



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

A Monthly Publication

Attending Our Meetings via Zoom

For those unable to attend meetings in person, we will continue to provide Zoom links found in the Newsletter email.

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Monthly Meeting Wednesday October 1st, 2025 4:00 PM

Scott McGregor "In Search of Blue"

This month we are pleased to welcome back Scott McGregor, who will be sharing his talk "In Search of Blue". Blue orchids have a mystique—exotic, rare and unobtainable. They are an object of desire for books, movies, perfumes and much more. This talk will explore the lore of blue orchids, delve

into the biology of human color perception, expose many "blue orchids" as fakes, share a few that are actually blue, and talk about breeding possibilities with DNA modification for blue pigments. Scott McGregor has been growing orchids since he was 12, when a neighbor gave him a plant. That plant had a short life, but the hook was set, and he found books and sources for orchid species while growing up in St. Louis. His collection has changed over time, living in different locations around the world, but has always centered around the more unusual species. Scott grows all his plants outdoors, without a greenhouse, just "adding some water and shade" to what nature provides in

Southern California. He especially enjoys finding new species that grow well in our climate (many are far more adaptable than most people would believe), and now grows over 500 different orchid species, along with cloud forest companion plants such as *Heliamphora* and epiphytic *Utricularia*. He rarely uses chemical insecticides or fungicides, preferring fresh air, beneficial insects and our native tree frogs. Scott retired from the corporate world a few years ago and stays active on corporate boards and working with non-profit groups that promote science education for kids. He resides with his family in San Juan Capistrano, California.



Blue



Thelymitra crinita x nuda



Ophrys iricolor



Cleisocentron species

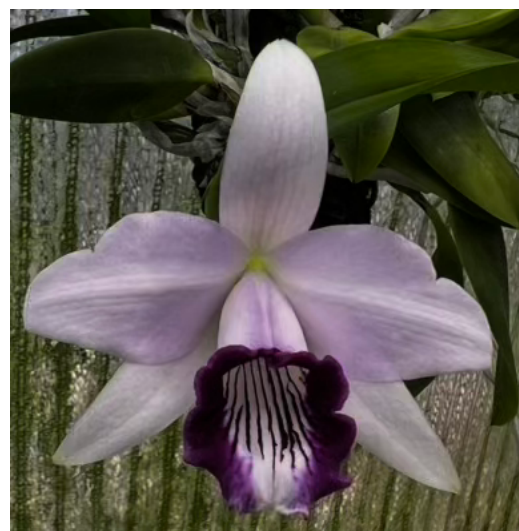
Vs. *coerulea*



C. Jewell's Heavenly Mist



Catt. Mary Elizabeth Bohn
'Royal Flare'



Laelia dayana fna. coerulea

President's Message

October 2025

POS Members and Friends:

We have rapidly approached the Fall Equinox (September 22), but the weather didn't get the message as it is still very warm and our plants are happily growing and many are blooming at this time. We should keep monitoring the weather as it begins to cool down and start modifying our watering activities accordingly. Some of our orchids, particularly some cattleyas, are still putting out new growth and new roots so take the opportunity to repot or divide them before winter weather sets in. Also continue to monitor for pests and bacterial/fungal diseases as we experience colder and possibly wet weather in late fall and early winter.

Last month Tim Culbertson gave us an excellent presentation on *Lycastes* that was well received by our membership as evidenced by the 51 attendees for the talk. Tim provided a great opportunity table consisting of several state-of-the-art *Lycaste* seedlings for our members to grow and bloom. We hope to see some of them in our future member's Show & Tell displays.

On September 6th we had a very successful fundraiser at the Dove Library where we netted nearly \$3500 for our society activities and still had several very nice orchids left over to cover at least two opportunity tables, an additional \$500 savings for us. Many thanks to all our volunteer members who worked at the event and/or provided plants including vendors who donated plants for the sale. Specific recognition of the individuals who made this one day event a big success is included in the article below on page 5.

This month we welcome back Scott McGregor who will be speaking on "In Search of Blue" and discussing the the myths and mystique of blue orchids. Several truly blue orchids are terrestrial in nature and are more highly colored than the more common 'pale blue' *coerulea* cattleyas that many of us grow. Scott is an excellent speaker who has many decades of experience growing a wide variety of orchids so his talk is well worth attending. Additional information on Scott and his talk is included on page one of this Newsletter.

Next month we will have our Annual Meeting where we vote on the 2026 Board. As a result of our recent board meeting, the 2026 Board was proposed and there are a few openings for First Year Trustees (three already have applied) and Publicity positions. Please review the details in the accompanying article on page 4 and be prepared to vote at the November meeting. Members interested in open positions should contact Alex to be considered for the 2026 Board.

The Board also finalized a decision to move our 2026 meetings to the **Pine Avenue Community Center at 3209 Harding Street, Carlsbad, 92008 starting January 2026** due to the fact that we were unable to reserve the Dove Library for the first Wednesday or another day for the first week of the month next year. The Community Center is larger than our current room, has essentially all the facilities and parking we need, is not too far from the library, comes with a modest increase in price and allows us to have meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 4-7 pm. Importantly, we will be able to maintain the ability to share speakers with SDCOS, an issue that was not possible if we had stayed in our current facility. Many thanks to Barry and Jennette Reder for exploring a facility in Encinitas and Bill and Shelley Wong for identifying and securing the Community Center starting on January 7, 2026.

Finally, don't forget to reserve December 2 (6-9 pm) for our Annual Holiday Dinner. This year it will be held at China Gourmet, the new Chinese restaurant located at 214 N. El Camino Real, Ste b, Encinitas, 92024. It is run by the Chin family so the quality of the food will be as good as we have had in the past but it will be served by the restaurant staff in a very nice separate room. More details will be shared with sign up at next month's meeting and in the November newsletter.

As always, Alex is available to listen to your suggestions, questions and concerns. Please call Alex at 858-205-6789 or e-mail him at anadzan@mac.com.

Happy and successful growing and see you at our October meeting.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2026 POS Board

November is our Annual Meeting and we will be electing officers for 2026 as stipulated by the bylaws.

At our September board meeting individuals were identified who will continue on the board next year. In 2026 there will be a significant change to the board. Next year, we will have Co-Presidents. Barry Reder has agreed to serve with Alex Nadzan for next year and, as the year proceeds, Barry will take on more responsibility with Alex relinquishing his presidential duties by year's end. Barry will continue as Newsletter Editor with Alex assisting by posting and sending out the monthly newsletter. As the year goes on, we will identify members to take on some of the duties to ease the burden on the president position. This will provide an opportunity for Barry and other members to guide the society in future years.

At this time the following individuals are proposed for approval by members attending the November Annual Meeting. We also are looking to fill open positions and ask that interested individuals contact Alex if they want to be considered for any of these positions including trustees. Since some of the trustees have held their positions for several years, there is opportunity for newer members to be considered for a trustee position. If there are more than 3 trustees interested in serving, we will conduct a vote to determine who takes these positions. The new board will be installed at the Holiday Dinner.

2026 POS Officers:

- Co-Presidents: Alex Nadzan and Barry Reder
- 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 and Ed Staley
- 1st Year Trustees: Ed Danielewicz, Linda Ivor, and Barbara McCubbin
- 2nd Year Trustees: Judy Dyer, Steve Redmond, and Bill Wong
- Publicity: **Open Position**
- Newsletter Editor: Barry Reder
- Webmaster: Helge Weissig and **Assistant**
- Facebook Editor: Debra Funakoshi

Snacks & Refreshments
This month, all members with last names beginning **A through L** will share at break time!
We appreciate everyone's effort in supplying our meeting with goodies. It makes for a great meeting all around!

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 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 trustee. 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.

Trustees: Members 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.

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 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 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 4:00-7:00PM, 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.



Slc. Stella Kacev

Our September 6 Fundraiser was a Great Success

Our Fundraiser on September 6 at the Dove Library was a big success in that our society netted nearly \$3500 after fees, taxes and expenses thanks to our members and friends who volunteered at the sale and to several members and vendors who provided plants for the sale. In addition, we have enough nice orchids for the October and November opportunity tables that will save our society an additional \$500.

Our volunteers included Jim Anderson, Pearl Crosier, Debra Funakoshi, Gil Ho, Lisa Humphreys & Daniel Bellum, Linda Ivor, Barbara McCubbin, Alex Nadzan, Barry Reder, Suzi Sandore, Vidya Sirsi, Jerry Spahn, and Bill & Shelley Wong. Members and friends who donated plants included Jim Anderson, Juan Bonilla of El Jardin Tropicals, Pierre Bounard (Arnie Gum's plants), Ken Campbell, Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids, Greg Corrales, Pearl Crosier, Ed Danielewicz, Debra Funakoshi, Lisa Humphreys & Daniel Bellum, Kalapana Tropicals, Inc, Barbara McCubbin, Alex Nadzan, Phyllis Prestia, Barry Reder, Mitch Schneider of New Earth Orchids, Anita & Jerry Spencer, Stewart Walton, Bill & Shelley Wong, and Max Yang of Vista Orchids.

Finally, we greatly appreciate all who helped make the sale a huge success and these proceeds will go a long way to enable our society to continue to provide quality educational programs and support for the Southern California Orchid community.

Upcoming Events

September 26-28, 2025

Fascination of Orchids Show & Sale
Santa Ana Zoo
fascinationoforchids.com

October 1 1, 2025

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

October 4, 2025

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

October 7, 2025

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

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

October 17-19, 2025

9th Annual Intl. Huntington Orchid Show & Sale
San Marino, CA
<https://www.huntington.org/orchid-show>

October 17, 2025

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

October 25-26, 2025

SDCOS Fall Show & Sale in the Park
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

November 1, 2025

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November 4, 2025

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SDCOS General Meeting
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sdorchids.com

November 5, 2025

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

November 8, 2025

Orchid Digest,
Cattleya Symposium
Huntington Library
San Marino, CA
ochiddigest.org

November 21, 2025

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

December 1 2025

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

SDCOS Holiday Dinner
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

December 2, 2025

POS Holiday Dinner
China Gourmet
Encinitas, CA
palomarorchid.org

December 19, 2025

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org



Catt. Seth Reder

Bred by Alex Nadzan

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center

Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

September 2, 2025

Text and photos by Jeanie Anderson

There were 15 orchids presented for judging. Five (5) were awarded.



Cattleya Mini Purple - Blue Chateau

Exhibited by Barry Reder

Awarded Highly Commendable Certificate, 79 points



Warczewiczella timbiensis - O'side's Marble

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson

Awarded Award of Merit, 81 points



Cattleya pygmaea - B.R.O.

Exhibited by Barry Reder

Awarded Highly Commendable Certificate,
78 points



Ctsm. Extravaganza - Sunset Valley Orchid's

Killer Lips

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded First Class Certificate, 90 points

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center



Aciopea Walnut Valley Sunshine - Sunset Valley Orchids

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

Awarded First Class Certificate, 91 points

FASCINATION OF ORCHIDS INC. & THE SANTA ANA ZOO PRESENT:

The 44th Annual Fascination of Orchids Festival of Orchids Show and Exotic Plants Sale
Friday, Saturday and Sunday
September 26, 27, 28, 2025
10am - 4pm

Santa Ana Zoo
1801 E Chestnut Ave. Santa Ana, 92701

FREE with Zoo Admission
FREE Parking
www.ocorchidshow.com

50% Discount on Zoo Admission
Valid Sept. 26, 27, 28, 2025
Show this Flyer at Zoo Ticket Booth

THE HUNTINGTON ORCHID SHOW & SALE

OCT. 17-19, 2025
PERFECT HARMONY

9th Annual International Orchid Show & Sale

Featuring exhibits by growers from Southern California and around the world as well as a wide selection of orchids and related supplies from domestic and international vendors

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

huntington.org/orchid-show

Orchid: Adaptation: World Knowledge: Huntington's Emerald 888302. Photo by Arthur Pridmore.



THE WORLD PREMIERE OF "ORCHIDÉES"

OCT. 18, 2025
A COMPOSITION
BY NICK ROTH
FOR SOLO CELLO
AND VIDEO

Exploring 100 million years of orchid evolution by translating its DNA into music

Featuring cellist Kate Ellis with cinematography by Andrew Sanchez and Brandon Tam

7 p.m. in Rothenberg Hall

huntington.org/orchidees



Almost real science.....Barry Reder, DDS

The following is the text of an email I sent to Dr. Ron McHatton, Chief Education and Science Officer Editor, Orchids Magazine. AOS on 9/17/25:

Dr. McHatton-
9/17/25

I contacted you about a year and a half ago questioning the speed of virus spread in Cattleyas. I live in Oceanside California and am a friend of Fred Clarke. The question was "If I purposely infect a healthy plant with CmMV or ORSV, how long until it would show up on a standard diffusion virus test?"

Lacking a good answer, I took two mericlone seedlings, tested to be virus free, and infected one with CmMV and the other with ORSV. The donor plant was first verified to have a virus via the *Agitest Plant Virus Rapid Test*, the leaf was cut with a sterile razor blade. The blade was then used to cut the seedling's leaf. This was repeated ten times. The second mericlone was similarly infected with the second virus.

Each month, for eight months, a 4mmx4mm leaf sample of each plant was tested and showed negative. However on the eighth month, a new root appeared out of the orchid media. A one cm section of root tip tested positive for ORSV. The second mericlone root sample was negative for CmMV. I will continue testing leaves and roots for several more months.

I mentioned my effort to Dr. Kay Klausing a virologist and orchid grower in San Diego. He stated that he had done a similar testing for **five years** and never received a positive result. He related that he had never tested roots.... only leaves.

Obviously, testing two plants cannot be considered statistically significant. However it can lead us to question our usual method of virus detection and suggest a method for *future testing*. What are your thoughts?

-Barry Reder, DDS