



# 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](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

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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.*

### **President's Message**

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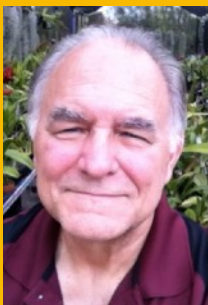
### **Calendar of Events**

*Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. March 7-9th and Andy's Open House, March 21-23.*

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## **Orchid Culture - Repotting and Dividing Your Orchids**



Alex Nadzan

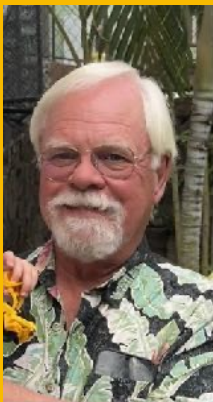
Our first culture meeting of the year will review the basics of repotting and dividing orchids and feature demonstrations on repotting of easy to grow orchids in our climate. This is a very timely session as most orchids are beginning to put out new roots and pseudobulbs which is an ideal time to repot and divide your orchids. Two of our experienced growers, Alex Nadzan and Ed Danielewicz, will conduct the session. Alex Nadzan, POS President, will briefly review repotting basics including reasons and timing for repotting, then demonstrate how to repot and divide a few of his cattleya orchids.

Ed Danielewicz is a newer member of our society who has been growing orchids for many years (more detail on Ed's background below). Ed will repot and divide one of his oncidiums and a cymbidium. During the demonstration, both speakers will address any repotting questions you may have so bring them to the meeting.

This should be a very educational session for our new members as well as for our more experienced growers who want to get started on our upcoming orchid growing season. The session also will provide an incentive for members to produce divisions of your orchids for our upcoming POS sale over the Memorial Day weekend of May 24-26 at the San Diego Botanic Garden's World of Orchids Show (running from May 4-June 1) in Encinitas. The plant table this month will be provided by a local orchid grower.

Ed Danielewicz has been a member of the San Diego Orchid Society since the early 1980's and has been growing orchids outside in Carlsbad for over 40 years. He has a PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois in Champaign Urbana, Illinois. Ed retired from his career as a laser physicist in 2015 but has been a consultant on deep ultraviolet lasers (DUV) and optics in his own company since then. For the past 25 years he has been involved with developing the DUV lasers used for manufacturing computer chips in the semiconductor industry.

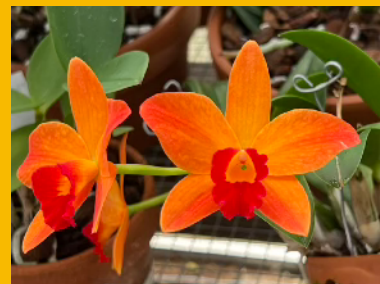
Ed's interest in orchids was stimulated by John Walters of Rex Foster Orchids who sold him his first orchid and stimulated him with his infectious enthusiasm. In addition to orchids, Ed grows bromeliads, heliconia, palms, cycads, euphorbias, cacti, ginger and many other plants in his garden in La Costa. He joined the Palomar Orchid Society only recently after meeting Alex Nadzan, a fellow U.of I. graduate, at the World of Orchids Show at the San Diego Botanic Garden.



Ed Danielewicz



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Lc. Culminant 'La Tulerie'  
AM/AOS

C. Exotic Beaufort

## President's Message

March 2025

Hello to all POS members and Friends,

Well, we finally got some much needed rain in mid-February but we are still well below our normal rainfall for southern California. Hopefully, there will be more showers toward the end of February and early March. We are beginning to see signs of activity in blooming of Aussie dendrobiums and cymbidiums along with winter/early spring blooming cattleyas. Now is the time to prepare for the upcoming spring growing season by stocking up on materials such as bark, pots, and fertilizers but make sure you also have a supply of appropriate pesticides and fungicides as well.

March also brings one of the biggest orchid shows to our area, the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show running from March 7th to 9th. If you haven't attended this show, it is well worth the trip. In addition to the show having a number of excellent orchid vendors (see ad pg. 6), several of the Santa Barbara area nurseries will be open including Cal Orchid and the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate just to name two.

In line with the beginning of the growing season, our March meeting will feature a culture session devoted to repotting and dividing your orchids. Two of our experienced growers, Alex Nadzan and Ed Danielewicz, will review the basics of when to repot and divide your orchids and repot some cattleyas, oncidiums, and cymbidiums. See the speaker Info on page 1 for more details.

Last month Fred Clarke gave an excellent talk on 'Cynoches, Mormodes and Catasetums – Recent Trends' He discussed in detail on how to grow these very interesting orchids and highlighted several of the wonderful species and hybrids of these fascinating, deciduous orchids that he has produced. Fred is always a very entertaining and informative speaker and an expert on this class of orchids. We are very lucky to have him as a life member and very generous supporter of our society.

SDCOS will be hosting their Spring Orchids in the Park Show in Balboa Park over Easter Weekend on April 18-20 so please plan to attend and support our sister society and our local vendors that will be selling orchids and orchid supplies at the show. There will be no society displays due to limited space but we encourage our members to enter their individual plants to display for ribbon judging or AOS judging, if they so desire. Please refer to the [SDCOS](#) website for information on the show and the submission of plants for display. In addition to the commercial vendor sales, several society members will be selling their own plants at the show as well as the orchid conservation group.

Please plan to renew your POS Membership early or join if you have not already done so. These fees are minimal but are important and help cover the speaker fees, opportunity tables, meeting room costs and other operating expenses. Mail renewals to POS, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013 or renew at our March meeting or at [palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org).

Please refer to the [POS](#) or [AOS](#) websites for orchid culture tips for this time of the year. It is also important to plan and purchase your supplies before repotting, fertilizing, etc. When repotting be sure to have on hand a variety of pot sizes, because you can't always predict if you will be dividing or upsizing the plant. Also have available various sizes of orchid bark including small, medium and large. There are a number of sources of supplies, whether a local store or on-line retailer such as Amazon.com. Alex will be providing an updated handout on Orchid Repotting Basics at the March meeting and it also will be available for downloading from our website that lists on-line and local sources of orchid supplies under the pulldown for Meetings and [Speaker Handouts](#). As always, we hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. Alex is available to listen to your suggestions, questions, and concerns. Please call him at 858-205-6789 or e-mail him at [anadzan@mac.com](mailto:anadzan@mac.com).

## 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 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 more 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.

**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!



Slc. Lucky Chance





*Laelia anceps* ('Gurrero'  
x 'Helen')



*Den. Willette Klausner*  
'Super Nova'



*Cym. Valley Olympic* 'Pink  
Perfection' AM/AOS

## Upcoming Events

**March 1, 2025**

SDCOS Species Meeting  
David Vandebroek  
[4davidv@gmail.com](mailto:4davidv@gmail.com)

**March 4, 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)

**March 5, 2025**

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

**March 7-9, 2025**

Santa Barbara Intl. Orchid Show  
Earl Warren Show Grounds  
Santa Barbara, CA  
[sborchidshow.com](http://sborchidshow.com)

**March 18, 2025**

Orchid Odyssey  
San Diego Zoo  
[sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org)

**March 21-23, 2025**

Andy's Spring Open House  
Encinitas, CA  
[andysorchids.com](http://andysorchids.com)

**April 1, 2025**

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**April 2, 2025**

POS General Meeting  
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**April 5, 2025**

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**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**

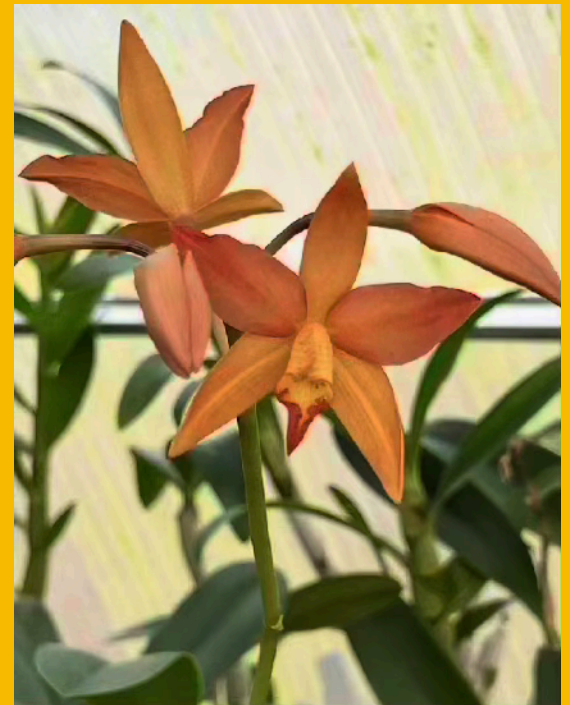
POS General Meeting  
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Dove Library, Carlsbad  
[palomarorchid.org](http://palomarorchid.org)

**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)



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Gold Country



C. Orchidglade x Slc. Circle of Life



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# SAVE THE DATE

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# World of Orchids 2025

## MAY 4 - JUNE 1



300 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024 | (760) 436-3036 | www.sdbg.org



## SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW

MARCH 7-9, 2025  
EARL WARREN SHOWGROUNDS

SUNSET VALLEY ORCHIDS | CAL ORCHID  
ORCHIDS LIMITED | ECUAGENERA | SEED ENGEI | PAPH PARADISE  
AMBRIZ KINGDOM OF PLANTS | ZUMA ORCHIDS | ORCHID EROS  
SORELLA ORCHIDS | LEE AND COMPANY ORCHIDS | DIVINE ORCHIDS  
EMERALD CITY ORCHIDS | JOSEPH WU ORCHIDS | WILSON ORCHIDS  
MUKOYAMA ORCHIDS | FANG HUA GARDEN | ORCHID DESIGN  
ORCHID SOCIETY OF SANTA BARBARA | FLORALIA | BEAUTI FLORIST  
OREGON TROPICAL NURSERY | LIVE ART PLANTSCAPES | AROOT  
TEN SHIN GARDENS | MUNDIFLORA FARM | KANJARIN GREENS  
NEW EARTH ORCHIDS | ORCHIDS OF LOS OSOS | TROPICAL EXOTIQUE

WESTERLAY ORCHIDS | GALLUP & STRIBLING  
SANTA BARBARA ORCHID ESTATE  
KAZ KATAJIMA | JIM SLONIKER | BILL ROBSON  
ORCHIDS ROYALE | LUSH ELEMENTS | DANIEL GEIGER  
CONEJO ORCHID SOCIETY  
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY  
FIVE CITIES ORCHID SOCIETY  
VIETNAMESE ORCHID SOCIETY  
VENTURA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY  
FRANK'S ORCHID EMPIRE

ORCHID CONSERVATION ALLIANCE | ORCHIDS-IN-BLOOM  
WING STUDIO | OASIS GROWER SOLUTIONS  
WILDFLOWER SEED & TOOL | MASTER GARDENERS

## 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
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