

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**

#### March 2023



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#### Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, March 1, 2023 • 6:30 pm



# Ken Campbell & Jerry Spencer

# Orchid Culture

Our March meeting represents the first culture meeting of the year that features two our very experienced orchid growers, Ken Campbell and Jerry Spencer, who will share their orchid knowledge with us. Ken will speak to us about pest and virus management. Ken has considerable experience in growing orchids in his small



greenhouse that contains both mounted and potted cattleyas, phalaenopsis and hanging vandas. Ken says that if managing the temperature, the amount of light, and an irrigation and fertilization schedule isn't enough of a challenge growing orchids, let's not forget dealing with our friends the orchid pests. Creepy little things like aphids, mealy bugs, scale, snails and the like. In his presentation, Ken will talk about how to detect the presence of these unwanted visitors, identify who they are, and then successfully deal with them. Lastly, no discussion regarding orchid threats would fail to include at least a few words about orchid viruses... so he will have a brief discussion covering that topic as well.

Jerry Spencer will discuss his '5 Favorite Orchids' why they are his favorites, where he grows them, what they like/ dislike and when they bloom. As most of you are aware, Anita and Jerry Spencer are well-known for their award-winning orchids and their specialization in specimen size orchids that have won many local and AOS awards. Some of those award winners will be featured in Jerry's presentation.

Both talks should be very educational for members new to growing orchids as well as our more experienced orchid enthusiasts and are well worth attending to broaden your orchid knowledge.

Jerry and Anita will be providing this month's plant table.

### PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hello to all POS Members and Friends,

They say time flies and we can attest to that. It seems we recently celebrated the holidays and New Year and here we are entering the 3rd month of 2023. The good news is Covid concerns have subsided and most of the population are willing to go out and enjoy life and participate in activities. As an example, in February we had 40 people attend our meeting, the largest attendance for the past two years. Our goal is not to have the largest meetings, but to provide informative and entertaining meetings for our audience that will enhance their knowledge and enjoyment of orchids. This is partially measured by our success in maintaining our membership and attracting new members and visitors. We look forward to seeing you each month and many of you look forward to our meetings and chance to interact with fellow orchid members. A couple of recent speakers have commented on the nice attendance at our meetings.

In February, Brandon Tam of the Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens gave an overview of the Huntington's outstanding orchid collection. Brandon offered to give a private tour of the Huntington's orchid collection to POS (he offers this to other orchid societies as well). We are in the early stages of planning this event, selecting a date and arranging transportation. It will probably be held in May. We will keep you apprised of the details. Since the Huntington is about 2 hours away, we will most likely arrange carpooling and possibly rent a large van. Participants will share in the ride sharing costs. Jim Anderson has kindly offered to help coordinate this event. We normally don't plan caravans to locations this far away so we will need participants to volunteer to help drive and coordinate the event.

In March, we are excited to have Jerry Spencer and Ken Campbell provide a hybrid Culture Class. Jerry and Ken are two of our more accomplished POS orchid hobbyists and both are entertaining speakers. Ken will discuss "Orchid Pests and Their Management" and Jerry will talk about his "5 favorite Orchids". This presentation will be beneficial for many of our newer members as well as our long- time members. More on their backgrounds is included in this Newsletter.

Also in March, our members will have the opportunity again to display their orchids in the World of Orchids Show at the San Diego Botanic Garden between March 11-April 9. If you are interested in participating, please refer to the article in this newsletter for more information.

Our society is also planning to put a society display in the upcoming SDCOS Spring Show to be held in Balboa Park on April 21-23 (set up on April 20). In view of the change to the Balboa Park location, the display will be smaller than previous years and consist of an 8x5 table top display. We are looking for volunteers to help design and plan the display for the society. Interested members can sign up at our March and April meetings or contact Bill or Alex.

We are pleased that many of our members have already renewed their annual membership. Thank you for the early renewal. The POS Board held a meeting last week to discuss several topics and issues. One critical topic we discussed is how to raise funds to help cover our operating expenses. Membership dues only cover a fraction of our costs. Many of our expenses have increased such as insurance, storage fees, plant table expenses, etc. In past years, we held an annual auction which supplemented our membership dues. Because of Covid, we have not had an auction for 3 years. We had one fundraiser in 2021 where members donated money or orchids to sell. That was successful, but we would rather have a traditional fundraiser.

For 2023 we are planning at least two fundraisers for our society. First, we will be selling orchids at the World of Orchids Show during the weekend of March 31-



April 2 and will need volunteers to provide plant donations and help with managing the booth. Secondly, we will have an Orchid Sale (not an auction) at the Carlsbad City Library on June 10th. Again, we will need members to volunteer for both events and will have signup sheets at our March meeting for both events. Also, you may contact Bill and Alex if you are interested in participating. If the sale is successful, we may do another one in the fall.

The past three months have been extremely cold and wet for San Diego. This has created challenges for maintaining the health of our orchids. For suggestions on culture care during this season, refer to the AOS website and our POS website for the monthly 'To Do' lists. Also search, All About Orchids, Seasonal Orchid Care, March and April Checklists on the web. There is a wealth of information that covers many types of orchids. These checklists are ideal for all levels of orchid growing.

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

## World of Orchids Show at the San Diego Botanic Garden

The World of Orchids Show will be held between March 11 and April 9 at the San Diego Botanic Garden.

As many of you know, both POS and SDCOS members participated in the World of Orchids Show for the last two years and both events were very successful and well-received by the general community. Our members have the opportunity again to display society plants during this year's show. Debby Halliday will again coordinate the submissions and returns of member's orchids on Tuesdays during the show. The initial set up is on Wednesday March 8 and those members who participated last year should be on Debby's list and will automatically get an email with details on how to submit your orchids. Please contact Debby Halliday (debhallid@gmail.com) ASAP to be added to the list if you have not received her email or want to participate for the first time. You do not have





to display plants every week during the show. Forms will be sent out on a weekly basis and plants will be dropped off and picked up on successive Tuesdays (Mar. 14, 21, 28 and April 4) with pick up at the end of the show on April 10 or 11.

Requirements for your display plants: 1) Clean and bug free - we don't want to introduce pests into the SDBG conservatory. 2) Clean pot, but no outer pot is necessary. 3) Clearly labeled with plant name and your name. 4) Recently watered.

When you arrive with your plants, you will be given numbered ID tags to attach to your plants to further ensure that nothing gets lost. The plants will be in the show until the next Tuesday or longer if the flowers are still in good condition. Plants staying longer than one week, will be watered by the garden staff should they need it. Participating in this event is a lot of fun and gives our societies the opportunity to show visitors many of the beautiful orchid hybrids and species we grow to perfection. On weekends, show visitors can shop for unusual and unique orchids at the grower direct orchid market. During the show SDCOS members will be selling orchids the weekends of March 11-12 and 24-26. The Orchid Conservation Alliance will sell on March 17-19 and POS will be selling plants on the weekend of March 31-April 2. Additionally, other vendors will be selling from 10-5 every Sat. and Sun. and a few on select Fridays. Please refer to the SDBG website (https://sdbg.org/ world-of-orchids/) for more details on vendors, classes and general admission.

Admission to World of Orchids is included with the Garden entrance fee or Garden membership. All attendees are encouraged to make a reservation online to obtain tickets for entry. Entrance is free for AOS members but you still need to register for tickets (under reciprocal) and show your ticket and AOS membership card upon entry. Make your reservation today for this exciting, month's long show.

# Soliciting Volunteers for Two POS Fundraising Events

As indicated in recent meetings and our President's Message, we are planning to raise much needed funds for the society.

There are two upcoming events that we would encourage our members to participate in either by working at the events and/or providing divisions of orchids for sale at these events.

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### General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the <u>George and Patricia Gowland Meeting</u> <u>Room located in the 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, 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.

# Fundraisers cont.

<u>Event 1</u>: POS Orchid Booth at the World of Orchids Show on the Weekend of <u>March 31-April 2</u>.

We would like volunteers to work at our booth either in the mornings and/ or afternoons on the above dates to help setup, sell orchids and take in money for the purchases for the society. We also would appreciate donations of any divisions of member's plants to sell for the sale including orchids and related plants (bromeliads, succulents, etc.). If orchids are not in bloom, please provide a name and picture of the bloom to facilitate selling.

<u>Event 2</u>: POS Orchid Sale at the Carlsbad City Library on Saturday, <u>June</u> <u>10th from 8am – 3pm.</u>

Soliciting volunteers for set up/running of the sale and donations of member orchids and related plants for the sale. Signup sheets will be available at our March and April meetings or contact Bill or Alex.



# 2023 Monthly Judging Calendar for Southern California

Center	San Diego	San Marino	Santa Barbara	Yorba Linda
Location	Balboa Park Casa del Prado, Room 104 1600 Village Place San Diego, CA 92101	Huntington Botanical Gardens, Mishler Resource Building 1151 Oxford Road San Marino, CA 91108	Trinity Lutheran Church 909 N La Cumbre Rd Santa Barbara, CA 93110	Yorba Linda Community Center 4501 Casa Loma Ave Yorba Linda, CA 92886
Center Chair Send Cut Flowers to	Phyllis Prestia (orchldy2@mac.com) 3849 Via Del Rancho Oceanside, CA 92056 760-685-3744	George Hatfield (george@aos.org) 4619 Vanderbilt Court Ventura, CA 93003 805-901-0340	Jim Sloniker (jimorchid@aol.com) 325 Court Ave Ventura, CA 93003 805-290-0888	Peter T. Lin (minicatt99@yahoo.com) 834 N. Featherwood Dr Diamond Bar, CA 91765 909-573-6751
Judging Start Time	6:30 pm	10:00 am	7:00 pm	7:00 pm
Held Every Month on the	First Tuesday	Second Saturday	Second Wednesday	Third Wednesday

#### 2023

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January	3, 29**	14	11	18
February	7	11	8	15
March	7	11	8	15
April	4	8	12	19
May	2	13	10	17
June	6	10	14	21
July	3*, 30**	8	12	19
August	1	12	9	16
September	5	9	13	20
October	3, 28**	-	11	18
November	7	11	8	15
December	5	9	13	20

#### Notes:

\* Note date change due to July 4 holiday

\*\* San Diego "Orchids in the Park" judgings

# Orchid Show and February Judging Reports

Two judging sessions were held since the last edition of our newsletter: At the January 29 Winter Show in the Park, 6 orchids were presented for judging and three were awarded. One of the plants received two awards. At the regular judging session on February 7, 7 orchids presented for judging and four were awarded.

#### January 29 Awards



Angraecum sesquipedale 'Star Shine' Exhibited by Debbie Halliday Awarded FCC, 91 points

#### February 7 Awards



Paph. wardii 'Oceanside Garnets' Exhibited by Tim Culbertson Awarded AM, 81 points



Bulb. Wade Hallenbach 'Sunset Valley Orchids' Exhibited by Fred Clarke Awarded AM, 86 points



*Bulb. treschii* 'Daddy Long Legs' Exhibited by Debbie Halliday AM, 84 points & CCM, 83 points



Phal. Chia E. Yenlin 'Grape Lace' Exhibited by Debbie Halliday Awarded HCC, 76 points



C. Candy Sparks 'SVO Super Flare' Exhibited by Fred Clarke Awarded AM, 86 points



Paph. fairrieanum 'Ruby Red' Exhibited by Fred Clarke 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. See the previous page for the locations and calendar of all 2023 Southern California judging sessions.

Since last summer, COVID-19 protocols have been relaxed: vaccinations are not mandated and masks are optional. For questions, please contact Phyllis Prestia at <u>orchldy1@mac.com</u>



# **Orchid Show and Sale**

March 25 and 26, 2023 Hours: 10 am - 4 pm See award winning blooming orchids species and hybrids of all genera Buy quality orchids from commercial growers and vendors Tour the Palos Verdes Art Center Gallery

#### Location:

#### Palos Verdes Art Center 5504 Crestridge Road Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 Admission: Adults \$5.00 Children under 12 Free

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For more show information and a map www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html

## Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction

#### MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023

 6:00 PM – Doors Open for Auction Preview & Registration (Get Your Paddles and View the Orchids)
6:30 PM – <u>Auction Starts Promptly</u>, all Visitors & Guests are

Welcome! Quality orchids are available for all budgets and at all price points from commercial growers and

Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society members.

Note: All LA County Covid restrictions and established rules set by St. Gregory's Episcopal Church will be observed. Please come prepared with a mask.

We Accept Cash, Zelle, or Credit Cards

#### Address:

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church 6201 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815 Ample Parking is Available

Come join us at our regular meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at St. Gregory's Church Hall at 7PM. Meet hybridizers, growers, amateurs, and beginners. We are known as '*The More Than Friendly Society*'.

Contact Info: LBAOSinfo@gmail.com



#### PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY

### 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**

March 4, 2023 SDCOS Species Meeting David Vanden 4davidv@gmail.com

March 7, 2023 AOS Orchid Judging Casa del Prado, Balboa Park aos.org

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

March 8, 2023 POS General Meeting Gowland Meeting Room Dove Library, Carlsbad palomarorchid.org

March 10 - 12, 2023 75th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show Earl Warren Showgrounds sborchidshow.com

March 13, 2023 Annual Orchid Auction Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society LBAOSinfo@gmail.com

March 17, 2023 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

March 25 & 26, 2023 South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale Palos Verdes Art Ctr. southbayorchidsociety.com April 1, 2023 SDCOS Species Meeting David Vanden 4davidv@gmail.com

April 4, 2023 AOS Orchid Judging Casa del Prado, Balboa Park aos.org

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

April 5, 2023 POS General Meeting Gowland Meeting Room Dove Library, Carlsbad palomarorchid.org

April 21, 2023 Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

May 2, 2023 AOS Orchid Judging Casa del Prado, Balboa Park aos.org

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

May 3, 2023 POS General Meeting Gowland Meeting Room Dove Library, Carlsbad palomarorchid.org

May 6, 2023 SDCOS Species Meeting David Vanden 4davidv@gmail.com May 19, 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 sdorchids.com



