



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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A Monthly Publication



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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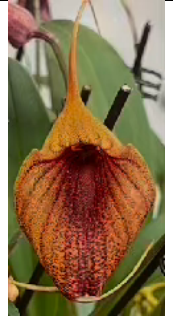
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Arthur Pinkers on 'Coelogyne, My First Love'

This month we are pleased to welcome back Arthur Pinkers who will be sharing his talk 'Coelogyne, My First Love'. This genus is very diverse and Arthur will explore some of the warm and cool growing species, their culture and some of the hybrids that are commonly available. These wonderful plants can provide very showy specimens on relatively small plants and should be a part of everyone's collection.

Arthur is a shared speaker with the San Diego Orchid Society, and he will be giving his talk "Oncidium Intergeneric Orchids" on Tuesday, May 5th, at 6:30pm in Balboa Park. You can watch his talk on Zoom (contact Barry or Alex for the link) or attend in person at the Casa Del Prado, room 101.



Arthur has been an orchid enthusiast since the age of sixteen, when he acquired a plant of *Slc. Glittering Jewel*, which infected him with the orchid bug. His forty plus years of experience growing orchids started in the Pacific Northwest with a greenhouse to fend off the cold, rainy days. In 2004, a job change forced him to move to Santa Clarita, California, where the conditions are extreme for growing orchids.

Growing up in the Seattle area, Arthur attended Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, graduating with a B.S. in Chemistry and Biology. He worked for many years as a chemist and had the fortune of having his dream job as the Lab Director for Beall Orchid Company until shortly before its close in 1990.

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Despite not having a current career working with orchids, Arthur has taken an active role in the orchid community. He has been an Accredited Orchid Judge for over twenty years, served in most executive positions on the Board of the Northwest Orchid Society, including serving as President from 1988 to 1989 and President of the San Fernando Valley Orchid Society 2016 to present. He was the center photographer for the Pacific Northwest Judging region 1993 - 2004. Currently, Arthur serves as the Awards Director for the Pacific South Judging Center and one of the photographers for the Pacific South Judging Center. Although he has an interest in a wide variety of orchids, botanicals are a special draw to him for their diversity and charm.

Arthur has been married to his wife, Margie, for over twenty-nine years, and has two adult children and a Granddaughter and Grandson. While they have not inherited his love for growing orchids, his family enjoys the beauty and wild aromas his backyard jungle brings to their home, a respite from the desert landscape around them.

This month's plant table will be provided by **Andy's Orchids** and will include some *Coelogyne* species orchids.



Coelogyne tomentosa



Coel. Jannine Banks 'Snow White' HCC/AOS



Coelogyne usitana 'Burning Embers'



Coelogyne monilirachis 'Gayle'



Coelogyne miniata, Andy's Orchids



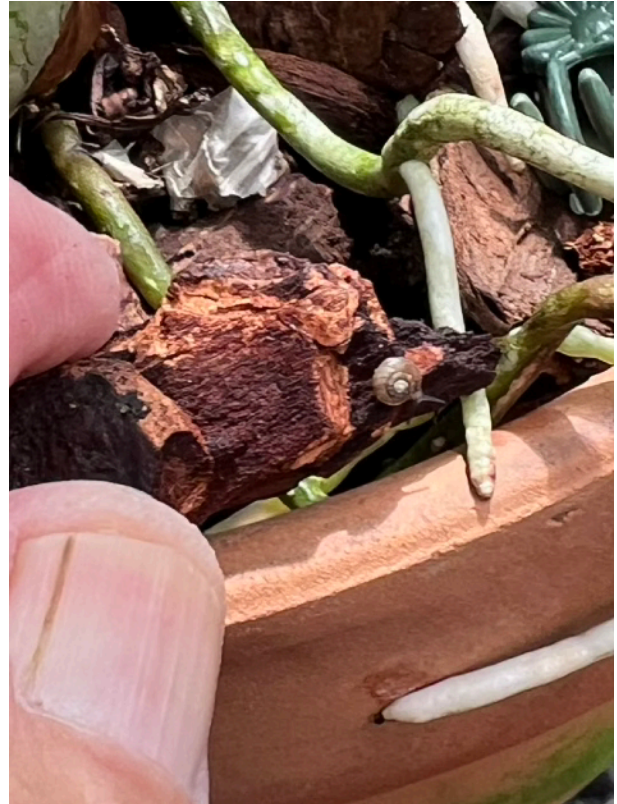
Coelogyne-species (like *pandurata*)
Andy's Orchids



Coelogyne asperata, Andy's Orchids

President's message:

The days are getting longer, the temperature more moderate. Your plants are starting to show their spring vigor. Looking closely, you may see the green tips emerging from the new growth. BAMMMMM! DEVASTATION!!! What happened? What is eating those tender young root tips? Look closely.



The ubiquitous Bush Snail. If you see the damage but not the snail, try looking at night with a flashlight immediately after watering. What can be done? Several 'snail bates' are available. Metaldehyde baits and sprays are effective but toxic to dogs and birds. "Slug-fest" is an example. The "Slug-fest" spray should be applied once a week for three applications. Iron phosphate baits, i.e. "Sluggo" and "Corry's" pellets- Sodium ferric EDTA, are effective and safer. The pellets can be applied and will remain for days. I do find the mildewy pellets unattractive. Good growing!- Barry Reder, DDS

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](#).

REMINDER: 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. **Meetings will start at 5 pm and end at 8 pm in Activity Room 111.** There is ample parking and the meeting room is slightly smaller but will work for the 3 months listed, then back to the Community Center for the September through November meetings.

Orchids in the Wild Show at the San Diego Botanic Garden

The Orchids in the Wild Show (new theme) will be held between May 2 and June 1 at the San Diego Botanic Garden.

This year will be the sixth year our society members can participate in this beautiful show, an event that has been well-received by the general San Diego community. Society members will have the opportunity to display their plants during this year's show. This year [Hannah Smith](#) will coordinate the submissions and returns of member's orchids on Tuesdays during the show. The initial plant set up is on Tuesday and Wednesday April 28 and 29 and those members who participated last year should be on the list and should have gotten an email with details on how to submit your orchids. If you didn't receive a list, check your spam folder to see if it landed there. Please contact [Hannah Smith](#) to be added to the list if you have not received her email or want to participate for the first time. The first list will be due to Hannah by the end of day on **Saturday, April 25**. You do not have to display plants every week during the show. Forms will be sent out on a weekly basis and due Saturdays before the following week with plants dropped off and picked up on successive Tuesdays (May 6, 13, 20 and 27) and final pick up at the end of the show on June 2.

Requirements for your display plants: 1) Clean and bug free - we don't want to introduce pests into the SDBG conservatory. 2) Clean pot, but no outer pot is necessary. If you provide an outer pot, make sure it has drainage holes. 3) Clearly labeled with plant name and your name. 4) Recently watered.

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When you arrive with your plants, you will be given numbered ID tags to attach to your plants to further ensure that nothing gets lost and each plant will have a name tag with the plant's name and your name as the exhibitor. The plants will be in the show until the next Tuesday or longer if the flowers are still in good condition. Plants staying longer than one week, will be watered by the garden staff should they need it. Participating in this event is a lot of fun and gives our societies the opportunity to show visitors many of the beautiful orchid hybrids and species we grow to perfection. Society members who participate in showing their plants will receive a complimentary, one year membership to the garden and an entry pass for visits during the show that will allow up to 6 guests for each visit.

On weekends, show visitors can shop for unusual and unique orchids and related plants at the grower direct orchid market. During the show SDCOS members will be selling orchids the weekends of May 2-3, 8-10, and 15-17 with POS selling plants for their society's fundraiser on Memorial Day weekend May 23-25 (POS volunteer info on page 7 below). Additionally, several other vendors will be selling from 9 am - 4:30 pm every Friday thru Sunday during the show. Please refer to the [SDBG website](#) for more details on vendors, classes and general admission. [Cassidy White](#) will be coordinating the plant sales on the weekends should additional vendors be interested in selling at the show.

Admission to the show is free for members, free for youth (3-17) with general admission, and \$7 per adult in addition to garden entrance fee for non-members. All attendees are encouraged to make a reservation online to obtain tickets for entry. Entrance is free for AOS members but you still need to register for tickets (under reciprocal) and show your ticket and AOS membership card upon entry. Make your reservation today for this exciting, month's long show. Any additional questions can be directed to the above SDBG staff members or to Alex Nadzan who is representing both societies and working closely with the SDBG staff. Alex's contact info is anadzan@mac.com or text/phone at 858-205-6789.



Phal. Zheng Min Anaconda

Needing Volunteers for the POS Fundraising Sale at the 'Orchids in the Wild' Show.

As indicated in recent meetings, we are planning to raise much needed funds for the society at the San Diego Botanic Garden in May.

We are seeking volunteers to participate in our sales event at the Orchids in the Wild Show on Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25, by working at the event and/or providing divisions of orchids or related plants for sale at the event. We will have a signup sheet at our May meeting or contact Alex by phone, text or email (858-205-6789 or anadzan@mac.com).

We would like volunteers to work at our booth either in the mornings and/or afternoons on the above dates to help setup, sell orchids and take in money for the purchases for the society. We also would appreciate donations of any divisions of member's plants to sell for the sale including orchids and related plants (bromeliads, succulents, etc.). If orchids are not in bloom, please provide a name and picture of the bloom to facilitate selling. We look forward to another successful fundraising event this year.

Volunteers are needed for 8-9 set up/plant drop off with 9-1, and 1-5 for volunteers. We will need volunteers to assist in set up (first day), cashiers, help with sales and growing information during our fundraiser and shut down at the end.



Brassia Rex 'Sakata' AM/AOS

In Memoriam, Renee (Casillas) Daly, 1937-2026

Dear POS Members,



Renee, photo by Maud Hoyer

In March, 2026, we lost a very dear POS member and my very good friend, Renee Daly, after suffering from a long illness which prevented her from being more active with our society, despite her sincere desire to do so. She served as the POS secretary for many years and for her tireless efforts, she was designated as a life member. Because I, Gil Ho, along with Cher Whelan, were the POS members closest to her, I wanted to share my fond memories of her and her love of orchids. On a personal note, I deeply regret not seeing her again sooner to say my goodbyes before her passing, thinking that there would be more time, time being always ephemeral.

Renee was a very giving, caring, and wonderful person with a huge heart and a very bold personality, often very humorously so in her spontaneous commentaries on many things. She never hesitated to volunteer for anything to help the POS and the orchid community.

As an avid grower, I fondly recall her extreme and obsessive love of blue cattleyas, which she grew brilliantly, along with a particular *Paph. spicerianum* specimen which was pretty spectacular, too. Her last blue cattleya that she bloomed floriferously was *Lc. San Diego Blues* (*Lc. Hawaiian Blue Sky* X *C. DiPozzi Tiziano*), a piece of which she gave me as my now cherished reminder of her.

Also, she deeply loved her departed husband John "Jack" Daly and her first dog, Sam, one of many of her Maltese dogs. During a cymbidium seedling naming contest by the late Loren Batchman so many years ago for *Cym. Sleeping Nymph* x *Cym. Len Southward*, she bloomed it first and won the contest. As a reward, the cultivar was registered by Loren as *Cym. Jack and Sam* in their honor. Having this cultivar as well, it is to me a constant reminder of Renee.

She was one of my best friends in the orchid world, and she will be deeply missed by me and those in the POS who knew her. On behalf of myself and the POS, we extend our deepest condolences to her family and other close friends.

Gil Ho



Lc. San Diego Blues 'AMN'

(*Lc. Hawaiian Blue Sky* X
C. DiPozzi Tiziano)

AOS Judging at the San Diego Judging Center March 2026

One plant was awarded.

All award photographs taken by Jeanie Anderson



Cattleya intermedia perlorica marginata-'Courtland' AM 83

Exhibitor: Tom Osborn



Laelia regina

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!

Upcoming Events

April 28-29, 2026

Set Up for 'Orchids in the Wild' Show
San Diego Botanic Garden
Encinitas, CA
sdbg.org

May 2-June 1, 2026

'Orchids in the Wild' Show
San Diego Botanic Garden
Encinitas, CA
sdbg.org

May 2, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

May 5, 2026

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

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

May 6, 2026

POS General Meeting
Pine Avenue Community Center
3209 Harding Street
Carlsbad, 92008
palomarorchid.org

May 15 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

May 23-25, 2026

POS Fundraiser at the
'Orchids in the Wild' Show
San Diego Botanic Garden
Encinitas, CA
sdbg.org

June 2, 2026

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

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

June 3, 2026

POS General Meeting
New Location
Senior Center, 5-8 PM
799 Pine Ave,
Carlsbad, 92008
palomarorchid.org

June 6, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

June 17-19, 2026

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

June 19, 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

July 1, 2026

POS General Meeting
New Location
Senior Center, 5-8 PM
799 Pine Ave,
Carlsbad, 92008
palomarorchid.org

July 4, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

July 7, 2026

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

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

July 17, 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.



Rth. Nel Hammer

