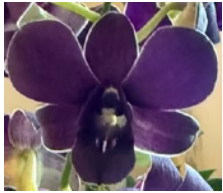




POS News

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

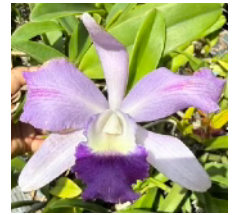
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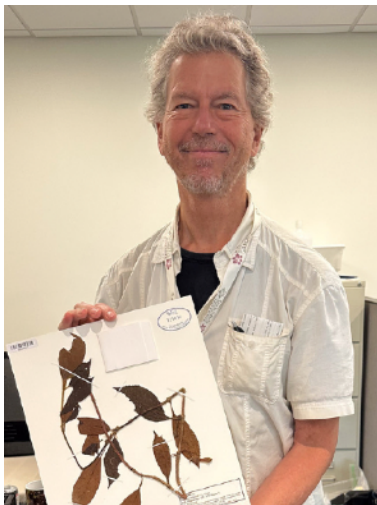
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Please note: For October and November, we will be meeting back at the Pine Avenue Community Center from 4-7 pm, located at 3209 Harding Street, Carlsbad, CA.

Lou Jost – “Adventures in Discovering, Describing, and Protecting New Andean Orchid Species”



This month, we are pleased to welcome Lou Jost. Ecuador is the richest country in the world for orchids. During his 30 years there, Lou explored remote mountains and jungles, searching for new orchid species. He will talk about this search, particularly focused on miniatures, especially *Lepanthes*, one of the most diverse genera of orchids. He will feature some of the more than sixty new species he discovered, not only miniature orchids, but also big *Sobralias* and *Maxillarias* and spectacular new trees, a couple of *amaryllis* relatives, and others. He'll also talk about the task of ensuring that these new discoveries survive in the wild, and how he and his friends protected the mountains where most of these discoveries were located.

Lou is a shared speaker with the San Diego County Orchid Society and will be giving his talk "Why are Orchids so Diverse? Clues from the Distribution of Andean Miniatures" on Tuesday, October 6th in Balboa Park. You can watch his talk on Zoom

(contact Alex Nadzan at president@palomarorchid.org for the link) or in person at Casa

Del Prado, room 101.

Lou was born in Wisconsin and did graduate work in physics at the University of Texas. After a couple of years of that, he fell in love with the tropics and worked odd jobs to finance long trips to the forests of Mexico, Costa Rica, and eventually Ecuador where he settled down. He co-founded Fundacion EcoMinga in 2006 to protect the orchids and other species that he discovered. During that time he also revolutionized how ecologists quantify biodiversity, and fixed some foundational errors in population genetics, thanks to his training in mathematics.

This month's plant table will consist of orchids from Ontario Orchids and 808 Orchids Kalapana



Unnamed *Dracula*

Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning **M through Z** 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!



Telipogon jostii

President's Message

This late September cool down is a well deserved reprieve from the July and August heat. Though the plants grew rapidly in the heat, so did the bugs. Out of nowhere, one of my *Cycnoches* hybrids showed a massive white spider mite infestation. Several treatments with imidacloprid, a systemic insecticide- now banned in California, took care of the pests.

Google reports for October 2026 in San Diego, daily high temperatures are predicted to range from 70°F to 81°F, with overnight lows dipping between 57°F and 69°F. Quite a relief if accurate.

Last month's lecture by Alan Koch was of the highest caliber. No wonder his nursery, Gold Country Orchids, is held in such high regard! Alan also provided the plant auction table.

Our September fund raiser was very successful. A big thank you to those who volunteered their time and to those who donated plants for the sale. Many of our members purchased plants for their own collection, an indication of the high quality of the donated material. It easy to forget that the funds we raise twice a year pay for the room rentals , the speakers, and the plant auction table (see write up on pg.4).

October's speaker is – Lou Jost. His topic is “Adventures in Discovering, Describing, and Protecting New Andean Orchid Species.” This should be a real treat!

I look forward to hearing questions or suggestions from our membership.

Barry Reder, DDS

b.reder@sbcglobal.net (760) 419-3388



Angraecum elephantinum



RLc. Sunnystate's Spring Dawn 'Volcano Queen'

POS Volunteers had a Successful Day at our Fall Fundraiser

This year's POS Fall Fundraiser held in the Gowland Room of the Carlsbad City (Dove) Library resulted in the sale of 210 orchids during its four hours of operation. After expenses, the sales from this four-hour event netted \$2,338 that will help support the Society's programs including meeting room rentals, speaker costs, member opportunities, and other programs to enhance the community's knowledge of accessing and cultivating orchids.

Preparation for the Fundraiser depended on the many POS members who generously donated plants including Jim Anderson, Ken Campbell, Pearl Crosier, Ed Danielewicz, Debra Funakoshi, Gil Ho, Lisa Humphreys and Daniel Bellem, Trudy Ibbetson, Terri Maltby, Barbara McCubbin, Alex Nadzan, Barry Reder, Suzi Sandore, Ana Seitz, Jerry and Anita Spencer, Stewart Walton, Tina Wolsborn, and Bill and Shelley Wong.

In addition to members, local growers supported the Fundraiser by donating or providing wholesale orchids from their nurseries including Andy's Orchids (Encinitas), Ontario Orchids (Vista), Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids (SVO/Vista), and 808 Orchids Kalapana (Hawaii).

Additional Volunteers who deserve particular mention include those involved in the planning, set up, and sales during the day of the Fundraiser. The following members contributed their efforts and time: Jim Anderson, Cecily Bird, Clifford Chanco, Pearl Crosier, Ed Danielewicz, Judy Dyer, Kent Fujikawa, Debra Funakoshi, Amy Guinto, Joseph Hewson, Gil Ho, Lisa Humphreys and Daniel Bellem, Linda Ivor, Trudy Ibbetson, Terri Maltby, Barbara McCubbin, Alex Nadzan, Barry Reder, Suzi Sandore, Jerry Spahn, Lanai Staley, Bill and Shelley Wong, and Iso Zehner.

To all of these Volunteers, POS extends its sincere thanks for your time and effort in making this event a success and helping to ensure the continuation of our Society's programs. Shown below are some pictures of happy customers from our fundraiser taken by Debra Funakoshi.



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.

We are proposing 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. We will be identifying a member to take over Newsletter Editor duties and Alex and Bill will manage the those duties until a new Newsletter 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 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.



Slc. Circle of Life 'Spring Joy'



Miltonia regnellii v. alba

AOS Judging at the San Diego Judging Center

September 1, 2026 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

Text and photographs taken by Jeanie Anderson, AOS Photographer



Rlc. Valerie's Charm 'Magnifique'

HCC/AOS 79 points

Exhibited by Fred Clark



Bulbophyllum Karen Lewis 'Bravo Orchids'

AM/AOS 80 points

Exhibited by William Tse



Cattleya itambana 'SVO Sunshine'

AM/AOS 83 points

Exhibited by Fred Clarke



*C. Penny Kuroda x Slc. Katherine Clarkson
'Sunset Valley Orchids'*

AM/AOS 80 points

Exhibited by Fred Clarke



Paphiopedilum sukhakulii f. aureum

'O'side's Apalite'

AM/AOS 81 points

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson



Paphiopedilum sukhakulii 'O'side's Wings'

AM/AOS 80 points

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson

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Jeanie Anderson AOS Photographer



Paphiopedilum Magic Lantern
'O'side's Raspberry Jam'
FCC/AOS 91 Points
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson



Paphiopedilum violascens
'O'side's Spectacular'
AM/AOS 85 Points
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson



Cattleya Izzy Mahler 'Bravo Orchids'
FCC/AOS 90 points
Exhibited by William Tse



Cattleya violacea rubra (4N)
'Tsiku Taiwan'
SM/TOGA



California tree frog on a *Paphiopedilum* leaf
in my greenhouse

Upcoming Events

October 3, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandenbroek
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
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

October 24-25, 2026

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



Blc. Hawaiian Passion 'Carmela'.jpg



*Paph. Angel Hair 'SVO AM/ AOS
x Paph. parishii 'Andy'.*

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.
1181 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108
huntington.org/orchid-show

Orchids

October 24-25

Saturday Sales 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday Exhibit 12 p.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Casa del Prado, Room 101
Balboa Park
Near the Natural History Museum

Free Admission

Show and Sale
in the Park

sdorchids.com

Officers of the 2026 POS

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