



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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The holiday events and Open Houses are coming up as we are nearing years' end. Check our calendar for details.



Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, November 1, 2023 • 6:30 pm



um flowering season that can last through late spring to early summer. Accordingly, we felt it would be good to review cymbidium culture at this time. As an affiliate member of AOS, our society has access to a large number of webinars featuring excellent orchid experts on a variety of topics. George Hatfield, cymbidium hybridizer and grower extraordinaire, produced an excellent webinar on how he grows award-winning cymbidiums. George covers numerous cultural techniques that allow him to produce such beautiful cymbidiums.



Cym. Cheryl Erins

George Hatfield

Culture Meeting: Webinar on 'Cultural Techniques for Growing Award-Winning Cymbidiums'

The onset of fall initiates the cymbidi-



Cym. Memoria Dick Swain 'Santa Barbara'

He also addresses pests and diseases. We will feature George's video, then ask Jerry Spencer and Alex Nadzan to answer any questions that you may have on cymbidium culture. November's opportunity table will be from Cal-Orchid.

George Hatfield holds a Bachelor of Science in Plant and Soil Science from California State Polytechnic University. He was President of the American Orchid So-

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hello to all POS Members and Friends,

We hope all of you have an enjoyable and safe Halloween and have a nice Thanksgiving with your family and friends. This is one of the busiest times of the year with all the holidays and festivities. It's also when property taxes are due and lots of year end expenses.

November is our final regular meeting of the year as well as our Annual Meeting where we will be electing officers for 2024 as stipulated by the bylaws. Members in attendance will vote for our slate of officers for the board and related responsibilities.

For our program this month, we are going to change it up a bit. We will be showing a webinar from the American Orchid Society (AOS). It features George Hatfield of Hatfield Orchids entitled 'Culture Techniques for Growing Award-Winning Cymbidiums'. George is a well-known and highly respected Cymbidium hybridizer who has won numerous awards at the Santa Barbara Orchid Show and other major shows. More on his background is



Cym. Charles Weckerle Thrun

included above in this newsletter. Following the webinar, we will have two of our best orchid growers answer questions from the audience about Cymbidiums. It will be a mini culture class with a Q and A format and we will still have a plant table provided by Cal-Orchids.

*Don't forget that on December 6, we will have our Annual Holiday Dinner at the Dove Library, Gowland Room. The cost will be \$30 per person and each attendee will receive a blooming orchid. We plan to serve Chinese food and there will be plenty of popular dishes for everyone to enjoy. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting and one is included with this Newsletter (see page 3 below) should you want to mail it in. Please plan to attend and enjoy good conversations and food. All reservations must be received by **November 27th**.*

Last month, Doug Overstreet made presentations to both POS and SDCOS as part of our shared speaker program. He gave a very informative talk on "My 10 Favorite Oncidiums". We plan to invite Doug back again in the future.

For those of you who are not AOS members, we suggest you join and support the orchid community. As part of the membership, you will receive the monthly magazine 'Orchids' and have access to the wealth of information on the AOS website as well as several webinars from expert orchid growers like the one we are presenting at this month's meeting. Moreover, each month has excellent articles from orchid growers like Fred Clarke of SVO and articles from regular contributors like Thomas Miranda (AOS Trustee and accredited judge), and Sue Bottom of the St. Augustine Orchid Society. Many of the articles are excellent sources of information for orchid culture and care. For example, in the October 2023 issue, Sue covers "Sprays versus Drenches for Applying Chemicals" and covers the advantages of each. Articles are informative and easy to interpret and digest. Members also have access to many previous issues of



the magazine that can be downloaded for reading at your leisure. So, begin the new year by joining this excellent national organization.

We want to thank Dr. Barry Reder for volunteering to take over the POS Newsletter publication beginning in 2024. We truly appreciate those members who are willing to get more involved and help strengthen our society. We need contributions from more of our members besides those already helping. It takes a lot to run a successful orchid society and plan the programs that you all enjoy. We need for our members to do more than attend the meetings!!

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 or anadzan@mac.com.

George Hatfield, cont.

ciety from 2016-2018 and received the Hudlow Trophy from the Cymbidium Society of America recognizing his achievements in Cymbidium hybridizing.

George is the owner of Hatfield Orchids, a Ventura County, CA based company, initiated in 2005 with focus on the development of high quality and award-winning cymbidiums. He is an accredited orchid judge for both the CSA and AOS. George is also a past-president of the CSA and was the Chairman of the CSA Cymbidium Congress from

1998-2001 and president of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show in 2002 & 2003.



PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY Annual Holiday Dinner and Officer Installation

GOWLAND ROOM, DOVE LIBRARY, CARLSBAD

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 6:30 PM

\$30 Per Person includes dinner, soft drinks/water and an orchid plant.

Please cut out and mail this completed form by November 27th to Bill Wong, 7098 Heron Circle, Carlsbad, CA 92011 with your check made payable to the Palomar Orchid Society. If you have any questions, please contact Bill at (760) 931-0502 or email at billtcwong@att.net.

No.	First Name	Last Name	Phone	Paid	Vegetarian (Y/N)
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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.

Slate of Officers for 2024 POS Board

November is our Annual Meeting and we will be electing officers for 2024 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.

2024 POS Officers:

- **Co-President:** Bill Wong and Alex Nadzan
- **1st VP Programs:** Alex Nadzan and Stewart Walton (**temporary**)
- **2nd VP Opportunity Table:** Jerry Spahn and Jim Anderson
- **3rd VP Membership:** Trudy Ibbetson

- **Secretary:** Pearl Crosier
- **Treasurer:** Vidya Sirsi and **Assistant**

• **1st Year Trustees:** Steve Redmond, Suzi Sandore, and Ceclie Bird

2nd Year Trustees: Judy Dyer, Debra Funakoshi, and Stewart Walton

Publicity: Open Position

Newsletter Editor: Barry Reder

Webmaster: Helge Weissig and **Assistant**

Facebook Editor: Debra Funakoshi

We still encourage some of our members to step up and volunteer for additional positions **highlighted above in bold**. We encourage individuals to consider working in a supportive 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 1st VP/Programs 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.

1st VP Programs: To work with Alex and the SDCOS Programs VP

to identify prospective speakers for our society and co-ordinate with SDCOS to bring in shared speakers and secure plant tables for POS either from the monthly speaker or local vendors for our meetings. Stewart Walton will be stepping down once we find a replacement for this position.

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.

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.

Webmaster 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 maintaining the website.

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



Open House

Fantastic discounts on all plant stock!

Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 9AM till 4PM

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

www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com

Bring this invite for a raffle ticket

2023 POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President
Stewart Walton &
Alex Nadzan — Co-1st Vice President/Programs
Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Op Table
Trudy Ibbetson — 3rd Vice President/Membership
Maryanne Kind — Secretary
Vidya Sirsi — Treasurer
Suzi Sandore, Steve Redmond,
Cecily Bird — 2nd Year Trustees
Debra Funakoshi, Tom Wisniewski,
Judy Dyer — 1st Year Trustees
Helge Weissig — Website & Newsletter Editor, Publicity
Debra Funakoshi — FaceBook Editor

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Upcoming Events

November 1, 2023

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

November 3 - 5, 2023

Cal-Orchid Fall Open House
 James & Laris Rose
calorchid.com

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
 Fall Open House
sborchid.com

November 4, 2023

SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

November 7, 2023

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

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

November 17, 2023

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

December 2, 2023

SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

Sunset Valley Orchids
 Open House
sunsetvalleyorchids.com

December 5, 2023

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

SDCOS Holiday Party
sdorchids.com

December 6, 2023

POS Holiday Party
palomarorchid.org

December 8 - 10, 2023

Andy's Orchids
 Winter/Holiday Open House
andysorchids.com

December 15, 2023

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

January 2, 2024

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

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

January 3, 2024

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

January 6, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

Our Sister Society's Meetings

The San Diego County Orchid Society meets First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in Room 101 in the Casa del Prado of Balboa Park in San Diego
sdorchids.com



Cymbidium Rockstar