited the extensive gardens of The Huntington.

Brandon's talk will be streamed via Zoom for those members who are unable to attend in person. The zoom link will be included in the email for the newsletter and is the same link we have provided for last year's meetings. The February Opportunity table will be provided by one of our local orchid growers.

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Huntington Paphiopedilum Display

The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens, founded in 1919, is a collections-based research and educational institution open to the public, housing world-class library, art, and botanical collections. Its mission is to support research and pro-

mote education in the arts, humanities, and botanical science and to display and interpret its extraordinary resources for diverse audiences. Encompassing about 130 acres, the botanical gardens feature living collections in 16 stunning themed gardens with more than 83,000 living plants including rare and endangered species, and a laboratory for botanical conservation and research.

Attending the February Meeting via Zoom

We will broadcast the business and speaker part of our January meeting via Zoom for those individuals who cannot attend in person. Any attendees should log in to the Zoom session by 6:40 pm. Should you have any problem during the meeting, please call or text Bill Wong at 818-636-8709 as Alex will be occupied with the speaker. The meeting information will be included in the email announcing the newsletter and link. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Alex Nadzan by text or phone at 808-205-6789.

Jerry Spahn Receives 2022 Member of the Year Award

At our January meeting, Jerry Spahn received the Member of the Year Award from Alex Nadzan and Bill

Wong. We thank Jerry for his excellent service to POS, not only for 2022 but for several previous years as well.



Jerry has been on the POS Board for many years and is always willing to assist our society any way he can. He has been responsible for handling the Opportunity Table and Silent Auction sales at our monthly meetings over the last 7 years and has been involved in our other fundraising campaigns and events. Jerry continues to serve as an active board member who is always helpful in providing valuable suggestions on numerous activities, including the meeting location, holiday dinner, and membership to name a few. Jerry's award recognition is well-deserved and we look forward to his continued contributions in the years to come.

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.

January Judging Report

There were 7 orchids presented for judging. None were awarded.

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.

Due to COVID-19 protocols, all exhibitors and judges must wear a mask and follow a specific health protocol. For the time being, no visitors are allowed. For any questions, or if a member of the POS wishes to have flowering plants judged at one of these sessions but is unable to take the plants to the judging facility, please contact Phyllis Prestia at orchldy1@mac.com



Orchids

January 28-29

Saturday Noon – 5 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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San Diego County Orchid Society
@SDOrchids

Show and Sale
in the Park



The Orchid Digest Presents the Paphiopedilum Guild

February 18, 2023

Hybrid event: In-person and Virtual at the
Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA 91108

The RECORDING of the event will be available to ALL that register!

Speakers

Theresa Hill: *Paphiopedilum charlesworthii*, a Giant Among Miniatures
Frank Cervera: The Phragmipediums of Brazil
Brandon Tam: Culture of Slipper Orchids
Harold Koopowitz: How Slipper Orchids Have Sex

On-Site Vendors

Hillsview Gardens Sunset Valley Orchids
Norman's Orchids Monster Island Orchids

On-site Silent Auction to be held!!

Books for sale

Members: \$49.00 includes lectures, lunch, snacks, recording
Nonmembers: \$59.00 includes lectures, lunch, snacks, recording
Virtual \$30.00: lectures, recording

Registration: <https://orchiddigest.com/event-5082711>



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SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW

ORCHIDS—
THE ADVENTURE RETURNS

MARCH 10-12, 2023
9AM - 5PM

EARL WARREN SHOWGROUNDS • SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

GENERAL ADMISSION - \$20 | 3-DAY PASS - \$30
 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER WITH PAID ADULT - FREE

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Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society
Annual Orchid Auction

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023

6:00 PM – Doors Open for Auction Preview & Registration
 (Get Your Paddles and View the Orchids)

6:30 PM – Auction Starts Promptly, all Visitors & Guests are Welcome!

Quality orchids are available for all budgets and at all price points from commercial growers and Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society members.

Note: All LA County Covid restrictions and established rules set by St. Gregory's Episcopal Church will be observed. Please come prepared with a mask.

We Accept Cash, Zelle, or Credit Cards

Address:
 St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
 6201 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815
 Ample Parking is Available

Come join us at our regular meetings the 2nd Monday of each month at St. Gregory's Church Hall at 7PM. Meet hybridizers, growers, amateurs, and beginners. We are known as 'The More Than Friendly Society'.
Contact Info: LBAOSinfo@gmail.com

Orchid Show and Sale
 March 25 and 26, 2023 Hours: 10 am - 4 pm


See award winning blooming orchids species and hybrids of all genera
 Buy quality orchids from commercial growers and vendors
 Tour the Palos Verdes Art Center Gallery

Location:
Palos Verdes Art Center
 5504 Crestridge Road
 Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Admission: Adults \$5.00 Children under 12 Free
 Free Parking
 Hourly raffle during show hours, winner must be present.
 Plant hotel available during your visit.

Sponsored by the Palos Verdes Art Center

For more show information and a map
www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html



ORCHIDS of the EARTH
 San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale

April 21-23, 2023

Balboa Park's Casa del Prado
 Room 101 and Patios
 San Diego, California 92101
 Free Parking

Friday 3:00-7:00 p.m.
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Free Admission

Latest Event Details at sdorchids.com

2023 POS Officers

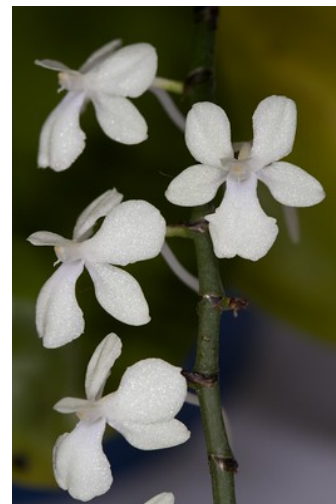
Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President
Stewart Walton & Alex Nadzan — Co-1st Vice President/Programs
Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle
Trudy Ibbetson — 3rd Vice President/Membership
Maryanne Kind — Secretary
Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer
Suzi Sandore, Steve Redmond, Cecily Bird — 2nd Year Trustees
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Upcoming Events

January 28 & 29, 2023

Orchids in the Park
 Balboa Park, San Diego
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February 4, 2023

SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

February 7, 2023

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

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

February 8, 2023

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

February 17, 2023

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

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March 10 - 12, 2023

75th Santa Barbara
 International Orchid Show
 Earl Warren Showgrounds
sborchidshow.com

March 13, 2023

Annual Orchid Auction
 Long Beach Amateur
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April 5, 2023

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

April 21, 2023

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
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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
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