



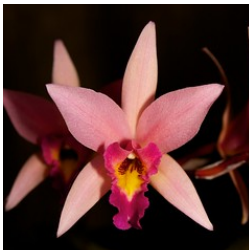
POS News

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 the January Meeting via Zoom

For those unable to attend in person, we will provide a Zoom link

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Judging Reports

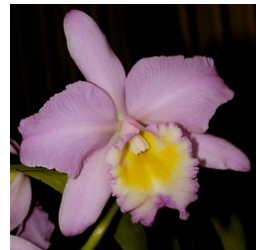
The monthly judging session started up again in September and two plants were awarded at the December event.

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Calendar of Events

Several of the regular shows are planned again for early 2022. Check our calendar for details.

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Monthly Meeting • Wednesday, January 5, 2022 • 6:30 pm



New Guinea where she experienced orchids growing in situ and learned about the culture of the natives and fauna in the area. Her presentation will be broadcast by Zoom for members who are unable to attend the meeting in person. The zoom link will be provided in the email accompanying the January newsletter.

Betty has been an orchid hobbyist in Southern California since the early 80's. She has grown orchids in Long Beach and Huntington Beach and, since 2003, has been growing orchids in the Point Loma



Diplocaulobium regale in situ

Betty Kelepecz

The Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea: Orchids, Culture and Birds of Paradise

We welcome back Betty P. Kelepecz who will speak to us about her trip to Papua



Den. cuthbertsonii in situ

area of San Diego. Among her 1000 + orchids which grow outside in a small greenhouse and a shade structure in San Diego, Betty grows a large selection of species orchids. Betty enjoys the challenge of replicating the oft-challenging environments required by species orchids and particularly enjoys the challenge of growing pleurothallids. She has received more than 60 AOS awards including the 2010 AOS Carlyle A. Luer Pleurothallid Award for her *Masdevallia ignea* 'Windflower'

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Season's Greetings to all POS Members and Friends,

We hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and wish all of you a very Happy and Safe New Year. The past two years has been a long grind for all of us and it appears 2022 will still have some uncertainties with the new COVID variants. The good news is that things have improved significantly. With caution, we were able to resume in person POS meetings, able to travel, see family and friends, dine out and participate in many of our normal activities. Orchid growers held open houses and some of the orchid shows resumed.

All things being considered, POS had a great 2021. Besides our Zoom and in person meetings, we had a successful fundraiser and found a new affordable meeting location. None of our members contracted serious COVID complications and many felt comfortable returning to our meetings. In fact, many of our old, new and returning members enthusiastically participated in our meetings and 25 members and friends attended our annual Holiday Dinner at the Dove Library. It was a private, simple dinner, but everyone enjoyed the occasion, the food, and took home a blooming orchid plant. The attendance was lower than usual, but we hope that by December 2022 we will make even more significant progress fending off COVID.

Our January speaker will be Betty Kelepecz of the San Diego County Orchid Society. She is a knowledgeable and excellent orchid hobbyist and has submitted award winning orchids at orchid shows and has received several AOS awards. More info on her background is included in the speaker section of this newsletter. We are planning our slate of speakers for 2022 so if you have a suggestion, please let Alex know. Since we have many new, inexperienced members, we are planning a Culture Class early in the year that will cover orchid care, repotting, pests and diseases, etc. This is one of our most popu-

lar topics for both new and experienced members.

As it now stands, we will be required to wear masks for our POS meetings as mandated by the State/City. All our 2021 meetings had a mask requirement imposed by the City of Carlsbad, but for most of us that was not a major issue.

POS has been invited to provide an orchid display in the SDCOS Spring Show that will be held again at the Scottish Rites facility between March 18-20. We had stated in a previous newsletter that the location for the event was being moved but it turns out that the Scottish Rites facility will still be holding events for the foreseeable future. We have given a tentative yes to the display, but we need for members to participate in the design and planning. Some of our previous committee members are no longer able to participate so if you are interested, please let Alex or Bill know. If we do not get enough interest, we will forego our display this year.

As we approach 2022, 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 table, meeting room expenses and other operating expenses. Mail renewals to POS, P.O. Box 130774, Carlsbad CA 92013 or [renew online](#).

Winter is a great and rewarding time for growing orchids. Besides the occasional rainfall (which reduces the frequency for watering), cymbidiums and cattleyas are in sheath, spike or in bloom. The hard work put in all year long is finally paying dividends. One friendly tip is to exercise caution when staking. Proper staking is important and caution is necessary since it's easy to break the spike if not careful.

On a sad note, we mention the passing of Ken Campbell's wife Sandyi in late November after a very long battle with cancer. Our sincere condolences go out to Ken

Snacks & Refreshments

This month, all members with last names beginning **A through M** 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!

and his family on behalf of all members of our society.

We hope our members and friends remain healthy, upbeat and optimistic about the future. Bill and Alex are available to listen to your suggestions, questions and concerns. Please call Bill at 760-931-0502 or Alex at 760-529-5814 or e-mail them at president@palomarorchid.org.

Alex Nadzan and Bill Wong
Co-Presidents, POS



Betty Kelepecz cont.

AM/AOS. She has also established a small but, quite functional orchid flasking lab in her home where she has been hobby flasking and growing predominantly species orchids since 2008. Betty loves to travel and, in an effort to better her orchid growing skills, Betty has traveled to observe orchids growing in the wild in several countries including Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Austria, Costa Rica and Papua New Guinea. Betty is a life member of the San Diego County Orchid Society (SDCOS). She has been the Vice-Chair of the SDCOS Conservation Committee for many years and a member of the Orchid Conservation Alliance since its inception. In 2017, Betty joined the American Orchid Society (AOS) judg-

ing program and is currently an associate judge and the Treasurer of the Pacific South Judging Center.

This month's plant table will be provided by plant donations from Sunset Valley Orchids.

SDCOS Spring Show and Request for Volunteers for POS Display

Our society has been invited to participate by entering an orchid display as we have done in previous years.

SDCOS has announced that their upcoming Spring Show 'Orchid Magic' will be held at the Scottish Rites Events Center between March 18-20, 2022 rather than over Easter weekend at the location mentioned at our previ-

ous meetings. The Scottish Rites Events Center has had a change in plans and is now available and accepting booking for the 2022 and, possibly, for 2023.

We have tentatively indicated that we will participate as long as we have enough members to volunteer for the event. We have had a lot of fun coming up with creative ideas for our past displays that have won several awards so we would like to invite our members to volunteer to plan for our 2022 display. If you would like to volunteer in the planning, set up/take down or providing blooming plants, please contact Bill Wong or Alex Nadzan to participate. We also will circulate a sign-up sheet at the January and February meetings.

December '21 Judging Report

There were 6 orchids presented for judging. Two were awarded.



Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'
Exhibited by Anita and Jerry Spencer
Awarded CCE, 94 points



Unnamed hybrid (Pot. Circle of Angels
x C. Mem. Trudi Marsh) 'Arnie'
Exhibited by Arnold Gum
Awarded AM, 81 points

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia

Judging Sessions

The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. Locally, the sessions are held in Balboa Park, Casa del Prado in room 104 on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm.

Due to COVID-19 protocols, all exhibitors and judges must wear a mask and follow a specific health protocol. For the time being, no visitors are allowed. For any questions, or if a member of the POS wishes to have flowering plants judged at one of these sessions but is unable to take the plants to the judging facility, please contact Phyllis Prestia at orchldy1@mac.com

General Meeting Information

The Palomar Orchid Society regularly meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month 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.

Orchids

July 29-30

Saturday Noon - 5 p.m.
Early bird sales start at 10 a.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Balboa Park's
Casa del Prado, Room 101
Near the Natural History Museum

Free Admission



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in the Park

Show and Sale

Orchid Magic



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Show and Sale • March 2022

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Orchid Show & Sale

March 19 - 20

10 am - 4 pm



PALOS VERDES ART CENTER

5504 Crestridge Road
Rancho Palos Verdes CA 90275

Admission: \$5 Adults
Children under 12: Free

Free Parking

See award winning orchids

Buy direct from commercial growers

For complete show information and map:

www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html



2022 POS Officers

Alex Nadzan & Bill Wong — Co-President
Alex Nadzan & Tom Wisniewski — Co-1st Vice President/Programs
Jerry Spahn — 2nd Vice President/Raffle
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Upcoming Events

January 4, 2022
 AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

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

January 5, 2022
 POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

January 21, 2022
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

January 29, 2022
 AOS 2nd Orchid Culture Day
 Online Webinar
register.gotowebinar.com

January 29 & 30, 2022
 Winter Show
 "Orchids in the Park"
 Balboa Park, San Diego
sdorchids.com

February 1, 2022
 AOS Orchid Judging
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
aos.org

SDCOS General Meeting
 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
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February 2, 2022
 POS General Meeting
 Gowland Meeting Room
 Dove Library, Carlsbad
palomarorchid.org

February 5, 2022
 SDCOS Species Meeting
 David Vanden

4davidv@gmail.com

February 18, 2022
 Orchid Odyssey
 San Diego Zoo
sandiegozoo.org

March 1, 2022
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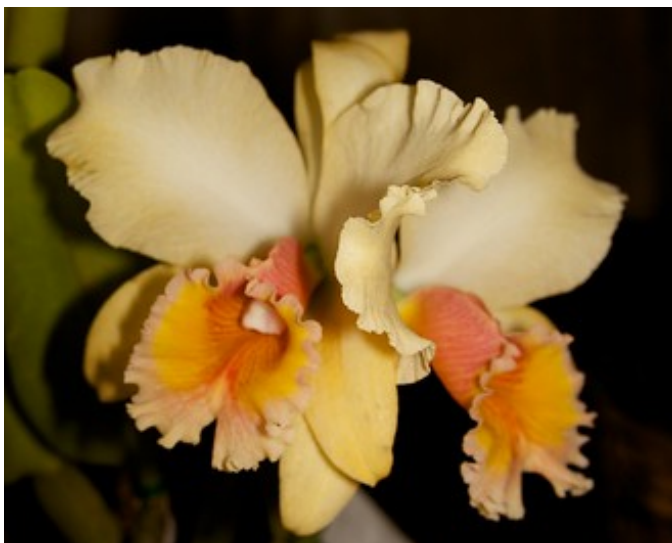
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 SDCOS's International Spring
 Show and Sale
 Scottish Rite Center, San
 Diego
sdorchids.com

March 19 & 20, 2022
 Orchid Show & Sale
 South Bay Orchid Society
 Palos Verdes Art Center
southbayorchidsociety.com



Our Sister Society's Meetings

The San Diego County Orchid Society meets First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in Room 101 in the Casa del Prado of Balboa Park in San Diego Meetings are still being held online for now
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