



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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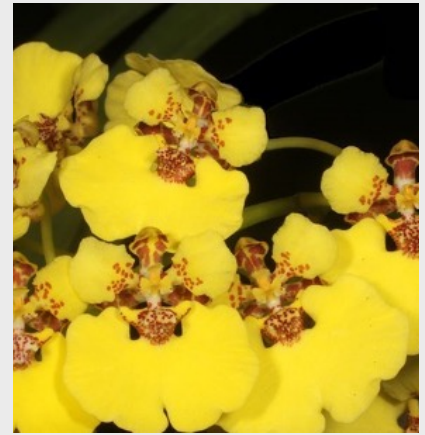
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ton Botanical Garden. Doug will present his talk on 'My 10 Favorite Oncidiums, Some of Which are Still Oncidiums'. Doug is a shared speaker with our sister society, SDCOS, and he will be presenting the same topic on Tuesday in Balboa Park.' Doug is a very experienced orchidist who has extensive knowledge on a large number of orchid genera. His talk will present a selection of beautiful and enjoyable species of plants in the Oncidiinae alliance that are easy to locate and grow in southern California. All of the plants used to be considered as genus *Oncidium* but



Rossioglossum ampliatum

Doug Overstreet

My 10 Favorite Oncidiums, Some of Which are Still Oncidiums

We are delighted to welcome Douglas Overstreet, Orchid Specialist of the Thornton Conservatory at the Hunting-



Oncidium leucochilum

some have been moved into other genera in the past few years. A brief explanation of these changes will be presented along with specific cultural considerations for each species. This month's plant table will come from one of our local nurseries.

Douglas Overstreet has grown orchids continually since he was 10 years old. He comes by his interest in plants and animals naturally. His family have been

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hello to all POS Members and Friends,

It's Fall and the weather has changed, being quite mild and having shorter days. With cooler temperatures and some over-cast days, we need to modify our watering schedules and pay more attention to lighting requirements. However, it appears that some of our orchids have not gotten the message as several are still putting out new roots and can be repotted and divided before winter is upon us. Also watch out for pests and bacterial/fungal diseases as cold and wet weather comes in late fall and winter.

As mentioned last month, there has been a resurgence of COVID, presumably due to the extensive vacation traveling during the summer and the long Labor Day weekend. Fortunately, the CDC recently approved a new, updated booster that has become available during the last weeks of September for those of us want to take advantage of it ahead of the anticipated winter surge. Members may want to consider the

flu vaccine as well since many of us are senior citizens and more susceptible to both respiratory illnesses. Please stay healthy.

Last month Tim Culbertson gave a very enthusiastic and informative talk on 'Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond'. He provided a nice plant table that contained several Encyclias that can be easily grown in our area. If you were not able to win any of them, you should look for Encyclias and related genera at the upcoming shows in late September and October. Tim always gives us excellent talks so we will be looking forward to inviting him back in the 2024 season.

This month we welcome a new speaker to our society, Douglas Overstreet from the Huntington Botanical Gardens. Doug will be a shared speaker with our sister society, SDCOS and he will be presenting the same talk on 'My 10 Favorite Oncidiums (Some of Which Are Still Oncidiums!).

Doug is a very experienced orchid enthusiast and his talk should be a very good one. Moreover, neither society has had a talk on Oncidiums for some time now. More on the speaker's bio and talk is included at the beginning of this Newsletter.

With only two meetings left in 2023 and our Annual Holiday Dinner on December 6th, we are beginning to plan our programs for 2024. We think we had a very strong and entertaining program this past year. It is a very challenging task as some of our key members have stepped away and very few of you have volunteered to step up for greater participation. Alex and Bill and the POS Board will do its best but find it challenging to plan a speaker program and activities with limited support. We did not have an Orchid Caravan this year nor did we plan any special events. Our spending continues to exceed our

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!*

Thank you!

revenue, so we need to dip into our reserves despite two successful fundraising events

The Board will be discussing and planning additional fundraising opportunities for 2024 and will likely sell orchids at the Botanic Garden again and the library as well, since both were successful fundraisers earlier this year. Things don't automatically happen, so please make see Alex or Bill to discuss your interest in helping and donating orchids for these events.

One of our favorite events of the year is the holiday dinner that will be held in the Gowland Room of the Dove Library. It will be a catered buffet meal with menu to be determined. Besides the dinner and program, every attendee will receive a blooming size orchid. So, mark your calendar and plan to attend. Anyone who wants to help plan this event, please contact Bill.

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



Doug Overstreet cont.

American farmers since 1684. The first orchid he purchased in 1972 was *Cattleya Trimos*, a primary hybrid between *C. trianaei* and *C. mossiae*. The first orchid he flowered was a phalaenopsis hybrid.

Doug moved to California in 1975 and continued his love affair with orchids. In 1984, his collection began to grow by leaps and bounds with his first professional job. He also became a very active participant in the local orchid community. He began to work with orchids professionally in 2000 as a private consultant. Gradually, this be-



Tricocentrum splendidum

came his full-time occupation. He has managed private collections for leading hobbyists in Southern California

for the last 15 years. He is an Accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Pacific South Region.

An accomplished writer and educator, Doug has written articles for many different publications including Orchid Digest and has served on the Editorial Committee of that publication as Assistant Editor. He has spoken for orchid societies and other groups nationwide. Currently, he is employed by the Huntington Botanical Gardens and is the orchid specialist in charge of the Thornton Conservatory and the Ernest Hetherington Memorial Cattleya Collection.



6th Annual American Orchid Society Judged Show

Registration: Friday Oct. 6th 2:00 - 4:00 pm and Saturday Oct. 7th 9:00 - 10:00 am

Judging Saturday Oct. 7th at 10:00 am

Entries on display until Sunday Oct. 8th 3:00 pm

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www.rsbcos.com

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.

Huntington Orchid Show Volunteer Opportunities from Brandon Tam

As a reminder, POS members have an opportunity to participate in the upcoming Huntington Orchid Show which will give you free admission to the Gardens, Show and Sale. You can [sign up](#) for the various volunteer opportunities at the show.

Ribbon judging (Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 9:00 AM)

You will be part of a team of hobbyists led by an American Orchid Society judge who will teach you about the orchids that your team will be awarding ribbons. This is an educational opportunity, and no experience is required! We welcome first-time ribbon judges! Lunch is provided, but you must sign up! Alex participated and had fun last year and will do so again this year. See the six reasons below to try ribbon judging at the show.

Plant Hotel, Info Desks, and engagement with the public (October 20-22, 2023)

We are in need of volunteers to help run the Plant Hotel, answer questions at the Info Desk, and engage with the public to answer general orchid questions they may have.

Six Reasons to Try Ribbon Judging at the Huntington Show

Ribbon judges work in small teams awarding ribbons to orchids entered for judging at the show. At the Huntington International Orchid Show, the

ribbon judging focus is on education and fun. There are so many reasons you should participate, even if you are brand new to orchids!

No experience is necessary! You will work with a small group of hobbyists led by an American Orchid Society

your team evaluates, and answer all of your questions. The judging team process is very interactive and you are encouraged to participate fully. However, if you are more comfortable observing quietly, that is fine too.

You will see the orchids and displays in prime condition and without crowds. The orchid show is not open to the public on judging day. You will see the plants and displays at their freshest and very best.

Lunch is provided for ribbon judges. The Huntington is sponsoring these events for ribbon judges in order to support both experienced hobbyists and welcome novices to the world of orchids. However, you must [register in advance](#) and before Monday, October 2. After judging, you are welcome to wander the rest of the Huntington's extraordinary gardens, museums, and library campus.

You will meet new people. Ribbon judges work together in small groups. Take time to talk with your teammates and meet people from other areas and orchid societies. It is easy to make new friends who share your orchid passion.

You will have fun! What could possibly be better than a whole day of orchids with kindred "orchidaholics," set in the backdrop of the beautiful Huntington Gardens?

Questions: Gayle Brodie (805) 551-8620

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huntington.org/orchid-show

Exhibits by Southern California orchid societies and international growers

Vendors from around the world with a wide selection of orchids and related supplies for sale

Show and sale open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Orchids, from top to bottom:
Raph. Clara Naylor 'Carmel' AM/OS
Raph. incandescens 'Huntington's Perfection' FDC/OS
Raph. George Bernard Alexander 'Huntington's Premier' AM/OS
Raph. Varner 'Huntington's Minkler' AM/OS
Paph. Impatiens 'Huntington's Purple Anthesis' CEB/OS
Photos by Arthur Orland

THE HUNTINGTON
Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Garden
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108

(AOS) Judge who will teach you all that you need to know to vote for the best orchids. Beginners are totally welcome and strongly encouraged to join!

You will learn so much about orchids! Your AOS judge will teach you all about the qualities of all the orchids

2023 POS Officers

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Upcoming Events

October 3, 2023
 AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

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

October 4, 2023
 POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

October 6 - 8, 2023
 27th Annual Morongo Basin
 Orchid Festival
 Gubler Orchids, Landers, CA
gublers.com

October 7, 2023
 SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

October 20, 2023
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

October 20 - 22, 2023
 7th Annual Intl. Orchid Show
 Huntington Gardens
 San Marino
huntington.org

November 1, 2023
 POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
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November 4, 2023
 SDCOS Species Meeting
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November 7, 2023
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November 17, 2023
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

December 2, 2023
 SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
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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
 Winter/Holiday Open House
 Andy's Orchids
andysorchids.com

December 15, 2023
 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
sdorchids.com

