

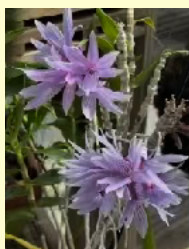


POS News

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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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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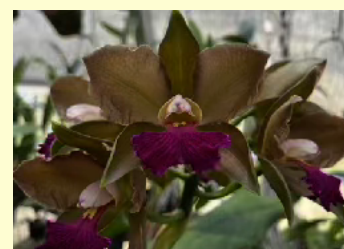
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Monthly Meeting

• Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025 •

September Speaker: Tim Culbertson on 'Lycastes'



This month we are excited to welcome back Tim Culbertson, who will be speaking to our society about Lycastes.

One of Tim's passions has always been plants. He 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 his collection numbers nearly 3000. Tim currently manages the Paphs at Sunset Valley Orchids and he does hybridizing of a wide variety of genera. While he loves finding old, rare stepping-stones in Paph breeding, he finds growing up his own hybrids is a blast. He enjoys making his culture the best it can be, and he has had numerous experiences with professional growers in California and on the East Coast, which has helped tremendously. At one point he was the youngest accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and has served in various capacities with local orchid societies. Tim loves meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds him traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. He likes to be involved in plants as much as possible.

In addition to Longwood, he has worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arbore-

tum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium.

For our meeting, Tim will be sharing a presentation on recent advances in Lycaste breeding, culture, and growing. These plants are easy to grow and flower, are vigorous, and have low demands on culture, and as such are wonderful plants! Tremendous advancements in breeding Lycastes have been made recently, and he will share some of these with you, as well as help identify some of the important species in the backgrounds of historically important and modern Lycastes. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of what goes into breeding trends for these types of plants, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth.

Tim will be supplying plants for the opportunity table as well as bringing plants of the newest, modern, cutting-edge Lycaste breeding for sale.



Lycaste consobrina



Lycaste Goldenrod, Tim's cross of
Lyc. dowiana x Corrimal



Lycaste Spring Performer



Lycaste aromatica

President's Message September 2025

To POS Members and Friends,

We hope everyone is enjoying our warm summer weather that will likely last through September and, possibly, October.

Please be sure to keep your orchids and yourself well-hydrated during this period as it will likely continue to be the hottest part of the year when many orchids are still putting out new growths and beginning to harden off for the fall and winter seasons. Since we will have lots of plants continuing to produce new growths and nice blooms, please divide and repot your orchids in order for them to harden off the new growth before the cooler weather begins in fall and consider donating some for our sale on September 6. Please remember to consult our newsletter and website links for monthly tips on managing your orchid collections throughout the year.

Our August meeting featured Dave Sorokowsky who gave us a great talk on the basic of growing Paphiopedilums, several of which should be relatively easy to grow inside as companions to your Phalaenopsis orchids. Dave highlighted several of the easier and the more challenging members of the genus to grow and he provided a very nice plant table for members to experiment with. Let's hope we can nurture them and get them to bloom for our Show & Tell portion of the our meetings.

For September our speaker will be one of our favorites, Tim Culbertson, who will talk about Lycastes and highlight advances in this interesting, easy to grow genera. He will provide the plant table and offer some additional plants for purchase during our meeting. Tim is an excellent speaker who always provides new opportunities for us to add to our orchid collections.

On September 6, POS will have our second and last fundraiser of the year and we will continue to solicit additional members to provide plants for the one day event at the Dove Library. Linda Ivor will have signup sheets at this meeting and there will be flyers for handouts to give to friends and local companies to advertise the event. Please see the detailed notice on page 4 of this newsletter for more information and the members to contact to donate orchids and related plants for sale at the event.

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

We hope to see you at the September 3 meeting and at our orchid sale on Saturday the 6th Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors!!!

POS Orchid Fundraiser on September 6, 2025



Just a reminder that our society is having an orchid sale on Saturday, September 6th in the Gowland Room at the Carlsbad Dove Library from 10 am to 2 pm, with set up at 9-10 am and tear down from 2-3 pm. The sale is to raise more funds to cover our expenses for speakers, opportunity tables and other operating costs. We will have orchids from local growers, Hawaiian growers, and from member donations. Attendees will be able to purchase blooming and non-blooming orchids at good prices for their collections. Please plan to participate in this sale and invite your friends, relatives and neighbors. This is our second and final fundraiser of 2025 and is critical to help cover our operating expenses.

Our sign up at the August meeting provided enough volunteers to for set up, running and take down of the sale; however, we'd like some additional members to donate plants for the sale. This is a great opportunity to donate extra divisions you have been keeping over the summer in order to clear your benches for new additions. Our member team, consisting of Shelley Wong, Suzi Sandore, Jim Anderson and Linda Ivor, is responsible for the sale with some assistance from Bill and Alex. Please contact Jim Anderson (760-724-1531, jnanderson1@gmail.com) for pickup of plants for the sale or, if you have only a few plants to donate, you may bring them to the September 3rd meeting. Should you have several plants to donate, contact Jim Anderson for pickup of plants or deliver them yourself the morning of the sale on Saturday morning between 8:30 and 9:30 am, outside the back door of the meeting room where we will be staging and pricing plants. We ask that you donate plants that are cleaned up and in good condition with pictures for non-blooming plants, if possible. We will not have time clean up or repot plants so make sure they do not have pests such as scale, snails, mealy bugs or ants. Also bring your boxes and bags to the sale as we will need them on the 6th. Thanks in advance for your assistance with this important fundraiser.

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.

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 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.

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 Ed Staley
- 1st Year Trustees: Judy Dyer, Trish Kaufman and Bill Wong
- 2nd Year Trustees: Cecle Bird, Steve Redmond, and Stewart Walton
- 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 Webmaster. 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.

Trustees: Trish Kaufman has volunteered to fill the open position but other members also can volunteer as some of the current board members have served for some time now and would step down if new members were interested. Trustees 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.

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

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!

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. **Hit the hyperlink above for a map.**



Four examples of *Lycaste* Belle Ribicoff,
Tim's cross of *macrobulbon* x Suave



Lycaste brevispatha



Lycaste tricolor



Lycaste Buttercup, Tim's
cross of *campbellii* x Corrimal



Lycaste Primrose, Tim's cross
of *dowiana* x *campbellii*



Lycaste Buttercup, Tim's
cross of Corrimal x Suave

Upcoming Events

September 2, 2025

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

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

September 3, 2025

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

September 6, 2025

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

September 5-7, 2025

Andy's Orchids
Fall Open House
Encinitas, CA
andysorchids.com

September 6, 2025

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

September 19, 2025

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

September 26-28, 2025

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

October 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

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

November 4, 2025

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

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

November 5, 2025

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

November 21, 2025

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org



Paph. Tigrinum_HCC_77pts



Paph Myanmaricum_Nina_HCC_76pts



Phal Fuller's Lady AM_89pts.



Paph. Boucles Blonds HCC_76pts.

Youth Essay Contest:

Call for Entries: AOS Essay Contest “*Best Moments from My American Orchid Society Journey*”

The American Orchid Society is excited to announce an essay contest celebrating the stories that make our community so special. We want to hear about *your* most memorable AOS moments—and what being a member of this orchid-loving family has meant to you.

Whether it was discovering a rare bloom, making lasting friendships, or growing in your orchid knowledge, your journey matters. And we want to share your story with the world!

Who Can Participate? AOS members only. Two age divisions are open:

- Youth Division: Ages 14-18 years old
- Adult Division: 19-25 years old

Essay Guidelines

- Topic: *Best Moments from My AOS Journey* and *Why I Love Being an AOS Member*
- Length: Up to 500- 600 words
- Language: Submit in English or Spanish
- Format: Typed and submitted electronically, Times New Roman, double spaced, 12pt font.

Prize Each division winner will receive a 1-year Silver Membership in the American Orchid Society, special recognition in an official AOS ORCHIDS publication.

Important Dates

- Submission Deadline: November 1st, 2025
- Winners Announced: December 1st, 2025

Send your essay to: debb@aos.org