

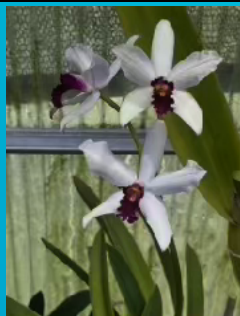


# POS News

*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)

## Monthly Publication



### Attending the May 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

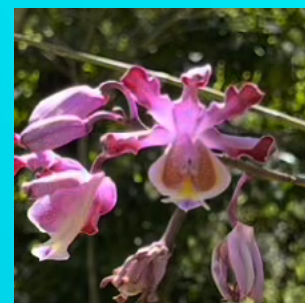
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**Monthly Meeting Wednesday May 7, 2025 4:00 PM**

## May Speaker – TJ Hartung “Fragrant Orchids”



It is our pleasure to welcome to our society for the first time TJ Hartung, who will speak to our society on “Fragrant Orchids”. TJ is a shared speaker with SDCOS and he will be speaking on Tuesday evening, May 6 on “Vanilla Orchids” in Balboa Park. His presentation will be streamed on Zoom for those members who are unable to attend in person. Contact Alex Nadzan for the SDCOS Zoom link if you’d like to participate on Zoom.

TJ is a retired computer systems specialist and systems analyst who designed computers and wrote computer software to manage hotels. His love for orchids began when he lived in Southern California and started growing Cymbidiums in his yard. For quite a few years, every secretary in the company where he worked received, anonymously, a Cymbidium blossom on Valentine’s Day.

Since retiring to Mexico, TJ has been rescuing orchids from downed trees and broken limbs before they are eaten by animals or washed down the streams and rivers into the sea. Much of what he knows about orchids he has learned in the laboratory of the great outdoors. The rest comes from online research and numerous books on the subject. He is on the Board of Directors of the Vallarta Botanical Garden, which is a 79 acre botanical garden near Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, of which 73 acres are dedicated as a reserve.

Over 10% of all orchids are known to have a fragrance, some good, some not. This talk covers the how and why of orchid fragrances, and a fascinating list of the various scents found in orchids and is based on his book ‘Stop and Smell the Orchids’

In recent years he has given talks to orchid societies in the US, Canada, England and Scotland. He has written two books: “Vanilla – The Gift from Mexico that gives Flavor and Aroma to the World” and “Stop and Smell the Orchids” plus a number of articles for “Orchids” magazine.

This month’s opportunity table will be provided by one of our local growers.

To All POS Members and Friends,

Spring has definitely sprung with the flowering of many of our orchids including cymbidiums, cattleyas, Aussie dendrobiums and others. Now is the time to start the spring repotting and dividing season with the new growth of our orchids. Be sure to take advantage of emergence of new roots with green tips to repot as it will minimize the stress of the plant and give them a good start to produce new pseudobulbs during the growing season. Please refer to the handout on our website for details on repotting basics if you didn't have a chance to attend our Culture Meeting on "Repotting and Dividing Your Orchids" in March.



Last month, we were scheduled to have our good friend Arnold Gum give a talk on his trip to Colombia but Alex unfortunately learned the morning of the talk that Arnie passed away the previous evening of a heart attack, which was a big shock and huge loss of a personal friend and a major loss to the orchid community. Arnie was a wonderful, positive soul, an extremely knowledgeable orchid grower, a strong contributor to our local orchid community and a valued AOS judge. Over the years, Arnie gave POS several informative talks to our society and he will be dearly missed by us and the entire orchid community. Since it was a last-minute situation, we decided to hold our meeting and we played an AOS webinar on the "Orchids of Colombia" by Ron Parsons that covered the much of the same topic that Arnie was to give. Andy's Orchids provided us a nice plant table consisting of mostly Colombian orchids to complement Arnie's planned talk. All in all, it was a successful meeting in spite of the sad situation.

SDCOS conducted their Spring Show in Balboa Park over Easter weekend, April 18-20. Several of our joint POS/SDCOS members participated and four of our members won Best of Sections: Ana Seitz, Suzi Sandore, Alex Nadzan, and Anita and Jerry Spencer who also won the Best of Show and the Forest Robinson Culture awards for their wonderful Ctt. Blazing Treat. Pics are shown below in this newsletter.

This month we host a new, shared speaker with SDCOS, TJ Hartung, who will speak to us about "Fragrant Orchids" on Wednesday afternoon May 7th in the Carlsbad Dove Library. TJ will be speaking on Tuesday evening, May 6 in Balboa Park on "Vanilla Orchids" for those individuals who want to attend his talk on that topic. TJ is an expert on Vanilla and has written a book on the subject. Since SDCOS also streams their speaker talks, contact Alex to obtain the link if you want to attend the meeting on Zoom. TJ is an expert on many types of orchids and has written books and published articles in Orchids Magazine. More information on TJ's background is provided on the first page of this newsletter.

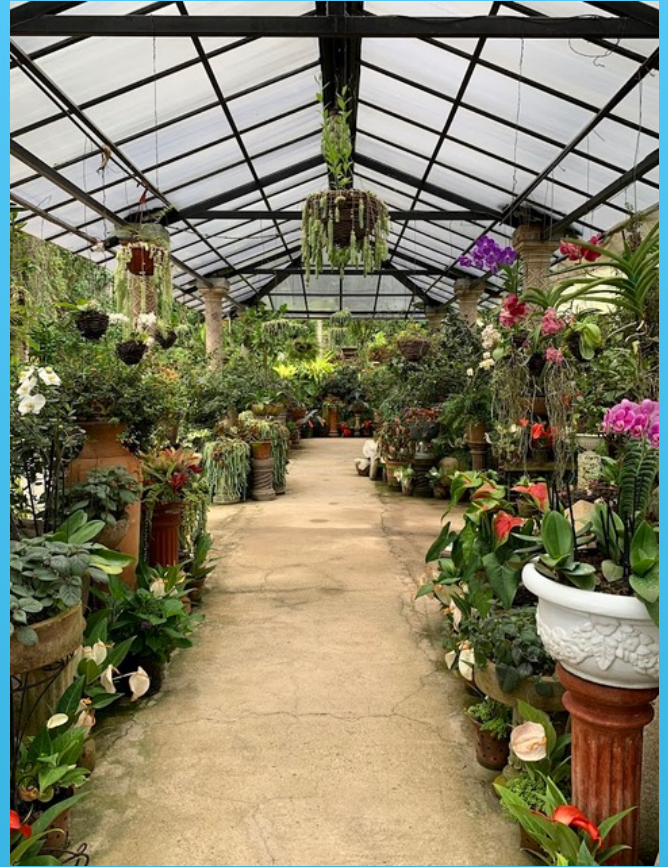
As announced last month and provided below, the San Diego Botanic Garden will be hosting its annual World of Orchids Show from May 4th through June 1. Several of our POS and SDCOS members will loan their orchids for the show so if you have not yet attended this show, try to attend this year's show in the SDBG's Conservatory. It is unlike any orchid display in Southern California in that new blooming orchids will be swapped out with spent ones on a weekly basis 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 Memorial Day weekend of May 24, 25 and 26. It is one of two fundraisers POS has and is critical to support our society's activities. If you have not already signed up for the fundraiser, we would ask 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 Alex.

We hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. As always, Alex is available to listen to your suggestions, questions and concerns. Please call or text Alex at 858-205-6789 or e-mail him at [anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com).

We look forward to seeing you on May 7th.



## Vallarta Botanical Garden





## SDCOS Spring Show Best of Section (BoS) Awards by POS/SDCOS Members



**Suzi Sandore's BoS compact Cattleya: Slc. Angel's Treat 'SVO Flair'  
x Epc. Kyoguchi 'M. Sauno'**



**Ana Seitz's BoS Paph. Tori Sample (haynaldianum x  
lowii)**



# SDCOS Spring Show Best of Section (BoS) Awards by POS/SDCOS Members (Cont'd)



**Alex's Cym. Blue River Thunder**  
BoS Std



**Alex's Cym. Radiant Ruby**  
BoS Compact



**Alex's Cym. Pee Wee**  
BoS Pendulous



**Alex's Dtps. Green Earth**  
BoS Phalenopsis



# SDCOS Spring Show Best of Section (BoS) Awards by POS/SDCOS Members (Cont'd)



## Anita and Jerry Spencer's Ctt. Blazing Treat Won Best of Show and the Forest Robinson Culture Award

### *General Meeting Information*

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month, at 4:00 PM, 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.

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

*The World of Orchids Show will be held between May 4 and June 1 at the San Diego Botanic Garden.*

This year will be the fifth year our society members can participate in the WOS, an event that has been well-received by the general San Diego community. Members will have the opportunity to display society plants during this year's show. This year SDBG Special Projects Manager, Felise Buckheart will coordinate the submissions and returns of member's orchids on Tuesdays during the show. The initial plant set up is on Wednesday April 30 and those members who participated last year should be on the list and should have gotten an email with details on how to submit your orchids. Please contact Felise Buckheart 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 (May 6, 13, 20 and 27) with pick up at the end of the show on June 2.

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. If you provide an outer pot, make sure it has drainage holes. 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. Society members who participate in showing their plants will receive a complementary year's membership to the garden and an entry pass for visits during the show that will allow up to 6 guests for each visit.

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 May 3-4 and 17-18 with the Orchid Conservation Alliance selling on May 10-11 and POS selling plants on Memorial Day weekend May 24-26. 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 free for members and kids under 18, \$7 per adult in addition to garden entrance fee for non-members. 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 the POS Fundraising Event at the WoO Show

*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 sales at the WoOS on Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26, either by working at the event and/or providing divisions of orchids for sale at the event. We will have a signup sheet at our May meeting or contact Alex by phone, text or email (858-205-6789 or anadzan@mac.com).

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. We look forward to another successful fundraising event.

## 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 **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!

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**Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), April 1, 2025.**

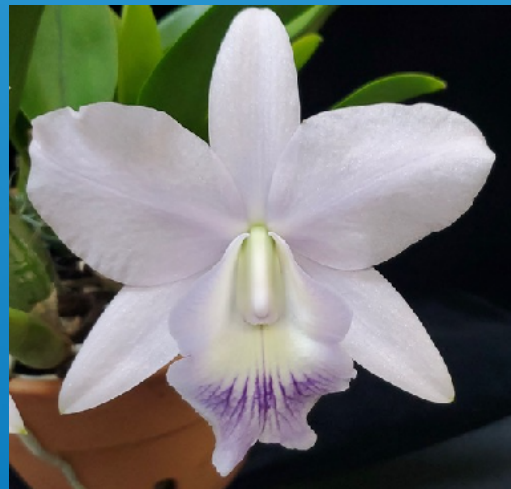
**Text by Phyllis Prestia.**

**Photo by Bill (William) Loy.**

There was one orchid presented for judging and one orchid awarded.

**C. Love Knot 'B.R.O.' AM/  
AOS**

**Exhibited by Barry Reder  
Awarded AM, 87 points**





## Upcoming Events

### May 3, 2025

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

### May 4-June 1, 2025

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

### May 6, 2025

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 7, 2025

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

### May 16, 2025

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

### May 24-26, 2025

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

### June 3, 2025

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)

### June 4, 2025

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

### June 7, 2025

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

### June 20, 2025

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

### June 20-22, 2025

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

### July 1, 2025

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)

### July 2, 2025

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

### July 5, 2025

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

### July 18, 2025

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

### July 26-27, 2025

SDCOS Summer Show in the Park  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)



## WORLD OF ORCHIDS ORCHIDELIRIUM

# MAY 4 TO JUNE 1



Back for its fifth year, our annual spring orchid showcase returns this May with a reimagined theme: *Orchidelirium*. Step into the lavish world of 19th-century orchid mania, where rare and exotic blooms ignited the passions of Victorian-era collectors.

- Hundreds of orchids on display
- New orchids weekly
- Hands-on classes
- Weekend plant vendors
- Members Only preview 5/3
- Free access to Members
- Orchids After Dark on 5/22



### GARDEN HOURS:

Open: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Closed: Tuesdays  
Open most holidays  
Closed Christmas Day



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Arnold Gum's Cattleya intermedia 'Arnie's Best' AM/ AOS 86 pts