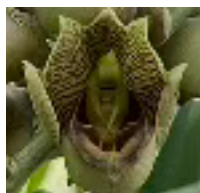




POS News

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.



No General Meeting

We will not hold a General Meeting this month. Come to our Holiday Party. Page 2

POS Officer Election

*In November, we elected the society's officers for 2026
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President's Message

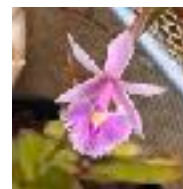
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*Palomar Orchid Society
Holiday Dinner
December 3rd, 5:30-9pm*

*China Gourmet
214 N. El Camino Real
Encinitas, CA 92024*

*Rlc. Chia Lin
'Golden Super'
FCC/OSROC*

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Alex and the Board wish all of our members and friends Happy Holidays and a Joyous and Safe New Year. It's hard to believe that this year is almost over. Where did the all the time go? Looking back on the year, our society has been very successful thanks to all the members who stepped up to volunteer for our activities as well as the many members and vendors who donated plants for our fundraising events. We couldn't have done it without you.

Several of our society members actively participated in The World of Orchids Show at the SD Botanic Garden, our volunteers conducted two very successful fundraisers, netting over \$9k for our society activities, meeting attendees gained valuable orchid experience from several excellent talks on a diverse number of topics from speakers, both local and out of the area, and our society added several new members to our roster. Moreover, we were able to secure a suitable facility in Carlsbad to continue to hold our meetings at the same day and time after having to move from the Dove Library. The new facility at the Pine Avenue Community Center, Activity Room 108, located at 3209 Harding Street, Carlsbad, 92008 should give us more breathing room for our meetings and educational activities in 2026 plus being able to share speakers with SDCOS.

At our November Annual meeting, members in attendance unanimously approved the new board for next year (see section below on page 4). The 2026 board will be inducted at our Holiday Dinner on Wednesday, December 3 at China Gourmet. Should members want to sign up at the last minute, please contact Bill Wong directly (818-636-8709) no later than **Nov. 25**. In

Remember, we will not have a formal meeting in December as we will be having our annual Holiday Dinner on December 3rd. If you haven't signed up yet, please contact Bill Wong directly **no later than November 25th**. We will enjoy a Chinese meal at the New China Gourmet Restaurant located at 214 N. El Camino Real, Ste B, Encinitas 92024. All attendees will receive a nice orchid in bud or bloom from Hawaii!

addition to having an excellent meal and spending time to socialize with fellow members, attendees will receive a blooming orchid from one of our Hawaiian growers to enjoy over the holiday season.

In November, we also enjoyed an excellent talk from Carol Beule who shared her travel experiences on Japanese art and culture plus a detailed review of the native orchid of Japan, *Neofinetia* (*Vanda*) *falcata* and its hybrids. This class of orchids is compact, very easy to grow and should be a good addition to our member's collections, especially since it can be grown either inside or outside all year long in the San Diego area.

Suzi Sandore, our VP of Programs, has secured speakers for most of the first half of 2026 with our January 7th meeting being kicked off with a talk by Brandon Tam, the orchid curator at the Huntington Gardens. Brandon is one of the youngest and upcoming orchid experts who will share his talk on 'The Wild Orchids of Ecuador' in his search for orchids in that diverse country. Brandon will be a shared speaker with our sister society, SDCOS, and will speak in Balboa Park on January 6th on 'Growing Stanhopea orchids' discussing cultural tips for successful growing Stanhopeas and why they're worth growing. Brandon is an excellent speaker and has a vast knowledge of orchids. His talks are well worth attending either in person or on Zoom.

As all of you are aware, there was a major change in our weather in mid-November with much needed and significant rainfall accompanied by much cooler weather. Please adjust your watering patterns and be on the lookout for emergence of fungal and bacterial diseases as a result the cold and wet weather. You can refer to our own [website](#) for seasonal tips on caring for your collections as well as the [AOS website](#) for additional inputs on seasonal orchid care for your plants. One other excellent source of information on essentially all aspects of orchid growing and care can be found on the [St. Augustine Orchid Society website](#). Sue Bottom, who is an excellent orchid grower and writer for the AOS Orchids Magazine, has numerous articles on a variety of topics of interest to orchid growers available on the website. It is one of Alex's 'Go To' sources for excellent orchid information.

Finally, Alex is always available to listen to your questions, comments and suggestions. He can be reached by phone or text at 858-205-6789 or by email at anadzan@mac.com.

We hope to see you on December 3 at our Holiday Dinner.

Upcoming Events

December 2, 2025

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

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

December 3, 2025

POS Holiday Dinner
China Gourmet
Encinitas, CA
palomarorchid.org

December 6, 2025

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandenbroek
4davidv@gmail.com

December 12-14, 2025

Andy's Orchids
Winter Open House, 10am-4pm
Encinitas, CA
andysorchids.com

December 19, 2025

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

January 3, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandenbroek
4davidv@gmail.com

January 6, 2026

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

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

January 7, 2026

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

January 16, 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

February 3, 2026

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

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

February 4, 2026

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

February 7, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandenbroek
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February 20, 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

March 3, 2026

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

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

March 4, 2026

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

March 7, 2026

SDCOS Species Meeting
David Vandenbroek
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March 20-22, 2026

Santa Barbara Intl. Orchid Show & Sale
Santa Barbara, CA
sdorchids.com

March 20, 2026

Orchid Odyssey
San Diego Zoo

General Meeting Information:

New Location for 2006:

Same Time as before: 4:00 pm

Pine Avenue Community Center

Activity Room 108

3209 Harding Street, Carlsbad, 92008

Slate of Officers for 2026 POS Board

The following individuals were unanimously approved for the 2026 Board by members attending our Annual Meeting on November 5th. The new board will be 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 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.

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.



Slc. Irene's Circle 'B.R.O.'



Sophronitis coccia 4N 'B.R.O.'

Judging at the San Diego Judging Center November 4 2025

Six plants were awarded

All award photographs taken by Jeanie Anderson



Catasetum AA Orquideas 'Dark Lips & Freckles'

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

FCC/AOS 91 points



Catamodes Double Dragon 'SVO Black Gold'

Exhibited by Fred Clarke

FCC/AOS 91 points



Catasetum Diana's Dots 'By Far the Best'
Exhibited by Fred Clarke
FCC/AOS 91 points



Masdevallia John Tomaschke 'Sherry'
Exhibited by Tim Culbertson
AM/AOS 80 points



Paphiopedilum gratixianum 'Azores'

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson

AM/AOS 85 points



Paphiopedilum villosum 'O'sides Sunlight'

Exhibited by Tim Culbertson

AM/AOS 88 points

AOS Judging at the San Diego Judging Center San Diego Orchid Show
October 25, 2025 All award photographs taken by Jeanie Anderson



Phal. Lianher Lucky Cat

Exhibited by Pam Peters

HCC/AOS 77points



Phragmipedium x richteri

Exhibited by Debby Halliday

HCC/AOS 79 points



Dendrobium vexillarius microblepharum

Exhibited by Dave Rimlinger

CCE/AOS 92 points



Andy's Orchids
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10AM - 4PM

December 12- 14
Winter Open House 2025