



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

The meeting time is 4-7pm at the Dove Library. The Silent Auction Table has been eliminated to save space.

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Judging Report

Five orchids were awarded on Oct. 1st

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Calendar of Events:

Holiday parties and Andy's Open House in December.

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, November 6th, 2024 • 4 pm



November Speaker:

Cindy Hill on My Top Ten Favorite Orchids and How to Grow Them.

We are delighted to welcome for the first time to our society Cindy Hill who will speak on 'My Top Ten Favorite Orchids and How to Grow Them'. Cindy is very experienced, well-respected orchid hobbyist and AOS judge who has

won several Best of Show and AOS awards for her beautifully grown orchids.

Cindy's lifelong love of nature and wildlife led her to major in Biology in college. She's been growing orchids for pleasure for almost 50 years, beginning on her kitchen windowsill in St. Louis. She moved to San Diego in 1982 and began growing plants outdoors on her small patio, then in a 7x7 ft lean-to greenhouse. Discovering microclimates – variations in temperature, light and moisture - even in her small yard, she gradually extended her collection.

After moving to the San Francisco Bay Area in 2005, her collection grew to over 700 plants in an intermediate greenhouse in Berkeley, then Daly City. Favorite genera include Dendrobium, Coelogyne,

Holcoglossum, and Laelia. Her plants earned Best of Show three times at the Pacific Orchid Exposition in San Francisco, and have received the highest cultural and quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

Cindy served as Acting Editor of Orchid Digest magazine and was an accredited judge with the AOS for many years.

She has traveled to observe orchids in the wild in Madagascar, Borneo, the Philippines, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Thailand, Guatemala, Ecuador, and Peru. These experiences continue to help her develop an understanding of what an orchid's natural habitat looks, sounds, smells and feels like, which she can apply to her own cultivation methods.

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Cindy parted with most of her extensive collection before returning to her home in Solana Beach in 2019. These days she grows various *Cochlioda*, *Dendrobium* and *Coelogyne* species on her patio.



Cleisocentron gokusingii



Coelogyne kaliana



Coelogyne usitana



Dendrobium bensoniae



Dendrobium hekouense.

President's Message

November 2024

Hello to all POS Members and Friends,

We wish all of you a Happy Halloween, Happy Thanksgiving and a Joyous Holiday Season!! The final two months of the year are always a busy time with holiday events and family gatherings. We hope all of you remain safe and healthy and hope to see you in November and December!!

In October, Mitch Schneider gave a very nice presentation entitled, "Wonderland: Inter-generic Zygopetalums". This is the first time Mitch has spoken to POS and our members enjoyed his presentation.

For November, we are also in for a special "Treat". We welcome Cindy Hill (another first-time speaker to POS) who will talk about "My Top Ten Favorite Orchids and How to Grow Them". Cindy is a highly respected orchid hobbyist, an AOS judge, and has won several Best of Show Awards and the highest cultural and quality awards. More on Cindy's background is included on page 1 of the Newsletter. Cindy is such a special speaker that Alex kids that Bill twisted her arm to speak to us!!!

The November Plant table will include orchids primarily from SVO and remaining orchids from our recent sale.

November is our final regular meeting in 2024 and our Annual Meeting where we will elect officers for 2025 as stipulated by the bylaws. Members in attendance will vote for our slate of officers for the board and related responsibilities (refer to list on page 5).

In December we will have our annual Holiday Dinner on December 4th. It will begin at 4 p.m. in the Dove Library, Gowland Room. We will be having catered Chinese Food from Chin's Gourmet (La Costa). Our members all enjoyed last year's dinner and suggested we do it again. We appreciate any desserts that member wish to contribute. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Dinner is \$30 per person and includes a blooming orchid. We will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting. Be sure to sign up early. If you cannot attend the November meeting but wish to attend, you can fill out the form on page 9 and send in or contact Bill at billtcwong@att.net by no later than November 29th.

Alex and Suzi are already planning next year's slate of programs. In January we are hosting an AOS Outreach Program organized by Phyllis Prestia. This should be a great opportunity to learn from AOS judging experts. More on this program will be covered in our January Newsletter.

As noted in prior Newsletters, we plan to continue our POS Meetings at the Dove Library for all of 2025. This location has served us well and no other venue has been identified that satisfies our criteria.

In 2024 we were only able to plan one Open House tour. It was a special Open House at SVO and Fred Clark gave our members an outstanding overview of his business. It was equivalent or better than having a speaker talk about orchid culture. As it turns out, this may have been the last public event at SVO unless the zoning restrictions are lifted.

We need for a member to volunteer to plan a Caravan or Open House for 2025. Without volunteers stepping up, these events will not happen. We need members to volunteer to host these events at their homes especially those with beautiful orchid collections.

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As we approach the winter months with shorter and cooler days, be sure to modify your orchid care procedures. Our plants require less frequent watering, and more attention to snail and slugs. Be sure to consult the AOS and POS websites for cultural tips during the winter months.

We hope that our programs and speakers are relevant to your interests. Every month we ask for input or suggestions, and we rarely get any input. So, we assume you are happy with the direction of POS.

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 billtwong@att.net or anadzan@mac.com.

We look forward to seeing you on November 6th at 4 p.m.

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!



Schoenorchis buddleiflora



Miltoniopsis phalaenopsis

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2025 POS Board

November is our Annual Meeting and we will be electing officers for 2025 as stipulated by the bylaws.

The following individuals will be proposed for approval by attending members at the November Annual Meeting. We also are looking to fill open positions and ask that interested individuals contact Alex or Bill if they want to be considered for any of these positions including trustees. If there are more than 3 trustees interested in serving, we will conduct a vote to determine the positions. Several of the trustees have been involved for more than two years and would be willing to step aside for new members who are interested. We will vote on the board at the November meeting.

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 still 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 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.

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 could eventually take over the responsibility in future years.

Trustees: Trish Kaufman has volunteered to fill 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.

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.

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month **4:00-7:00PM**, 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.

Andy's Orchids

10am-4pm

December

13-15

Winter Open House 2024

Upcoming Events

November 2, 2024
SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

November 5, 2024
AOS Orchid Judging
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

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

November 6, 2024
POS General Meeting
Gowland Meeting Room
Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

November 15, 2024
Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

December 3, 2024
AOS Orchid Judging
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

SDCOS Holiday Party
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
sdorchids.com

December 4, 2024
POS Holiday Party
Gowland Meeting Room
Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

December 7, 2024
SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

December 13-15, 2024
Andy's Open House
Encinitas, CA
andysorchids.com

December 20, 2024
Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org



Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), October 1, 2024

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia. There were five orchids awarded.



Miltonia moreliana 'Delia' FCC/AOS
Exhibited by Kay Klausing
Awarded FCC, 92 points



Ctsm. U.R. Diana's Dots x Dentigri-anum 'Golden Yellow' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
Awarded AM, 80 points



Paph. helenae 'O'side's Citrine'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson
Awarded AM, 80 points



Paph. javanicum 'O'side's Giant'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson
Awarded AM, 83 points

Miltonia Earl Dunn 'Autumn Bouquet' CCM/AOS
Exhibited by Alex Nadzan
Awarded CCM, 81 points



PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY
Annual Holiday Dinner and Officer Installation

GOWLAND ROOM, DOVE LIBRARY, CARLSBAD

Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 4:00 PM

\$30 Per Person includes dinner, soft drinks/water and an orchid plant.

Please mail this completed form by November 29th to Bill Wong, 7098 Heron Circle, Carlsbad, CA 92011 with your check for \$30 per person made payable to the Palomar Orchid Society. If you have any questions, please contact Bill at (760) 931-0502 or email at billtcwong@att.net.

No.	Name	E mail	Phone	Vegetarian (Y/N)	Will Bring Dessert (Y/N)
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