



# 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 the March Meeting via Zoom**

*For those unable to attend meetings in person, we will continue to provide Zoom links found in the Newsletter email.*

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**Monthly Meeting Wednesday April 2, 2025 4:00 PM**

## **April 2025 Speaker - Arnold Gum**

### **'A Photo Tour of the Orchids and Lessons Learned from a Trip to Cali, Colombia and the Asociacion Vallencaucana de Orquideologia Show'**

We are delighted to welcome back one of our favorite speakers, Arnold Gum, who will take us through photo highlights and the lessons he learned from a whirlwind tour of five different biomes surrounding Cali, Colombia and the Asociacion Vallecaucana de Orquideologia Show he attended.

Arnie's trip involved an exploration of Lake, Mid-altitude, high altitude cloud forest and Pacific Slope Biomes in areas surrounding Cali, Colombia with an eye to understanding how and where orchids grow in the wild (In situ) and lessons pertinent to keeping these surprisingly durable orchids alive in our collections. He saw over 100 orchids in bloom with his excellent orchid guide, David Haelterman who is very knowledgeable on the species of Colombian orchids. Arnie indicates that there is no better way to understand what an orchid species wants, and the range of conditions it can tolerate than by seeing it growing in the wild. His talk also will include additional highlights of orchids from some of the most

excellent orchid collections in the Cali area of Colombia and the dizzying number of excellently grown species and other orchids, many seldom seen in America.

Arnie is an excellent and engaging speaker who readily shares his wealth of knowledge with the orchid community and this is a talk not to be missed. Arnie recently retired in July, 2022 from his career as a patent attorney at Qualcomm so he could spend more time with his plants, exercise, getting healthy, ukulele, gym, birding, etc. At Qualcomm, he was responsible for putting GPS in our smartphones and has 149 patents worldwide to his name.

Arnie has been growing orchids since he was a child in Hawaii in the 70's. His father had a dendrobium plant that had set a pod, and Arnie got some help from Stanley Taba Orchid Nursery to flask the seeds. As a youth, he knew some of Hawaii's greatest orchid pioneers, including Ben Kodama, Tadao Kazumura, Isamu Ota, Richard Takafuji, Richard Takase, and Goodale Moir.

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That first flask and others led to thousands of plants as a youth, and a lifelong interest in orchids that has survived college, career, multiple moves, and 6 orchid societies. He has been an American Orchid Society judge for over 30 years and he serves as an official photographer for our Pacific South AOS judging panel and has presented talks at both Palomar and San Diego County Orchid Societies. Arnie has won over 124 AOS awards and grows all sorts of orchids including cattleyas, phalaenopsis, paphiopedilums, including lots of rare and amazing plants. Over the years, he has amassed a collection of several thousand plants. Like many of us, Arnie also grows other types of plants, including epiphyllum cacti, aloes, plumerias, and fruit trees. The April opportunity table will be from Andy's Orchids and may include some orchid species from Colombia.



*Restrepia brachypus* spotted form with critter



*Sobralia virginialis*



*Psygmorchis pumilio*

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## President's Message

To All POS Members and Friends,

Spring is now here with longer days and some very much needed rain thanks to the atmospheric river storms in early March that have brought to life many of our semi-dormant orchids that are now beginning to put out new roots and starting new pseudobulbs.

Fortunately, last month we had a timely culture meeting on repotting by Alex Nadzan and Ed Danielewicz who shared their experiences on how to repot and divide cattleyas, Aussie dendrobiums, oncidiums and cymbidiums. Thanks to both individuals for getting us started in this year's growing season. We also had a quality opportunity table thanks to Casa de las Orquideas who provided some nice Aussie dendrobiums and great cymbidiums in bud or bloom. For those of you who missed the culture meeting, Alex put on our website an updated version of his Repotting Basics handout that can be downloaded under the meeting pull down menu in [Speaker Handouts](#).

Last month some of our members attended the Santa Barbara Orchid Show and visited several vendors at the show and some of the local orchid nurseries in the area. This show was the best one yet with several wonderful displays and it appears the show has fully recovered from the Covid shutdown a few years ago. This year's show was dedicated to James Rose who passed on January 2 of this year. As many of you know James was a legend in the orchid industry and was instrumental in organizing and having award winning Cal-Orchid displays in the Santa Barbara Shows. James' wife Lauris put together another fabulous display that won the Best Display of the Show and the Best Orchid in the show. (see pics below). James was a strong supporter of orchid societies and spoke at our two SD societies several times. He also was a very generous contributor to our society's fundraising events over the years. James will be dearly missed by all.

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Cal-Orchid Display

## REMEMBERING FRIENDS OF THE SHOW

### JAMES ROSE



James Rose was an icon in the world of orchids, internationally recognized for his extraordinary knowledge and his keen eye for hybridizing. James lectured globally, including at World Orchid Conferences. He was a member of the American Orchid Society's Conservation Committee and served on the organizing committee for the Japan Grand Prix of Orchids. With his wife, Lauris, he received the very exclusive Award for Excellence in Hybridizing from the American Orchid Society.

Santa Barbara was fortunate to have been home to this legendary orchid grower, who owned Cal-Orchid, Inc. with his wife, Lauris. He was a past director of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show and a regular exhibitor whose exceptional displays won many trophies and awards.

The Directors of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show are proud to dedicate the 77th Show to James Rose.



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This month, we are fortunate to host Arnie Gum from our sister society, SDCOS, to take us through a photo tour of the trip he took to Cali, Colombia where he saw over 100 blooming orchid species in the wild and attended a show that highlighted many unusual orchids of the region. Arnie is a very accomplished photographer and orchidist as well as an entertaining speaker so it is a meeting our membership should thoroughly enjoy. More details about Arnie are provided on page 1 of this newsletter.

Our sister society will be having their Spring Show in Balboa Park over Easter Weekend, April 18-20. Our POS members are welcome to show their blooming orchids for ribbon judging or enter them for AOS judging should they desire to do so. Information on the show and entry of orchids can be found on the SDCOS [website](#). Several vendors and the conservation group will be selling during the show and it is an opportunity for attendees to add some interesting orchids and supplies to their collections.

Early May starts the 'World of Orchids' Show at the San Diego Botanic Garden that runs from May 4-June 1. Both SDCOS and POS members provide orchids for the show and, if you haven't participated last year but want to participate this year, please refer to the article on page 6 for details on signing up and submission of plants for the show. A representative of the Botanic Garden will be giving a brief presentation about the show at our April meeting. During certain weekends of the show, our two orchid societies and other plant vendors will be selling and you can get vendor details on the SDBG [website](#). As in previous years, POS will be conducting our first fundraiser of the year at the show during Memorial Day weekend (May 20-24). We will be having a sign up sheet for volunteers and for donations of plants for the sale at our April and May meetings. POS members will volunteer to man our booth, sell orchids and distribute information about our society. More details on page 6. Please invite your friends to the show and have them pick up some nice orchid plants for their collections.

We are happy that many of our members have already renewed their annual memberships so thanks for your renewal. We hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. Please contact Alex at 858-205-6789 or email him at [anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com) for suggestions and any issues that you may have.

Alex Nadzan, POS President



*Sobralia* species



*Cattleya trainae* (National Flower of Colombia)

### General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month, at 4:00 PM, at the [George and Patricia Gowland Meeting Room located in the Carlsbad City Library](#) on Dove Lane, just off El Camino Real in southern Carlsbad. The address is [1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011](#).

Traveling South on I-5, take the Poinsettia Ln. exit and travel east to El Camino Real. Turn right on El Camino Real and turn right again on Dove Lane.

If traveling North on I-5, take the La Costa Ave. exit and travel east to El Camino Real. Turn left on Dove Lane (first traffic light after Aviara Pkwy.)

Traveling West on S-78, take the San Marcos Blvd. exit and travel west, continuing on Palomar Airport Rd.. Turn left on El Camino Real and then turn right on Dove Lane.

The Dove library will be on your left and there is a large, well-lit parking lot. The Gowland Meeting Room is located on the right hand side of the main entrance.

## World of Orchids Show at the San Diego Botanic Garden

*The World of Orchids Show will be open to the public from May 4 through June 1 with Members Only Preview Day on May 3 at the San Diego Botanic Garden.*

This year will be the fifth year our society members can participate in the WoOS, an event that has been well-received by the general San Diego community. Society members will have the opportunity to display plants during the show. This year SDBG Special Projects Manager, Felise Buckheart, will coordinate the submissions and returns of member's orchids on Tuesdays during the show. The initial plant set up is on Wednesday, April 30 and those members who participated last year should be on the list and will automatically get an email with details on how to submit your orchids. Please contact [Felise Buckheart](#) to be added to the list if you have not received her email or want to participate for the first time. You do not have to display plants every week during the show. Forms will be sent out on a weekly basis and plants will be dropped off and picked up on successive Tuesdays (May 6, 13, 20 and 27) with pick up at the end of the show on June 2.

Requirements for your display plants: 1) Clean and bug free - we don't want to introduce pests into the SDBG conservatory. 2) Clean pot, but no outer pot is necessary. If you provide an outer pot, make sure it has drainage holes. 3) Clearly labeled with plant name and your name. 4) Recently watered.

When you arrive with your plants, you will be given numbered ID tags to attach to your plants to further ensure that nothing gets lost. The plants will be in the show until the next Tuesday or longer if the flowers are still in good condition. Plants staying longer than one week, will be watered by the garden staff should they need it. Participating in this event is a lot of fun and gives our societies the opportunity to show visitors many of the beautiful orchid hybrids and species we grow to perfection. Society members who participate in showing their plants will receive a complementary year's membership to the garden and an entry pass for visits during the show that will allow up to 6 guests for each visit.

On weekends, show visitors can shop for unusual and unique orchids at the grower direct orchid market. During the show SDCOS members will be selling orchids the weekends of May 3-4 and 16-18 with Orchid Conservation selling on May 9-11 and POS selling plants for our fundraiser on Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26. Additionally, other vendors will be selling from 9-4 every Sat. and Sun. and a few on select Fridays. Please refer to the SDBG [website](#) for more details on vendors, classes and general admission.

Admission to World of Orchids is free for members and kids under 18, \$7 per adult in addition to garden entrance fee for non-members. All attendees are encouraged to make a reservation online to obtain tickets for entry. Entrance is free for AOS members but you still need to register for tickets (under reciprocal) and show your ticket and AOS membership card upon entry. Make your reservation today for this exciting, month's long show.

## Soliciting Volunteers for the POS Fundraising Event at the WoO Show

*As indicated in recent meetings and our President's Message, we are planning to raise much needed funds for the society.*

We are seeking volunteers to participate in our sales at the WoO Show on Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26, either by working at the event and/or providing orchids or divisions of your orchids for sale at the event. We will have sign up sheets at our April and May meetings or contact Alex by phone, text or email (858-205-6789 or [anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com)).

We would like volunteers to work at our booth either in the mornings and/or afternoons on the above dates to help setup, sell orchids and take in money for the purchases for the society. We also would appreciate donations of any divisions of member's plants to sell for the sale including orchids and related plants (bromeliads, succulents, etc.). If orchids are not in bloom, please provide a name and picture of the bloom to facilitate selling. We look forward to another successful fundraising event.



# Some Pictures from Last Year's World of Orchids Show May 4-28, 2024



Welcoming Gong at Entrance



Beautiful *Phalaenopsis* Hybrid



Collection of *Cattleya* Species and Hybrids



A Variety of Orchids and Background Plants



Vanilla Orchid in bloom

It's all about Orchids!



Stand of *Cymbidium*s with  
*Cym. Mighty Son* in Foreground



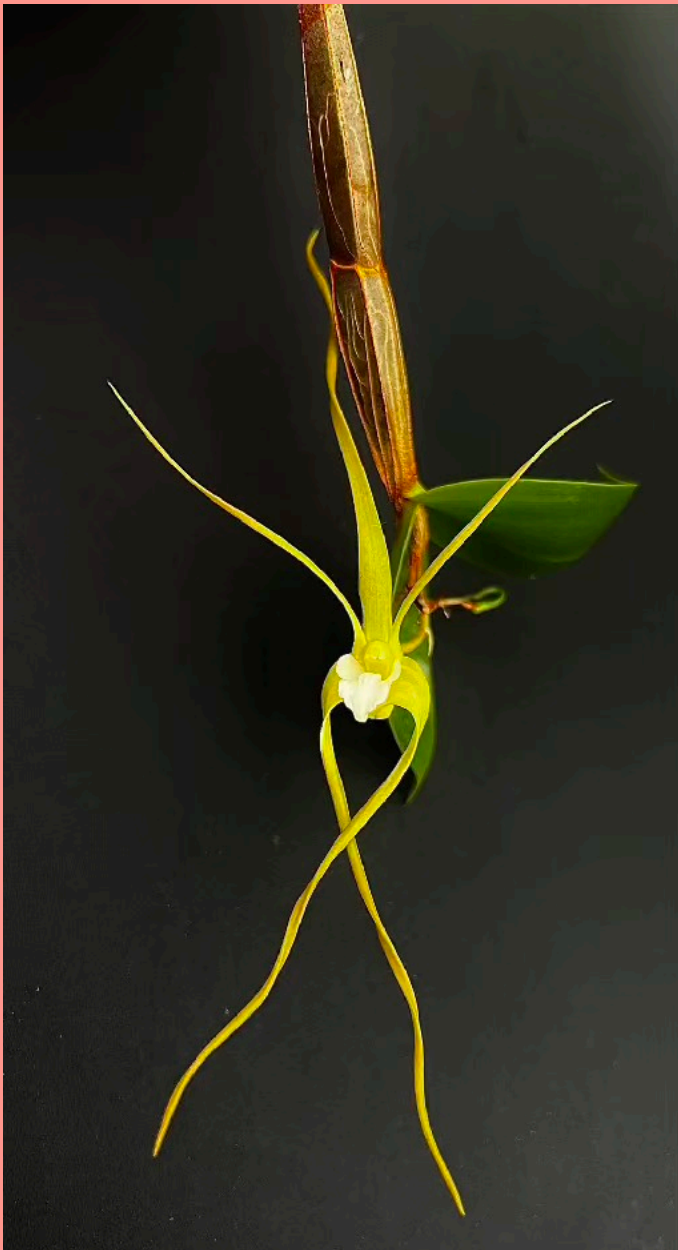
## 2025 POS Board Officers

- **Co-President:** Alex Nadzan and **Open Position**
- **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, Trish Kaufman and Bill Wong
- **2nd Year Trustees:** Ceclie Bird, Steve Redmond, and Stewart Walton.
- **Publicity:** Shelley Hardy
- **Newsletter Editor:** Barry Reder
- **Webmaster:** Helge Weissig and **Assistant**
- **Facebook Editor:** Debra Funakoshi

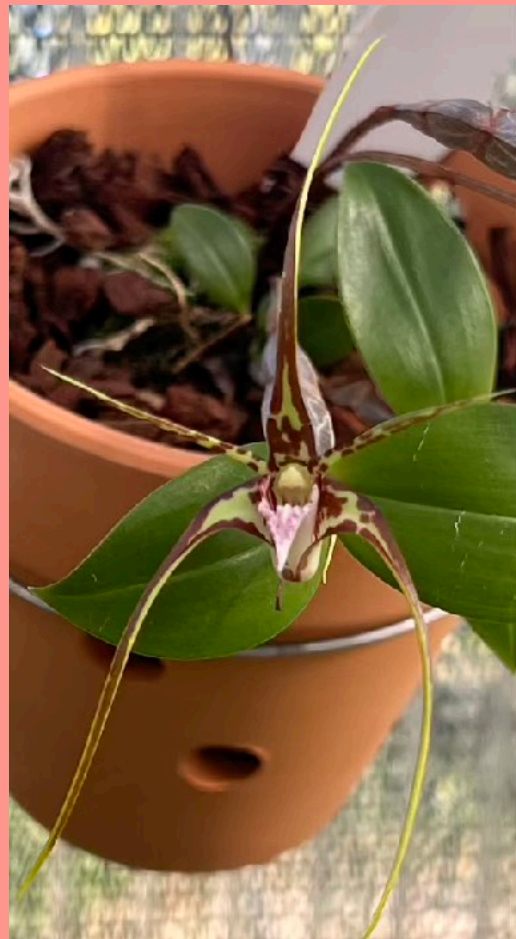
**Snacks & Refreshments**  
 This month, all members with last names beginning **A through L** will share at break time!  
 We appreciate everyone's effort in supplying our meeting with goodies. It makes for a great meeting all around!

We want to encourage more of our members to step up and volunteer for additional positions **high-lighted above in**

**bold.** We ask 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 Co-president, Treasurer and Webmaster. 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.



*Dendrobium tetragonum* var. *album* 'Fingers crossed'



*Dendrobium tetragonum*





*Slc. Fire Magic*



*Rth. Benjamin Reder*



*C. aurantiaca 'White Magic x self'*

## Upcoming Events

**April 1, 2025**  
AOS Orchid Judging  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[aos.org](http://aos.org)

SDCOS General Meeting  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

**April 2, 2025**  
POS General Meeting  
Gowland Meeting Room  
Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**April 5, 2025**  
SDCOS Species Meeting  
David Vandebroek  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

**April 18-20, 2025**  
SDCOS Spring Show in the Park  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

**April 18, 2025**  
Orchid Odyssey  
San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**April 24-27, 2025**  
35th Annual So. California  
Spring Garden Show  
South Coast Plaza  
Costa Mesa, CA  
[southcoastplaza.com](http://southcoastplaza.com)

**May 3, 2025**  
SDCOS Species Meeting  
David Vandebroek  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

**May 4-June 1, 2025**  
World of Orchids Show  
San Diego Botanic Garden  
Encinitas, CA  
[sdbg.org](http://sdbg.org)

**May 6, 2025**  
AOS Orchid Judging  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[aos.org](http://aos.org)

SDCOS General Meeting  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

**May 7, 2025**  
POS General Meeting  
Gowland Meeting Room  
Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**May 16, 2025**  
Orchid Odyssey  
San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**May 24-26, 2025**  
POS Fundraiser  
at World of Orchids Show  
San Diego Botanic Garden  
Encinitas, CA  
[sdbg.org](http://sdbg.org)

**June 3, 2025**  
AOS Orchid Judging  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[aos.org](http://aos.org)

SDCOS General Meeting  
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

**June 4, 2025**  
POS General Meeting  
Gowland Meeting Room  
Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**June 7, 2025**  
SDCOS Species Meeting  
David Vandebroek  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

**June 20, 2025**  
Orchid Odyssey  
San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)





*Miltoniopsis vexillaria v. albescens*



*Cattleya Life's Melody*



*Zygopetulum Lois*



*Slc. Circle of Life 'Hot Pants'*



*Dendrobium unicum*



**SAVE THE DATE**  
 SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN'S  
**World of Orchids**  
 2025  
 MAY 4 - JUNE 1



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**ORCHIDS of the EARTH**  
 San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale  
 April 18-20, 2025

Balboa Park's Casa del Prado  
 Room 101 and Patio  
 San Diego, California 92101  
 Free Admission

Friday 12:00-6:00 p.m.  
 Early bird sales start at 10 a.m.  
 Saturday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Latest Event Details at  
[sdorchids.com](http://sdorchids.com)

# Save the Date

## May 4 – June 1, 2025





Our annual spring orchid showcase will return this May! Featuring hundreds of orchids on display in the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory, *World of Orchids* is the perfect way to celebrate spring with vibrant blooms, elegant shapes, and signature scents.

- Hundreds of orchids on display
- New orchids weekly
- Hands-on classes
- Weekend plant vendors
- Members only preview 5/3
- Free access to Members
- Orchids After Dark 5/22

**GARDEN HOURS:**

Open: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Closed: Tuesdays  
 Open most holidays  
 Closed Christmas Day



-  [SanDiegoBotanicGarden](https://www.instagram.com/SanDiegoBotanicGarden)
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