



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

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Attending Our Meetings on Zoom

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



President's Message

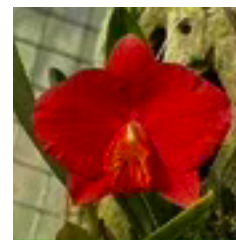
Co-president, Barry Reder requested input from members on a variety of topics of importance to the society.

Judging Report

Two orchids were awarded at the January meeting.

Calendar of Events

The SDCOS Winter Show & Sale is this weekend Jan. 24-25 in Balboa Park.



Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, February 4th, 2026 • 4 pm



Peter Lin on "Laelia Species and Their Culture"

This month we are excited to welcome back Peter Lin, who will share his talk "Laelia Species and Their Culture". We will learn about the many different Laelia species, their color forms and some of their culture requirements.

Peter is a shared speaker with the San Diego County Orchid Society, and he will be giving his talk on Tuesday, February 3rd, at 6:30pm in Balboa Park. (For Peter's topic, please refer to the [SDCOS Newsletter](#) for the title). You can watch his talk on Zoom (contact Alex or Barry for the link) or attend in person at the Casa Del Prado, room 101.

Peter started growing orchids over 40 years ago but stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 20 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of minicatts. He enjoys meeting other orchid enthusiasts and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>



Laelia purpurata
var carnea

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Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of several thousand orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as an offsite greenhouse.

Peter will be providing the plant table this month and he is offering a 10% discount for plant pre-orders that he will deliver to our meeting. The cut-off date for ordering is January 31st (send orders to Peter directly at lin.peterT@yahoo.com and indicate what society you belong to). Peter's orchid catalog with plants available for sale can be found on his website including some pics and price lists at:

<https://www.diamondorchids.com/>



Laelia praestans 'Diamond Orchids' HCC-AOS



Laelia briegei 'Florence'



Laelia anceps var. *coerulia*
'B.R.O.'

Laelia albida var. *semi-alba*



President's message-

Old Eastern saying: *A man who knows and knows he knows, is a teacher- follow him. A man who knows not and knows he knows not, is a student- teach him. A man who knows not and knows not he knows not, is a fool- shun him.*

As we undertake a New Year of orchid growing, may we find the student in each of us. I, for one, am convinced that each member has some knowledge to share, some success to communicate and teach to the general membership. We need to listen to the quiet ones- what are they growing and how do they accomplish this? I urge you- If you have but one flower in bloom, bring the plant to the general meeting, tell us what conditions you provide.

At the same time, be assertive, make an opportunity to visit each others growing spaces. Some of us grow outdoors- whether near the ocean or far inland, others in greenhouses some small, some large. All areas have positives as well as challenges associated with them. Be more assertive as a member- step up and fill a board position. Not comfortable? Others are here to help you do this. Alex Nadzan has helped me to become the editor of this news letter.... he still does. These interpersonal interactions can become the basis for long lasting friendships.

As co-president I NEED to hear from you. What are you growing now? Are you planning to try another genus? If so, which? Help us enrich the plant opportunity table. What genera would you like the society to provide? Species or hybrids? Please text me, Barry, at [\(760\) 419-3388](tel:7604193388) and share your experience and desires. I also ask members for input on topics for our April Culture Meeting

In this iteration of my orchid life, I will be the first to admit- I over water. It is difficult for me not to water when I see a dry hanging orchid or a pot, light with dry media. I try to help myself by segregating orchids that need periods of reduced watering or total abstinence of water. I place red tags in plant that should be kept dryer. Generally speaking, reducing the frequency of watering and reducing the concentration of fertilizer are 'givens' for the cooler months. The devil is in the details!!!! More on this topic next month.

To restate the obvious: Our new monthly meeting room is located at:

3209 Harding Street, Carlsbad 92008 at the [Pine Ave Community Center](#).

Activity room 108

If you went to the Dove library, You didn't read last month's Society News Letter. Shame shame.

Last month, Brandon Tam gave us his talk on "Wild Orchids of Ecuador". What a vast and diverse country Ecuador is! **Thank you, Brandon**, for a glimpse into Ecuador's flora. Your knowledge and willingness to share are impressive!

The speaker for February 4th is Peter T. Lin. His talk is titled "Laelia Species and Their Culture" Peter will provide the plant opportunity table. Peter is an impressive speaker and grower. His plants speak for themselves.



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!

PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY 2025 MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Our Second VP, Jim Anderson, received the Palomar Orchid Society's 2025 Member of the Year Award from Co-president, Alex Nadzan, at our January meeting.

Our society members first met Jim at one of the Lake San Marcos meetings. Back then he seemed like such a quiet guy. As we gradually got to know him, we learned he had so much to say and so many things to share, including his activities among other plant societies. As his comfort level with POS grew, our members became the recipient of his extensive knowledge, energy and enthusiasm.

Jim has served as Co-2nd VP of the Opportunity Table along with Jerry Spahn for more than three years. Each month, the two of them do an excellent job of making sure ticket sales goes smoothly. In addition, Jim is responsible for administering the Opportunity Table selection process. Because he has a penchant for being "on time," he has done an excellent job of keeping us on schedule, quickly and clearly announcing the winning tickets and ensuring the process is smooth and efficient.

During this past year, Jim has generously donated his time, energy, gasoline and plants to our two Fundraising campaigns, one at the San Diego Botanic Garden and the other at the Dove Library. For each day of these events, he has participated the entire day assisting with the planning, set up and facilitating sales by sharing his wealth of knowledge with interested buyers. Jim often volunteers to pick up donated plans from all over San Diego County and coordinates the collection and storage of orchids and other sales apparatus.

In all these activities, Jim has proven to be an invaluable member of our society. With his friendly and positive attitude, he has improved our efficiency and has made POS an even stronger society. With much gratitude and appreciation, we enthusiastically thank Jim, Palomar Orchid Society 2025 Member of the Year and look forward to his continued contributions in 2026 and beyond.

Upcoming Events

January 24-25, 2026

SDCOS Orchids In the Park
Winter Show & Sale
Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

February 3, 2026

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

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

February 4, 2026

POS General Meeting
New Location
Pine Avenue Community Center
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February 7, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

February 20, 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

March 3, 2026

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March 13-15, 2026

Andy's Orchids
Spring Open House, 10am-4pm
Encinitas, CA
andysorchids.com

March 20-22, 2026

Santa Barbara Intl. Orchid Show & Sale
Santa Barbara, CA
sborchidshow.com

March 20, 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

April 1, 2026

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April 17-19 2026

SDCOS Spring Show & Sale
Casa de Prado, Balboa Park,
sdorchids.com

April 17, 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

April 23-26, 2026

36th So. Cal. Spring Garden Show
Costa Mesa, CA
southcoastplaza.com

Orchids

January 24-25
 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




sdorchids.com



Ardes Orchids

2024 SPRING OPEN HOUSE MAR 13 - 15 10AM - 4PM



SAVE THE DATE
 36TH ANNUAL
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPRING
 GARDEN
 SHOW
 At Home In The Garden
 APRIL 23-26, 2026



SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW

ORCHID ESCAPE

MARCH 20-22, 2026

EARL WARREN SHOWGROUNDS
 SANTA BARBARA, CA

Officers of the 2026 POS

The following individuals were unanimously approved for the 2026 Board by members attending our Annual Meeting on November 5th. The new board was inducted at the Holiday Dinner on December 3.

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

We encourage 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.

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 or Barry if you would like to volunteer for any of these positions.



Lc. Moonlight Dream
'SVO Moonlight Kiss' AM/ AOS

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center

(Casa del Prado, Balboa Park), January 6, 2026

Text and photos by Jeanie Anderson

There were 2 orchids presented for judging. Two (2) were awarded. One entry received 2 awards.



Laelia colombiana 'Courtland'

Two Awards: AM/ AOS & CCE/ AOS

Exhibited by Tom Osborne

Awarded Award of Merit, 84 Points

Certificate of Cultural Excellence, 91 Points



Cattleya Dubiosa 'The Boss'

AM/ AOS

Exhibited by Jim Boss

Awarded Award of Merit, 83 points