



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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Attending the November Meeting via Zoom

For those unable to attend in person, we will provide a Zoom link

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POS Board Elections

Our November meeting will include the election of the 2022 POS Board of Directors. We are still looking to fill a couple of positions!

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Judging Reports

The monthly judging session started up again in September and over the past two sessions, three beautiful plants were awarded.

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Calendar of Events

As we enter the late fall and early winter Open House season, look for quite a few events in our area and beyond.

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, November 3, 2021 • 6:30 pm



Ron Kaufmann

Cattleya eldorado: Searching for Gold in the Brazilian Amazon

We are happy to welcome back Ron Kaufmann, chair of the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation Committee and a founding director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. Ron has been growing orchids for more than 25 years

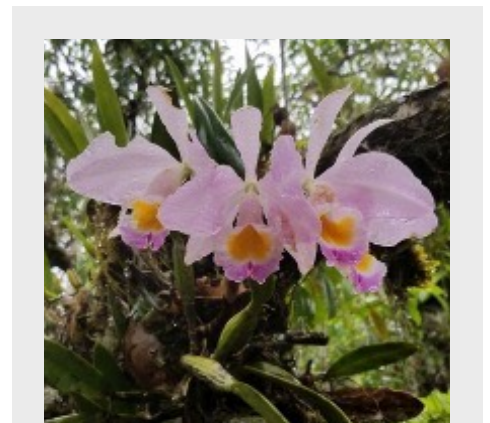
and has travelled extensively to view orchids in the wild in Asia and South America, particularly Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia. His talk entitled "*Cattleya eldorado: Searching for Gold in the Brazilian Amazon*" will describe an unusual orchid habitat near the confluence of the Rio Negro and the Amazon River, home to beautiful species like *C. eldorado*. *Cattleya eldorado* is a delightful orchid that is uncommon in cultivation outside Brazil but well worth growing.

Ron is a marine biologist by training, and his scientific work includes studies of Antarctic and deep-sea ecosystems as well as marine communities in coastal Southern California. His orchid collection began with a reed stem *Epidendrum* and progressed to a diverse assemblage that contains mostly species orchids.

Ron has a long-standing interest in conservation and has been a member of the SDCOS Conservation Committee for nearly 25 years and chair since 2004. Since 1991, the Conservation Committee has awarded nearly \$250,000 to support projects in 23 different countries. Ron also helped to found the Orchid Conservation

Alliance and serves on the boards of the OCA, Orchid Digest, and Fundación EcoMinga (an Ecuadorian conservation organization). He currently serves as vice chair of the American Orchid Society Conservation Committee.

Most of Ron's orchids are grown in a 36 x 24 foot greenhouse and several outdoor shade-covered areas around his house in San Diego. Friends have suggested that he build a second, much larger greenhouse to accommodate the many plants



C. eldorado in situ

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hello POS Members and Friends,

After many months of living under the Covid rules and restrictions, we are finally seeing light at the end of the tunnel. Although we are far from normality, things are opening. Museums and recreational activities have resumed. Restaurants and stores are beginning to operate on a more normal schedule. Orchid societies such as San Diego County Orchid Society and Palomar Orchid Society have resumed in-person meetings. Orchid growers are planning Open House events for later this year, and a couple of orchid shows were recently held in SoCal.

Last month we held our fifth meeting, and second at the Dove Library. We had more than 35 attendees and everyone seemed to have a great time, listening to a great speaker, enjoying the Show & Tell plants, participating in the opportunity table and buying plants that were donated by our members. Although the new location is a bit further away for some of our members, a few of our attendees were visitors and returning members from more than 10 years ago. The meeting was a resounding success.

We will not have a December meeting with a speaker but we are considering a Holiday Dinner, possibly at the Gowland Room at the Dove Library. We recently sent out a questionnaire to gauge interest in the dinner and assess how many will participate. We believe that our members would feel safer eating at a meeting room rather than risk being exposed at a restaurant. We are contemplating a buffet style dinner with self-service. All attendees will receive an orchid plant. After nearly two years of lock down, it would be nice to socialize with fellow orchid lovers.

As a reminder, we plan to have all of our 2022 meetings at the Dove Library so plan to attend and support POS.

This past month, Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids gave an excellent talk on 'Neofinetia falcata and its Hybrids' and provided a nice plant table. This month we are pleased to welcome back, Ron Kaufmann

of the SD County Orchid Society. Ron will speak on "Cattleya eldorado: Searching for Gold in the Brazilian Amazon". It's been a few years since Ron spoke to POS but he is another excellent and entertaining speaker. Ron's bio and background is provided on page 1 above. Alex is working on the slate of speakers for 2022 and considering sharing any out of area speakers with SD-COS.

We are also pleased to announce that POS has reached our fundraising goal of \$2500. At the time of writing this message, we still have two weeks to go, so we do not have a final tally but will have that at the November meeting. With the matching fund donation from Bill and Shelley we will have more than \$5,000 added to the POS bank account and put us on solid financial footing for 2022. This, combined with the lower price for the Dove Library, means POS should be in good financial shape for the next few years.

Many of our members have still not renewed their annual memberships. If you haven't yet renewed, please do so at the November meeting. Existing members who renew or new members who sign up will be covered for the remainder of 2021 and all of 2022 at the same time. Memberships are important and help cover the speaker fees, opportunity tables and meeting room expenses as well as other operating expenses. Mail renewals to POS, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013 or [renew online](#).

As an important reminder, we welcome all members, new members and visitors to our meeting. To ensure a safe environment for the meeting, we are requesting that all attendees be vaccinated. The City of Carlsbad requires that anyone entering a city facility wear a mask (vaccinated or not). This regulation is strictly enforced. There is a city coordinator at the meeting to ensure compliance. So, if you are unable to wear a mask for any reason, with or without a medical certification, please DO

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!

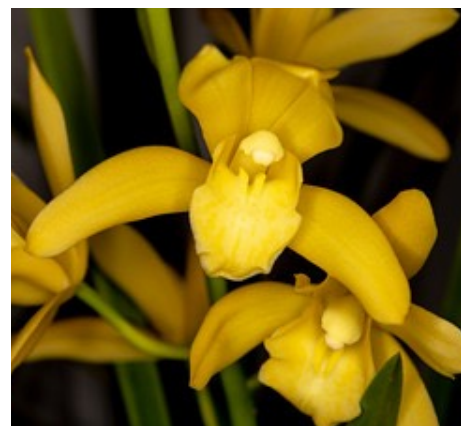
Thank you!

NOT come to the meeting but rather attend the meeting via Zoom if you like. Hopefully, when it is deemed safe enough to resume meetings without masks, we can welcome all attendees at that time.

As we approach the end of the year, growing conditions have changed considerably. Days are shorter and cooler. Our plants require less frequent watering, but we have winter pests such as snails and slugs. Refer to the AOS and POS websites for To Do Lists for this time of the year.

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*



Ron Kaufmann cont.

that often make walking through his greenhouse an exercise requiring extensive training in gymnastics and yoga to avoid serious injury. Thus far, this recommendation hasn't been followed, although the temptation is always there.

This month's plant table will be provided by one of our local orchid vendors.

Attending the November Meeting via Zoom

We will broadcast the business and speaker part of our November meeting via Zoom for those individuals who cannot attend in person. Any attendees should log in to the Zoom session by 6:40 pm. Should you have any problem during the meeting, please call or text Bill Wong at 818-636-8709 as Alex will be occupied with the speaker. The meeting information will be included in the email announcing the newsletter and link. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Alex Nadzan by text or phone at 808-205-6789.

Officer Election for the 2022 POS Board

November is our Annual Meeting and we will be electing officers for 2022 as stipulated by the bylaws.

The following individuals will be proposed for approval by attending members at the November Annual Meeting.

2022 POS Officers:

- **Co-President:** Bill Wong and Alex Nadzan
- **1st VP (Programs):** Alex Nadzan and Tom Wisniewski
- **2nd VP (Raffle):** Jerry Spahn and Open Position
- **3rd VP (Membership):** Trudy Ibbetson
- **Secretary:** Maryanne Kind
- **Treasurer:** Vidya Sirsi and Assistant
- **1st Year Trustees:** Steve Redmond, Suzi Sandore, and Cher Whelan.
- **2nd Year Trustees:** Judy Dyer, Debra Funakoshi, Stewart Walton.
- **Publicity:** Open Position
- **Newsletter Editor:** Helge Weissig
- **Webmaster:** Helge Weissig
- **Facebook Editor:** Debra Funakoshi

We still would like some of our members to step up and volunteer for additional positions such as Publicity. We encourage individuals to consider

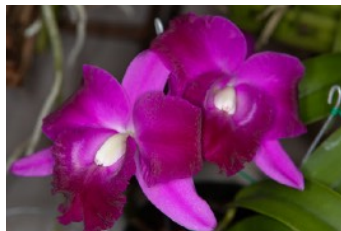
working in a supporting capacity so the individual can get an idea of what is involved and hopefully take over the responsibility in future years. This is particularly desirable for the positions of 2nd VP (Raffle) and Treasurer. Many of the current individuals have served in their capacities for several years and it would be desirable to have others to share the responsibility.

Publicity: Seeking someone to promote our society and announce upcoming events to the public by providing information to established newspapers and publications on our monthly POS programs and our annual fundraising auctions and/or sales.

2nd VP (Raffle): Jerry Spahn can use a CoVP to work with him to administer our raffles at monthly meetings. The position involves helping to issue tickets and taking monies for winners of our Silent Auctions.

Treasurer Assistant: Vidya Sirsi has been our treasurer for several years and could use assistance by someone when she is out of town and who might eventually take over the responsibility in future years.

Please contact Bill or Alex if you would like to volunteer for any of these positions.



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.

September Judging Report

There were 11 orchids presented for judging. One was awarded.



Cleisostoma nangongense 'Windflower'
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz
Awarded CBR (Certificate of Botanical
Recognition) as a rarely cultivated,
not previously recognized species
from Southern Yunnan, China.



Judging Sessions

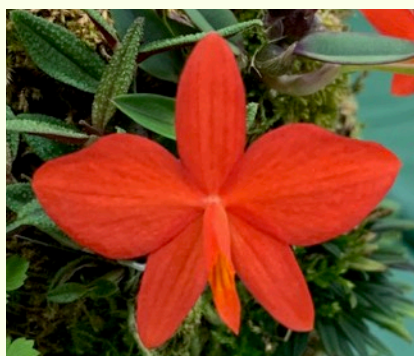
The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. Locally, the sessions are held in Balboa Park, Casa del Prado in room 104 on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm.

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

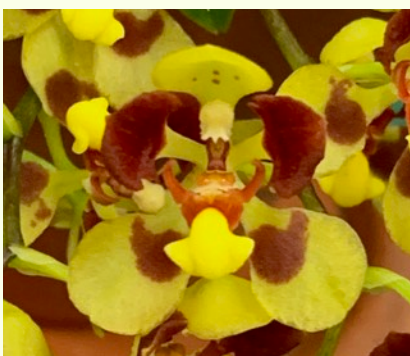
*Text by Phyllis Prestia,
Photos by Betty Kelepecz*

October Judging Report

There were 8 orchids presented for judging. Two were awarded.



Cattleya pygmaea 'Jack'
Exhibited by Jack Li
Awarded AM, 85 points



Gomesa colorata 'Precious Treasure'
Exhibited by Jack Li
Awarded AM, 83 points



Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

Gems From The October Meeting



Neofinitia falcata "Taiga"
Phyllis Prestia



Pot. Hsinying Pink Doll "Hsinying" – Bill Wong



Onc. Sweet Sugar "Kalendar"
– Maryanne Kind



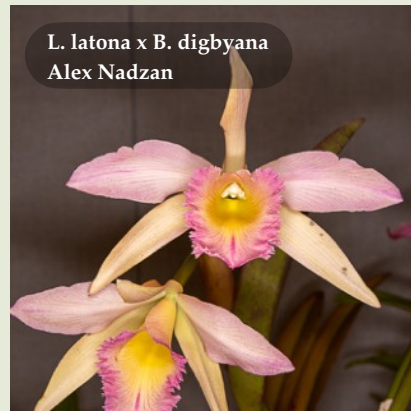
C. Caudebec – Anita Spencer



Pot. Sun Spot Gem x Slc. Katherin Clarkson – Alex Nadzan



C. bicolor – Anita Spencer



L. latona x B. digbyana
Alex Nadzan



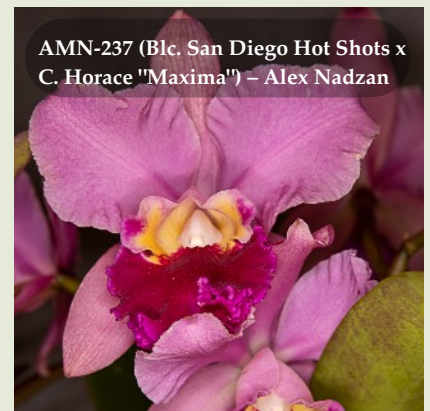
Lc. Blue Stars – Bill Wong



Lc. Mini Song "Petite" – Bill Wong



Pot. Little Toshie "Gold Country" – Bill Wong



AMN-237 (Blc. San Diego Hot Shots x
C. Horace "Maxima") – Alex Nadzan

Photos by Helge Weissig – Full album at www.palomarorchid.org

The 2nd Orchid Digest International Speakers Day: A Virtual Experience

All speakers live with Q&A

November 13, 2021 12:30 - 5:00 pm EDT

Registration Fee: \$30

[REGISTER](#)

Can't join us?

Register and receive a link to the recording the next day!



Jis Sebastian: Orchid Science in India: Current Perspectives & Future Challenges

Jis has worked in the Western Ghats, India's Western & Eastern Himalayas, involved in research, conservation, and community outreach. She is currently running research, conservation, and capacity-building programs in Orchid science and a climate-resilient, sustainable community model initiative in Idukki, Kerala.

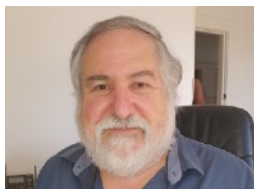
Henry Oakeley: Orchid Hunting in Peru

Henry has been growing orchids for 65 years, concentrating on Lycaste, Ida, and Anguloa for nearly 50 years. He is a Physician Emeritus and Garden fellow for the Royal College of Physicians of London medicinal garden. For the past ten years, his primary interest has been the history and uses of medicinal plants.



John Varigos: Borneo—Land of Wonder & Biodiversity

John, a pharmacologist and clinical trialist, has grown orchid species for over 40 years. He is an avid orchid photographer (over 20,000 photos on Flickr) and, for the past 20 years, has enjoyed traveling the world, trekking the jungles, and finding and photographing orchids in situ.



Jim Cootes: Orchid Species of the Philippines

Jim's interest in Philippine orchids started in the late 1970s when he visited the mountains of central Luzon. He saw many orchids that he could not identify, so he created a database. From this material, he has written 2 books and is working on the third volume as well as co-authored a book on Philippine dendrobiums.



Open House

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Tom Wisniewski & Alex Nadzan — Co-1st Vice President/Programs
Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle
Trudy Ibbetson — 3rd Vice President/Membership
OPEN POSITION — Secretary
Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer
Steve Redmond, Suzi Sandore, Cher Whelan — 2nd Year Trustees
Judy Dyer, Debra Funakoshi Stewart Walton — 1st Year Trustees
Helge Weissig — Website & Newsletter Editor, Publicity
Debra Funakoshi — Facebook Editor

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Upcoming Events

October 30 & 31, 2021
 Fall Orchids in the Park
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

November 2, 2021
 AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

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

November 3, 2021
 POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

November 6 & 7, 2021
 Open House (part 1)
 Cal-Orchid
calorchid.com

November 7, 2021
 SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

November 12 & 13, 2021
 Open House (part 2)
 Cal-Orchid
calorchid.com

November 13, 2021
 Orchid Digest International
 Speakers Day
 (see page 6)

December 1, 2021
 POS Holiday Party
 TBD

December 4, 2021
 Open House
 Sunset Valley Orchids
sunsetvalleyorchids.com

Open House
 Case de las Orquideas
orquideas.com

SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

December 7, 2021
 SDCOS Holiday Party
 TBD

December 10 & 12, 2021
 Open House
 Andy's Orchids
andysorchids.com

January 4, 2021
 AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

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

January 5, 2021
 POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

January 21, 2021
 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 Meetings are still being held online for now sdorchids.com