



# 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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## A Monthly Publication

January 2024



### Attending the January Meeting via Zoom

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### POS Board Elections

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, January 3, 2024 • 6:30 pm



they can easily grow alongside cattleyas and any other outdoor growing orchids in our area. The species have been extensively hybridized to produce *Sarcos* in a variety of colors and sizes and, as such, they are perfect additions to every orchid enthusiast's collection. Most are compact but they also can develop into large specimen plants. Carol will discuss how to grow *Sarcochilus* and share her extensive knowledge of this interesting class of orchids.



*Sarcocochilus Kulnura Dragonfly*

## Carol Beule

### *Sarcochilus*, a Native of Australia

We are delighted to welcome Carol Beule from Hollywood Hills to our society as our first speaker of 2024. Carol will talk on '*Sarcochilus*' a wonderful compact species from Australia that does well in our Southern California climate. While *Sarcochilus* can be grown in a greenhouse,



*Sarcocochilus Parma 'Lemon Drop'*

Carol is a shared speaker with our sister society, SDCOS, who will give a talk on '*Lycastes*' on Tuesday evening, January 2 at 6:30 pm in Balboa Park should any of our members desire to attend in person or participate on Zoom.

Carol has grown all species of orchids since purchasing a home at the base of the Hollywood Hills 25 years ago, and it has been her quest to discover which orchids will thrive in the

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## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all POS Members and Friends,

We wish all of you a joyous holiday and a wonderful new year. It's the season to spend time with family and friends. For those of you who are traveling, we wish you a safe and speedy journey.

It sounds like a prerecorded message, but POS had another fantastic year. We had numerous excellent speakers, many returning members and several new members who have embraced our society. These new members are enjoying our programs and our friendly members. Several new members joined near the end of the year and others are joining in early 2024. One comment we sometimes receive from new (and older) members is they like POS because we are a small society that is welcoming to visitors and new members, and we are especially helpful to beginners. We also had a year without any major illnesses for our members. We are thankful for all of this.

POS held its annual holiday dinner on December 6th, and everyone had a great time, delicious Chinese food from Chin's Gourmet La Costa, nice desserts and a blooming orchid from 808 Orchids of Hawaii. One of the desserts was provided by Anita and Jerry Spencer who celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary on that night. Additional desserts were provided by several other members. We had nearly 40 attendees and it was a fun and festive occasion. Several people commented that it was one of our nicest holiday dinners ever and they enjoyed the food from Chins.

For the November meeting we did not have a live speaker. Instead, we had an AOS webinar presentation by George Hatfield of Hatfield Orchids. It was an excellent presentation on how he grows award winning cymbidiums and contained information that would be beneficial to all of us, especially during the upcoming cymbidium season. We had a slightly smaller turnout than normal probably because many of our members prefer live speakers, but those who did not attend missed an outstanding presentation. One of our visitors commented that she learned a lot from the program. We will consider other webinars when we are unable to schedule a speaker or unable to plan a Culture Class.

In December, we received a generous donation of more than 40 orchids from Nate La Breche, a POS member. Nate was planning on moving out of state and would not be able to take his orchid collection with him. All of the orchids are in excellent condition, and several are unusual plants that we don't see at local shows. POS thanks Nate for his generous donation.

Many of these plants will be available on the January opportunity table and the silent auction table.

As mentioned in previous newsletters and at meetings, it takes a lot to run the POS Society. Membership dues cover less than 1/3 of our operating costs which includes meeting room fees, speaker expense, opportunity table costs, administrative fees and other expenses. Our successful fundraisers this year which included the San Diego Botanic Garden Sale and the Dove Library Sale were critical to raising funds but still not sufficient to cover all costs. Thanks to all our members for volunteering plants and their time.

At the end of the year, we also received a monetary donation from Shelley and Bill Wong which was enough to pay for the Dove Library room expense for a full year. This donation helped us be in the black for 2023 and we did not have to dip into our reserve to cover shortfalls. We want to remind our members that POS is a 501 (3)(c) Charitable Organization and donations are allowable tax deductions as provided by the federal tax code. So please consider POS for your 2024 charitable donations. Also at the end of 2023, Alex, Bill and Jim helped remove all of the POS items from our storage unit. We are storing some boxes at home and other items were donated or tossed. We determined that the cost of storage (about \$1200 annually) could be eliminated with minimal impact.

For January 2024, we welcome Carol Beule who will speak to POS on 'Sarcophilus, a Native of Australia'. This is Carol's first visit to POS and she is coming to San Diego as part of our shared speaker program with SDCOS. She will be speaking to SDCOS on January 2nd on 'Lycastes.' More on Carol's background is included in the speaker section above. POS will continue this shared speaker arrangement with our sister society for 2024 as it benefits both societies and enables us to have speakers who would not normally come to San Diego.

At our November meeting, we committed to having an Orchid Caravan in 2024. Because of Covid and other reasons, we have not had a Caravan for several years. For 2024 we promise to have a caravan to a member's home!! If we do not come through, Bill has agreed to resign from his position as Co-President!!!

During the winter we get a little break from our orchid activities. The cooler weather with intermittent rain means we do not have to water our orchids as frequently. It's also the time when our cymbidiums and cattleyas are starting to spike or are in sheath, so we can

## Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning **O** 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!

enjoy our plants rather than spending a lot of time repotting.

For more specific tips on what to do during January-April, look at the POS and AOS websites for other culture tips.

In January, 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.

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](mailto:billtcwong@att.net) or [anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com).

We look forward to seeing you on January 3rd. Don't forget this date as it's so close to the New Year!!

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong  
Co-Presidents, POS



Phal. Younghome Gentleman 'YH0330'

## Carol Beule cont.

unique climate she has in the San Fernando Valley and the surrounding communities. In the search to find the perfect plant for her growing area, Carol now grows *Neofinetia (Vanda) falcata*, Paphiopedilum, Phalaenopsis, Cattleya, Laelia, Dendrobium, Lycaste, Asian Cymbidiums and Rossioglossum orchids on her patio and in two small greenhouses.

Carol is a Fully Accredited American Orchid Society Judge, the 1st VP of the Orchid Society of Southern California, and is on the committee that creates the Society's display for the Huntington's annual October Orchid Show. Carol has grown orchids for 28 years and grows orchids in two small greenhouses and outside in her yard in Studio City, CA.

When Carol retired, she started making ceramic pots for Japanese/Korean/Chinese orchids including *Neofinetia (Vanda) falcata*, Asian Cymbidiums and other small orchids. You can view Carol's exquisite pots on her [website](#).

Carol recently wrote an article for the American Orchid Society monthly magazine on the pots used to display *Vanda falcata* in Japan and the US.

The article was illustrated using some photos taken by her and other OSSC members. The 1st part was started in February of 2022, and continued in the

July and August 2022 issues of *Orchids*. The articles include many beautiful pictures of *Neofinetia falcatas* and related orchids.



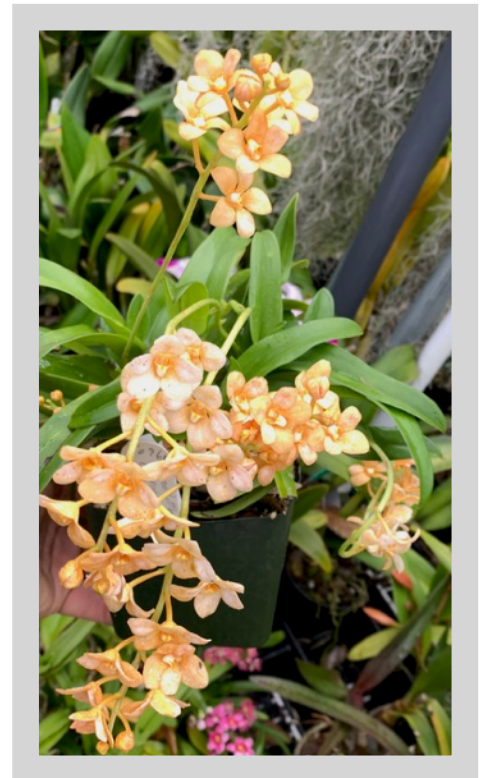
*Neo. falcata* 'Fugaku' in one of Carol's ceramic pots owned by Alex.

## Attending POS Meetings on Zoom

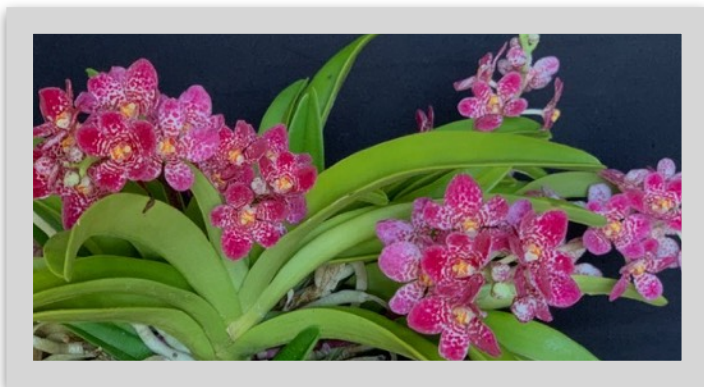
We will continue to broadcast the business and speaker part of our monthly meetings via Zoom for those

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.

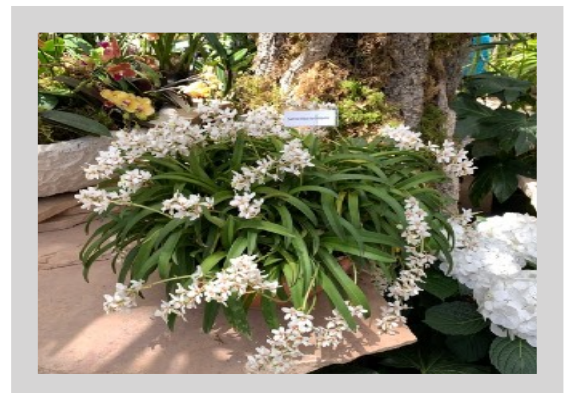
The Zoom meeting information will be included in the email announcing the newsletter and Zoom link. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Alex Nadzan by text or phone at 808-205-6789



*Sarcochilus* Little Rey Vladimir



*Sarcochilus* Red Hot Kiss



*Sarcochilus hartmanii*

# Slate of Officers for 2024 POS Board

The following individuals were unanimously approved for the 2024 Board by attending members at our Annual Meeting on November 1. Board members were inducted at our Holiday Dinner on December 6.

2024 POS Officers:

- **Co-President:** Bill Wong and Alex Nadzan
- **1st VP Programs:** Alex Nadzan and Stewart Walton (**Temporary**)
- **2nd VP Raffle:** Jerry Spahn and Jim Anderson
- **3rd VP Membership:** Trudy Ibbetson
- **Secretary:** Pearl Crosier
- **Treasurer:** Vidya Sirsi and **Assistant**
- **1st Year Trustees:** Steve Redmond, Suzi Sandore and Ceclie Bird
- **2nd Year Trustees:** Judy Dyer, Debra Funakoshi, and Stewart Walton
- **Publicity:** Shelley Hardy
- **Newsletter Editor:** Barry Reder
- **Webmaster:** Helge Weissig and **Assistant**
- **Facebook Editor:** Debra Funakoshi

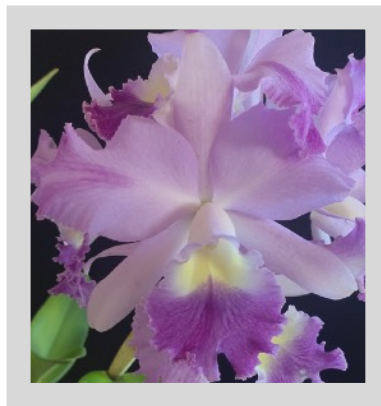
We still would like some of our members to step up and volunteer for additional open positions. We encourage individuals to consider working in a supportive capacity so the individual can get an idea of what is involved and, hopefully, take over the responsibility in future years. This is particularly desirable for the positions of 1st VP Programs 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.

**1st VP Programs:** To work with Alex and the SDCOS Programs VP to identify prospective speakers for our society and co-ordinate with SDCOS to bring in shared speakers and secure plant tables for POS either from the monthly speaker or local vendors for our meetings. Stewart Walton will be stepping down once we find a replacement for this position.

**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.

**Webmaster 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 his responsibilities.

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



Lc. San Diego Blues 'AMN'

## 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

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), December 5, 2023

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



*Paph. N.R.* (Lippreflamme x Flordland Sunset) 'Oceanside' AM/ AOS  
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson  
Awarded AM, 86 points



*Paph.sukhakulii* 'Oceanside's Spots' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson  
Awarded AM, 85 points



*Rlc. Lemon Leopard* 'Arnie' AM/ AOS  
Exhibited by Arnold Gum  
Awarded AM, 82 points



*Paph.sukhakulii* 'Oceanside's Dots' AM/ AOS  
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson  
Awarded AM, 81 points  
Photo by Arnie Gum



*Paph. Nancy Depauw*  
'Snowy Brooks' AM/ AOS  
Exhibited by Jane Wesley Brooks  
Awarded AM, 88 points

*Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia, unless otherwise noted.*

## 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](mailto:orchldy1@mac.com)

# Photos From Our POS December 6th Holiday Dinner

Photos by Debra Funakoshi, Ken Campbell and Stewart Walton



POS Board Members for 2024



Alex & Bill Welcoming Attendees



Anita, Jerry, Pearl, Barb, Trudy & John



Daniel, Lisa, Phyllis, Ron, Judy & Guest



Richard, Dona-Marie, Jerry & Shelley



Dr. Gil Ho



Maryanne Kind & Vidya Sirsi



Trudy Ibbetson & Bill Wong



Geneal & Stewart Walton



Cecle Bird & Linda Lux



Suzi, Lanai, Sandi & Fred Sandquist

## 2024 POS Officers

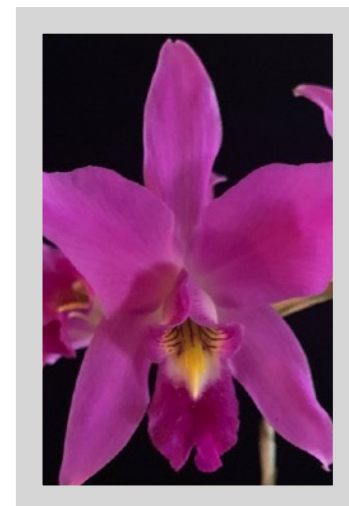
**Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President**  
**Alex Nadzan & Stewart Walton — Co-1st Vice President/Programs**  
**Jerry Spahn & Jim Anderson — 2nd Vice President/Op. Table**  
**Trudy Ibbetson — 3rd Vice President/Membership**  
**Pearl Crosier — Secretary**  
**Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer**  
**Steve Redmond, Suzi Sandore,**  
**Cecily Bird — 1st Year Trustees**  
**Judy Dyer, Debra Funakoshi**  
**Stewart Walton — 1st Year Trustees**  
**Shelley Hardy — Publicity**  
**Barry Reder — Newsletter Editor**  
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## Upcoming Events

### January 2, 2024

AOS Orchid Judging  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[aos.org](http://aos.org)

SDCOS General Meeting  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

### January 3, 2024

POS General Meeting  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

### January 6, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting  
 David Vanden  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

### January 19, 2024

Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

### January 27-28, 2024

SDCOS Orchids in the Park  
 Show  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

### February 3, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting  
 David Vanden  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

### February 6, 2024

AOS Orchid Judging  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[aos.org](http://aos.org)

SDCOS General Meeting  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

### February 7, 2024

POS General Meeting  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

### February 16, 2024

Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

### March 2, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting  
 David Vanden  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

### March 5, 2024

AOS Orchid Judging  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[aos.org](http://aos.org)

SDCOS General Meeting  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

### March 6, 2024

POS General Meeting  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

### 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](http://sandiegozoo.org)

### April 2, 2024

AOS Orchid Judging  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[aos.org](http://aos.org)

SDCOS General Meeting  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

### April 3, 2024

POS General Meeting  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

### April 6, 2024

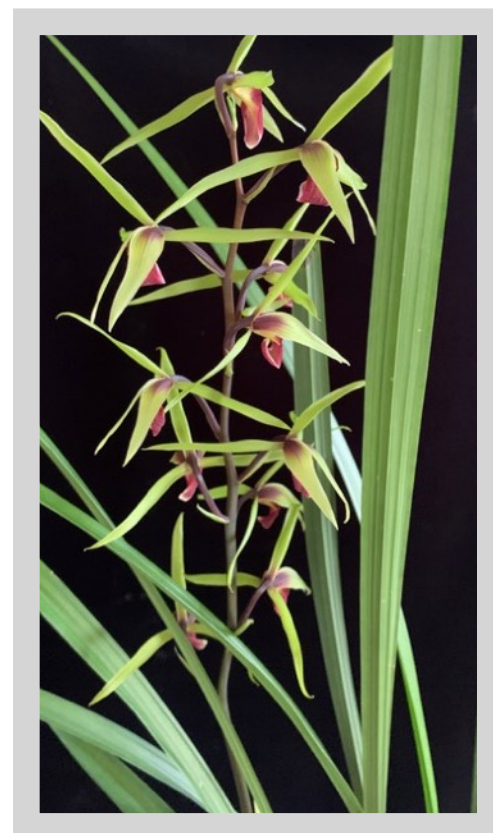
SDCOS Species Meeting  
 David Vanden  
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### April 19-21, 2024

SDCOS Spring Show  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

### April 19, 2024

Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)



*Cymbidium Kanran 'Xue Zhong Hong'*