



# 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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## 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

Effective July 3, change in meeting time to 4-7 pm due to shortening of the Carlsbad Library hours. Volunteers for POS fundraising event needed on May 25-27  
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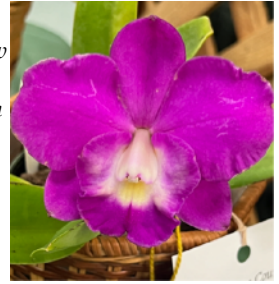
### Judging Report

May judging report will be published in the June newsletter.

### Calendar of Events

The World of Orchids Show in May and the Casa de las Orquideas Seedling Sale on May 18.

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, May 1, 2024 • 6:30 pm



## May Speaker Jose Carlos Lopez

We are delighted to welcome back Jose Carlos Lopez from Sunset Valley Orchids, one of our favorite speakers. Carlos will present to us his new talk on 'The Hidden Life of Catasetinae', a genus of orchids that many of us find a bit challenging to master. From species to hybrids, Catasetinae Orchids have an allure that has captivated orchid growers from all around the world and has rewarded them with floriferous blooms that come in an array of colors! The Catasetinae alliance includes the genus Mormodes, Clowesias, and

Cynoches, just to name a few. At first glance, this family of orchids may seem hard to grow, but they're relatively easy once you get the watering schedule down. In this presentation, Carlos will go over important species, breeding lines, and cultivation requirements that should enable our members to grow them better. This is a talk not to be missed.

Jose Carlos Lopez is a Business student at MiraCosta college who has been cultivating orchids for over 12 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 nursery's operations/maintenance and started to take part in attending orchid shows. He is currently Sunset Valley Orchids Greenhouse specialist and has years of experience with Cattleya, Catasetum, Australian Dendrobiums, and

Sarcochilus. Carlos is currently training to become an accredited American Orchid Society Judge.

Carlos will provide this month's Opportunity Table.



Clo. Black Jade 'JEM'

## President's Message

Hello to all POS Members and Friends,

We are so fortunate to be growing orchids in Southern California. Despite the recent storms, we mostly enjoy nice weather throughout the year. Our weather is conducive to growing beautiful orchids. Before we know it, we will be approaching summer and the different growing conditions, particularly the need for more frequent watering.

Last month, Ron Midget of New Earth Orchid gave a nice presentation on 'Kaleidoscope: Breeding with Cattleya Horace "Maxima" AM/AOS. We were fortunate to host Ron because he is preparing for retirement and will be turning over his business to Mitch Schneider of Irvine. We don't know if Ron will continue to give talks to orchids societies, but he is welcome back to POS anytime. In the future when Mitch gets settled into Southern California, we may invite him to speak to our society.

For May, we welcome back Carlos Lopez of Sunset Valley Orchid. Carlos will speak on 'The Hidden Life of Catasetinae'. Carlos has spoken to POS on two previous occasions and always provides an interesting lecture. Carlos also will provide the Plant Opportunity Table this month with SVO orchids. SVO supports POS throughout the year and having Fred or Carlos speak to us is one of our ways of reciprocating.

As previously announced, the San Diego Botanic Garden will be hosting its annual World of Orchids Show from May 4th through May 27th. If you have not yet been to this show, try to see the outstanding orchid display in its Conservatory. It is unlike any orchid display in Southern California. POS and SDCOS support this show by providing blooming orchids for the display throughout the show.

Orchid and plant vendors will be selling on the weekends of the show and POS will be holding a fundraising sale on the weekend of May 25, 26 and 27. It is one of two fundraisers POS has and is critical to support our society's activities. If you have not already signed up, we would like you to sign up at the May meeting to volunteer and provide plant donations for the sale. We encourage everyone to participate because it is a rewarding experience, supports our society and gives you an opportunity to see the display while you are volunteering (at no cost). Should you be unable to attend the May meeting, you can sign up by contacting Bill or Alex.

### Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning **N 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!

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!!!

At the April meeting we announced that **effective July 1**, the Carlsbad Library changed its operating hours and will no longer allow meetings after 7 PM. Therefore, POS needs to change its meeting hours or change locations. June 2024 will be our last meeting at the Dove Library from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. **Beginning July 3rd, our meeting time will change to 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the same Gowland Room that we currently meet in. This change will be for the remainder of 2024 until modified.**

We made this change to guarantee that we had a meeting location. This may be a temporary change, or it may be a permanent change. The POS Board is open to exploring other venues that meet our budget and other criteria. This includes a facility that costs less than \$40 per hour, is safe, has ample parking and centrally located to our core membership and capable of being reserved 11 or 12 months a year. We need a facility that we can rent on Wednesdays, since POS shares speakers with SDCOS several times a year. Ideally, we seek a facility that provides set up and take down of the chairs and tables, and audio-visual equipment. The POS Board will carefully review all viable options.

We asked members to submit suggestions (and to vet them beforehand) to Bill directly. We recognize that the new meeting time may prevent some of our working members from attending meetings so we are exploring agenda changes that will move the speaker's presentation to the latter portion of the meeting, perhaps 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. We recognize that this is not a perfect situation, but we will have to work with this change until a better solution is found. We thank all our members for their understanding and cooperation during this transition.

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).

We look forward to seeing you on May 1st.



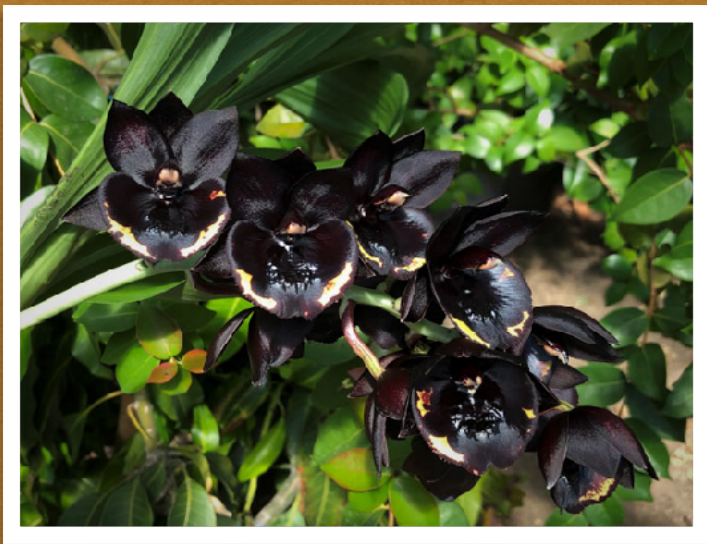




*Morm.* Aftermath `SVO Nuclear Fallout'  
AM/AOS



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*Ctmds.* Darkonium `Base Element'



*Cl.* Grace Dunn `Live Oak'  
HCC/AOS



# World of Orchids Show at the San Diego Botanic Garden

*The World of Orchids Show will be held between May 4 and May 27 at the San Diego Botanic Garden.*

As highlighted in last month's newsletter, members of POS and SDCOS will have the opportunity to display society plants during this year's show which is open from Wed- Mon. during the four weeks of the show. By now, participants that have signed up to loan plants during the month of the show should have received an email from Debby Halliday to submit the names of the plants for the first delivery of plants on May 1. If not, please contact contact Debby Halliday by [email](#) to be added to the list. Remember you do not have to display plants every week during the show. Forms are sent out on a weekly basis and plants will be dropped off and picked up on successive Tuesdays (May 7, 14, and 21) with pick up at the end of the show on May 28. When you bring in your plants, you will be given a number for each plant and a label, made up by the garden. You tag your plants and hand them off to the garden crew for placement in the display.

Your plants will remain on display and be cared for by Garden staff until the flowers start to fade. Debby Halliday or Alex Nadzan will look at the plants every Monday and pull out those that need to go home. You will be sent a pick-up list and you can get your plants on the next drop-off day. The others will remain for as long as they look nice and will be watered by the garden staff should they need it. We keep a careful inventory of the plants in the show and make sure you get everything back at the end.

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. As a thank you, the Garden gives all participants a free annual family membership.

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.

On weekends, show visitors can shop for unusual and unique orchids at the Orchid Marketplace. During the show SDCOS members will be selling orchids the weekends of May 4-5 and 17-19, with the Orchid Conservation Alliance selling on May 11-12 and POS selling plants for their society's fundraiser on the weekend of May 25-27 (Sat. through Monday, Labor Day). 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](#) 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.



*Beautiful Phalaenopsis at WOS 2023*



*Dendrobium speciosum at WOS 2023*

## Soliciting Volunteers for the POS Fundraising Event at the WOS

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

We are seeking volunteers to participate in our fundraising sale by working and/or providing divisions of member orchids for sale at the event. We will have sign up sheets again at the May meetings or you may contact Bill or Alex by phone, text or email.

We would like volunteers to work at our booth either in the mornings and/or afternoons on May 25, 26 and 27 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. Once you sign up to donate plants we will let you know when to deliver them to Bill or Alex or make arrangements for us to pick them up.



*Arpophyllum giganteum* 'Windflower' CCE / AOS

Best of Show & Forest Robinson Culture Award at the SDCOS 2024 Spring Show

Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz



## 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**  
**Trudy Ibbetson — 3rd Vice President/Membership**  
**Pearl Crosier — Secretary**  
**Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer**  
**Steve Redmond, Suzi Sandore,**  
**Cecily Bird — 1st Year Trustees**  
**Judy Dyer, Debra Funakoshi**  
**Stewart Walton — 1st Year Trustees**  
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## General Meeting Information

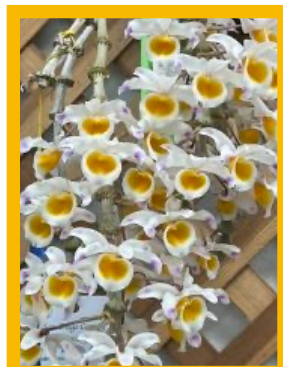
The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month at the [George and Patricia Gowland Meeting Room located in the Carlsbad City Library](#) on Dove Lane, just off El Camino Real in southern Carlsbad. The address is [1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011](#).

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.



# Upcoming Events

## 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)

## May 18, 2024

Casa de las Orquideas  
Super Seedling Sale  
Solana Beach  
[casa@orquideas.com](mailto:casa@orquideas.com)

## June 1, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting  
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## June 4 2024

AOS Orchid Judging  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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

## June 5, 2024

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

## June 21, 2024

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



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