



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

A Monthly Publication-

Attending Our Meetings 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

POS fundraiser at the SD Botanic Garden on May 25-27. As of the July 3rd meeting, meeting time will be from 4-7pm through years' end. Pages 2-3

Judging Report

Recent AOS judging results will be published in the July newsletter.

Calendar of Events

SVO and Ecuagenera Open Houses, Orchid Digest Speakers Day and OSSC Auction in June. Pages 6 and 10



Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, June 5th, 2024 • 6:30 pm



June Speaker: Tim Culbertson 'Laelia purpurata, Varieties and Hybrids'

We are delighted to welcome back Tim Culbertson who will speak on *Laelia purpurata*, the Queen of the Cattleyas. Tim will be showcasing the history and incredible diversity of forms of this species and discuss some of the more interesting hybrids.

Although large, these spectacular cattleyas grow well outside in Southern California, and with their myriad colors and a relatively unique blooming time, these are great plants for every collection, extending the blooming times in the Cattleya Alliance through July. With more and more *Laelia purpurata* clones and seedlings coming in from Brazil, and large grexes being bred in the United States, these stately, magnificent plants have seen a resurgence in popularity of late, and with good reason! By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of the range of color forms of *Laelia purpurata* and its hybrids, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth. Tim will be providing a plant table of outdoor growing cattleyas, including plants of *Laelia purpurata* and its hybrids.

Tim teaches middle school kids for a living. One of his other passions has always been plants. Tim began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphiopedlums, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of

which his collection numbers nearly 3000. While Tim loves finding old, rare stepping stones in Paph breeding, he also does a little hybridizing of his own, and growing up of his own babies is a blast.

Tim is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and has served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. Tim loves meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds him traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. Tim likes to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, he has worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, Tim really likes plants.

President's Message

June 2024

Hello to all POS Members and Friends,

Just when we anticipated warmer weather, we are getting a dose of June gloom. We are not getting as much sunlight as we like for our orchid collections, and this may delay the opening of orchid blooms. On the other hand, it is a good time to repot many of our cymbidiums that have finished blooming.

In May, Carlos Lopez of Sunset Valley Orchids provided an excellent talk on 'The Hidden Life of Catasetinae'. We received several compliments on his presentation, and it was informative and introduced many of our members to this genera.

Our June speaker is Tim Culbertson who will speak on *Laelia purpurata*. Tim gave this talk to POS in June 2017 and most of our current members did not belong to POS back then and others have probably forgotten most of what we learned. It is a perfect time for this topic as many of our purpuratas are in sheath and getting ready to bloom. More on Tim's background is included in this Newsletter.

The San Diego Botanic Garden is hosting its annual World of Orchids Show from May 4th through May 27th. We are into week four of the show and it is getting favorable press coverage from the local television networks. POS and SDCOS members support this show by providing blooming orchids for the display throughout the show. The show could not exist without the two societies and the Botanic Garden is appreciative of our support. The Garden hosted an evening reception for those who loaned plants for the display and all participants received a complimentary annual membership.

As a reminder, POS is having a fundraising sale on the weekend of May 25, 26 and 27. It is one of two fundraisers POS has and is critical for supporting our activities. If you have not already signed up, Alex is sending a reminder to everyone to help. We do not have enough volunteers and plant donations!!! That reminder went out prior to the publication of this Newsletter.

Here is an update on our meetings beginning July 2024 and for the remainder of 2024. We have had to officially change our meeting time to 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. It will still be held in the Gowland Room at the Dove Library.

Truthfully, we have not received any significant concerns about the change. Most of the people we have spoken with do not have a conflict or problem with the change. It will require some changes in our schedule, such as rearranging the meeting itinerary to have the show & tell earlier and the speaker later in the program, planning a later dinner or late lunch, etc. One benefit is that the drive home after the meeting will be in daylight most of the year, and many of us prefer not to drive at night. We may modify our refreshments to include more hardy snacks and fewer cookies, etc.

In addition, no one has suggested or identified an alternative site that meets our criteria (price, location, facilities). So, it is safe to say all the remaining meetings this year will be at the Dove Library. At the end of the year, we will review the results and take appropriate action. Thanks to all of you for your cooperation and understanding and continued support of our meetings.

With all the various activities taking place, we have not planned a second orchid visit/ caravan to a grower and/or member's orchid collection. Possibly we can resume our efforts for a second event later this year. Any member who wants to take the lead in this effort, should contact Bill and Alex. We always welcome additional participation.

We hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. As always, Bill and Alex are available to listen to your suggestions, questions and concerns. Please call Bill at 760-931-0502 or Alex at 858-205-6789 or e-mail them at billtcwong@att.net or anadzan@mac.com.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!!!!

At the April and May meetings we announced that **effective July 1**, the Carlsbad Library changed its operating hours and will no longer allow meetings after 7 PM. Therefore, POS needs to change its meeting hours or change locations. **June 2024 will be our last meeting at the Dove Library from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Beginning **July 3rd**, our meeting time will change to 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the same Gowland Room that we currently meet in. This change will be for the remainder of 2024 until modified.

We made this change to guarantee that we had a meeting location. This may be a temporary change, or it may be a permanent change. The POS Board is open to exploring other venues that meet our budget and other criteria. This includes a facility that costs less than \$40 per hour, is safe, has ample parking and centrally located to our core membership and capable of being reserved 11 or 12 months a year. We need a facility that we can rent on Wednesdays, since POS shares speakers with SDCOS several times a year. Ideally, we seek a facility that provides set up and take down of the chairs and tables, and audio-visual equipment. The POS Board will carefully review all viable options.

We asked members to submit suggestions (and to vet them beforehand) to Bill directly. We recognize that the new meeting time may prevent some of our working members from attending meetings so we are exploring agenda changes that will move the speaker's presentation to the latter portion of the meeting, perhaps 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. We recognize that this is not a perfect situation, but we will have to work with this change until a better solution is found. We thank all our members for their understanding and cooperation during this transition.

We hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. As always, Bill and Alex are available to listen to your suggestions, questions and concerns. Please call Bill at 760-931-0502 or Alex at 858-205-6789 or e-mail them at billtcwong@att.net or anadzan@mac.com.

We look forward to seeing you on June 5th.



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!



L. purpurata anelata



L. purpurata v. carnea 'Lady Godiva'



*L. purpurata coerulea atropurpurata
'Yasmola'*



L. purpurata v. flamea x sib



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Sign up NOW and JOIN us!

Orchid Digest Speakers Day 2024!

This will be a hybrid meeting.

Saturday, June 8
 Huntington Gardens, San Marino CA
 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM
 Vendor Sales start at 10AM

"Orchid Frontiers"

Scheduled Speakers

Carol Klonowski: "Vandas, A New Look"

David Haelterman: "Orchids of Colombia"

Marc Hachadourian: "Speakers Choice"

Scott McGregor: "Growing Mediterranean Climate Orchids"

Come join the fun!

Members: \$99
 Non-members: \$125

Includes Dinner, Auction, Vendor Sales

Virtual: \$40
 Guest Dinner: \$55

orchiddigest.org/events



ORCHID AUCTION

Saturday
 June 15, 2024
 Doors Open 12 PM
 Auction 1- 4 PM

Meeting Hall
 First Christian Church
 221 South 6th Street
 Burbank, CA



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Details at
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World of Orchids Show and POS Fundraiser at the San Diego Botanic Garden

The World of Orchids Show will be held between May 4 and May 27 at the San Diego Botanic Garden.

The World of Orchid Show at the San Diego Botanic Garden continues through Memorial Day, May 27th. If you have not had an opportunity to attend the show, please consider visiting before the show ends since the members of SDCOS and POS have displayed a large number of beautiful orchids during the nearly four weeks of the event that has been very well-received by the general San Diego community.

During the last weekend of the show POS will be conducting our first fundraiser from Saturday, May 25 through Memorial Day, May 27th. We will be selling orchids donated by members and from local nurseries.. Additionally, other vendors will be selling from 9-5 during that weekend. Please refer to the [SDBG website](#) for more details on vendors, classes and general admission.

Admission to World of Orchids is included with the Garden entrance fee or Garden membership. 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.

Below are some picture from the first three weeks of the show.





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Alex Nadzan & Suzi Sandore — Co-1st Vice President/Programs
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General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month 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.

Laelia purpurata Lip Colors: Comparison



Upcoming Events

June 1, 2024
SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vanden
4davidv@gmail.com

SVO Open House
9-5 pm, Vista, CA
sunsetvalley-orchids.com/

June 4 2024
AOS Orchid Judging
Casa del Prado,
Balboa Park
aos.org

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

June 5, 2024
POS General Meeting
Gowland Meeting Room
Dove Library,
Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

June 6-9, 2024
Ecuagenera Open House
9-6 pm,
Bonsal, CA
ecuagenera-ca.com

June 8, 2024
Orchid Digest Speakers Day, On Site & Streaming,
Huntington Gardens, San Marino, CA
orchiddigest.org/events

June 15, 2024
Orchid Auction,
1-4pm
OSSC
Burbank, CA
orchidssc.org

June 21, 2024
Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

July 2, 2024
AOS Orchid Judging
Casa del Prado,
Balboa Park
aos.org

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July 3, 2024
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Gowland Meeting Room
Dove Library,
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July 6, 2024
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July 19-21, 2024
Summer Hummer Cal-Orchid
Santa Barbara, CA
calorchid.com

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Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
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L. purpurata v. *werkhauserii*
'Violet Color'



L. Pacavia 'SBOE'
(*L. tenebrosa* x *L. purpurata*)



Lc. Canhamiana
(*C. mossiae* x *L. purpurata*)