

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

Attending the July Meeting via Zoom

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

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, July 6, 2022 • 6:30 pm



Scott McGregor

Pushing Limits --Growing Species in Southern California

We are delighted to welcome Scott Mc-Gregor to speak on "Pushing Limits --Growing Species in Southern California." We are blessed to live in a great climate for growing orchids outdoors and Scott will share with us his story of an experiment to try growing over 500 orchid species without a greenhouse in coastal Southern California. Not all succeeded, but many that were thought to require a greenhouse have been proven to thrive in our climate. Scott's talk will inspire those without a greenhouse to try some new species, and for those with a greenhouse - you can make room for more plants by moving some of your current plants outside. Scott's presentation will be streamed



Angraecum compactum



Cleisocentron gokusingii

on Zoom for those members and friends who are unable to attend in person.

Scott has been growing orchids since he was 12, when a neighbor gave him a plant. That plant had a short life, but the hook was set, and he found books and sources for orchid species while growing up in St. Louis. His collection has morphed over time, living in different locations around the world, but has always centered around the more unusual

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hello, all POS members and Friends,

We hope all of you are doing well as we approach summer. We hope all those fathers in POS had a wonderful Father's Day. As mentioned in prior messages, most of our members and friends have not caught COVID or have only experienced mild symptoms as a result. Each month, our loyal members continue to attend our meetings and enjoy the speaker programs and interaction with fellow POS friends. It has been our goal to provide you with interesting and informative meetings and we believe we are succeeding.

Last month, we welcomed back one of our favorite speakers, Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids. Fred, as usual, gave an excellent talk on 'Spotted and Splashed Cattleyas'. Lots of beautiful photographs and discussion on how these beautiful hybrids are developed.

As suggested by some of you, for July we invited a new speaker to POS. We are pleased to welcome Scott McGregor for the first time. Scott is a member of the SD-COS Species Group and lives in San Juan

Capistrano. Scott's talk is titled, 'Pushing Limits—Growing Species in Southern California'. His talk focuses on species, but many of the cultural tips also apply to hybrids as well. More on Scott's background and experience is provided above.

Last month, many of us attended the SVO Open House and had an opportunity to get some nice new orchid plants and enjoy street tacos provided by Fred.

We are fortunate to have a local orchid grower in our area and one who strongly supports our local orchid societies. Last month, Andy's Orchids also had a Summer Open House and some of you picked up nice species orchids to add to your collection. The San Diego County Fair has started and along with many exhibits and entertainment, they also have an Orchid Display and Orchid Judging. Some of you have entered orchid plants for judging and for the display. It's worth making the trip to the fairgrounds to enjoy this annual show.

The San Diego Botanic Garden World of Orchids Show concluded on June 12. We

hope all of you had a chance to see the beautiful orchid display. This was the second year that the Botanic Garden sponsored a show in its new Conservatory. Each week fresh orchids were brought for visitors to enjoy. We are pleased to announce that the Director and lead designer for the Orchid Show, Rene van Rems will speak to POS on August 3rd to tell us what is involved in planning and executing this wonderful display and how to organize and design a show. This should be an excellent and interesting topic. Please mark your calendar for the August meeting.

This past month, Ashley Grable, of the San Diego County Botanic Garden and

Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last
share at break time!

We appreciate everyone's effort in
makes for a great meeting with goodies. It

Thank you!

member of SDCOS and POS, volunteered to oversee POS' Instagram Page. Thank you, Ashley, for joining and participating in our society. We appreciate the active involvement of our new members.

For tips on orchid care for the summer months, please refer to the AOS website or the POS website. As the weather gets warmer, it's important to water and mist plants more frequently. Also pay more attention to excessive high summer light levels and temperatures.

For those of you who have not yet renewed your 2022 memberships please see Trudy at the meeting or mail your renewals to our PO Box 130774, Carlsbad CA, 92011. Very few people renew by mail, so please be sure to do it at the meeting. For our visitors who have not joined yet, we encourage you to join after attending 1 or 2 meetings. We incur expenses for the meeting room, speaker fees and plant table and other administrative expenses so we utilize the nominal membership fees to help cover these costs.

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



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June Judging Report

There were 14 orchids presented for judging and three awards were given.



Catyclia Louise Odom 'Bravo Orchids' Exhibited by William (Bill) Tse Awarded AM/AOS, 86 points



Paphiopedilum tigrinum ' Cassandra' Exhibited by David Brown Awarded AM/AOS, 81 points



C. Dreaming of You 'Cristina's Moonstone' Exhibited by Jose Carlos Lopez Awarded *AM/AOS*, 81 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.

Starting with the June session, the COVID-19 protocols will be relaxed: vaccinations are not mandated and masks are optional. For questions, please contact Phyllis Prestia at <a href="https://orcholorgraphy.orcholorg

Scott McGregor cont.

species. Scott grows all his plants outdoors, without a greenhouse, just "subtracting some sunlight and adding some water" to what nature provides in Southern California. He especially enjoys finding new species that grow well in our climate (many are far more adaptable than most people would believe), and now grows over 500 different orchid species, along with cloud

forest companion plants such as Heliamphora and epiphytic Utricularia. He rarely uses chemical insecticides or fungicides, preferring fresh air, beneficial insects and our native tree frogs. Scott retired from the corporate world a few years ago, and stays active on corporate boards and working with non-profit groups that promote science education for kids. He resides with his family in San Juan Capistrano, California.

This month's plant table will be provided by Andy's Orchids and include some of the remaining plants from SVO's donation.

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the <u>George and Patricia Gowland Meeting</u> Room located in the <u>Carlsbad City Library</u> on Dove Lane, just off El Camino Real in southern Carlsbad. The address is <u>1775 Dove Lane</u>, <u>Carlsbad</u>, <u>CA 92011</u>.

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.

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2022 POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President
Alex Nadzan &
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Upcoming Events

July 2, 2022

SDČOŚ Species Meeting David Vanden 4davidv@gmail.com

July 5, 2022

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

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

July 6, 2022

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

July 15, 2022

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

July 15 - 17, 2022

Summer Hummer Sale Cal-Orchid Santa Barbara calorchid.com

July 16, 2022

Fukiran Society Of America Show and Judging Cal-Orchid Santa Barbara calorchid.com

July 30 - 31, 2022

Orchids in the Park SDCOS Summer Show Casa del Prado, Balboa Park sdorchids.com

August 2, 2022

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

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

August 3, 2022

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

August 6, 2022

SDCOS Species Meeting David Vanden 4davidv@gmail.com

August 19, 2022

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

September 3, 2022

SDCOS Species Meeting David Vanden 4davidv@gmail.com

September 6, 2022

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

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

September 7, 2022

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

September 16, 2022

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

September 16 - 18, 2022

Open House Andy's Orchids andysorchids.com

September 17 & 18, 2022

Annual Fall Show & Sale South Bay Orchid Society Palos Verdes Art Center southbayorchidsociety.com

September 24 & 25, 2022

Fascination of Orchids International Show & Sale Santa Ana Zoo fascinationoforchids.com

Our Sister Society's Meetings

The San Diego County Orchid Society meets on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 101 in the Casa del Prado of Balboa Park in San Diego. Culture class starts at 6:30 pm and the General meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Meetings are free and are open to the public, except for the May and December meetings which are member & invited guests only. Each first Tuesday meeting includes a Plant Forum: your opportunity to share a stunning bloom which wasn't ready for the previous show.

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