



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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Monthly Publication

June 2025



Attending the June Meeting via Zoom

For those unable to attend meetings in person, we will continue to provide Zoom links found in the Newsletter email.

President's Message

Culture Meeting on Pest Management and WOS Stars of the Show for 3 POS members.

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AOS JUDGING REPORT

No judging report this issue



Monthly Meeting Wednesday June 4th, 2025 4:00 PM

June Speaker Mr. Bruce Kidd on 'Pest Management in Orchids'



We are delighted to welcome back Mr. Bruce Kidd to our society who will speak to us on "Pest Management in Orchids". Although Bruce is a retired professional pest control expert, his talk will be geared toward preventative measures for the hobbyist to avoid pest problems in orchid collections, be they large or small. This is a very timely talk and should not be missed, since we are entering the spring and summer growing seasons when such pests become more active and require proactive steps to avoid problems.

It's been said that the only orchid growers who don't have pests like scale and mites are the ones with bad eyes. Or, that there are two kinds of growers; those who already have pest problems, and those who will. As the size of your collection grows, problems created by crowding, neglect and the promiscuous exchange of plant material assure that sooner or later you will have most of the major pests either as tourists or residents in all the areas where you grow plants.

A lot of the critters that live with us are too small to see with casual examination, and the damage they do to orchids is hard to recognize during the early stages when you still have a chance to do something about it. Many of the orchids you thought you couldn't grow were probably doing fine until some biological agent got involved and began to weaken your plant. When the death certificate reads "over watering", we need to understand that's really just code for oxygen starvation and bacterial invasion through wounds, plus any bad karma you contribute. Water doesn't kill plants, not without help.

The basics of orchid cultivation are environmentally driven, with temperature, light, water, media and fertility the most important. Take care of those and usually the orchid will do the rest, until the family cat knocks the plant over and breaks it. Can't help you with that one! "Pest Management in Orchids" is about identification and control of common orchid maladies, using cultural techniques and a few miracle cures to illustrate the process. You'll see some unusual pictures of orchids and the wildlife they attract, learn how the pests behave and how to discourage them safely.

Bruce holds an M.Sc. degree from the University of Arizona in Weed Science and lives in Murrieta with Yasue, his wife of 51 years. Bruce retired in 2010 from a 30-year career with Dow AgroSciences, where he worked as a technical sales representative, marketing Dow's products to the professional turf and ornamental industry. Some of his first experiences with orchids came while recommending pest control strategies for orchid growers in California and Hawaii. He is a past president of the San Diego County Cymbidium Society, a popular speaker at Southern California Orchid Societies, and an avid orchid enthusiast, growing about 500 very tough orchids in a greenhouse and outdoors.

This month's plant table will consist of orchids from local and Hawaiian growers.



Color Break Virus on a Cattleya Orchid



Two-spotted spider mite damage on an orchid leaf



Trips, a piercing, sucking insect- difficult to eradicate



Boisduval scale on Cattleya pseudobulbs

Presidents Message June 2025

To Our POS Members and Friends,

The orchid flowering season is in full force with many of our orchids waking up from their winter and early spring rest including many cymbidiums, cattleyas, and zygotetals. Several of them are putting out new roots and providing growers an opportunity to repot and divide them in the growing season.

We are nearing the end of another successful World of Orchids Show at the San Diego Botanic Garden with several of our members providing orchids for the display and volunteering for our first society fundraiser of the year over Memorial Day weekend. As of this writing three of our member's orchids were selected as the Stars of the Show by attendees. Congrats to Pearl Crosier for her beautiful and well-grown *Colmanara* Masai, Michael Chanco and Mike Paganelli for their very popular *Brassidium* Kenneth Bivin 'Santa Barbara', and Barry Reder for his always popular clone of *Gomesa* Jiaho Queen 'Jia Ho' selected on the second, third, and fourth weeks, respectively. (See pics below). Many thanks to our members for making it a successful show and fundraiser.

Last month T.J. Hartung gave us a nice talk on 'Fragrant Orchids'. For those who missed the talk or didn't catch all the info he presented, T.J. gave the OK to share his presentation so contact Alex if you would like a copy of his talk.

For June, we welcome back Bruce Kidd who has spoken to our society on a number of occasions in the past. Bruce is retired expert on pests and pest management since he had worked for Dow AgroSciences for 30 years and has advised many commercial and hobbyist growers on how to identify and deal with orchid pests and diseases. His talk entitled 'Pest Management in Orchids' is the second culture-oriented talk this year that will be beneficial to both novice and experienced orchid growers. Bruce's presentation is particularly timely as we approach the summer period when pests are most active and members need to watch their collections carefully as pest numbers increase exponentially as temperatures rise in the summer.

We hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. Please note that Alex is available to listen to your suggestions, questions and any concerns you may have about the society and your orchids. You may contact or text Alex at 858-205-6789 or e-mail him at anadzan@mac.com.

We hope to see you in June.



Pearl Crosier with
Colmanara Masai Red



Michael Chanco and Mike Paganelli's
'*Brassidium* Kenneth Bivin 'Santa Barbara'



Barry Reder with
Gomesa Jiaho Queen
'Jia Ho'

2025 POS Board Officers

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

We want to encourage more of our members to step up and volunteer for additional positions **highlighted above in bold**. We ask individuals to consider working in a supportive capacity so the member 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 Co-president, Treasurer and Webmaster. 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.

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!



Promeneia Silvana - Peter Tobias



Cattleya Canhamiana 'Cobalt'

Anita & Jerry Spencer

Upcoming Events

June 3, 2025

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

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

June 4, 2025

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

June 7, 2025

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandenbroek
4davidv@gmail.com

June 7, 2025

Orchid Digest
Speakers Day
Huntington Library
orchiddigest.org

June 20, 2025

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

June 20-22, 2025

Andy's Orchids Open House
Encinitas, CA
andysorchids.com

July 1, 2025

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

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

July 2, 2025

POS General Meeting
Gowland Meeting Room
Dove Library, Carlsbad
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July 5, 2025

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandenbroek
4davidv@gmail.com

July 18-20, 2025

Cal-Orchid Summer
Hummer & Fukiran Show
Santa Barbara, CA
calorchid.com

July 18, 2025

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

July 26-27, 2025

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

August 2, 2025

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandenbroek
4davidv@gmail.com

August 5, 2025

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

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

August 6, 2025

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

August 15, 2025

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org



Cattleya intermedia orlata 'Freckles'

Barry Reder



Lycaste aromatica



Oncidium Catatante