



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.

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Attending Our Meetings on Zoom

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

President's Message

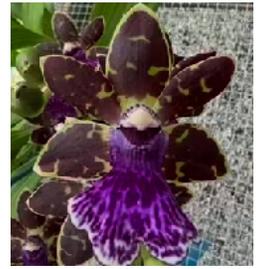
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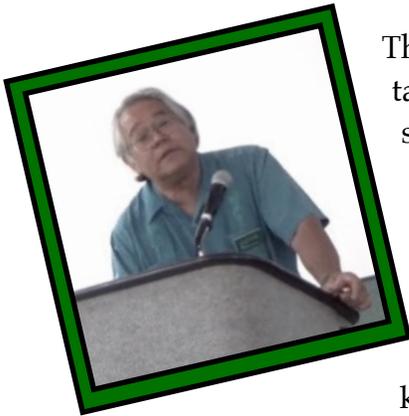
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Nico Goossens: "Phalaenopsis: The Overlooked Epiphytic Orchid"



This month we are happy to welcome back Nico Goossens, who will share his talk on "Phalaenopsis: The Overlooked Epiphytic Orchid". Nico will demonstrate a technique he created by mounting Phalaenopsis on plaques, allowing them to develop aerial roots and avoid the setbacks they can go through on a typical mount. He sells these mounts and mounted Phalaenopsis at local shows.

Nico's first experience with orchids was an abandoned quarantined box of a shipment from Guatemala in 1976. His father, who was a custom house broker, came home and dropped them in his lap after a customer refused to accept the orchids that had been fumigated and warehoused for several months by customs due to improper documentation. He knew nothing about orchids and spent several weeks reading orchid books from the library and managed to keep these plants alive for around 6 years. That was enough to ignite his interest in orchids and, for the first two decades, he grew his orchids indoors and in shade structures in the backyard.

Nico started working in construction in 1982 and learned how to properly build houses, patios, and decks. This eventually led him to design and understand greenhouse structures and materials including plumbing, heating, and electrical.

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In 1993, Nico started to grow his orchids in a greenhouse with Lisa Humphreys. The first one was a gifted 6' x 8' hobby structure which was too small and overheated too fast. In 1995, he built a 16' x 48' greenhouse in Encinitas and they grew their orchid business, Lico Orchids, which sold orchids and did orchid shows for 25 years.

Nico now has his own 8' x 16' greenhouse in Escondido and continues to work as a handyman and builds shade structures, greenhouses, ponds, and waterfalls for others. He has built so many shade structures and greenhouses in his lifetime that he's lost track of how many.

Nico enjoys growing all kinds of orchid genera and especially species. He is also interested in the conservation of Southern California's local native orchids and leads hikes to see our native wild orchids. In addition, he enjoys speaking and sharing his experiences and knowledge with orchid societies and at orchid shows.

This month's opportunity table will be provided by Nico Goossens and Lisa Humphreys.



President's message:

This is a summary of last months questionnaire.:

There were twenty seven respondents. Several questions had multiple possible answers therefore the totals will not equal twenty seven. The survey showed a great democratization of our orchid hobby. Relatively few had classical greenhouses (6). Lath houses/ shade houses were used frequently (12) as were porches and patios (12). "At home" responses included (6) for window sill culture and (2) for under lights. "Outside" was a frequent comment.

A goodly majority of our membership resides in Carlsbad and Oceanside. However there are members from each town in San Diego county. None live close to the ocean.

Which type of orchids do our members currently grow- broken down as follows:

- (1) Cattleya alliance -hybrids and species 11
 - (2) Debdrobiums - 9
 - (3) Phalaenopsis - 8
 - (4) Cymbidiums 6
 - (5) Paphiopedilums 4
 - (6) Epidendrums, Lycaste, Neofinetta, Sobrallia, Vanda, Zygopetulum, 1-3
- Most members grow several types of orchids.

What type of orchids do you want to see on the plant opportunity table? A majority of respondents requested "all types." Several requested "species" and two wanted a greater emphasis on orchids that bloom more than once per year. What is a cymbidium honcho?

One member requested a return to a later meeting time to enable students and working members to attend. One respondent asked us to light up the face of the speaker.

The Take-Away message? Numerically I would not attribute a statistical significance to the results. However the Questionnaire would indicate an overall high level of satisfaction with the orchids currently available on the monthly opportunity table. Those orchids which tolerate outside conditions- lath and shade houses, seem most popular.

REMINDER: June, July, & August Meeting Location Change: Due to a conflict in scheduling, we will have to relocate to the Senior Center (799 Pine Ave, Carlsbad, CA 92008) adjacent to our current Pine Avenue Community Center location. There is ample parking and the meeting room is slightly smaller but will work for the 3 months listed, then back to the Community Center for the September through November meetings.

I hope our membership weathers our current challenging outside growing conditions. Please text me (760-419-3388) or Alex Nadzan, Ph.D. (858-205-6789) with any specific concerns or suggestions. Good health to all. -Barry Reder, DDS

Monthly Meetings: The Palomar Orchid Society generally meets from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month in the Activity Room #108 of the [Pine Avenue Community Center](#) located at [3209 Harding Street, Carlsbad, CA 92008](#).

San Diego Botanic Garden's 'Orchids in the Wild Show' 2026

The San Diego Botanic Garden's Show is shaping up to be another successful event. The former event name 'World of Orchids' has been replaced with the new theme 'Orchids in the Wild' and considerable progress has been made in staffing up for the event by the new Director of Horticulture at SDBG, Juan Solomon.

Juan and members of his team will attend the April POS and SDCOS meetings to give an update on the orchid show and the benefits and logistics of participation. Ian Xavier and his company Grand Artique will be leading the production & design of the show in collaboration with the Garden's team. Grand Artique has worked previously with the Garden on Lightscape installation. The SDBG's landing page for the show is up with an updated schedule of dates and events: <https://sdbg.org/orchids/>

Our initial submission of society member's orchids will be provided to the garden staff on April 28 or 29 with the show running from May 2nd to June 1st. Hannah Smith will be coordinating orchid drop offs and pickups with orchid society members and will be our primary contact. She will likely attend the two April society meetings. Cassidy White, who will be coordinating plant sales on the weekends, will attend the SDCOS society meeting in Balboa Park on April 7th to meet society members and vendors.

Luis Palacios, who has worked with us on orchid care for the past 3 years, will be in charge of caring for our orchids throughout the run of the show. Similar to last year, plant registration forms will be due on Sundays with drop offs and pickups on Tuesdays. There will be vendor sales on weekends with the Palomar Orchid Society having its first fundraising event on Memorial Day weekend of May 23-25th.

As in previous years, society members who loan their orchids for the show will receive a complimentary one-year membership to the garden. Alex Nadzan will serve as the liaison for POS and SDCOS and will work closely with the Orchids in the Wild staff to make this another successful year for SDBG, our two orchid societies and the general public. Please mark your calendars for these dates as more details will be forthcoming at our regular society meetings in April and in our Newsletters. Any questions should be directed to Alex at anadzan@mac.com or by text or phone at 858-205-6789.



Lc. Cariad's
Mini Quinee
'Angel Kiss'
HCC/AOS



Blc. Tzeng Wen Free 'Flower Butterfly'
AM/AOS



Unlabeled Lycaste

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!
Thank you!



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ORCHIDS of the EARTH
San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale
Balboa Park • April 18-19
Latest Event Details at sdorchids.com

Officers of the 2026 POS

The following individuals were unanimously approved for the 2026 Board by members attending our Annual Meeting on November 5th. The new board was inducted at the Holiday Dinner on December 3.

2026 POS Officers:

- Co-Presidents: Alex Nadzan and Barry Reder
- 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 Ed Staley
- 1st Year Trustees: Ed Danielewicz, Linda Ivor, and Barbara McCubbin
- 2nd Year Trustees: Judy Dyer, Steve Redmond, and Bill Wong
- Publicity: **Open Position**
- Newsletter Editor: Barry Reder
- Webmaster: Helge Weissig and **Assistant**
- Facebook Editor: Debra Funakoshi

We encourage 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.

Publicity: Seeking someone to promote our society and announce upcoming events to the public by providing information to established newspapers and publications on our monthly POS programs and our annual fundraising sales.

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 Barry if you would like to volunteer for any of these positions.



Upcoming Events

April 1, 2026

POS General Meeting
New Location
Pine Avenue Community Center
3209 Harding Street
Carlsbad, 92008
palomarorchid.org

April 4, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
4davidv@gmail.com

April 7, 2026

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

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

April 18-19 2026

SDCOS Spring Show & Sale
Casa de Prado, Balboa Park,
sdorchids.com

April 17, 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

April 23-26, 2026

36th So. Cal. Spring Garden Show
Costa Mesa, CA
southcoastplaza.com

April 28-29, 2026

Set Up for World of Orchids Show
San Diego Botanic Garden
Encinitas, CA

May 1-June 1, 2026

World of Orchids Show
San Diego Botanic Garden
Encinitas, CA
sdbg.org

May 2, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
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May 5, 2026

AOS Orchid Judging
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SDCOS General Meeting
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May 6, 2026

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New Location
Pine Avenue Community Center
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May 15 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

May 23-25, 2026

POS Fundraiser at the
World of Orchids Show
San Diego Botanic Garden
Encinitas, CA
sdbg.org

June 2, 2026

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

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

June 3, 2026

POS General Meeting
New Location
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June 6, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandebroek
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June 19, 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

AOS Judging at the San Diego Judging Center March 2026

Six plants were awarded

All award photographs taken by Jeanie Anderson



Paphiopedilum Larry Cox 'SVO Gold'

FCC/AOS 93 pts.

Shown by Fred Clarke



Paphiopedilum Fanaticum

'O'sides Hidden Gem'

FCC/AOS 91 points

Shown by Tim Culbertson



AOS Judging at the San Diego Judging Center March 2026



Paphiopedilum 'Fumi's Favorite'
AM/ AOS 85 pts.
Shown by Fred Clarke



Paphiopedilum appletonianum
'O'side Ace' AM/ AOS 86 pts.
Shown by Tim Culbertson



Paphiopedilum malipoense
'SVO Raspberries' FCC/ AOS 92 pts
Shown by Fred Clarke



Paphiopedilum Delightful Moon
'O'side's Glowing' FCC/ AOS 91 pts
Shown by Tim Culbertson

