



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 meetings in person, we will continue to provide Zoom links in 2024
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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 • 6:30 pm



drought conditions at this time, most of our summers and falls in Southern California experience serious drought conditions and we can clearly benefit from Donna's experience and suggestions for managing our orchids under such conditions.

Donna is a shared speaker with our sister society SDCOS and she will be speaking on 'The Difference Between Orchid Seedlings and Meristem Clones' on Tuesday, February 6th in Balboa Park, Casa de Prado, Room 101 and



Den. Phok Bong x Little Princess

Donna Ballard

Growing Orchids in the Middle of a Drought.

Our society welcomes for the first time Donna Ballard of the San Fernando Valley Orchid Society who will talk to us on 'Growing Orchids in the Middle of a Drought'. Although we are not under



Den. Cherry Song x Enobi Purple Splash

Zoom Simulcast at 7:30 pm.

Donna is a native Californian, and is an Accredited American Orchid Society Judge. After over 30 years of loving, caring for and studying plants, she went on to work as a professional interior house plant maintenance technician until 4 years ago. She has since retired and works as a part time volunteer at the Huntington Botanical Garden's Thornton Estate Orchid Conservatory in San Marino.

She currently has

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all POS Members and Friends,

It's only February but we are already planning our calendar of events for the new year. Our challenge is to bring our members and friends another solid year of great programs and speakers, orchid events and fundraising activities. To fulfill our goals, we need more members to 'actively' participate, not just attend meetings and buy Opportunity Table tickets!! We announce in each newsletter that we need more volunteers but get minimal response. Last month's speaker, Carol Beule, indicated over dinner that her home orchid society did not meet during much of Covid. We are aware of other societies that also took a long break from in-person meetings. POS took a short break and shared Zoom meetings with the San Diego County Orchid Society, but we resumed as soon as we felt safe. We made the right decision because our attendance has increased versus pre-covid. Our members and friends strongly prefer in person meetings and speakers. But planning programs takes a lot of effort. Alex and Bill will be approaching members to gather more support, so we ask that you step up and be more active.

In January Carol Beule, a first-time speaker to POS, gave an excellent overview of *Sarcochilus* orchids. In February we welcome Donna Ballard, another new speaker. Donna's presentation will be "Growing Orchids in the Middle of a Drought". Although we are technically not in drought conditions at this time, we know that the water situation can quickly change from year to year, and we need to be prepared to be water wise with orchids. Donna is coming to POS as part of our shared speaker program with SDCOS. More on Donna's back-

ground is included on the first page of this newsletter.

While we have two new speakers to start the year, we will not abandon our regular slate of excellent local speakers. These include Fred Clark of SVO, Tim Culbertson, Peter Lin and others.

One of the first major events POS will participate in is the San Diego Botanical Garden's "World of Orchids" showcase (May 4-27th) in the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory. Many of our members have participated in this event the past two years by loaning plants for the display over the 4-week exhibit period. One of our main fundraisers is held on one of the weekends. SDBG will allocate one or two weekends for POS to sell orchids and to share our knowledge of orchids with visitors. We ask our members to start setting aside divisions they can donate to the fundraiser. Most of the plants we sell are from member donations with a few blooming plants purchased from local and Hawaiian orchid growers. Members also volunteer in the POS Sales Booth on our weekend or weekends.

We also will plan our POS orchid caravan before or after the May show.

The past two months have been very cold and created challenges for those of us with outdoor growing structures. It's difficult to control the weather and most of us have large collections that cannot come indoors. One of the steps some of us take is to place a cover

Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning **A through L** will share at break time!

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

(shade cloth or tarp) directly over the plants in the evening. This may help protect the plant for those coldest nights. Also keep your orchids on the dry side and only water during warmer periods. Refer to the AOS and the POS websites for the Monthly Checklist for January and February.

In January and February, we encourage all our members to renew their membership. The fees have increased to \$30 for individuals and \$35 for family memberships. As initiated in 2023, late registrations will incur a \$5 increase if not paid in a timely manner. Members may pay in person at meetings or online on our website at www.palomarorchid.org

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 or anadzan@mac.com

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong Co-Presidents, POS

Donna Ballard cont.

approximately 460 sq. feet of greenhouse, shade house and interior growing areas where she has over 1300 Cattleyas, Paphiopedilums, Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, Sarcochilus, miniature Vandas and novelty Phalaenopsis orchids as well as several other genera.

This month's opportunity table will be from one of our local growers.

Attending POS Meetings on Zoom

We will continue to broadcast the business and speaker part of our monthly meetings 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 problems during the meeting, please call or text Bill Wong at 818-636-8709 as Alex will be occupied with the speaker.

The Zoom meeting information will be included in the email announcing the newsletter and Zoom link. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Alex Nadzan by text or phone at 808-205-6789

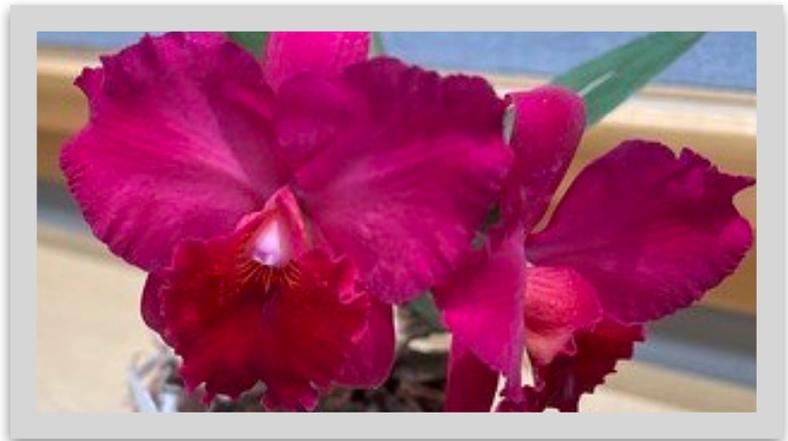


Zgna. Adelaide Meadows 'SVO' x self

Orchids
 January 27-28
 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

Show and Sale in the Park

sdorchids.com



Rlc. Gene Crocker

SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW

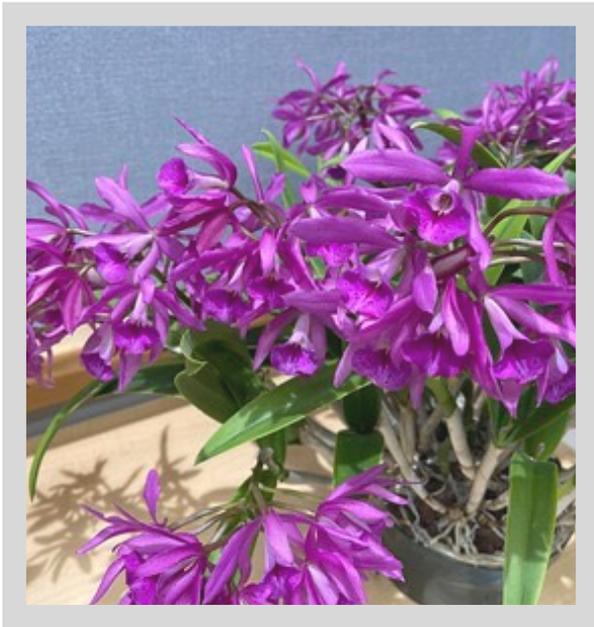
2024
MARCH 8-10
 9 AM - 5 PM

ORCHIDS
 FLORAL GEMS OF NATURE

EARL WARREN SHOWGROUNDS
 HWY 101 & LAS POSITAS
 SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

\$20 GENERAL ADMISSION
 \$30 3-DAY PASS
 (CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE WITH ADULT)

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Bc. Mai Lin HCC / AOS



Cym. Pywacket



Lc. Naranja en Flor



Pot. Oconee Circle

All newsletter photos were taken by Kathleen Hile and are of member plants brought in for January meeting's Show & Tell

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

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), January 2, 2024

There were 12 orchids presented for judging. Five were awarded.



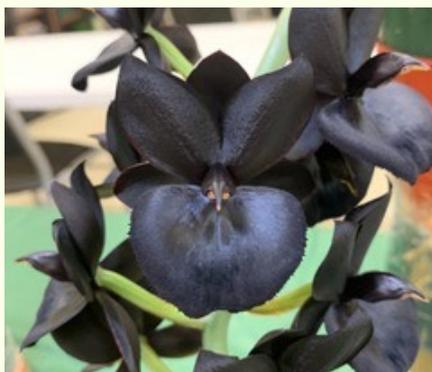
Mormodes Solar Flare 'SVO' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM, 86 points



Bct. Mai Lin 'Normandy' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Steward Walton
Awarded HCC, 77 points



Den. Ruben Colmenares 'Regal Hilda'
HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded HCC, 79 points



Ctmds. Darkonium 'Black Element' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM, 86 points



Ctsm. Tommy Bednar 'SVO' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM, 86 points

*Text and photos by
Phyllis Prestia.*

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 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

2024 POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President
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Upcoming Events

January 27-28, 2024
 SDCOS Orchids in the Park
 Show
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

February 3, 2024
 SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

February 6, 2024
 AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

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

February 7, 2024
 POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

February 16, 2024
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

March 2, 2024
 SDCOS Species Meeting
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March 5, 2024
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March 8-10, 2024
 Santa Barbara Intl. Orchid
 Show
 Earl Warren Showgrounds
 Santa Barbara, CA

March 15, 2024
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

March 15-17, 2024
 Andy's Spring Open House
 Encinitas, CA
andysorchids.com

April 2, 2024
 AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

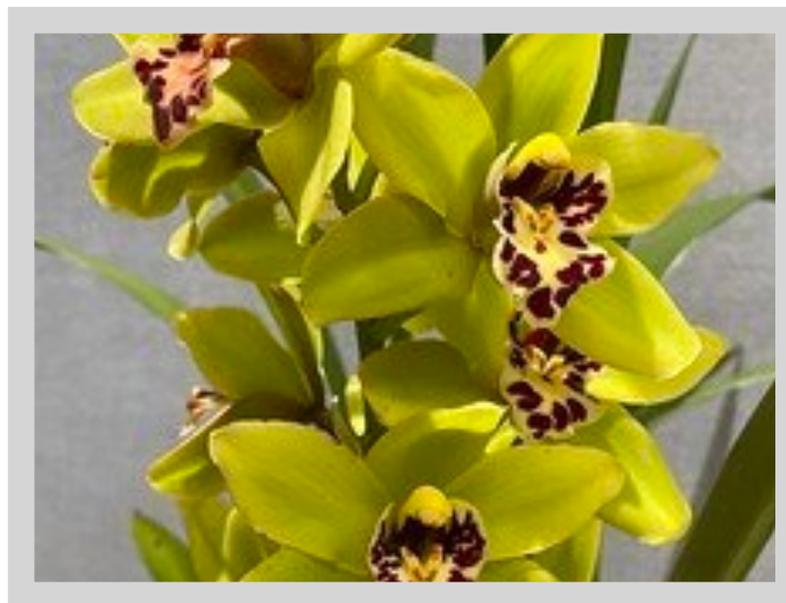
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April 19-21, 2024
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April 19, 2024
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 San Diego Zoo
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Cym. Pistachio Mint 'Geyserland' HCC/AOS