



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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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, September 6, 2023 • 6:30 pm



presentation will be very educational for our members. These spectacular cattleya relatives grow well outside in Southern California, and with their compact habit, great fragrance, and ease of growth, these are delightful plants for every collection. By extending the traditional definition of Encyclias to include recently separated groups like Anacheilum, Panarica, Prosthechea, Euchile, and others that Tim and many of us grew up calling Encyclia, we end up with a diverse, beautiful, fragrant, exciting group of plants and flowers. If we add those to the wonderful flora of



Encyclia alata var. Major

Tim Culbertson

Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond

We are delighted to welcome back one of our favorite speakers, Tim Culbertson. Tim will be speaking on 'Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond'. This is a very timely talk as many members of the Encyclia family are blooming at this time so Tim's



Psh. Marina

Mexico and Central America, we have a group that every collector should grow. By the end of this presentation, members will have a new appreciation of the range of plant habits, floral forms, and fragrances of Encyclia broadly, as well as an appreciation of their lovely flowers and ease-of-growth. This is a talk not to be missed. Tim also will be providing this month's plant table.

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hello to all POS Members and Friends,

We hope all of you are well and enjoying the last month of summer. We urge all of you to be careful as there is a resurgence of Covid. Covid is making a comeback after months of falling cases. Most of us have gotten complacent and have not been as careful as we should be. One of our co-presidents recently contracted the virus for the first time, but fortunately it had minimal effects. Stay healthy!!

*In August, Satomi Kasahara of Seed Engei gave a very nice presentation on *Neofinetia falcata* which included a demonstration of how to repot this orchid. More and more of our members are adding these orchids to our collection.*

In September, we welcome back Tim Culberston, one of our favorite speakers. He will speak to POS on 'Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond'. More on the speaker's talk and bio is included on page 1 of the newsletter.

At the end of August, we will be renewing the Gowland Meeting room for the period January thru June 2024. The POS membership and Board has been pleased with this facility since we moved from Lake San Marcos. Besides reducing expenses, we have added new members and had more visitors. Most of our members like the location and the parking facilities that it is well-lit and safe. If our membership doesn't increase too much, the facility will meet our needs for the near future.

One of the advantages of belonging to an orchid society is to learn about orchids from fellow members. Before and after the meeting and during the break, you can get answers to your questions about growing orchids, pests, disease and where to buy supplies/bark. Members are your best source of information.

One thing we often do not think about is to exchange orchids with one another. It's a good way to add beautiful orchids to your collection and sharing one of your divisions with others. Considering bring a

division or cutting to the meeting next month.

Every month we ask for more members to volunteer to help or make suggestions on speakers, etc. Unfortunately, we rarely get any feedback. As a society, we won't get any better or stronger until our members get more involved. If something happens to one or both of us, POS will have to dig deep to find replacements if it is to continue as a viable organization. So, if you are willing to get more involved, see Bill or Alex next month.

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*

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Following on to the second to last paragraph in the Presidents' Message, I would like to add a personal note of appreciation here. Over the past several years, Bill and Alex, along with a dedicated group of individuals, have been the backbone of this society. Alex, in particular, has admirably taken on the roles of co-president and co-vice president simultaneously, even stepping up to publish this newsletter when we sadly lost one of our dear members. Without him, Bill, and those few that have filled the same board positions for many years, we would not have a society at all. Thank you for all you do to keep this organization going!

That said, it is with a heavy heart that I am announcing yet another two vacancies to be filled by the beginning of the new year. I have thoroughly enjoyed managing the society's website



for over twelve years and compiling this newsletter for more than ten. However, in recent times, my interests have shifted away from orchid cultivation, and my new job, which began a year ago with increased responsibilities, has left me with limited time to tend to my own orchid collection as diligently as it deserves.

Neither of these positions demands extensive computer expertise, and I am more than willing to assist with the transition of my responsibilities. For those using a Mac, assembling the newsletter primarily entails copying and pasting into a Pages template. Maintaining the website involves similar straightforward tasks and the time commitment is just a couple hours per month.

Please contact me at newsletter@palomarorchid.org if you are interested in taking on either or both of the positions. Alex, Bill, and the other volunteers who are doing so much already can't do it all!!

Helge Weissig
Webmaster & Newsletter Editor

Tim Culbertson cont.

Tim has a very diverse, broad background in orchids and plants which is evident from his own words: "Although I teach middle school kids for a living, one of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers nearly 3000. While I love finding old, rare stepping stones in paph breeding, I also do a little hybridizing of my own, and growing up



Enc. selligera

my own babies is a blast. I am an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have served in vari-

ous capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, I really like plants."

Orchid Show and Sale
September 16 & 17

Show and Sale Hours: 10 am - 4 pm Saturday and Sunday

Location: **Palos Verdes Art Center**
5504 W Crestridge Road
Rancho Palos Verdes CA 90275

- Buy direct from commercial growers
- See award winning orchids/displays

Sponsored by the Palos Verdes Art Center

Admission: Adults \$5 & Children under 12 Free
FREE Parking

For all show information and map
www.southbayorchidsociety.com

Fascination of Orchids Inc.
and the
Santa Ana Zoo

Proudly Presents the 42nd Fascination of Orchids Festival
SEPT 22, 23, 24, 2023
10 AM to 4 PM
Santa Ana Zoo
1801 E. Chestnut, 92701
Free with Zoo Admission
Sales, Exhibits, Seminars

Advance Tickets & More Info at www.ocorchid.com

DISCOUNT ZOO ADMISSION
Entrance to Orchid Festival, Free Parking & Access to all Zoo Attractions
ONLY VALID SEPT 22, 23, 24, 2023
Adult -\$6 Senior (60+) - \$4.50
Just Show this Coupon at Zoo Ticket Booth

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

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 (AOS) Judge who will teach you all

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

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 a.m.-5 p.m.

Orchids, from top to bottom:
Pink, Gloria Noyelle "Carmel" AM/OS
Pink, Jacqueline Huntington's "Perfection" FDC/OS
Pink, George Bernard Alexander Huntington's "Travis" AM/OS
Pink, Varner Huntington's "Muhlig" AM/OS
Pink, Ingeborg Huntington's "Purple Anthesis" CEB/OS
Photos by Arthur Arden

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

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 your team evaluates, and answer all of

2023 POS Officers

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Upcoming Events

September 5, 2023

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

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

September 6, 2023

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

September 15, 2023

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

September 15 - 17, 2023

Fall Open House
 Andy's Orchids
andysorchids.com

September 16 & 17, 2023

South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale
 Rancho Palos Verdes
southbayorchidsociety.com

September 22 - 24, 2023

Fascination of Orchids Festival
 Santa Ana Zoo
fascinationoforchids.com

October 3, 2023

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 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

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October 4, 2023

POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
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October 7, 2023

SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
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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
palomarorchid.org

November 4, 2023

SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

November 7, 2023

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aos.org

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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

November 17, 2023

Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

