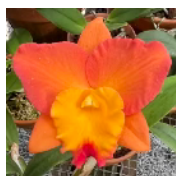




POS News

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 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

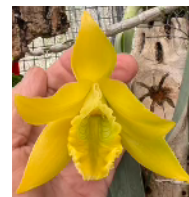
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August Speaker: Jack Zhu: "An Adventure in Asian Cymbidium's Natural Habitat"

This month we're happy to welcome back Jack Zhu, who will present "An Adventure in Asian Cymbidium's Natural Habitat" recounting his recent trip to Eastern China. During the journey, Jack and his tour guide ventured into the wild to explore the natural habitat of Asian Cymbidiums. Jack will share insights on the local weather conditions, forest trees, and companion plants found in these areas. Jack also is a speaker with the San Diego County Orchid Society and he will be giving the same talk on Tuesday, August 4th at 6:30pm. You can watch his talk on Zoom (contact Alex or Barry for the link) or in person at the Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park, room 101.

Jack Zhu is a prominent orchid cultivator, commercial nursery owner, and an accredited American Orchid Society (AOS) Judge within the Pacific South Judging Region. As the founder of Fang Hua Garden, he specializes in the importation, preservation, and curation of diverse Asian orchid genera, with a particular focus on Asian Cymbidiums (Guolan) and Paphiopedilums. Deeply immersed in the rich cultural history and traditional aesthetics of traditional orchid appreciation, Jack has successfully bridged Eastern horticultural standards with Western judging paradigms, garnering more than forty AOS awards for his exceptional Asian Cymbidiums.

Jack will be supplying the opportunity table this month.



Jack with Asian Cymbidium



Cym. kanran 'Xue Zheng Hong' AM/ AOS



Cym. ensifolium 'Hong Yu'



New Updated Palomar Orchid Society Website

Our webmaster, Helge Weissig, has recently conducted a much-needed update of our [POS website](http://palomarorchid.org) in order to make it more user friendly and easier for administrators to enter monthly speaker and other relevant information. It is a work in progress so some of the information, such as the vendor links, are way out of date and need to be updated or modified so please take a look at the site and let Helge and us know if you have any suggestions for modifications or additions to the site. Please send your comments to him @ webmaster@palomarorchid.org and copy us at president@palomarorchid.org.

Many thanks to Helge for taking the time out of his busy schedule to make these improvements to our website.

Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning M **through** Z will share at break time! Please do not bring snacks that produce crumbs such as cookies, pies, baked goods. Single bite snacks are OK or fruit slices, etc.

We appreciate everyone's effort in supplying our meeting with goodies. It makes for a great meeting all around!

Thank you!



Cattleya Raspberry Smoke

(Best of Show at SDCOS Summer Show)

Presidents Message

Last month, I shared my thoughts on first time orchid buying. The tried and true Phalaenopsis hybrids win hands down. This month I have a different point to make.

Should an Orchid Society be a passive social club or should the society encourage experimentation and growth? Our canvas of members showed greenhouse growing to not be the norm. Using shade structures, window sills, "California rooms", covered patios, etc., non-greenhouse orchid growing is very popular in SoCal. Perhaps we should, as a club, encourage the growing of genera other than Phalaenopsis hybrids. Phalaenopsis hybrids are very popular because of the low prices, ease of culture, and infinite flower variations. However, this has led to the wide spread Phalaenopsis junk yard. Everywhere I go— private homes, restaurants, office spaces— I see unwanted and semi-discarded Phalaenopsis hybrid plants.

Why not put society efforts into promoting the growing of Paphiopedilum hybrids? If you have grown and demised a Paphiopedilum species, take heart. I am stressing hybrids due to their increased vigor and more forgiving nature. Firstly we must identify their growing needs which are not too different from Phalaenopsis hybrids and where, in our homes and yards, we can accommodate these needs. The AOS publishes a care sheet for Paphiopedilum growers.

The light requirements of Lady slipper hybrids, are bright indirect light as in an East facing window or a south/ western window with a sheer curtain. They need 1,000 to 2,000 foot candles of light indoors- or 10,000- 20,000 lumens outdoors. Many are successfully grown inside the home under "grow lights."

Temperature ranges of 55-72F at night and 70-85F days are ideal for many Paphiopedilum hybrids. I have read that much higher temps are tolerated if humidity is increased. Allowing water to stay in the crown will lead to crown rot and death. Good air movement will minimize this problem. The AOS places the **species** Paphiopedilums into three temperature requirement groups: A) Mottled-leaf type prefer warmer conditions B) Green leaf type prefer cooler conditions, and C) Multifloral/ strap leaf types- prefer warmer conditions. When vendors offer Paphiopedilum hybrids, we should expect a description of the parentage and why these particular parents were selected. Since our ability to alter the conditions of our outside growing area is limited, we should select hybrids whose genetic backgrounds lend themselves to our success.

Humidity is more critical for Paphiopedilum orchids due, in part, to their lack of water storing structures such as pseudobulbs. These are terrestrial orchids- not epiphytes. A plastic tray with small pebbles kept wet upon which the dry pot can rest will increase the local humidity. The orchid media must not be allowed to dry out.... but constant wetness will cause root rot. As with most things, the devil is in the details. Before spending a huge sum of money, why not set up several test plantless groups consisting of seven 5" pots using the common 3:1 fine fir bark to Perlite mixture. Water all of the pots equally. Check the wetness by pouring the contents of a pot into a clean container. Day one the medium should be moist. Return the media to its pot. Select a different pot on day two. Is the bark still moist? Day three through day seven the medium should be gradually drying out. On day seven, is the medium completely dry? If you find the medium only slightly moist on day 4, this is your sweet spot. This would suggest that your Lady Slippers in this mixture at this location, should be watered every four days. Changes of ambient temperature, air movement, over cast rainy days, gradual degradation of the bark, etc. would require adjustments in your watering schedule.

Clean water is a must!!! City water is bad. Reverse osmosis and deionized water both work well. Distilled water- not at all. Grocery store R.O. and deionized water and under sink reverse osmosis filters work for small growers.

Who do we know that commercially breed Lady Slippers? Fred Clarke and Tim Culbertson of SVO for a start. There are certainly others. If there are a significant number of POS members who would like to join an informal group seeking to promote non-greenhouse Paphiopedilum culture, we could approach them for a hand. Perhaps they and others would like to offer packages of temperature oriented 4-5 seedlings to our members at a significant discount. Make them affordable and newbies would be less risk adverse. We could periodically report our successes and failures to the general membership. Please text me with your thoughts.

- Barry Reder, D.D.S., b.reder@sbcglobal.net

POS Orchid Fundraiser on September 19, 2026



Our society is having an orchid sale on Saturday, September 19th in the Gowland Room at the Carlsbad Dove Library (our regular meeting room) from 10 am to 2 pm, with set up at 9-10 am and tear down from 2-3 pm. The sale is in order 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 and relatives. This is our second and final fundraiser of 2026 and is critical to help cover our operating expenses.

We will have a sign up at our August meeting so please volunteer to assist in the promotion, setup, conduction and take down as well as the donation of plants for the sale. It is a great opportunity to donate those extra divisions you have been keeping over the summer in order to clear your benches for new additions. Our member team, consisting of Linda Ivor (coordinator), Shelley Wong, Suzi Sandore, and Jim Anderson will be responsible for the sale with some assistance from Barry Reder, Bill Wong and Alex Nadzan. Please contact Linda Ivor (760-846-0242, livor@mac.com) to volunteer for the sale and Jim Anderson (760-724-1531, jnanderson1@gmail.com) for pickup of plants for the sale. If you have only a few plants to donate, you may bring them to the September meeting; however, if you have several plants to donate, contact Jim Anderson for pickup of plants for the sale a week before or at least a few days before the sale 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, pest free, 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 to the sale. Also please save your boxes for the sale as we will need them on the 19th.

Thanks in advance for your assistance. Member involvement in our society's fundraiser will be essential to the success of our sale.

AOS Judging at the San Diego Judging Center

June, 2026

All award photographs taken by Jeanie Anderson



Aciopena Ecuagenera Passion
'Sunset Valley Orchids' AM 87 points
Exhibited by Fred Clarke



Cattleya Dean's Monarch
'Sunset Valley Orchids' AM 81 points
Exhibited by Fred Clarke



Paphiopedilum Alois Handlbauer
'Daybreak' AM 80 points
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson



Paphiopedilum Concon Bell
'Sunset Valley Orchids' AM 81 points
Exhibited by Fred Clarke



Paphiopedilum barbatum
'O'Side's Santa Rosa' AM 82 points
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson



Paphiopedilum braemii
'O'Side's Little Leopard' AM 82
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson



Paphiopedilum haynaldianum
'Bravo Orchids' HCC 79 points
Exhibited by William Tse



Oncidium hintonii
'4 Estella' AM 80 points
Exhibited by Pedro Sanchez



Cattleya tenebrosa
'SVO Merlot' HCC 79 points
Exhibited by Fred Clarke



Paphiopedilum (New Red Moon x hangianum)
'O'sides Gigantic' AM 84 points
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson



Paphiopedilum supardii
'Dee Dee's Pride' AM 84 points
Exhibited by Dee Dee Flores



Phragmipedium pearci
'Dee Dee's Scepter' HCC 79 points
Exhibited by Dee Dee Flores

AOS Judging at the San Diego Judging Center July, 2026

All award photographs taken by Jeanie Anderson



Paphiopedilum moqueltianum

'SVO Stunner' AM/ AOS 85 points

Exhibited by Fred Clarke



Paphiopedilum hookerae

'Osides Stunning' HCC/ AOS 79 points

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson



Cattleya Aloha Lane

'Pink Circle' AM/ AOS 82 points

Exhibited by Fred Clarke



Kefericzella Gary Krause

'Osides Purple Blush' AM/ AOS 80 points

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson



Masdevallia Ronald Leathers

'Thanks Anna' AM/ AOS 88 points

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson



Encyclia contrerasii

'Purple Blush Stephanie' CHM/ AOS 86 points

Exhibited by Pedro Sanchez



Epidendrum gnomus

'Remington Sinclair Deibeaubien' CBR/AOS

Exhibited by Jojo deBeaubien



Paphiopedilum Bengal Lancer

'Osides Sergeant' HCC/AOS 79 points

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson



Rlc. Sunnystate's Spring Dawn 'Volcano Queen'



Cattleya violacea rubra Tsiku Taiwan' SM/TOGA

Upcoming Events

August 4, 2026

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

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

August 5, 2026

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

August 8, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

August 21, 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

September 1, 2026

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

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

September 2, 2026

POS General Meeting
New Location
Pine Avenue Community Center, 4-7 PM
3209 Harding Street
Carlsbad, 92008
palomarorchid.org

September 5, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

September 11-13, 2026

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

September 18, 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

September 19, 2026

Palomar Orchid Society
Fundraiser, 10am-2 pm
Gowland Meeting Room
Dove Library
1775 Dove Lane
Carlsbad, CA 92011
palomarorchid.org

October 3, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

October 6, 2026

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

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

October 7 2026

POS General Meeting
New Location
Pine Avenue Community Center, 4-7 PM
3209 Harding Street
Carlsbad, 92008
palomarorchid.org

October 9-11 2026

10th Annual International
Orchid Show & Sale
San Marino, CA 91108
huntington.org/orchid-show

October 16, 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org



THE HUNTINGTON ORCHID SHOW & SALE OCT. 9-11, 2026 ROOTS OF ORIGIN



10th Annual International Orchid Show & Sale
Featuring exhibits by growers from Southern California and around the world as well as a wide selection of orchids and related supplies from domestic and international vendors
Show and sale open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108
huntington.org/orchid-show

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.