

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 Our Meetings on** Zoom

provide Zoom links pm found in the Newsletter email.

# **A Monthly Publication September 2024**

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, September 4th, 2024 • 4 pm



# Peter T. Lin - Mini-Catts: **Delightful Cattleyas in** Miniature

We are pleased to welcome back one of our favorite speakers Peter T. Lin, who will be presenting a talk on one of his favorite topics: Mini-Catts, also known as miniature Cattleyas. Peter will be sharing a fast-

paced, Powerpoint presentation on these charming orchids. The journey will begin with a review of the miniature species, early hybrids, and then to some of the relevant hybrids of today. He will also review how to grow these wonderful plants.

Peter started growing orchids over 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 14 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also

has thousands of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet: <a href="http://www.flickr.com/pho-">http://www.flickr.com/pho-</a> tos/minicatt/collections/

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in three small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights. (cont. on bottom of page 3)

PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY

President's Message

## September 2024

Hello to all POS Members and Friends,

We hope all of you are having a nice summer and staying healthy and strong. Our members have stayed healthy despite the resurgence of Covid in certain areas.

Our attendance levels at our meetings have been consistent even during the summer vacation period. That demonstrates a strong membership base and solid programs. Thanks to all our Board Members for their help in planning programs and activities. We can tell by the energy level and interaction at the meetings that our members and visitors are enjoying the programs.

In August we held our first meeting with a speaker program at the new 4 p.m. starting time. Approximately 45 people attended, and the room was near full capacity. We will continue to monitor attendance as we evaluate how the new time slot is impacting attendance. So far, so good. We may be missing a few of the younger, working members, but that is unavoidable at this time. The agenda has the speaker starting at 5 p.m. so that late arrivals will not miss the talk. We also will resume streaming the speaker talks on zoom so call in at least 15 minutes before the talk.

Dr. Gil Ho, past President of POS, gave an informative presentation on 'Stanhopeas Around the World'. It was a comprehensive discussion on this species of orchids that many of our members were not familiar with. We appreciate the extensive research that went into Gil's updated presentation.

This month we welcome back Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids. Peter will talk about "Mini-Catts: Delightful Cattleyas in Miniature". More on Peter's background on page 1 of this newsletter.

An important event is our September 7 POS fundraiser at the Dove Library. The sale will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. but we need volunteers from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For those of you who have signed up, please confirm with Bill at the meeting that you will be there. Be sure to invite your friends to the sale and help the sale by providing divisions of your plants. Plants should be in good health with name tags and photos of blooming plants to help buyers see what they are getting. Contact Alex or Bill to arrange for delivery or pick up of plants. This is only one of two fundraisers for POS and is critical to help us cover operating expenses.

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. (cont. on next page)

A couple of members recently inquired about sources of good quality orchid bark. That has become an issue for many of us as the selection at local nurseries has been limited or depleted. The best thing to do is talk with fellow members in your area and see where they purchase bark. Some sources are further away, such as Yamada Company in Gardena, so consider buying larger quantities and carpooling to these sources. Sunset Valley Orchids is no longer open to visitors, but you can contact the nursery for what options are available.

As summer ends be sure to look at the POS or AOS websites for Culture Care during the fall and winter months. Even though San Diego has moderate temperatures throughout the year, we need to make watering adjustments and need to pay more attention to snails and slugs and bacterial or fungal diseases in our collection.

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 email them at:

billtcwong@att.net or anadzan@mac.com. We look forward to seeing you 9/4 at 4PM.



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Sl. Minipet



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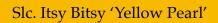
## (**Peter T. Lin** cont. from page 1)

Peter will be providing the plants for this month's opportunity table. There will be a nice selection of orchids, so be sure to buy your tickets! Peter will be taking pre-orders for plants that he will bring to the meeting. There will be a 10% discount for pre-orders. Members can view his catalog on his website: <a href="www.diamondorchids.com">www.diamondorchids.com</a> and can order by phone: 909-573-6751 or email: <a href="lin.peterT@vahoo.com">lin.peterT@vahoo.com</a>.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting for a stimulating and educational orchid talk.

ALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY







Pot. Chocoberry Fondue



Acopea Celie Myers

## POS Orchid Sale on September 7, 2024

We are rapidly approaching our second POS Fundraiser on Saturday, September 7th in the Gowland Room at the Carlsbad Dove Library (our regular meeting room) from 10 am to 2 pm, with set up at 9-10 am and tear down from 2-3 pm. Our sale will raise additional funds to cover our operating expenses for speakers, opportunity tables and other operating costs. We will be selling orchids from local growers, Cal-Orchid, Hawaiian growers, and from member donations. Attendees will be able to purchase blooming and non-blooming orchids at good prices for their collections. Please plan to participate in this sale and spread the word to your friends and relatives. We hope to see everyone there.

There will be another sign up at our September 4th meeting so, if you haven't already done so, please volunteer to assist in the promotion, setup, conduction and take down as well as donation of plants for the sale. It is a great opportunity to donate those extra divisions you have been keeping over the summer in order to clear your benches for new additions. Contact Bill or Alex to volunteer and donate plants for the sale. If you have only a few plants to donate, you may bring them to the September meeting, however, if you have several plants to donate, contact Bill or Alex to arrange for delivery of plants before the meeting. We ask that you donate plants that are cleaned up and in good condition with pictures for non-blooming plants, if possible. We will not have time clean up or repot plants. Also please save your boxes for the sale as we will need them on the 7th.

Thanks in advance for your assistance. Member involvement in our society's fundraiser is essential to the success of our sale and the future for our society.



Pcv. Grove Morning 'A'



C. Landate 4N



Brassia signata

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!



Blc. San Diego Hot Spots 'Frosty'



Vanda Mandela Eda Thomkson 'FKN' HCC/AOS

### 2024 POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President

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### 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. Traveling West on S-78, take the San Marcos right on El Camino Real and turn right again Palomar Airport Rd.. Turn left on El Camino on Dove Lane.

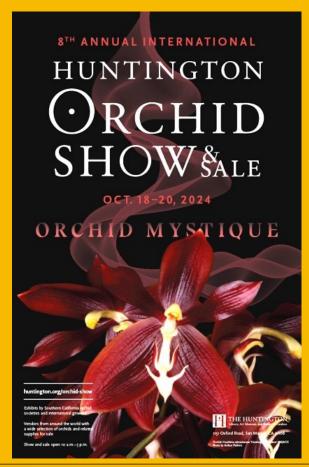
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exit and travel east to El Camino Real. Turn Blvd. exit and travel west, continuing on Real and then turn right on Dove Lane.

If traveling North on I-5, take the La Costa The Dove library will be on your left and there is a large, well-lit parking lot. The Gowland Turn left on Dove Lane (first traffic light after Meeting Room is located on the right hand side of the main entrance.

# ANDY'S ORCHIDS FALL OPEN HOUSE





# **Upcoming Events**

**September 3, 2024**AOS Orchid Judging
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

aos.org

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

September 4, 2024

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

September 7, 2024

POS Orchid Sale, 10 am-2 pm Gowland Meeting Room Dove Library, Carlsbad palomarorchid.org

September 7, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting David Vanden 4davidv@gmail.com

September 7-8, 2024

South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale Palo Verdes Art Center Rancho Palos Verdes, CA southbayorchidsociety.com

September 13-15, 2024

Andy's Orchids Fall Open House Encinitas, CA andysorchids.com

September 20-22, 2024

Fascination of Orchids Intl.
Festival of Orchids &
Exotic Plants,
Santa Ana Zoo
Santa Ana, CA
fascinationoforchids.com

September 20, 2024

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

October 1, 2024

AOS Orchid Judging Casa del Prado, Balboa Park aos.org **October 1, 2024** 

SDCOS General Meeting Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

sdorchids.com

October 2, 2024

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

October 5, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting David Vanden 4davidv@gmail.com

October 18-20, 2024

8th Intl. Huntington Orchid Show and Sale Huntington Library, San Marino, CA huntington.org/orchid-show

October 18, 2024

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org

October 26-27, 2024

SDCOS Orchids in the Park Show and Sale Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

sdorchids.com

November 2, 2024

SDCOS Species Meeting David Vanden 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 22, 2024

Orchid Odyssey San Diego Zoo sandiegozoo.org



C. longipes 'Soft Touch'

AM/AOS



Sc. Beaufort

# Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), August 6, 2024

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.



C. Elegans 'Leviathan' AM/AOS Exhibited by Jose Carlos Lopez Awarded AM, 83 points



Paph. parishii 'O'sides Sparklers' AM/AOS Exhibited by Tim Culbertson Awarded AM, 84 points