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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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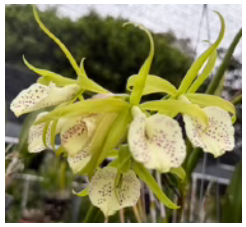

Attending Our Meetings on Zoom

Due to the Holiday Dinner, there will be no Zoom meeting this month.

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Orchids were awarded at the Fall SDCOS Show and the Nov. Meeting

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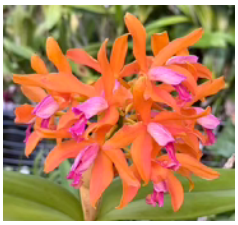



President's Message

Happy Holidays to all our POS Members and Friends. Alex and Bill wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving, a wonderful and safe Holiday Season, and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

In reviewing the progress that we have made this year, our members experienced many successful meetings and great speakers that provided us valuable orchid knowledge and tips for growing and maintaining our orchid collections. We also had many enthusiastic members step up to help conduct two successful fundraisers that that have made us financially sound. This will help sustain our society's programs next year. Several members participated by exhibiting their beautiful orchids in SDBG's Orchids in the Wild Show and in several of our sister society's Orchids in the Park Shows during the year. We greatly appreciate how much our members have interacted with one another, shared their orchids in Show & Tells and enjoyed our programs by participating and asking questions of our featured speakers and our experienced members. We want to express our sincere thanks to all of you for making this a very successful year and we ask for your continued support in 2027 to make it an even better year.

The last meeting of this year is our December 2nd Holiday Dinner at the China Gourmet from 5:30-8:30pm. There were 40 people who sign up, so now we have closed the event to any further attendees. We will not have a speaker this month but we will experience an excellent meal, good conversation, and induct the 2027 POS Board of Officers. In addition, every attendee will receive a blooming orchid near the end of the evening as a thank you for your efforts this year.

Last month we had Jose Carlos Lopez from Sunset Valley Orchids speak, who gave a very informative and well-received talk on 'Bifoliate Coerulea Cattleyas'. Carlos's excellent talk culminated a very strong year of exciting speakers thanks to the efforts of our 1st VP, Suzi Sandore, who scheduled them, along with coordinating speakers with our sister society SDCOS.

For 2027, Suzi has already scheduled the first three speakers of the year with one of our favorites, Peter Lin, kicking off in January, Ron Kaufmann in February, and George Hatfield in March. We are very fortunate to finally convince George to speak to both societies as he has a very busy schedule and is one of the very few remaining expert hybridizers and growers of many award-winning cymbidiums and related orchids. Moreover, George is a seasoned AOS judge and the former President of the American Orchid Society.

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Later in the year, we will jointly host Francisco Miranda (Fla.), Arthur Chadwick (Virginia), and, hopefully, Fred Clarke, each top notch expert growers and hybridizers of numerous orchid genera. They will share their extensive orchid knowledge with members of both societies, talks that no one should miss. Please contact Suzi or Alex and offer to help with suggestions for additional new speakers or interesting events in the new year.

New in 2027 will be an added recognition of members for their support of our society. Bill and Alex are instituting 'Member of the Month' recognition for various reasons such as extra efforts for bringing in special snacks, impressive Show & Tell plants, etc., which can change each month and can be repeated. Recipients will receive a gift certificate as our Thank You.

In 2027, we also will ask volunteers to help with planning other activities such as a Caravan or Open House, neither of which we were able to accomplish this year, as well as to improve our social media presence. We also would like volunteers to assist our Co-Presidents with other responsibilities as they arise.

Typically, at the end of the year, there are few orchid events so it's useful to work on attending to your orchid collections, especially as we experience the upcoming winter weather, which is projected to include extensive rainfalls this season. Please refer to information on the AOS and POS websites for culture tips during this period as well as visiting the St. Augustine Orchid Society website, Alex's go to source of knowledge on all aspects of growing and maintaining your orchid collections. In addition, don't hesitate to contact some of our experienced POS members who can offer additional help on dealing with your orchids during the winter season. It is always desirable to take preventive steps before problems arise in your collection.

We trust our members and friends will continue to remain healthy, upbeat and engaged next year and beyond. As always, Alex and Bill are available to listen to your suggestions, questions and concerns. They can be reached as follows: Alex (858-205-6789, text or e-mail at anadzan@mac.com) or Bill (818-636-8709, text or email at billtcwong@att.net).

We hope to see you on December 2nd or at our January 6th meeting.

Alex and Bill



***Laelia anceps* 'SanBar Celebration' CCM/AOS**

POS Slate of Officers for 2027

The 2027 Board was unanimously approved by the attendees at our November Annual Meeting as stipulated by the bylaws. The board will be installed at our Holiday Dinner on December 2, 2027.

The following individuals were approved by members attending the November Annual Meeting. We 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.

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 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 they 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, President's Message, AOS Awards, Upcoming Events and related topics then work with the Co-Presidents to review and finalize the document before publishing on our website and circulating to our members and friends on the distribution list.

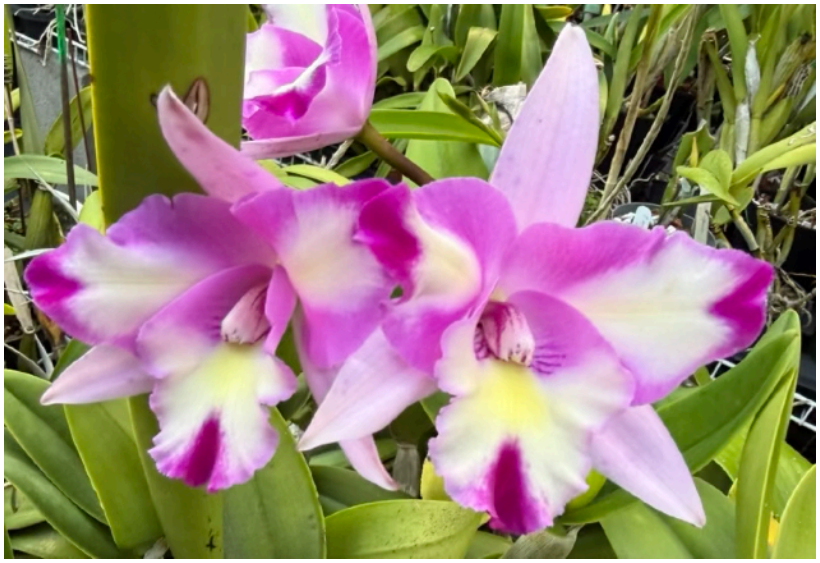
Webmaster Assistant: Helge Weissig has been responsible for publishing our newsletter and managing our website for quite some time. He could use someone with computer and internet skills to assist him with maintaining the website.

Please contact Alex or Bill if you would like to volunteer for any of these positions.



***Ctt.* Ever Autumn**

(Ctt.* Trick or Treat x *C. harrisoniana)



***Lc.* Miss Wonderful 'Petaloid'**

(SVO7259: *Lc.* Mari's Song 'CTM217 x *L. anceps* f. petaloid 'Jody')

AOS Judging at the San Diego Judging Center

October 24, 2026 October Fall Show in Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

There were 120 orchids presented for AOS Judging. Five orchids were awarded.

Text and photographs tak**en by Jeanie Anderson, AOS Photographer**



Gastrochilus sororius 'Liz Halliday
AM/AOS 85 points
Exhibited by Debby Halliday





Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'
CCM/AOS 85 points
Exhibited by Debby Halliday



Garitonia Henry Wan 'Tom Biggart'
AM/AOS 83 points
Exhibited by Jane Wesley Brooks



QF *Ki'owaiokihawaine* 'Treva'
AM/AOS 80 points
Exhibited by Jane Wesley Brooks



B*ulbophyllum* Meen Poison Raspberry
'Bravo Orchids'
AM/AOS 82 points
Exhibited by William Tse

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Kefericzella Gary Krause
'O'side's Purple Monster'
HCC/AOS 77 Points
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson



Paphiopedilum areeanum 'Oceanside'
AM/AOS 83 Points
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson



Dendrobium laevifolium
'B.R.O. species'
AM/AOS 85 points
Exhibited by Barry Reder



***Kirchiara (Epicatanthe)* Georgie**
(*Ctt.* Golden Wax *x Epi.* O'Brienianum)



***Vanda* Rainbow Stars 'Purple'**
(*Vanda falcata* x *Vanda* Charm)

Upcoming Events

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

January 1, 2027
Happy New Year

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January 5, 2027

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Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

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

January 6, 2027
POS General Meeting
Pine Avenue Community Center,
4-7 pm, 3209 Harding Street
Carlsbad, 92008
palomarorchid.org

January 15, 2027
Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org



Officers of the 2026 POS

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Cattleya labiata v. coerulea