

Cherry City Orchid Society Monthly Meeting Summary December 2011 backwards thru March of 2009!

December 14, 2011 - Christmas Potluck meeting which included a free orchid to each member with a paid up membership for 2012.

November 9, 2011 - Scott Seaton, vice president/ general manager of Greenhouse Specialists, Inc. was our speaker. Among other orchid and greenhouse supplies, Scott distributes one of the "hottest" new medias for orchids - called orchiatia. Here is a link to read about it - [orchiatia](#).

October 12, 2011 - Kevin Wescott, an expert in orchid growing basics, took us on a journey through time as he shared some of what he's learned about growing orchids while "rubbing shoulders" with a number of very well known orchid growers.

September 14, 2011 - Special "round table" discussion among our members to discuss orchid related issues with initial conversation centered around discussing our group's participation at the Oregon State Fair. A special welcome to a good sized group of new members.

August 10, 2011 - Our annual summer potluck at Laurie Nielsen's home, including a FREE PLANT from Exotic Orchids of Maui!

July - NO MEETING

But..... we had a FIELD TRIP to Eugene to visit some of our orchid growing friends! Stops included Briggs Hill Orchids, Kevin Wescott (where we had a potluck lunch together), and then we finished up at Dick & Nadine Gindhart's. A great time was had by all!

June 8, 2011 - Theresa Hill of Hillsvie Gardens gave an encore presentation on miltoniopsis. After slowing down for a spell in her breeding program in this genus earlier, she is again moving ahead with many fabulous new hybrids in colors and patterns that many of us didn't know was even possible! You can learn more about Hillsvie Gardens from their website at www.hillsviegardens.com.

May 11, 2011 - Challenge plant month. We shared and challenge plants from previous years with emphasis on last year's two plants. We started a new challenge for 2011-2012 - two phragmipedium hybrids - [Phrag. Demetria](#) (a primary hybrid) and [Phrag China Dragon](#) 4N. [For pic of compotes click here!](#)

April 13, 2011 - Our own Jim Snyder shared from his vast knowledge of growing many genera of orchids - especially cattleyas, paphs, brassias, & oncidium intergenerics. Central to Jim's presentation were the finer points of repotting different genera (including a demonstration of repotting/reworking several plants).

March 9, 2011 - Tom Etheridge, one of our NW judges and owner of Rollyridge Nursery, has setup a great display of Odonts, Miltonias, Masdevallias, & other cool growing orchids in many of our annual shows over the years. Tonight's primary presentation topic was focused AOS judging.

February 9, 2011 - We had a joint viewing of a new orchid documentary produced by Rich Walton labeled "The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief, and the Black Orchid". Noted on the back cover - "This documentary takes a behind the scenes look into the world of collecting, judging, hunting, conservation, and smuggling. It is the story of people's passion, obsession, and the

orchids they desire." For additional information including purchase visit <http://www.blackorchidmovie.com/>

January 12, 2011 - Patricia Harding gave a presentation on her recent trips to Brazil to see orchid habitats, did a quick presentation on AOS judging, and then introduced in more detail a simple 1-10 scoring scheme, which is growing in popularity in Brazil.

December 8, 2010 - annual Christmas potluck, free plant for each paid up member, OrchidWiz auction, and show & tell - sharing some of our plants (always!)

November 10, 2010 - DVD presentation on orchids from an orchid society in northern California. This provided a good springboard to discussion and renewed interest in having members of CCOS move forward in putting together a DVD presentation on growing orchids for our area.

October 13, 2010 - Ron & Phyllis Wolf took us on an interesting tour of their orchid growing area(s) - an innovative do it yourself-made greenhouse attached to their home. They have learned a lot in the process of setting up their growing areas and it was an opportunity for us to ask them questions as we considered many of the ways they have taken orchid growing "to the next level".

September 8, 2010 - Michael Sielaff, owner of Rainbow Bay Orchids, brought a varied group of orchids from his collection and shared a wealth of knowledge with us about what it takes to grow orchids in each of our various situations. In many cases there is no one way to do it - we are all on a quest to find what works for our specific cultural and environmental conditions.

August 11, 2010 - Summer Potluck

July - NO MEETING

June 9, 2010 - Walter Orchard talked to us about Disas. His talk covered the main Disa species of interest, all of which grow in a winter rainfall area close to Cape Town, South Africa, in close association with water. He discussed the main hybridization lines and described how to grow these colorful orchids. See the June newsletter for additional information.

May 12, 2010 - planned meeting topic of hardy orchids ended up with schedule conflicts with speakers. Make-up topic from February - watched a DVD put together by the Orchid Wrangler -

covered basic orchid care for the five most popular genera. Short presentation noting this year's challenge plants are also being grown on an online forum and members challenged to share their plants and review information here - [Orchid Geeks](#).

April 14, 2010 - We dispersed our challenge plants for this year - aerangis biloba and phalaenopsis Intermedia. Tom Vallente also brought a number of divisions of a calanthe for a half dozen members to try their hand at growing, with the stipulation that they share what they learn in the process of growing them.

It was interesting to compare plants from last year's challenge - oncidium type intergenerics (note specific plants in the 2009 schedule below). Phyllis Wolf did an excellent job with last year's challenge plant and shared her secret - growing in a peat based media.

March 27 - Special Field Trip out to Hillsvie Gardens to visit with Theresa Hill. We must do this again next year - EXCELLENT visit and SUPER plants!

March 10, 2010 - Jim Rassmann was our speaker, an expert on the genus draculas and pleurothallids in general, his presentation was on his most recent (November) trip to Colombia.

This included judging the Cali show, a trip to Popoyan to see the Andean Condors, and a walk (with military guard) on the road from Cali to the Choco on the west coast. This is the first time the road has been open for nearly ten years. Additionally the talk will cover two days spent at El Rugio, a 25 acre homestead in the mountains above Cali. Were we all ready to head to Columbia or what?!

February 10, 2010 - reviewed pictures from this years Tacoma Orchid Show & Sale last January. At our meeting we had lots of plants available to members in the form of a silent auction, raffle plants, and plants for sale by members.

January 13, 2010 - Marcia Romick will be our featured speaker and her talk will be on Miltonia and Miltoniopsis species and their hybrids. Marcia says that they do well in our area and are easy to grow in either the house or greenhouse, so come and learn all about them and bring a little cash to take home a plant or two and find out how much you learned!

December 9, 2009 - our annual Christmas potluck. During this meeting we traditionally have one free orchid available for each CCOS member and this year we auctioned off a copy of OrchidWiz as well.

November 11, 2009 - Theresa Hill from Hillsvie Gardens was our guest speaker. She is a partner in Hillsvie Gardens, growers of Miltoniopsis, Masdevallias and Complex Paphiopedilums. They have been breeding orchids since 1985. Since that time, they have

received over 100 AOS awards which include two FCC/AOS, a Gold Certificate Display, five Awards of Quality and a Bronze award from the 16th World Orchid Conference. Theresa spoke on the development of the breeding program at Hillsvew Gardens with the emphasis on Complex Paphiodilums.

October 14, 2009 - Mike Ayres, CCOS VP, briefly discussed several online orchid resources and then discussed online forums and various orchid growing projects which he has been a part of through Orchidgeeks.com. Genera included catasetums, phalaenopsis, dendrobiums, paphiopedilums, and masdevallias.

September 9, 2009 - Round table discussion led by two members of the CCOS board discussing a few select items from their orchid growing experiences - Becky Thompson and Tom Valente.

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June 27, 2009 - Special Field Trip

1) Hana Farms (Sean McMillan) - 1600 SW Borland Rd. West Linn, Oregon 503-638-0985 (see web site link above)

2) Blue Barn Orchids (Hal & Zan) - 29550 NE David Lane Newberg, Oregon 97132 503-537-5395 [Link to website](#)

3) Clackamas Orchids (Dave Morris) - 7920 S Zimmerman Rd Canby, Oregon 97013 503-651-3438 [Link to website](#)

June 10, 2009 - Sean McMillan of Hana Farms gave a presentation of hardy orchids, with emphasis on many of the plants he grows at his business in West Linn. Dick & Nadine Gerhardt

shared some pictures they took when a small group of CCOS members visited Bill Duke's south

Salem garden - where they initially went to view a healthy stand of blooming *Cypripedium parviflorum*.

May 13, 2009 - Patricia Harding's program "What Makes a Good Cattleya?" Many photographs and associated discussion comparing South American and American judged features in large species cattleyas.

April 8, 2009 - CCOS members are given the opportunity to share in a group growing project involving eight different types of intergeneric orchid plugs (young plants) from The Orchid Works in Hawaii. Brief potting demonstration and discussion on how to take care of these plants as both young starts and as they mature.

Plants available were:

Blira. Pluto's Drummer 'Pacific Clown', Degarmoara Hani 'Star of Unicorn' AM/AOS,
Odontonia
Papageno 'Me Armour', Blira Patricia McCully 'Pacific Matriarch', (Milt. Maui Titan X Odcdm
Harry Sutton) 'Sunday Best', Odontioda Cheys Keigh 'Yellow Yellow', and Zygonesia
Cynosure
'Blue Birds'.

March 12, 2009 - round table discussion between CCOS members discussing some of the important facets of what it takes to plan and put on an AOS judged orchid show.