



# 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)

## A Monthly Publication

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### Attending Our Meetings 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

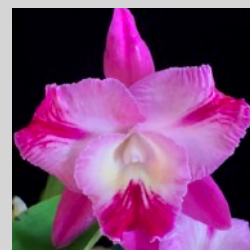
We are planning several events this year including a Caravan to SVO Nursery on March 23. Pages 2 & 4

### Judging Reports

The January and February judging sessions saw a total of 12 beautiful orchids awarded from a total of 30 presented. Pages 6-8

### Calendar of Events

There are a number of regular scheduled meetings including several shows beginning in March and April. Page 10



Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, March 6th, 2024 • 6:30 pm



grow in our Southern California climate. The presentation will feature two of our very experienced growers, Jerry Spencer and Alex Nadzan. Alex will begin the session with reviewing repotting basics that should help both beginners and more seasoned growers prepare for the



Cym. Dr. Len

## Orchid Culture Meeting - Repotting and Dividing Your Orchids

As we begin the 2024 orchid growing season, our first culture meeting of the year will focus on the basics of repotting and dividing orchids and provide demonstrations on repotting orchids that are easy to



Bratonia Charles M. Fitch 'Izumi'  
AM/AOS

busiest part of our orchid growing season. He will provide tips and valuable sources for supplies and will pot and divide a cattleya orchid or two.

Anita and Jerry Spencer are well-known for growing and showing award-winning, large specimen plants so Jerry will share

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## President's Message

Hello to our POS Members and Friends,

We hope all our members and friends have weathered the winter storms with minimal impact. Hopefully by April we will finish our rainy season and get to enjoy our orchid collections and resume the repotting/dividing of our cymbidiums and other orchids.

In February we welcomed Donna Ballard who spoke on 'Growing Orchids in the Middle of a Drought'. Donna enjoyed our society and joined POS and even purchased several plants. The first two meetings included new speakers and a continuation of our shared speaker program with the SDCOS.

For our March meeting POS will conduct a Culture Class, presented by Alex Nadzan and Jerry Spenser, two of our best growers!!! Alex and Jerry will focus on 'Repotting and Dividing Your Orchids' and will include repotting demonstrations. We typically have two Culture Meetings each year and many of our members and guests look forward to these presentations. They are informative and entertaining. It's particularly pertinent as many of our new members and visitors are beginners and are eager to learn more. Even our more experienced growers can learn something new.

Looking ahead to May, we need to start planning our participation in the San Diego Botanic Garden's "World of Orchids" showcase (May 4-27th). POS will be sponsoring a fundraiser during the weekend of May 24-27th. We have not yet decided if we want to conduct it for 2 or 3 days. However, since it's one of only two fundraisers for POS this year, it's an important event and requires the participation of our members. We will ask members to volunteer to man the booth and to donate orchids for sale. More details on the schedule will be provided in the April newsletter and meeting, but typically volunteers are asked to be there for 3-4-hour shifts. Those of us find it rewarding and enjoyable to share our knowledge of orchids with others and a few of the show attendees have joined POS because of the show. Another benefit of participating is that you will be able to see the exhibit without

buying an admission ticket. So, start identifying plants or divisions that you can donate and pencil in a date you can help.

Members also can loan blooming orchids for the display. The show depends on plants from SDCOS and POS members so keep in mind about loaning some of your plants that are blooming during the month of May. You can loan plants for any week of the show, not just the weekend that we are sponsoring our booth. More information will be provided in our April newsletter and at next month's meeting.

We are pleased to announce that Suzi Sandore has accepted the position as Co-1st VP of Speaker Programs and has begun assisting Alex in selecting speakers, coordinating shared speakers with SDCOS, and arranging for the plant table each month. We thank Suzi for stepping up and thank Stu Walton for his help the past few years. If you have any good speaker and topic suggestions, be sure to let Suzi know. In selecting speakers, we typically like to get local speakers or speakers within Southern California or Northern California to minimize transportation costs.

The POS Board has scheduled a Caravan to Sunset Valley Orchids on March 23 from 10-noon with details on page 4. We will be considering an additional Caravan to a member's home or, possibly, the Huntington Library later in the year..

Many, if not most of our members, have paid their 2024 membership dues. Thank you for your prompt renewal. Members not renewed by the end of March will incur a \$5 increase, so be sure to pay at the next meeting, pay by check or [online](#) or by mail.

For March culture tips, refer to our POS website under [March to Do](#) list.. You also can access the AOS for culture tips.

One serious pest during our wet winter has been snails and slugs. These pests can do serious damage to our orchid plants in a short time if not detected. A year's worth of orchid care can be ruined overnight. Be sure to

Snacks & Refreshments  
This month, all members  
with last names beginning  
**M 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!

examine your plants in the early morning or evening (use flashlight) to detect these pests. The most cost-effective and safest method is manual eradication. Pick them off and crush them immediately. Check daily until the population is gone. Picking up slimy slugs (with gloves) is not easy, but a good option is to kill them with a garden scissor (cutting them in half in place).

Another option is to use the snail and slug products on the market. They are readily available at all garden centers and Home Depot/Lowes. Not all are pet and children friendly so be sure to pick a product that suits your situation.

One of our members reported that 'That's It' snail bait is back on the market, but in a different concentration. This is one of the most effective baits but not for use around pets and children. With any product be sure to follow the application instructions. Snail and slug poison is expensive and improper use will dilute the effectiveness.

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).



## Repotting and Dividing Your Orchids (continued)

his techniques on dividing and repotting a large specimen cymbidium orchid. During the presentation, Alex and Jerry will address any repotting questions you may have so bring them to the meeting.

This should be a very interesting and educational session for all who want to get a head start on the upcoming orchid growing season. The session also will provide an incentive for members to produce divisions of your collections for our upcoming POS sale over the weekend of May 24-27 at the San Diego Botanic Garden's World of Orchids Show (May 4-27) in Encinitas.

Finally, the plant table this month will be provided by one of our local orchid growers.



*Cym. Palanga 'Dorothy'*



*Phrag. Grouville*

**SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW**

**76<sup>th</sup>**

**2024**  
**MARCH 8-10**  
9 AM - 5 PM

**ORCHIDS**  
FLORAL GEMS  
OF NATURE

EARL WARREN SHOWGROUNDS  
HWY 101 & LAS POSITAS  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

\$20 GENERAL ADMISSION  
\$30 3-DAY PASS  
(CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE WITH ADULT)

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## Orchid Virus Testing

As a service to our members at this month's culture meeting, we will test one or two of your orchids for the two main orchid viruses (CMV and ORSV). If you suspect one of your orchids may be virused or if do you want to divide your orchid into multiple divisions and don't want to test it yourself, bring a small piece of leaf or a flower in a plastic bag to the meeting and we will test it during the break for \$8.00 per test. Should you be interested, please let Barry Reder know in advance so we can have enough kits on hand to accommodate our members. Barry's email is [b.reder@sbcglobal.net](mailto:b.reder@sbcglobal.net) or text him at (760) 419-3388.

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## POS Caravan to Sunset Valley Orchids (SVO) – March 23, 2024

Fred Clarke of SVO has agreed to host POS on a caravan to his nursery on March 23rd (Saturday) from 10 am to about 12 pm. This is the first field trip by our society over the past 4 years due to Covid and other factors.

Many of our newer members are not familiar with SVO, one of the top hybridizers in the country and maybe even the world. Fred will talk about his nursery operation, how he got into orchids and discuss the various genera he is growing. He will cover some of his current hybridizing efforts and give us a tour of his beautiful greenhouses.

After the tour, visitors will have an opportunity to purchase plants at a nice discount Fred has generously agreed to provide. You can view many of his award-winning orchids and plants for sale on his [website](#).

This private tour and discussion will give us an inside look into Fred's operation and opportunity to ask questions on orchid growing to an expert in the field.

Coffee and pastry will be provided before the tour starts.

Plan to come, save the date, and invite your friends to join us!!

**Please sign up at our March meeting so we can anticipate the attendance  
or contact Bill or Alex by phone or email.**





*Cleisocentron gokusingii*



*Phal. tetraspis* 'Sunny Panda'



*Cymbidium* Sweet and Savvy.



*Bonatea speciosa* 'Green Egret'

### 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](#).

It's all about Orchids!

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.

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center “Winter Show in the Park”  
(Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), January 27, 2024.

Text by Phyllis Prestia. Photos by Arnie Gum  
There were 6 orchids presented for judging. Two were awarded.



*Epidendrum alvarezdeltoroi*  
'Normandy' CHM/AOS  
Exhibited by Stewart Walton  
Awarded CHM, 83 points  
points



*Paph wardii* 'Isabella' HCC / AOS  
Exhibited by Kay Klausing  
Awarded HCC, 77 points

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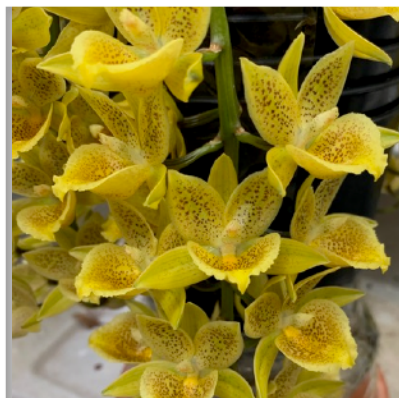
Judging at the San Diego Judging Center  
(Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), February 6, 2024

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.  
There were 24 orchids presented for judging. Ten awards were given, including an AQ (Award of Quality) for a group of 14 plants from the same grex.

(Judging February 6, 2024 continued)



*C. Angel Sparks* 'SVO' AM/  
AOS  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded AM, 83 points



*Mormodia Jumbo World*  
'Olympic Gold' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded AM, 89 points



*Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows*  
'SVO III' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded AM, 81 points



*Rth. Rosella's Lovely Sunset*  
'SVO' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded AM, 82 points



*Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows*  
'SVO II' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded AM, 84 points



## (Judging February 6, 2024 continued)



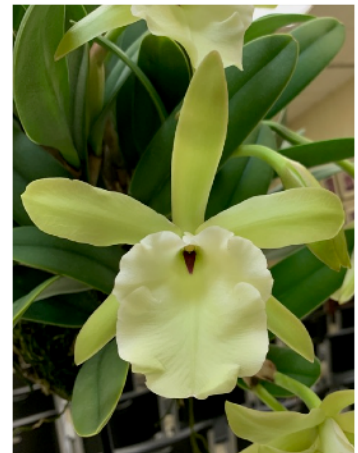
*Paph. venustum* 'First' HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded HCC, 79 points



*Paph. tonsum* 'SVO Latte' HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Fred Clarke  
Awarded HCC, 76 points



*Cyrtorchilus serratum*  
'Windflower' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Better Kelepecz  
Awarded AM, 80 points



*Rl. glauca* 'Bravo Orchids' FCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Bill Tse  
Awarded FCC, 90 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.

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)



The American Orchid Society is proud to  
announce its 5th Orchid Culture Day  
"ORCHIDS FOR ENJOYMENT"  
EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF FOUR FASCINATING GENERA

Join us Sunday, March 3rd, 2024 at 11:00 AM EST!

We have lined up four outstanding speakers who will take us on visits to the worlds of four wondrous orchid genera.

We will explore and learn from these experts on maxillarias, cymbidiums, angraecoids and phalaenopsis.

\$35 fee. For details and to register please visit the AOS website, [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

The Wheel of Prizes will spin!

Let's Enjoy a Day of Orchids and their Culture!



Eric Sauer  
River Valley  
Orchids  
(Centerville, OH)

Julien Baruch  
Krull-Smith  
(Apopka, FL)



George Hatfield  
Hatfield Orchids  
(Oxnard, CA)



Lourens Grobler  
AfriOrchids  
(South Africa)



*Cattleya Exotic Beaufort*



*Lc. Mari's Song 'CTM-127' AM/ AOS*

## 2024 POS Officers

**Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President**  
**Alex Nadzan & Suzi Sandore — Co-1st Vice President/Programs**  
**Jerry Spahn & Jim Anderson — 2nd Vice Presidents/Op. Table**  
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## Upcoming Events

### March 2, 2024

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

### March 3, 2024

AOS Orchid Culture Day  
 Swing into Spring with Orchids  
 Webinar, \$35, 8-1pm, PST  
[aos.org](http://aos.org)

### 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  
[sborchidshow.com](http://sborchidshow.com)

### March 15, 2024

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

### March 15-17, 2024

Andy's Spring Open House  
 Encinitas, CA  
[andysorchids.com](http://andysorchids.com)

### March 15-17, 2024

Bird Rock Tropicals  
 Open House & Sale  
 10-4 pm, Encinitas, CA  
[birdrocktropicals.com](http://birdrocktropicals.com)

### March 16-17, 2024

South Bay Orchid Society  
 Show & Sale, Palos Verdes  
 Arts Ctr.  
[southbayorchidsociety.com](http://southbayorchidsociety.com)

### 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)

### May 1, 2024

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

### May 4, 2024

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

### May 4-27, 2024

World of Orchids  
 San Diego Botanic Garden  
 Encinitas, CA  
[sdbg.org](http://sdbg.org)

### May 7, 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)

### May 17, 2024

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



*Vanda coerulea*