



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 Meeting • Wednesday, May 4, 2022 • 6:30 pm



Carlos Lopez

Habenarias and their Hybrids

POS welcomes back our friend Carlos Lopez as our May speaker. Carlos will present an interesting talk on 'Habenarias and their Hybrids'. He will review the species and hybrids from this class of orchids and discuss culture and care for these unusual and beautiful terrestrial

orchids.

Many of us know Carlos from his work at Sunset Valley Orchids. Carlos is a Business student at Mira Costa College who has been cultivating orchids for over 10 years. His orchid venture began at the age of thirteen years old when he started to follow his father to work at Sunset Valley Orchids. Before he knew it, he was volunteering at the nursery and was helping clean orchid flasks, repot orchids, and doing small tasks. Carlos eventually began to become more involved in the nurs-



Habenaria radiata



Habenaria rhodocheila

ery's operations/maintenance and started to take part in attending orchid shows and selling orchids at the SVO booths. He is currently Sunset Valley Orchids Greenhouse specialist and has years of experience with Cattleya, Catasetum, Australian Dendrobiums, and Sarcophilus orchids. Carlos is currently training to become an American Orchid Society Judge and works with Orchid Digest as well. This month's plant table will consist of orchids from Carlos's collection and from SVO.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Greetings to all POS members and Friends,

We had a very good meeting in April and one of the largest audiences in a long time as things have opened and mask requirements have eased. About 29 people attended the April meeting even though we had a last-minute speaker cancellation. Alex and Bill provided a discussion on pests and pest control, disease and the benefits of virus testing. Masks will be voluntary for the balance of 2022 unless we are told otherwise by the library staff.

As announced at the last meeting, we have renewed our reservation for the Carlsbad Library Goland Room thru December 2022. This new facility is relatively convenient for most of our members and is very affordable because Carlsbad provides a special rate for Carlsbad Non-Profit organizations and residents. This will help POS maintain financial viability even though we have not had our annual auction for the past 3 years.

For May, we are planning to have Carlos Lopez of Sunset Valley Orchids give the previously planned talk on Habanera orchids and their hybrids. These are very interesting and beautiful terrestrial orchids that may provide a place in your collections. Carlos' bio is described in the



newsletter. He also will provide the plant table this month.

One of the upcoming local orchid events this month is the San Diego Botanic Garden's World of Orchids Show which begins May 7th and continues through June 12th. Last year was the first show in the new Conservatory and the staff did an amazing job displaying the beautiful orchids provided by POS and SDCOS and some members of the orchid community. This show, unlike other orchid events, is for display only; however, there will be Marketplace sales on select weekends by SDCOS members, Orchid Conservation and some orchid vendors. It is a great way to introduce orchids to the general population. More information is included in this newsletter for the procedures for members who want to loan plants for the display and when there will be SDCOS member and Orchid Conservation sales during the event.

Another upcoming local orchid event is the San Diego County Fair Orchid Show and Competition that will occur between June 8 and July 4 with registration for those who want to enter the competition by May 20 at the latest. Please refer to the article in this newsletter regarding the event and competition for more details.

Each month we ask members to sign up to help in various capacities. We need more member support because the same people are volunteering for tasks and responsibilities. It's too easy to attend the meeting each month in a passive role, but we really need more membership participation. This will help strengthen the organization and will make the meeting more enjoyable as you get involved. Please consider volunteering to help POS. See Alex or Bill for details.

As we are now well into 2022, please renew your POS membership as soon as possible or join if you have not already done so. These fees are minimal but are important and help cover the speaker fees, opportunity table, meeting room expense and other operating expenses. Mail renewals to POS, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013 or renew online.

For tips on orchid care for the summer months, please refer to the AOS website or the POS website. These sites have a wealth of information for beginners and more advanced growers. If you are an AOS member and receive the AOS monthly magazine there is always a great article by Sue Bottom on orchid care and for some of us, is one of the highlights of the magazine.

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.



World of Orchids Show at the San Diego Botanic Garden

The World of Orchids Show will be held between May 7 and June 12 at the San Diego Botanic Garden.

As many of you know, both POS and SDCOS members participated in the show last year and it was a very successful event. 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 May 4 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](#) to be added to the list or if you have not received her email. Forms will be sent out on a weekly basis.



There will be orchid vendor sales on select weekends. Thus far, dates scheduled for SDCOS sales will be on May 7-8, May 13-15 and May 27-29,

with Orchid Conservation selling on May 21-22. Additional vendors may be announced at a later date.



As we did last year, all plants members wish to exhibit must be registered in advance. The garden staff prepares the labels, so we need to get the information to them before the plants arrive. If a plant blooms at the last minute, you can always bring it the following week as the show continues until June 12.



For this first week, Debby will be out of town and Ashley Grable has stepped in to help out. She will be sending participants the registration form for Week One. Please return the completed form to her (not to Debby!) by Sunday May 1. Please put only the plant names and the other information requested on the form. They cut and paste from this form onto our spread-

sheet, and extra information just messes with that process. If you have notes for us, please just put them in your email, not on the form. If you have trouble working with the form, just put the same information into an email. They can use that as well. The drop off day will be Wednesday, May 4. Ashley will send participants a drop off time between 9 and 11 am. These are the requirements for



your 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.

This should be another great show with the opportunity of visitors to view a diverse number of beautiful orchid hybrids and species grown by our local societies.

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.

San Diego County Fair Orchid Flower Show Competition

The San Diego County Fair will be held between June 8 and July 4 this year and they will be hosting an Orchid Flower Show Competition as was done in past years.

There will be a total of four shows with submissions of potted (or hanging) orchids and orchid cut flowers on Tuesday, June 7, 17, 21 and 28 between 7:00 am and 10 am on those days. Plants from the previous week will be picked up during that period as well. Anyone can participate in the show as long as you pay an entry fee of \$10 per show; \$40 for all 4 shows or \$80 for

both potted and cut entries for all 4 shows.



The deadline for registration is Friday, May 20. You can get more information and register on the [fair's website for the show](#) (the link to register is in the "ENTRY INFORMATION ORCHIDS: POTTED & CUT BLOOMS" section).

There are a total of 22 categories for potted plants and 20 categories for cut blooms with weekly competition awards for potted plants: 1st - \$40, 2nd - \$30, 3rd - \$20; and for cut blooms: 1st - \$15, 2nd - \$10, 3rd - \$5. For more details visit the above website or contact [Alex Nadzan](#).



April Judging Report

There were 9 orchids presented for judging and three awards were given.



Den. crepidatum 'Sweet Thing'
Exhibited by Debbie Halliday
Awarded AM, 82 points



C. intermedia v. orlata
f. coerulea flamma 'Arnie'
Exhibited by Arnold Gum
Awarded HCC, 78 points



Bullara Blue Ridge Sunset 'Arnie'
Exhibited by Arnold Gum
Awarded HCC, 76 points

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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.

Due to COVID-19 protocols, all exhibitors and judges must wear a mask and follow a specific health protocol. For the time being, no visitors are allowed. 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

— World of — Orchids

May 7 - June 12



9am - 5pm, Wednesday - Monday
Encinitas, CA | www.sdbg.org



ORCHID AUCTION

Presented by:
San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists
At the Los Angeles Arboretum



May 11, 2022

Preview 6PM Begins 7PM
Free Admission and Parking

Orchids

July 30-31

Saturday Noon - 6 p.m.
Early bird sales start at 10 a.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Balboa Park's
Casa del Prado, Room 101
Near the Natural History Museum

Free Admission

Show and Sale
in the Park



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Upcoming Events

May 3, 2022
 AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

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

May 4, 2022
 POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

May 7, 2022
 SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

May 7 - June 12, 2022
 World of Orchids
 San Diego Botanic Garden
sdbgarden.org

May 11, 2022
 Annual Auction
 San Gabriel Valley
 Orchid Hobbyists
 LA County Arboretum
 and Botanic Garden
sgvoh.org

May 20, 2022
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

June 1, 2022
 POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

June 5, 2022
 SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

June 7, 2022
 AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

SDCOS General Meeting
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
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June 8 - July 4, 2022
 Orchid Competition & Show
 San Diego County Fair
anadzan@mac.com

June 17, 2022
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

June 17 - 19, 2022
 Open House
 Andy's Orchids
andysorchids.com

July 2, 2022
 SDCOS 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 - 17, 2022
 Summer Hummer Sale
 Cal-Orchid
 Santa Barbara
calorchid.com

July 15, 2022
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

July 30 - 31, 2022
 Orchids in the Park
 SDCOS Summer Show
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com



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 Meetings are still being held online for now
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