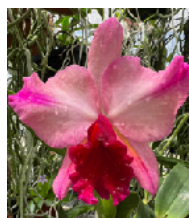




POS News

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

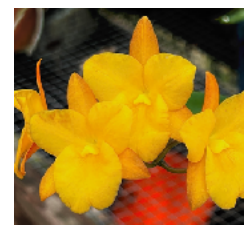
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Please note: For this month and through November, we will be meeting back at the Pine Avenue Community Center from 4-7 pm, located at 3209 Harding Street, Carlsbad, CA.

Alan Koch "Modern Trends for the Cattleya Grower"



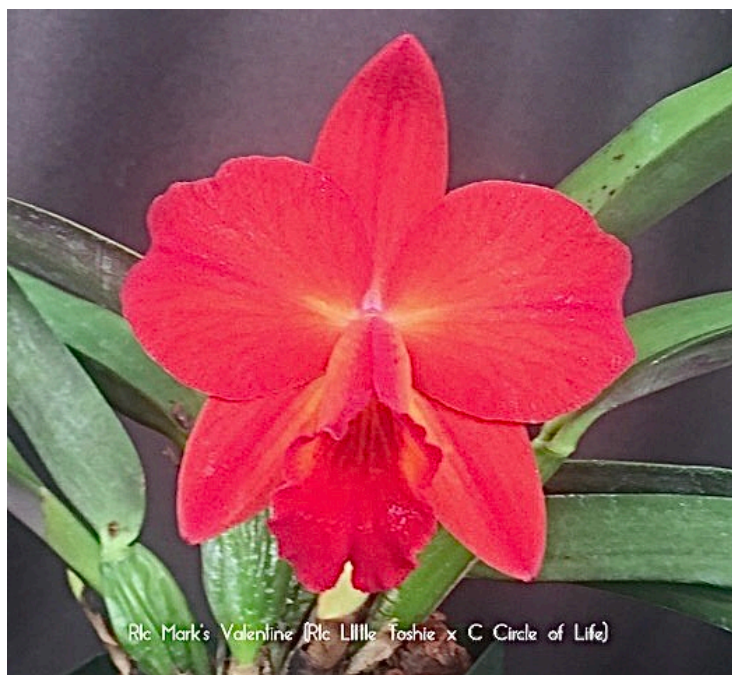
This month we are excited to welcome back Alan Koch, who will be sharing his talk "Modern Trends for the Cattleya Grower", where he will be covering what's new in Cattleyas around the world.

Alan is a shared speaker with the San Diego County Orchid Society and will be giving his talk "Mini Vandaceous Species and Hybrids for the Home Grower" on Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30pm in Balboa Park. You can watch his talk on Zoom (contact Barry Reder or Alex Nadzan at president@palomarorchid.org for the link) or in person at Casa Del Prado, room 101.

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleyas along with other miniature species. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with three Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 250,000 orchids.

Alan is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature and compact Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society magazine, as well as many international publications. He also has been published in several proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker who was pleased to be the keynote speaker for the 2025 Asia Pacific Orchid Conference in Taiwan. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee and Research Committee, as well as an Emeritus Judge, and is Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and three terms on the Board of Directors, as well as two terms as a Trustee for the AOS. He was the First Vice President for the International Phalaenopsis Alliance for three terms. Alan is also well known for the many AOS auctions he has done.

Alan will be supplying this month's
plant table.



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!



President's Message

A warm August greeting to our general membership and guests. These extremely warm days require careful observation and evaluation of the humidity we provide to our plants. A morning misting of the plants or the addition of a swamp cooler may suffice. Care must be taken not to allow an accumulation of water in the plant's crown which could cause crown rot. Nor should the plant sit in water lest it develop root rot. Increasing air movement with an additional fan can increase evaporation and decrease the development of mold. Unfortunately this increased temperature can allow insect pests to multiply quickly and require a rapid intervention. With proper attention to the details, this time of high heat-July, August, and September, can result in a desirable rapid growth and increased flowering.

Last month's lecture by Jack Zhu on his trip to China to observe its native cymbidiums was most interesting. A huge thank you to our guest speaker for sharing his observations of this unique species cymbidium. Jack also provided material for the plant auction. Thank you Jack!

This month we are honored to welcome Alan Koch, a recognized international leader in Cattleya breeding and owner of Gold Country Orchids. He too will be providing plants for the plant auction. Many members have elected to pre-purchase his plants and will receive them at the September meeting.

I would be remiss if I failed to stress the importance of the upcoming **POS Orchid Fundraiser on September 19, 2026 at the Dove library**. It is at these fundraisers that we generate the funds to have rent meeting rooms, afford speakers, and secure plants for the raffles. A thank you to those who will be donating clean, healthy plants as well as to the volunteers who will be staffing this event! More details appear on page four.

In last month's message, I proposed a club wide effort to increase the non-greenhouse growing of the hybrid Paphiopedilums. I still believe this is a great new direction for members to explore. I provided my e-mail: b.reder@sbcglobal.net for further discussions. I do enjoy discussions of how to make this society more interesting and stronger, How to attract younger members, Which new speakers we could enlist, Your personal orchid growing challenges, etc. I look forward to hearing from many of you!

-Barry Reder, DDS



Paphiopedilum Raspberry Jam



Cattleya guttata -coerulea

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 from 10 am to 2 pm, with set up at 9-10 am and tear down from 2-3 pm. The goal 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 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 sheet at our September meeting to request additional donations of plants for the sale, since we now have enough volunteers to run 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 plants 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

Summer Show July 25, 2026

Text and photographs taken by Jeanie Anderson, AOS Photographer



Vanda Santa Barbara Fizz 'TC's Turn'
AM/ AOS 86 points
Exhibited by George Pflaum



Vanda Pink Furan 'Choukou'
AM/ AOS 85 points
Exhibited by Alex Nadzan



Prosthecea kautsky 'Windflower'
AM/ AOS 82points
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz



Cyrtorchilum cordatum 'Windflower'
AM/ AOS 82 points
Exhibited by Betty Kelepecz

AOS Judging at the San Diego Judging Center

All award photographs taken by Jeanie Anderson AOS Photographer

August 4, 2026



Miltonia candida 'Mareva'

AM/ AOS 85 points

Exhibited by Jane Wesley Brooks



Cymbidium ensifolium 'Dark Flame'

AM/ AOS 82 points

Exhibited by Jack Zhu



Barkeria barkerioides 'Five Angels'

CHM/ AOS 81 points

Exhibited by Pedro Sanchez

Upcoming Events

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
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
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October 6, 2026

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October 7 2026

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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

November 3, 2026

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November 4, 2026

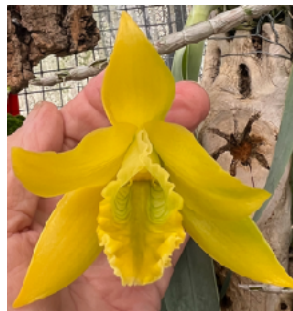
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November 7, 2026

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November 20, 2026

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Prosthechea citrina



THE HUNTINGTON ORCHID SHOW & SALE

OCT. 9-11, 2026
ROOTS OF ORIGIN



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.