

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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November 2022

A Monthly Publication

Attending Our Meeting via Zoom

For those unable to attend in person, we will provide a Zoom link with the newsletter email.

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This fall and early winter, there are still some sales, shows, and open houses on the schedule. Check them out!

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, November 2, 2022 • 6:30 pm



species influences and Phalaenopsis species influences. Arnie is an excellent and engaging speaker who readily shares his wealth of knowledge with the orchid community. It is a talk not to be missed.

Arnie recently retired in July of this year from his career as a patent attorney at Qualcomm so he can spend more time with his plants, exercise, getting healthy, ukulele, gym, etc. At Qualcomm, he was responsible for putting GPS in our smartphones and has a few hundred patents worldwide to his name.



Arnold Gum

Orchid Sherlock

We are delighted to welcome back Arnold Gum as speaker for our November meeting. Arnie will present the talk 'Orchid Sherlock' which addresses genetic influences of different species. Arnie will teach us how to spot what's in the background of your orchids. He will talk about tag sleuthing (broken tags, faded tags, lost tags, etc.) including Cattleya



Arnie has been growing orchids since he was a child in Hawaii in the 70's. His father had a Dendrobium plant that had set a pod, and Arnie got some help from Stanley Taba Orchid Nursery to flask the seeds. As a youth, he knew some of Hawaii's greatest orchid pioneers, including Ben Kodama, Tadao Kazumura, Isamu Ota, Richard Takafuji, Richard Takase, and Goodale Moir. That first flask and others led to thousands of plants as a

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hello, All POS Members and Friends,

This month will be our final regular POS meeting of the year. It has been rewarding for both of us to see all of you at the meetings and seeing you enjoy the diverse speakers and programs. Despite Covid concerns, many of you attended all our meetings and enjoyed conversing with your fellow members and visitors. You have been loyal and appreciative members.

We are excited to begin planning the 2023 slate of speakers. We would also like to plan a field trip, either to a local grower or to see one of our member's orchid collections. We have not done either for several years. Part of this is due to the lack of participation of members to help plan these activities. So, we encourage more of you to get involved. We are only as good as our members.

Previously we mentioned the difficulty of finding new speakers from out of the area and that will continue to be a challenge (particularly with budget constraints). Like other local societies, we may plan a Zoom meeting with a speaker or two out of the area. We would still have an orchid "Show and Tell" and an opportunity table for the benefit of meeting attendees.

Last month Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids gave an excellent presentation that was well-received. This month, we welcome Arnold Gum of San Diego. Arnold is an

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AOS judge, an avid grower and is always entertaining. The topic "Orchid Sherlock" is interesting but a bit vague. You may be wondering what this covers so come to the November meeting and find out!! More on Arnold's background is included on the first page of this Newsletter.



The opportunity table this month will be from Sunset Valley Orchids.

We have finalized the planning for our December meeting. It will be a Holiday Dinner at the Gowland Room, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. We will provide further details and a sign-up sheet at the November meeting. Everyone who attended last year's dinner enjoyed the event and everyone took home a nice orchid.

Save the date and plan to come!! It's one of the best events of the year.

As we start the new year, we are making some changes to our Membership Renewals and new Member sign up. Every year some of our members are very late in renewing their memberships (some as late as July). This creates more work for our *Membership chair in updating the rooster* and doesn't contribute to covering our expenses. We are keeping the fee at \$25 per individual and \$30 for family as both are modest dues. However, for 2023, any existing member not renewed by April 1st, the fee will increase by \$5, that is, \$30(individual) and \$35 (family). There is no good reason for not paying the dues in a timely manner, so please see Trudy at the November or January meeting to renew.

Another change we are implementing is not new but one that has not been stressed the past few years. We always

welcome visitors to our meeting and want them to learn more about orchids and meet fellow orchid growers. We are strongly encouraging visitors to join POS after TWO meetings. This will help cover meeting and other operating costs. We are aware of other organizations that only allow one visitor meeting and require membership for any subsequent visit. If you have any questions, see either Alex or Bill.

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. This is your society so please get more involved and participate in the planning. Please call Bill at 760-931-0502 or Alex at 760-529-5814 or e-mail them at billtcwong@att.net or anadzan@mac.com.

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong Co-Presidents, POS



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youth, and a lifelong interest in orchids that has survived college, career, multiple moves, and 6 orchid societies. He has been an American Orchid Society judge for nearly 30 years and he serves as an official photographer for our Pacific South AOS judging panel and has presented talks at both Palomar and San Diego County Orchid Societies. Arnie has won over 85 AOS awards and grows all sorts of orchids including cattleyas, phalaenopsis, paphiopedilums, as well as lots of rare and amazing plants. Over the years, he has amassed a collection of several thousand plants. Like many of us, Arnie also grows other types of plants, including epiphyllum cacti, aloes, plumerias, and fruit trees.

Our plant table this month will be from Sunset Valley Orchids.

Slate of Officers for 2023 POS Board

November is our Annual Meeting and we will be electing officers for 2023 as stipulated by the bylaws.

The following individuals will be proposed for approval by attending members at the November Annual Meeting. We also are looking to fill open positions and ask that interested individuals contact Alex or Bill if they want to be considered for any of these positions including trustees. If there are more than 3 trustees interested in serving, we will conduct a vote to determine the positions. Several of the trustees have been involved for more

than two years and would be willing to step aside for new members who are interested. We will vote on the board at the November meeting.

2023 POS Officers:

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

We still would like some of our members to step up and volunteer for additional positions as highlighted in **bold** above. We encourage individuals to consider working in an supportive capacity so the individual can get and 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.

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.

Trustee: We currently have an opening to fill a 2nd Year trustee position.

Trustees can participate in board meetings (2-3 per year) to advise the board on issues of importance to the society (financial, speakers, events, etc.). Positions are usually for a two-year term that can be renewed as desired.

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.

Newsletter Assistant: Helge Weissig has been responsible for publishing our newsletter and managing our website for quite some time. He could use someone with computer and internet skills to assist him with these responsibilities.

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 <u>George and Patricia Gowland Meeting Room located in the Carlsbad City Library</u> on Dove Lane, just off El Camino Real in southern Carlsbad. The address is <u>1775 Dove Lane</u>, <u>Carlsbad</u>, <u>CA 92011</u>.

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.

October Judging Report

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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.

Starting with the June session, the COVID-19 protocols will be relaxed: vaccinations are not mandated and masks are optional. For questions, please contact Phyllis Prestia at orchldy1@mac.com

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia











Open House

Fantastic discounts on all plant stock!

Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 9AM till 4PM

1255 Navel Place, Vista CA 92083 (760) 310-0778

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2022 POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President Alex Nadzan & Tom Wisniawski — Co-1st Vice President

Tom Wisniewski — Co-1st Vice President/Programs

Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle

Trudy Ibbetson — 3rd Vice President/Membership

Maryann Kind — Secretary

Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer

Judy Dyer, Debra Funakoshi,

Stewart Walton — 2nd Year Trustees

Steve Redmond, Suzi Sandore,

Cher Whelan — 1st Year Trustees

Helge Weissig — Website & Newsletter Editor Debra Funakoshi — FaceBook Editor

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Upcoming Events

October 29 & 30

Fall Orchids in the Park Show and Sale SDOCS sdorchids.com

November 1, 2022

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

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

November 2, 2022

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

November 5, 2022

SDCOS Species Meeting David Vanden 4davidv@gmail.com

November 18, 2022

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

December 3, 2022

Open House Sunset Valley Orchids sunsetvalleyorchids.com

December 6, 2022

SDCOS Holiday Party TBD sdorchids.com

December 7, 2022

POS Holiday Party Gowland Meeting Room Dove Library, Carlsbad palomarorchid.org

December 9 - 11, 2022

Winter Open House Andy's Orchids andysorchids.com

December 10, 2022

SDCOS Species Meeting David Vanden 4davidv@gmail.com

December 16, 2022

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

January 3, 2023

AOS Orchid Judging Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

aos.org

SDCOS General Meeting Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

sdorchids.com

January 4, 2023

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

January 7, 2023

SDCOS Species Meeting David Vanden 4davidv@gmail.com

January 20, 2023

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

Our Sister Society's Meetings

The San Diego County Orchid Society meets on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 101 in the Casa del Prado of Balboa Park in San Diego. Culture class starts at 6:30 pm and the General meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Meetings are free and are open to the public, except for the May and December meetings which are member & invited guests only. Each first Tuesday meeting includes a Plant Forum: your opportunity to share a stunning bloom which wasn't ready for the previous show.

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