



# 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.

[www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

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There are a couple of shows and open houses coming up in our area! Check the calendar in the back for society meetings etc.  
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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, July 5, 2023 • 6:30 pm



## Peter Lin

### Compact Vandaceous Species and Hybrids

We welcome back Peter Lin, one of our favorite and very knowledgeable speakers who will be presenting his newest talk: Compact Vandaceous Species and Hybrids. We will learn about the many different small growing species and hybrids within the Vanda alliance. Several of

these orchids can be grown successfully outdoors in Southern California, depending on the parents involved in the hybrid or the species. Peter's fast-paced Power-Point presentation will include many pictures along with cultural tips. Peter also will be providing the plant opportunity table. The talk will be streamed on zoom for those members who can't attend in person.

Peter started growing orchids over 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school



Vanchostylus Dragons Eye



Ascozentrum pumilum "Diamond Orchids"

and starting a career. It wasn't until about 14 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has thousands of photos of his orchids that [he maintains on Flickr](#).

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## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

*Hello to all POS Members and Friends,*

*We hope all of you are well and ready for summer. June 21st was the first day of summer, but we are still experiencing some June gloom. Many of us are ready for the change to more sunny days after months of overcast and cool conditions.*

*June was another busy month for POS members and volunteers. We held our second fundraiser of the year at the Dove Library on June 10th. It was a huge success and we made over \$2500. We want to give a sincere Thank You to all the people who helped. This includes members who donated plants, orchid growers who donated plants and/or sold POS plants at a discount, members who picked up plants or transported plants home, the many volunteers who helped on the day of the sale with set-up, take-down, talking to customers, managing the plant hotel, and handling sales. Bill and Alex truly appreciate all the wonderful help!!*

*This was our first organized sale and vastly different from the auctions of past years. The sale was for only four hours and most people spent less than 40 minutes perusing and purchasing plants. In the past our auction took more than 5 hours and many customers had to sit through several hours of bidding. We think the sale format was*



*more efficient and less time consuming. It was also less expensive to lease the Dove library than the previous conference facilities. The Board has not fully analyzed the entire process, but on first glance we think most of our members enjoyed the sale format more than the auction. It was also a nice occasion because we got to visit with some members who have not been able to attend meetings for several years. They came to support our sale and purchased some nice plants.*

*June was also busy as many of you attended the SVO Open House and picked up many nice orchids and enjoyed the tacos/food provided by Fred Clarke. This is an event that all of our members look forward to.*

*In June we hosted Jack Zhu, a first-time speaker, who talked about Asian cymbidiums and introduced us to the culture of these orchids. Jack also spoke to the San Diego County Orchid Society as part of our shared speaker program.*

*On July 5th we are pleased to welcome back Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids. Peter is one of our regular and favorite speakers and his talks always entertain and inform our audience. Peter will talk about 'Compact Vandaceous Species and Hy-*

*brids', a talk we haven't hear before. If you are in town after the July 4th holiday, try to come to our meeting. It's easy to forget the meeting since it's the day after the holiday, but don't miss Peter's presentation. You also can see the talk via Zoom if you are unable to attend in person.*

*As we enter the warmer months, we need to adjust for the greater watering requirements and brighter sunlight conditions. Be sure to review the American Orchid Society website for Seasonal Orchid Care, Checklist for July and August. There are specific tips for the different types of orchids. Also review the POS website for our 'To Do List' for July. There are many tips for both outdoor and indoor growing conditions. The best orchid growers in our society are aware of the differences in growing during the various seasons. Although we are getting warmer, we still need to be aware of slugs and snails and other pests. If you go for early morning walks you will still see snails on the sidewalk and on lawns. If you notice a plant that is not as healthy as the rest and has not produced flowers, it's time to take it out of the pot, examine the roots and determine if there are slugs in the mix or if the mix is decomposing. Slugs may not be as visible because they are buried in the mix, but often times they cause extensive damage to the roots and the health of the plant. Change the mix and make sure all slugs are removed.*

*We hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. We are always thinking about our members who are unable to attend due to serious health issues and hope that all of you continue in good health.*

*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](mailto:president@palomarorchid.org).*

*Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong  
Co-Presidents, POS*

### **Snacks & Refreshments**

*This month, all members with last names beginning **A through P** 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!**

Peter Lin cont.



**Rhynchovanda Freckles**

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.



**Vandofinetia Virgil 'Pale Jade'**

### *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.

# Orchid Show and Sale

## September 16 & 17

Show and Sale Hours: 10 am - 4 pm Saturday and Sunday

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

- Buy direct from commercial growers
- See award winning orchids/displays

Sponsored by the Palos Verdes Art Center

Admission: Adults \$5 & Children under 12 Free

### FREE Parking

For all show information and map  
[www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)

# June Judging Report

There were 15 orchids presented for judging. Five were awarded. The first plant shown below received an upgraded award for greater floriferousness, richer color, and fuller, rounder form.



*Catyclia* Louise Odom  
'Bravo Orchids'  
Exhibited by William (Bill) Tse  
Awarded FCC 90 points



*Cattleya* Motte Spot  
'Pink Phantom'  
Exhibited by Ruben Colmenares  
Awarded AM 87 points



*Paph.* Lady Booth  
'Sunset Valley Orchids Super'  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded AM, 84 points



*Encyclia* Moonlight Fireflies  
Exhibited by J. Carlos Lopez  
Awarded AM, 84 points



*Vanda barnesii* 'House of Sin'  
Exhibited by Jack Li  
Awarded AM 80 points

## 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.

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## 2023 POS Officers

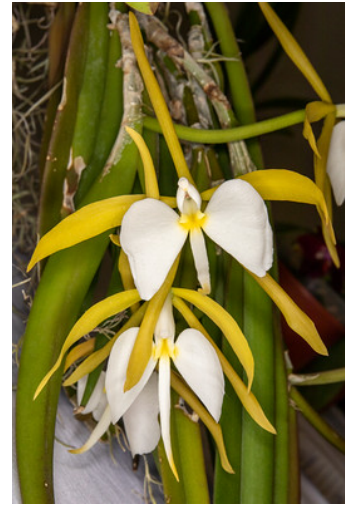
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## Upcoming Events

### July 3, 2023

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)

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**August 2, 2023**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**July 5, 2023**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**August 5, 2023**  
 SDCOS Species Meeting  
 David Vanden  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

**July 14 - 16, 2023**  
 Summer Hummer  
 Cal-Orchids  
 Santa Barbara  
[calorchid.com](http://calorchid.com)

**August 18, 2023**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**July 15, 2023**  
 2023 Annual Fūkiran Exhibition  
 and Judging  
 Furikan Society of America  
 Cal-Orchids  
 Santa Barbara  
[fukiransoa.weebly.com](http://fukiransoa.weebly.com)

**September 1, 2023**  
 SDCOS Species Meeting  
 David Vanden  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

**July 21, 2023**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**September 5, 2023**  
 AOS Orchid Judging  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[aos.org](http://aos.org)

**July 29 - 30, 2023**  
 Summer Show  
 "Orchids in the Park"  
 San Diego County  
 Orchid Society  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

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

**August 1, 2023**  
 AOS Orchid Judging  
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[aos.org](http://aos.org)

**September 6, 2023**  
 POS General Meeting  
 Gowland Meeting Room  
 Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**September 15, 2023**  
 Orchid Odyssey  
 San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://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  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

**September 16 & 17, 2023**  
 South Bay Orchid Society Show  
 and Sale  
 Rancho Palos Verdes  
[southbayorchidsociety.com](http://southbayorchidsociety.com)

**2023 Cal-Orchid  
 SUMMER HUMMER  
 Weekend Fandango  
 July 14, 15 & 16, 2023  
 9 am to 5 pm ... All Three Days!**