



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.

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Andy's Open House and Santa Barbara Orchid Show in March and SDCOS Spring Show in April.

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

Our March speaker: **Ron Parsons : "Rarities and Oddities of the Orchid World"**

This month we are excited to welcome back Ron Parsons, who will be sharing his talk "Rarities and Oddities of the Orchid World". His talk features some of the strangest and rarest plants of the orchid family, including both terrestrial and epiphytic species. The majority of terrestrial orchids are not in cultivation and many of those shown were photographed in nature. Most of the epiphytic species presented are in cultivation, and though some may be relatively common, others are not, but hopefully all will inspire a bit of awe.

Ron is a shared speaker with the San Diego County Orchid Society, and he will be giving his talk, "Colombia, Otra Vez!" on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 6:30pm in Balboa Park. You can watch his talk on Zoom (contact Barry or Alex for the link) or in person at the Casa Del Prado, room 101.

Ron has been growing orchids for more than 50 years, and has been interested in the species for most of that time. He loves to photograph orchids and other flowers whenever possible. Ron has more than 124,000 digital images, most of which are of orchids, and still retains a slide library that exceeds 100,000 botanical images. He has given more than 500 talks on various botanical topics and has more than 7000 published photos. Ron has co-authored five books on botanical subjects, all with Mary E. Gerritsen. The first two, published by Timber Press, are Masdevallias, Gems of the OrchidWorld and Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives.

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The third book, a two-volume set, *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*, was published by Redfern Natural History Productions in January 2014.

In 2019 *The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture* was released and is on its third printing. The fifth book, a much-revised second edition of *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species* was released in October 2021. It is now a four-volume set with 3100 photos (1800 are new), including those of more than 500 species not in the first edition.

This month's plant table will be supplied by Andy's Orchids.



President's message:

Hello. My name is Barry. I am addicted to over watering. With help from Bill W. (founder of A.A.) and many others, I will work to curb my destructive habits. I have a need to nourish and water my friends..... sometimes to a fatal end. I try to curb my impulses- with some success. But then the next week I backslide and I'll water all of my plants- even those which will be ill served.

My efforts include identifying those which need a STRICT winter (December, January, February) dry spell. *Encyclia mariae* and *E. citron* come to mind. In a class of their own are the members of the *Catasetinae* orchids. Once dormant, their moss is kept painfully dry. So much so, that it makes my hands shake. Somewhat less in severity of dryness, are the needs of bifoliate *Cattleya* species- (*C. bicolor*, *C. granulosa*, *C. nobile*, etc.). *Dendrobium* species vary greatly in their water needs. *Dendrobium bellatulum* and *D. aggregatum* won't flower for me unless I submit to their need for winter dryness. "Orchid Species Cul-

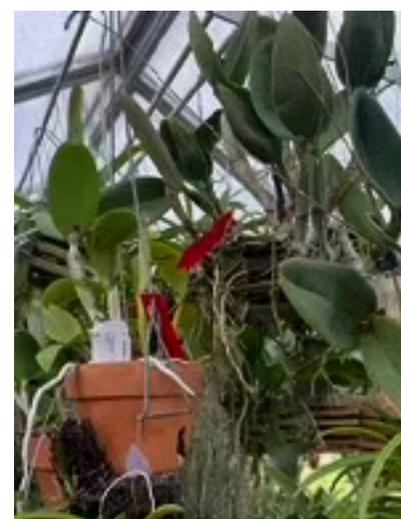
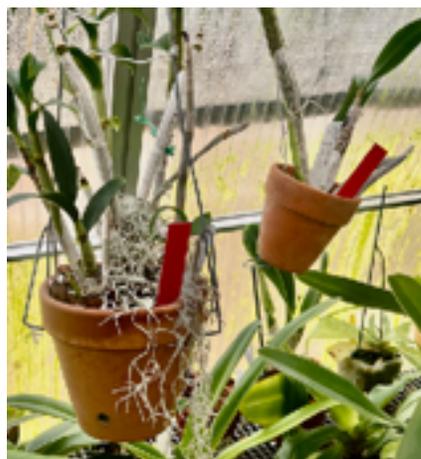


ture" by Baker and Baker has an exhaustive listing of the *Dendrobium* species with a chart showing inches of rainfall by month. Text me if you wish me to look up rainfall data for your **species** *Dendrobium*..... hybrids not so much! (760) 419-3388.

Mechanical means for controlling my water impulses include: placing red tags in pots I wish to avoid watering, abstaining from grouping orchids in smaller pots with my larger potted ones, elevating pots to higher locations for greater air flow and increased evaporation, consciously choosing my orchid media for their needs, not mine.... bark for some - moss for others; decomposed granite for my rupicolous laelias, customizing my bark to perlite mixture ratios.

These are some of the program steps that I follow. I know that I need help to reach my goals. I have asked our friend, Mr. Fred Clarke, of Sunset Valley Orchids, to give us his thoughts on the water addiction. Perhaps he will mentor us with a few paragraphs in an upcoming newsletter.

-Barry





Blc. Toshie's Magic 'Doris'

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!
Thank you!



Pot. Shinfong Dawn



Vanda Uraiwan Bell

Outcomes from POS Board Meeting on February 11, 2026

A number of items of importance to the society and membership were discussed at the meeting with some decisions made and others under active consideration.

1. **Show & Tell:** Due to the increase the number of members attending meetings, we are asking members to limit the number of plants to 3 per person and keep your comments concise and brief on each plant. Barry will move the discussion along if comments become excessive.
2. **Silent Auction/Plant Sales:** To make matters easier for Jerry & Jim, full dollar increments are to be used for sales and for bidding with identical plants being offered at the same fixed price and clearly marked as such. For individual plants put up for bidding, use full dollar increments for bidding. POS has increased the amount for the society to 20% (up from 15%) to cover the tax on any sales at the meetings. Jerry Spahn will have new forms reflecting this change.
3. **Upcoming Speaker Schedule:** April – Nico Goosens on ‘Phalenopsis, the Overlooked Epiphytic Orchid’; May – Arthur Pinkers on ‘Coelogyne, My First Love’; June Culture Meeting – Ed Danielewicz and Alex Nadzan on ‘Dividing and Repotting’; and July – Kay Klausning on ‘Orchid Viruses’
4. **Potential Caravans and Visits:** Active discussions are in progress on a trip to the Huntington this spring to tour the orchid greenhouses with Brandon Tam plus possible visits to vendor and/or member greenhouses or shade structures. Look for more info in future newsletters.
5. **June, July, & August Meeting Location Change:** Due to a conflict in scheduling, we will have to relocate to the Senior Center (799 Pine Ave, Carlsbad, CA 92008) adjacent to our current Pine Avenue Community Center location. There is ample parking and the meeting room is slightly smaller but it will work for the 3 months listed, then back to the Community Center for the September through November meetings.

Monthly Meetings: The Palomar Orchid Society generally meets from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month in the Activity Room 108 of the [Pine Avenue Community Center](#) located at [3209 Harding Street, Carlsbad, CA 92008](#).



Eplc. Blue Adagio 'Neptune'



Lc. Cherokee Star

San Diego Botanic Garden's World of Orchids Show 2026

The 2026 World of Orchids Show is in the active planning stages and our members should save the month of May to participate again this year. Alex and Barry have been in discussions with the new Director of Horticulture at the San Diego Botanic Garden, Juan Solomon, regarding the show specifics. The show's theme this year will be 'Orchids in the Wild'. Our initial submission of society orchids will be provided to the garden staff on April 28 or 29 with the show running from May 1st to June 1st. Juan Solomon is in the process of hiring a project supervisor who will oversee the logistics for orchids entering and leaving the show and will manage the plant registration forms, labeling and related matters. Luis Palacios, who has worked with us on orchid care for the past 3 years, will be in charge of caring for our orchids throughout the run of the show. Similar to last year, plant registration forms will be due on Sundays with drop offs and pick ups on Tuesdays. There will be vendor sales on weekends with the Palomar Orchid Society having its first fundraising event on Memorial Day weekend of May 23-25th.

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As in previous years, society members who loan their orchids for the show will receive a complimentary one year membership to the garden. Alex Nadzan will serve as the liaison for POS and SDCOS and will work closely with the WOS staff to make this another successful year for SDBG, our two orchid societies and the general public. Please mark your calendars for these dates as more details will be forthcoming at our regular society meetings and in the April Newsletters. Any questions should be directed to Alex at anadzan@mac.com or by text or phone at 858-205-6789.



Some Highlights from the 2025 World of Orchids Show at SDBG

Virus Test Kits and Bark Orders

We will have sign up sheets for orders for virus test kits and bark at our March meeting. Virus test kits will be in the \$185 range for 50 tests with a minimum order of 10 tests per order. Alex is planning to attend the Santa Barbara Orchid Show in March (3/20-22) and hopes to obtain the order from Arthur Pinkers at that time to avoid shipping costs. For Kiwi bark, please specify the number of bags of small, medium or large. Cost should be around \$50 per bag. Orders will be only for POS members in good standing so be sure to pay your 2026 dues. If you are unable to attend the March meeting, please send an email or text to Alex at anadzan@mac.com or at 858-205-6789.



Lc. Culminant 'La Tuilerie' AM/AOS

Upcoming Events

March 3, 2026

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

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

March 4, 2026

POS General Meeting
New Location
Pine Avenue Community Center
3209 Harding Street
Carlsbad, 92008
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March 7, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

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

March 20, 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

April 1, 2026

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April 18-19 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

April 28-29, 2026

Set Up for World of Orchids Show
San Diego Botanic Garden
Encinitas, CA

May 1-June 1, 2026

World of Orchids Show
San Diego Botanic Garden
Encinitas, CA

May 2, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
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May 5, 2026

AOS Orchid Judging
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SDCOS General Meeting
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May 6, 2026

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May 15 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

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.

