



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.

www.palomarorchid.org

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Attending the January Meeting via Zoom

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

President's Message

Alex's New Year message.

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POS Board Elections

During our Annual Meeting in November we elected the society's officers for 2025 as stipulated by the by-laws.

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Calendar of Events

The new year is starting off with our regular schedule of meetings and upcoming shows. Mark your calendars!

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 • 4:00 pm

January 8th Speaker: Phyllis Prestia and Fellow Judges on AOS Outreach Judging



Our first meeting of the New Year will be held on the Second Wednesday, January 8, and will be a different type of program in that Phyllis Prestia, Head AOS Judge of the Southern CA Judging Section, will conduct an AOS Outreach Judging program for our society. A team consisting of Phyllis and accredited judges will attend our meeting, explain the judging process, review the society bloom table/show-and-tell table to see if there are any worthy candidates for AOS judging and then critique them. Society members will receive a plant registration form and a score form to try their hand at applying what they've learned. This is a great way for the society to learn and understand what characteristics make a flower of your plant awardable. So please look at your blooming plants and bring in one or two that you think might be awardable. Judges will select plants to review and, if yours is awardable, you may elect to have it registered (\$40 for AOS members, \$60 for non-AOS members) or not. This should be a very educational meeting that allows us to demystify what goes into the AOS judging of orchids

We also will have a plant opportunity table at the end which will include some of the nice cattleyas that SVO provided to us late last year.

President's Message

January 2025

A very Happy New Year to all our POS Members and Friends,

We trust all of you had a fantastic holiday and wish you the very best in the New Year.

Our annual holiday dinner was held on December 4th at the Dove Library and everyone had a great time with excellent Chinese food from Chin's Gourmet Chinese Restaurant, delicious desserts and a nice blooming orchid from Kalapana Tropicals in Hawaii plus a surprise bonus cattleya from some of the seedling cattleyas we obtained from SVO. Many thanks to the members who contributed the yummy desserts and, especially to Bill and Shelley Wong, who organized and managed the dinner program and to the members who assisted them in the set up and serving.

A total of 40 members and friends participated in the dinner and our members particularly liked the round tables that the library set up that made for better conversations. We also installed the 2025 Officers and announced the POS Members of the Year, Bill and Shelley Wong (see accompanying write up and Holiday Dinner pics).

Our society experienced an exciting slate of speaker programs in 2024 and Suzi Sandore and Alex are working on another year of great speakers and culture classes, some of which will include joint speakers with our sister society SDCOS.

On **Wednesday January 8th** our own Phyllis Prestia will be hosting an interactive AOS Orchid Judging Outreach session for our members so we can learn more about the AOS Judging process by critiquing some of our members plants during the meeting. It should be a very informative, interactive session that is not to be missed. Please refer to the speaker info on page 1 for more details.

For February, we have scheduled Fred Clarke to speak on Catasetums and, in March, a culture meeting where Alex Nadzan and Ed Danielewicz will conduct an orchid repotting and dividing session to train new members and refresh more experienced members on how to repot and divide orchids for the upcoming spring growing season.

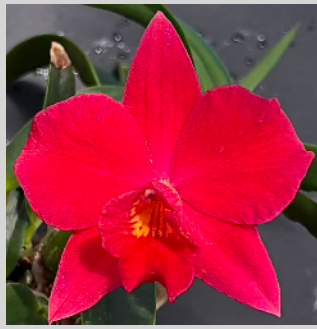
As most of you recall, Bill Wong retired as Co-president at the end of 2024 and Alex indicated that 2025 will be his last year as President after serving 12 years in the position. So far, no one has stepped up to fill the Co-president opening so we plan to hold a board meeting in early 2025 to strategize how we will manage going forward. The board also will be planning fundraisers in 2025 and other society activities. If members have any good ideas to propose, do not hesitate to contact Alex or other board members.

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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!

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In addition to fundraisers for the society, we also want to ask our members to renew their memberships, ideally at the January meeting, or online using the [link](#) on our website. Dues are the same as last year (\$30 individual, \$35 family). However, for existing members who do not renew by April 1, the fees will increase by \$5.

Winter is a tricky time for orchid growers depending on the type of winter we have. Thus far, we have had a cool, dry winter with essentially no rain yet, so we can stretch out our watering intervals and water during warmer periods preferably earlier in the day to allow orchids to dry before nightfall. Several orchids such as cattleyas and cymbidiums are beginning to bloom or are in sheath. Australian dendrobiums will follow. During this time of year, we need to be on the lookout for pests such as snails, slugs and scale. These are the easiest pests to identify visually or by their telltale signs. A great time to locate snails and slugs is in the early morning or evening, when they come out. Manual eradication is the very effective by squashing them as you find time. Many good snail bait products are also available at all the Garden Centers or online. However successful control is dependent on multiple applications and following the instructions. It is best to apply chemicals after (not before) a rain or watering. Water dilutes the effectiveness of most snail baits. Sluggo and 'That's It' are two of the best products on the market, although the latter one is a bit hard to find.

We hope our members and friends stay healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. As always, Alex is available to listen to your suggestions, questions and concerns. Please call or text Alex at 858-205-6789 or by e-mail at anadzan@mac.com. Happy growing and we look forward to seeing you in January.

Alex Nadzan, President



William and Shelley Wong Receive 2024 Members of the Year Award

At our December Holiday Dinner, William and Shelley Wong received the 2024 Members of the Year Award from President Alex Nadzan on behalf of the POS Board. Bill has served as Co-President of our society for several years working hand in hand with Alex on a number of POS priorities including the monthly newsletter, coordinating with the Dove Library management on meeting scheduling and set up, active coordination and participation in several society fundraisers and activities including previous caravans and several Holiday Dinners. Shelley has worked closely with Bill on several of these POS activities and is always willing to assist our society any way she can. Moreover, Bill and Shelley have provided personal financial support for our society especially during the difficult pandemic period.

In addition to the Members of the Year award, Bill and Shelley received a lifetime membership in our society. Although Bill recently retired from the Co-president position, he will continue to provide valuable input on the Board as 1st Year Trustee. Bill and Shelley's award is very well-deserved and we look forward to their continued contributions to our society in future years.



Bill and Shelley Wong receiving Members of the Year Award from Alex Nadzan.

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.

Some Photos From Our POS December 4th Holiday Dinner

Photos by Debra Funakoshi and Ken Campbell



2025 POS Board Members in Attendance at Dinner



Gil Ho & Tina Lee Wolsborn



Stewart & Kathie (front table); Daniel, Phyllis & Anna (2nd table) plus several other attendees



Melinda, Iso, Ken, Anita & Jerry



Barbara McCubbins, Amy Guinto & Mary Ellen Chanco



Maryanne Kind & Mary Lou & Mike Phipps



Slate of Officers for 2025 POS Board

The following individuals were unanimously approved for the 2025 Board by attending members at our Annual Meeting on November 6 and were inducted at our Holiday Dinner on December 4th.

2025 POS 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 and **Assistant**
- **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

We want to encourage some of our members to step up and volunteer for additional positions **highlighted 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.

Co-President: To work with Alex and the board to run the society by organizing and/or overseeing society activities (sales, caravans, holiday party, etc.), contribute to the Presidents Message, and help make financial and related decisions for the society. This position is especially important as 2025 will be the last year for Alex as President of the society.

Treasurer Assistant: Vidya Sirsi has been our treasurer for several years and could use assistance by someone when she is out of town and who might eventually take over the responsibility in future years.

Trustees: Trish Kaufman has filled the open position but other members also can volunteer as some of the current board members have served for some time now and would step down if new members were interested. Trustees 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.

Newsletter 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 these responsibilities.

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

Upcoming Events

January 4, 2025

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

January 7, 2025

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

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

January 8, 2025

POS General Meeting
Gowland Meeting Room
Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

January 20, 2025

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

January 25-26, 2025

SDCOS Winter Show & Sale,
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

February 1, 2025

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February 4, 2025

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February 5, 2025

POS General Meeting
Gowland Meeting Room
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February 7-9, 2025

Newport Harbor OS
Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival
Westminster Mall
Westminster, CA
nhosinfo.org

February 21 2025

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

March 1, 2025

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March 7-9, 2025

Santa Barbara Intl. Orchid Show
Earl Warren Show Grounds
Santa Barbara, CA
sborchidshow.com



Orchids
January 25-26
Saturday Noon – 5 p.m.
Early bird sales start at 10 a.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Balboa Park's
Casa del Prado, Room 101
Near the Natural History Museum
Free Admission
Show and Sale
in the Park
sdorchids.com
Palomar Orchid Society



77th Santa Barbara
INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW
EXOTIC GARDENS
March 7th-9th, 2025
9AM-5PM
EARL WARREN SHOWGROUNDS
sborchidshow.com