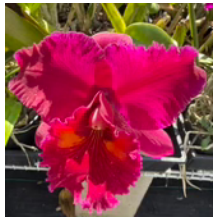




POS News

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 November email.

President's Message

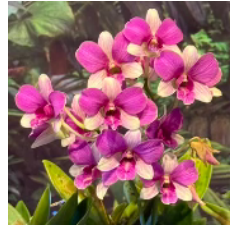
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AOS judging

None awarded last month.

Calendar of Events

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

Jose Carlos Lopez - "Bifoliate Coerulea Cattleyas"



This month we welcome back one of our favorite speakers, Jose Carlos Lopez from Sunset Valley Orchids who will speak on "Bifoliate Coerulea Cattleyas" on November 4 at 4:00 pm.

Cattleyas are one of the easiest genera to grow in Southern California, with bifoliate making excellent candidates for both outdoor and indoor growing. This talk covers basic culture and explores bifoliate coerulea species and hybrids, from small to tall! Starting with the species, we will explore their traits and influence on breeding. This program has been updated to include some of today's most noteworthy hybrids.

Carlos is a shared speaker with the San Diego County Orchid Society and he will be giving his talk "The Four Seasons of Cattleyas" at 6:30 pm in Balboa Park on Tuesday, Nov. 3. You can watch his talk on Zoom by contacting Alex at president@palomarorchid.org for the link or attend in person at Casa Del Prado, Room 101.

Carlos is an accredited American Orchid Society judge who has been cultivating orchids for over 14 years. His orchid venture began at thirteen years old when he started following his father to work at Sunset Valley Orchids. Before he knew it, he was volunteering at the nursery—helping clean orchid flasks, repotting orchids, and doing small tasks. Carlos eventually became more involved in the nursery's operations and maintenance, and he began participating in orchid shows. He is currently the manager of Sunset Valley Orchids and has years of experience with Cattleya, Catasetum, Australian Dendrobium, and Sarcochilus.

Sunset Valley Orchids will be providing this month's Opportunity Table.



C. aelandiae v. *coerulea* 'Blue Sky' HCC/AOS

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!



Cattleya Leoloddiglossa v. *coerulea*

President's Message

Greetings to all POS Members and Friends,

As we approach November, we wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving. November will be our last formal meeting of the year and it is our Annual Meeting where we will be electing officers for 2027 as stipulated by the bylaws. Members in attendance will vote for our slate of officers for the board and related responsibilities so please review in advance the list of proposed board members provided on pages 5-6 below.

In December we will host our Annual Holiday Dinner at China Gourmet in Encinitas. The Holiday Dinner is one of the favorite events of the year. We have lots of good food, desserts, great conversations and each attendee receive a blooming orchid, all for \$ 35 per person. You may bring a spouse or guest, but we will limit it to the first 40 people to sign up (due to limited space in the dining room). We will install the new Board of Directors for POS and our members will enjoy the opportunity to socialize with one another without a structured program. Be sure to sign up at the November meeting or send in the Reservation Form enclosed with the Newsletter (see page 9). We hope all of you can attend.

Our November speaker is Carlos Lopez of Sunset Valley Orchids. We welcome Carlos back as he always provides an informative lecture. His talk this month is "Bifoliate Coerulea Cattleyas". Carlos has been instrumental in helping POS members obtain orchid bark from SVO at a reasonable price.

2026 was a successful year for POS. This year we moved to a new location(s) due to a scheduling conflict with the Carlsbad Dove Library. Fortunately, we were able to find the Pine Avenue Community Center and Carlsbad Senior Center. Truth be told, the Dove Meeting Room was becoming too small for us as our membership grew. The new facilities are much larger with similar amenities and plenty of parking. They are located on the same block. The only adjustment we made was to adjust the Senior Center start time one hour later. It was a good choice as we average over 40 attendees each month and received positive feedback on the change. Consequently, we booked the same rooms for 2027!!

Suzie and Alex are already planning the slate of speakers for 2027. Since we have several new members and several of them are beginners, we will have one or two culture classes tailored to basic needs. The culture classes are also a good refresher for some of our more experienced growers.

Here is some good advice for all of us and one that Fred Clark shared with us several years ago. Fred commented on the opportunity to see a member's orchid collection while on a speaking engagement. He noticed that part of the collection was not looking good and suggested they cull the collection. This is a great suggestion that many of us should adhere to. Besides getting rid of plants in poor or mediocre condition, culling frees up space on your bench for new, healthy plants. Sometimes, it just isn't worth the time and effort to revive an orchid in poor condition.

Another good suggestion is to stay on top of your collection. Be diligent and fastidious in your orchid care. Sometimes when we get busy with family, vacations or other projects, we neglect our orchid collection. They don't get enough water, we don't inspect carefully or treat for pests and disease, etc. Consequently, when a collection is neglected, it takes a significant amount of effort to restore them to good health. And in addition, you can lose many of your valued plants.

We look forward to seeing you in November and December. Also please do not hesitate to provide any suggestions to Alex, Bill or any of the Board members. We can always improve our meetings or programs and are open to new ideas!

Bill Wong and Alex Nadzan



Cattleya Wendlandiana 'Liquid Blue'

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2027 POS Board

November is our Annual Meeting and we will be electing officers for 2027 as stipulated by the bylaws.

It is proposed that Alex Nadzan continue his presidential duties for another year with Bill Wong serving as co-president. Barry Reder decided not to continue as a board member but will remain as a valued member of the society. Since Barry did not elect to serve as Newsletter Editor in 2027, we will be identifying a member to take over Newsletter Editor duties and Alex and Bill will manage the those duties until a new Editor is found. Alex will continue to post and send out the newsletter on a monthly basis. As the year goes on, we will identify additional members to take on some of the duties to ease the burden on the President's position. This will provide an opportunity for our members to guide the society in future years.

At this time the following individuals are proposed for approval by members attending the November Annual Meeting. We also are looking to fill the open positions and ask that interested individuals contact Alex or Bill if they want to be considered for any of these positions especially trustee and Newsletter Editor. If there are 2 or more members interested in serving as trustee, we will conduct a vote to determine who takes the position. The new board will be installed at the Holiday Dinner.

2027 POS Officers:

- **Co-Presidents:** Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong
- **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
- **1st Year Trustees:** Judy Dyer, Amy Guinto and an **Open Position**
- **2nd Year Trustees:** Linda Ivor, Ed Danielewicz, and Barbara McCubbin
- **Publicity:** **Open Position**
- **Newsletter Editor:** **Open Position**
- **Webmaster:** Helge Weissig and **Assistant**
- **Facebook Editor:** Debra Funakoshi

We still encourage some of 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. This is particularly desirable for the positions of trustee. Many of the current individuals have served in their capacities for several years and it would be desirable to have others to share the responsibility.

Trustees: Members can participate in board meetings (2-3 per year) to advise the board on issues of importance to the society (financial, speakers, events, etc.). Positions are usually for a two-year term that can be renewed as desired.

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.

Newsletter Editor: Receive, organize and combine the various newsletter sections on the monthly speaker, Presidents Message, AOS Awards, Upcoming Events and related topics then work with the President and Co-president to review and finalize the document before publishing on our website and circulating to our members and friends on the circulation list.

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



Cattleya Portia 'Cannizaro'



Cattleya Jerry Spencer 'Sangria Wine' AM/AOS, exhibited by Jose Carlos Lopez at the October Huntington Orchid show.

Upcoming Events

October 24-25, 2026

SDCOS Fall Orchids in the Park
Show & Sale
Casa del Prado, Room 101
Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

November 3, 2026

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

SDCOS General Meeting
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
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November 4, 2026

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

November 6-8, 2026

Cal-Orchid Annual Open House & Sale
1251 Orchid Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
calorchid.com

November 7, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandenbroek
4davidv@gmail.com

November 14, 2026

The 2026 Cattleya Orchid Symposium
Orchid Digest and the Huntington
10am-6pm, in person or online
San Marino, CA 91108
orchiddigest.org

November 20, 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

December 1, 2026

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

SDCOS Holiday Dinner
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

December 2, 2026

POS Holiday Dinner
Private for Members and Friends
palomarorchid.org

December 5, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandenbroek
4davidv@gmail.com

December 11-13 2026

Andy's Winter Open House
10am-4pm
Encinitas, CA 92024
andysorchids.com

December 18, 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

December 25, 2026

Merry Christmas



Eplc. Volcano Trick 'Paradise'



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.

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Palomar Orchid Society Holiday Dinner
December 2nd Wednesday 5:30pm
China Gourmet 214 El Camino Real, Encinitas \$35/person

Reservations may be made by submitting this form along with a check for \$35.00 per person payable to Palomar Orchid Society by November 29th. Mail this form and check to Bill Wong . 7098 Heron Circle Carlsbad, CA 92011. Call Bill at 818-636-8709 if any questions.

First Name	Last Name	Phone Number	Vegetarian Yes/No	Bring Dessert Yes/No

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