



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.



President's Message

The meeting time is 4-7pm at the Dove Library. The Silent Auction Table has been eliminated to save space.

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Judging Report

Five orchids were awarded on Sept. 3rd.

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Calendar of Events :

Several shows and open houses in October.

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024 • 4 pm



October Speaker: Dr. Mitchell Schneider on Wonderland: Inter-generic Zygopetalums

It is our pleasure to welcome Mitchell Schneider to our society for the first time. Mitch

will speak on his efforts to develop novel intergeneric Zygopetalums to the orchid world.

Dr. Mitchell Schneider's interest in orchids started young in his teenage years. Mitch started orchids after seeing the orchid mania display in his hometown at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens. During his PhD studies, Mitch worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. While at Los Alamos, Mitch met Dr. Ron Midgett, who has been breeding orchids for over 55 years. Mitch learned the art of breeding orchids from

Ron. When Ron started considering retirement, Mitch became a co-owner of New Earth Orchids, and relocated operations from Santa Fe, New Mexico to Half Moon Bay, CA, after accepting a position to join the electron sources team for the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC).

Mitch's primary interest in breeding orchids is in the Cattleya alliance, Oncidium alliance, and Zygopetalum alliance. Mitchell has continued Ron's work of producing compacted novelty size Cattleya's who have plants no bigger than 18 inches tall

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with flowers that are 5 to 6 inches in natural spread in a wide variety of color forms including large full segmented cerulean, green with a white lip, spots and stripes, and his favorite the art shade lines. Mitchell also has started breeding to reintroduce high quality warmth tolerant *Odontoglossum* with the assistance of Bob Hamilton. Mitch is also working with a consortium of breeders to pioneer inter-generic *Zygopetalum* with full spectrum colors.

Mitch is active in the American Orchid Society Pacific Central Judging Center, has been serving on the SFOS show committee, and is now the Vice President. Mitch strives to encourage younger orchid growers to become more involved and to help partner them with experienced members to share their love of orchids, and to learn from each other.

This month's plant table will be from some of the remaining plants of our sale including orchids from Ontario Orchids, Kalapana Tropicals and from Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids.

Mitch also will be selling some of his plants at our meeting. We look forward to seeing you on October 2nd at 4 p.m.



Mitch with some of his plants



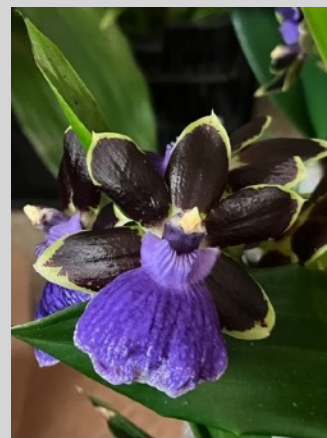
Intergeneric *Zygopetalum*



Intergeneric *Zygopetalum* #1



Intergeneric *Zygopetalum* #2



Intergeneric *Zygopetalum* #3

President's Message

October 2024

Hello to all POS Members and Friends,

We are down to our final three meetings of 2024. It seems we just started the year, but we have had 9 meetings thru September, and we have enjoyed all the programs and speakers. We have mixed in returning, favorite speakers with some new ones.

We are very proud of our excellent attendance throughout the year, a combination of new members and returning long time members. There was a time during the height of Covid that we were concerned about our ability to maintain the viability of POS. Well, the truth of the matter is we have become a stronger and larger organization thanks to our Board of Directors, volunteers and all our members. POS is as strong as it's ever been. Each meeting you can feel the positive energy and great conversation among those in attendance. We think half the enjoyment we get is due to the speaker program. The other half is the friendships that developed among all of us. Our goal for 2025 is to continue the format and success of the past few years.

We have renewed the Gowland Room of the Dove Library thru June of 2025. This meeting space has been nearly perfect for POS. The price is very affordable, and the location is centrally located to our membership. We will be exploring options to make the space a bit roomier. The space is a little tight when we have 40-45 guests, and we want to carve out more usable space. **In order to do so, we will move some tables around and suspend having a Silent Auction Table until further notice.** The alternative meeting room options we explored are out of our price range so we will remain at the Dove Library as long as we can.

Last month, Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids gave one of his best talks on Mini-Catts that we thoroughly enjoyed including the plant table Peter provided.

This month we welcome a new speaker, Dr. Mitch Schneider of New Earth Orchids, Mitch relocated to Southern California recently and is now the principal of New Earth Orchids after taking over from Ron Midget. Mitch will talk about Zygopetalums and the new hybrids that are being developed. More on Mitch's background is found on page one of this newsletter. Mitch also will be selling some of his own plants at the meeting.

This month's plant table will include a variety of plants from Ontario Orchids, Kalapana Tropicals and Sunset Valley Orchids.

On September 7, POS held its second fundraiser of 2024 at the Dove Library. We have not completed the accounting for this event, but we raised close to \$3,000 after expenses. This goes a long way towards helping us cover our society expenses and is the second successful sale at the Dove Library (2023 and 2024).

We want to truly thank all of you who donated plants for the sale, for those of you who volunteered, and all those who bought plants. We had returning customers and some who came from as far as Orange County and South San Diego.

Last month we talked about the difficulty of finding orchid bark, particularly high-quality bark. To help our members, Alex coordinated the purchase of Kiwi bark from Sunset Valley Orchids that many of you took advantage of. Several of you commented that you appreciated the effort we made to obtain the bark that is no longer sold onsite at SVO.

We also recently purchased plant labels that can be bought at our meetings. These are high quality labels that are better than many of the ones you find at online retailers. See Jerry Spahn if you need any plant labels.

In December, we will have our annual Holiday Dinner at the Dove Library. The last two dinners were thoroughly enjoyed, and we need volunteers to help plan and execute the 2024 dinner. If you want to be involved, see Bill at the meeting

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We hope that our programs and speakers are relevant to your interests. Every month we ask for input or suggestions, and we rarely get any input. So, we assume you are happy with the direction of POS.

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 billtwong@att.net or anadzan@mac.com.

We look forward to seeing you on October 2nd at 4 p.m.

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!



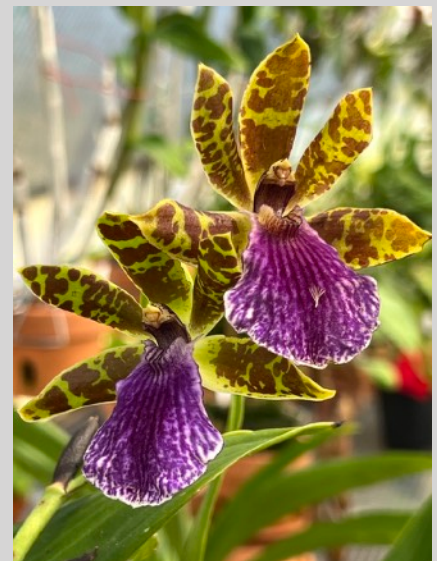
Perreiraara Sunshine Padriew



Perreiraara Le Beau Blue



(left) *Cattleya aclandiae*
 'Melpomene' AM/ AOS



(right)
Zygopetalum Lois

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2025 POS Board

November is our Annual Meeting and we will be electing officers for 2025 as stipulated by the bylaws.

At our September Board meeting individuals were identified who will continue on the board next year. In 2025 there will be two significant changes to the board. First, Bill Wong will step down as Co-President and he has agreed to serve as a First Year Trustee. Second, Alex Nadzan announced that he will continue as President in 2025 but will resign at the end of next year, after having served as president of the society for 12 years. This will provide an opportunity for one or two members to step up to guide the society in future years. Ideally, we would like to identify an individual to serve as Co-President for 2025 who could take over in 2026 when Alex transitions to a trustee position.

At this time the following individuals will be proposed for approval by attending members at the November Annual Meeting. We also are looking to fill the 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. Some of the current trustees have been involved for more than two years and would be willing to step aside for new members who are interested in providing input to the society. We will vote on the board at the November meeting.

2025 POS Officers:

- Co-President: Alex Nadzan and **Open Position**
- 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 **Assistant**
- 1st Year Trustees: Judy Dyer, Bill Wong, and **Open Position**
- 2nd Year Trustees: Steve Redmond, Stewart Walton and Ceclie Bird
- Publicity: Shelley Hardy
- 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 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 Co-president, Treasurer and 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.

Co-President: To work with Alex and the board to run the society by organizing and/or overseeing society activities (sales, caravans, holiday party, etc.), contribute to the Presidents Message, and help make financial and related decisions for the society.

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 could eventually take over the responsibility in future years.

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.

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.

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.

8TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL HUNTINGTON ORCHID SHOW & SALE
OCT. 18-20, 2024
ORCHID MYSTIQUE

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 to 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY ART MUSEUM AND GARDENS
 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91101

Orchids
October 26-27
 Saturday Noon - 5 p.m.
Early bird sales start at 10 a.m.
 Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Balboa Park's Casa del Prado, Room 101
Near the Natural History Museum
Free Admission

Show and Sale in the Park

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October 5-6, 2024

28th Annual Morongo Basin **Orchid Festival**
 2200 Belfield Blvd., Landers, CA

Greenhouse Tours
 Judged Orchid Show & Orchid Classes
 Live Entertainment, Music
 Craft Beers & Wine Tasting
 Food & Shopping

More Information at Gublers.com/OrchidFestival

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Upcoming Events

October 1, 2024

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

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

October 2, 2024

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

October 3-6, 2024

Ecuagenera CA Open House
9 am-4 pm
Bonsal, CA 92003
ecuagenera-ca.com/

October 5, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

October 5-6, 2024

The 28th Morongo Basin
Orchid Festival 2024
10 am-5 pm (Sat.)
10 am-3 pm (Sun.)
Gubler Orchids
Landers, CA 92285
gublers.com

October 18, 2024

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

October 18-20, 2024

8th Intl. Huntington Orchid
Show and Sale
Huntington Library,
San Marino, CA
huntington.org/orchid-show

October 26-27, 2024

SDCOS Orchids in the Park
Show and Sale
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
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November 5, 2024

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November 6, 2024

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

November 15, 2024

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

December 3, 2024

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

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

December 4, 2024

POS Holiday Party
Gowland Meeting Room
Dove Library, Carlsbad
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December 7, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

December 20, 2024

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

December 3, 2024

AOS Orchid Judging
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
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SDCOS Holiday Party
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December 4, 2024

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December 20, 2024

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Alcra. Pacific Nova 'Okika'.



Ctt. Wendlandiana 'Liquid Blue'



Blc. San Diego Hotspots

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), September 3, 2024

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia. There were five orchids awarded.



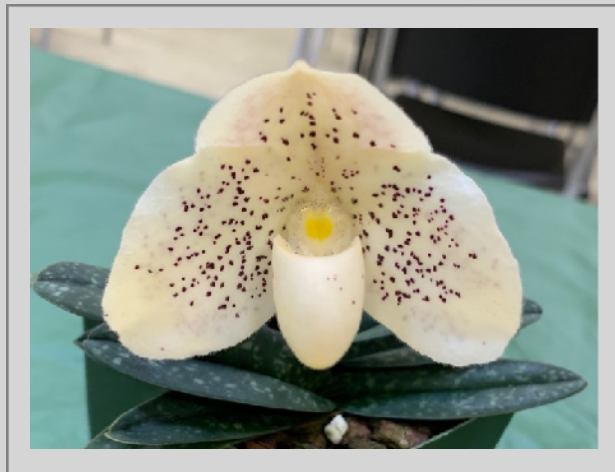
C. Issy Girl 'The Boss' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Jim Boss
Awarded AM, 86 points



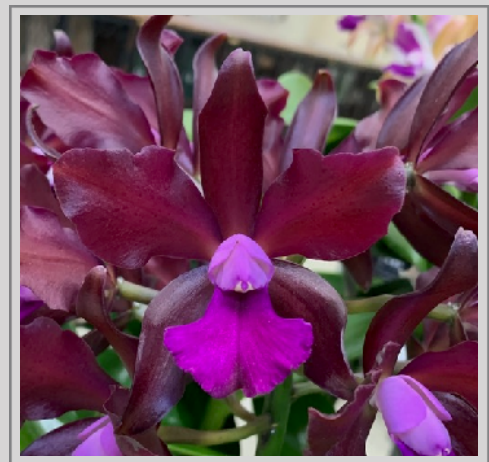
Bc. Sass and Spots 'Cheeky' AM/AOS
Exhibited by O.J. Bromfield
Awarded AM, 83 points



C. San Diego Variable 'Lemon Grove'
HCC/AOS
Exhibited by O.J. Bromfield
Awarded HCC, 77 points



Paph. Phyllis Prestia 'O'side Moon' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson
Awarded HCC, 79 points



C. Autumn Night 'Brat' AM/AOS
Exhibited by O.J. Bromfield
Awarded AM, 82 points