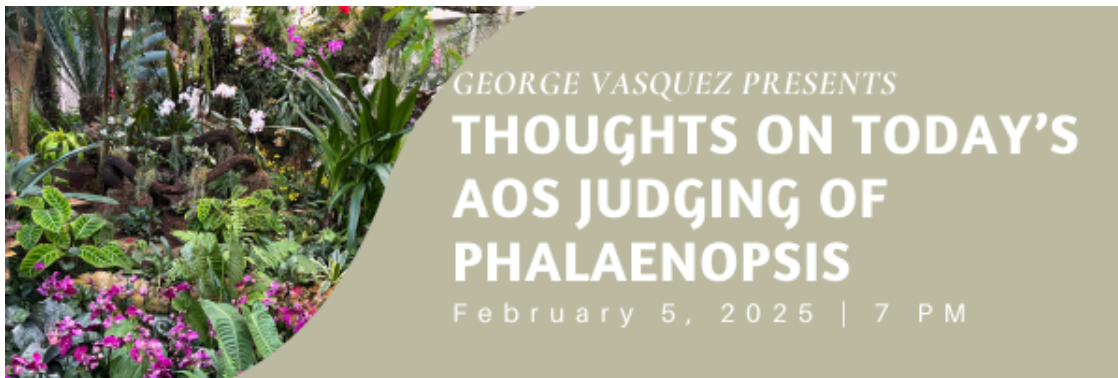


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ALAMO ORCHID SOCIETY OF SAN ANTONIO

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February meeting and more!

February is a big month! We have our meeting with a guest speaker and San Antonio Botanical Gardens is starting their big orchid celebration and exhibition. The theme this year is Orchids: Color burst.

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 is our next meeting!

We have a guest speaker, George Vasquez, presenting on "thoughts on today's AOS judging of Phalaenopsis". We hope all our members will join us for a fun and engaging evening, doors open at 6:30 p.m. As always, we love it when our members bring a beverage or snack to share.

George Vasquez

He is the owner of Zuma Orchids in Malibu, CA. He is an internationally accredited judge, voted honorary Judge Emeritus by the AOS board of trustees in 2017, has served on many AOS committees, and is a life member of the AOS. He is involved in every aspect of cloning, hybridizing, and has over 600 Phalaenopsis AOS awards!

Award.

Orchids: Colorburst

SABOT is extending their orchid celebration to TWO months this year and is kicking off on Friday January 31st with an exhibit preview from 5-6:30 pm followed by a lecture from Nisa Karimi of Missouri Botanical Gardens from 6:30-7:30 pm. It is a free event but they do require registration. Visit SABOT.org to learn more.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are so many opportunities to volunteer! If you are interested in signing up to man our table during a weekend shift at SABOT you can send us an email at alamoorchidsociety.org with your availability. Shifts are either 10 am - 2 pm or 2 pm - 6 pm on Saturdays and Sundays in February.

A friendly reminder to pay annual dues

As we start the year, we want to remind everyone that annual membership dues of \$35 are due now. You can pay by cash, check, or credit card. Your continued support helps us keep the society thriving and allows us to organize wonderful events throughout the year.

Mark your calendar: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 | 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N New Braunfels Ave, San Antonio, TX 78209

Email alamoorchidsociety@gmail.com with questions. We look forward to seeing you!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2025!

Our January Holiday Event was a BLAST! Everyone had a great time catching up, sharing a meal, and the best part was getting to swap orchids! The plant swap is something we should definitely keep in our holiday get-together.

Hope everyone is surviving San Antonio's cold winter weather and your orchids are staying cozy. I look forward to joining the San Antonio Botanical Garden in their annual celebration of orchids. I have enjoyed the past two years month-long

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tables set up to provide information and education on orchids, sharing our own beautiful orchids, and advertising the Alamo Orchid Society's love of orchids. I appreciate all the volunteers planning on coming out to man the tables throughout the two months. We have a huge opportunity to spread the word on membership in AOS and help grow our society. My very own membership is due to the 2023 San Antonio Botanical Garden's program on orchids.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as President.

~ Kathleen Cummings, President

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