

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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A Monthly Publication

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

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, January 4, 2023 • 6:30 pm



number of habitats and climates that provide a robust setting for flora and fauna of all types. Hear about the 'other' orchids Down Under and how to grow them in your collection. South Africa is the home of over 500 orchid species including the genera of Ansellia, Aerangis, Angraecum, Bulbophyllum, Disa, Eulophia, Mystacidum, just to name a few. Carol's talk is one not to be missed.

Carol is a shared speaker with our sister society, SDCOS, and she will speak to them on January 3 on 'Tolumnias' for



Ansellia africana

Carol Klonowski

Orchids of Africa

For our first meeting of the year, we are pleased to welcome Carol Klonowski from the Bay area, who will speak on the 'Orchids of South Africa'. Carol will take everyone on a tour of the orchid growing areas of this fascinating part of Africa and the world. Long known as one of the garden hot-spots of the planet, South Africa has a diverse and fascinating



Eulophia petersii

those of you who would like to attend her talk in Balboa Park or via zoom.

Carol Klonowski has been growing orchids since the 1980's when a friend in Berkeley, California, gave her a cattleya orchid and it bloomed out with three big, dark lavender flowers and an intoxicating fragrance. She built an entire greenhouse in her backyard to accommodate the precious plant, which only led her to buy more orchids. Then another friend gave her a gift membership to

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all POS Members and Friends,

We hope you had a wonderful holiday, and we wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

POS held its annual holiday dinner on December 7th and everyone had a great time, good (and plentiful) Chinese food, delicious desserts and a nice blooming orchid from Kalapana Tropicals in Hawaii. We thank the members who contributed the nice desserts. It was held in the Gowland room and 26 members and friends signed up for the dinner. There was plenty of space between tables and everyone felt comfortable. Unfortunately, our Co-President, Alex, tested positive for Covid and did not attend the dinner along with another couple who were exposed the night before. Many of our members took home leftovers to enjoy. We postponed the installation of Officers that will be conducted at the January meeting.

We had an excellent slate of programs in 2022 and we hope to provide another year of great speakers and culture classes. For 2023, Stu Walton will assist Alex in planning the speaker program and will mix it up with a few new speakers, either in person or in a Zoom presentation.

In January we are sharing a speaker with the SDCOS. We welcome Carol Klonowski from the Bay Area. She will talk on the Orchids of South Africa. This is her first talk to POS, and we look forward to her visit. More about Carol's background is included in the Newsletter. For those of you interested in hearing Carol talk to SDCOS, she will be speaking on Tolumnias on January 3rd in Balboa Park that also will be broadcast on zoom.

For the past few years, at the end of each Newsletter, we ask members for suggestions on how to improve our programs or activities. Sadly, we rarely receive any input so we must assume you are happy with the direction of POS or just can't think of any good changes. In the absence of input, we will continue using our judgement in planning the monthly activ-

ities. We still do not have anyone who has volunteered to plan a Caravan to a local grower or to a member's orchid collection.

We have not had an Orchid Sale/Auction for several years due to Covid and this has impacted POS financials. Membership renewals are not enough to pay for the speakers, plant table and operating expenses (room rental, insurance, storage locker, etc.) The Board will plan a fund raiser later this year and if you have any thoughts, please share them with us.



The winter is a good time of year for orchid growers. With the wet weather, we can stretch our watering intervals and many of our Cymbidiums and Cattleyas are blooming or in sheath. During this time of year, we need to be on the lookout for snails and slugs. These are the easiest pests to identify visually or by their telltale signs. A great time to locate these pests is in the early morning or evening, when they come out. Manual eradication is the very effective. Squash them on the spot and don't wait.

Many good snail bait products are available at all the Garden Centers or online. However successful control is dependent



on multiple applications and following the instructions. It is best to apply chemicals after (not before) a rain or watering. Water dilutes the effectiveness of most snail baits. Sluggo and 'That's It' are two of the best products on the market.

In January, we encourage all our members to renew their membership. As stated last year the membership fees of \$25 per individual and \$30 per family is unchanged. However, for members who do not renew by April 1, the fee increases by \$5.

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



Carol Konowski cont.

the Orchid Society of California, and it's been a serious hobby ever since.

Carol has served as Director, Vice President, and President of the Orchid Society of California for most of the past two decades and is currently a Fully Accredited Judge with the American Orchid Society in the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center.

Attending the January 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.



Slate of Officers for 2023 POS Board

The following individuals were unanimously approved for the 2023 Board by attending members at our Annual Meeting on November 2. Board members will be inducted at our Holiday Dinner on December 7.

2023 POS Officers:

- Co-President: Bill Wong and Alex Nadzan
- 1st VP Programs: Stewart Walton and Alex Nadzan
- 2nd VP Raffle: Jerry Spahn and Open Position
- 3rd VP Membership: Trudy Ibbetson
- Secretary: Maryanne Kind
- Treasurer: Vidya Sirsi and Assistant
- 1st Year Trustees: Debra Funakoshi,
 Tom Wisniewski and Judy Dyer
- 2nd Year Trustees: Suzi Sandore, Steve Redmond, and Cecily Bird.
- Publicity: Open Position
- Newsletter Editor: Helge Weissig
- Webmaster: Helge Weissig
- Facebook Editor: Debra Funakoshi

We still would like some of our members to step up and volunteer for additional positions as highlighted in **bold** above. We encourage individuals to consider working in an 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 2nd VP/Raffle 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.

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.

VP/Raffle: Jerry Spahn can use a CoVP to work with him to administer our raffles at monthly meetings. The position involves helping to issue tickets and taking monies for winners of our silent auctions.

Trustee: We currently have an opening to fill a 2nd Year trustee position.

Trustees can 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.

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.

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

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.

December Judging Report

There were 9 orchids presented for judging. Three were awarded.



Fdk. Doubtless 'SVO II' Exhibited by Fred Clarke Awarded AM, 88 points



C. walkeriana 'The Pinkprint' Exhibited by Jose Carlos Lopez Awarded AM, 82 points



Unregistered Paph. (Pacific Queen x Star Stone) Exhibited by Tim Culbertson Awarded HCC, 79 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.

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







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

Debra Funakoshi, Tom Wisniewski,

Judy Dyer — 1st Year Trustees

Helge Weissig — Website & Newsletter Editor, Publicity Debra Funakoshi — FaceBook Editor

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Upcoming Events

January 3, 2023

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

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

January 4, 2023

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

January 7, 2023

SDCOS Species Meeting David Vanden 4davidv@gmail.com

January 20, 2023

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

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



March 4, 2023

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March 10 - 12, 2023

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

March 17, 2023

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