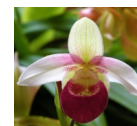


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MPOS April 6 Meeting

This month's program will be a presentation on "Native Northwest Orchid Species, Habitat Protection and Propagation" by Steve Northway. Steve may have some starts of *Epi-pactis gigantean* to give away.— *Justina Kelliher*



Cypripedium pubescens
Photo by Steve Northway

Refreshments: Bill and Nan Beck and Brian Dahl

CCOS April 13 Meeting

For the past few years, April has been our challenge plant month. We will change genera somewhat. I'll keep it a little bit of a secret, but give you enough information to entice you to the meeting. Total cost for TWO PLANTS will be \$6 - we are hoping everyone will come and join in the experience of growing a couple of plants over the next couple of years "together".

See if you can guess what our challenge plants will be!

Plant #1 - species plant that grows in woodland forest of west to central Africa, Comoro Islands, and Madagascar. Blooms in spring to summer on inflorescence of up to 20 4 cm wide flowers. Light needs are low to moderate. Often grown mounted or in baskets.

Plant #2 - natural hybrid of two species that is found in the Philippines and Taiwan. 3 cm wide flowers are generally some shade of pink and bloom in the spring. Light needs for this plant are likewise low to moderate. We will also briefly review the results of last month's show. Hope to see you all there! — *Mike Ayres*

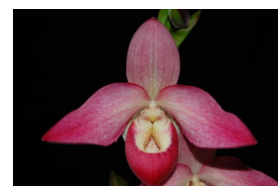
Oregon Judging Site March

First, the news about the annual auction on May 2 at the Oregon Garden Resort Lodge in the Orchid Room.. How nice of the management to name a room so appropriately for us. Follow the road up past the Garden parking lot to the lodge building at the top. You will find plenty of parking. The auction will start after judging, approximately at 2:30. Refreshments will be served.

March's judging saw twelve plants entered but ten of them were nominated and ten awards were given by the nine judges present. Ross Otto and Barbara Jackson, judges from Canada were with us. We judged as a whole, having each plant presented to the group with the research information from the Awards Quarterly. Each month a few more visitors come in to see what is happening.



Left Paph. Micranthum 'Woody's' AM/AOS 81 points Teresa and Will Hill Right Masd. Ziegler's Love 'Joani's Surprise' HCC/AOS 78 points Mike and Joani Sielaff Photos Ross Leach



Phrag. Acker's Royalty 'Royal Rainbow' AM/AOS 84 points Mike and Joani Sielaff Photo Ross Leach



Paph Estella 'Regency Pixie' HCC/AOS 77 points Marcia Romick Photo Ross Leach

With the large number of awards, there wasn't time for Jim Rassmann's talk of Judging Odontoglossums so that will be our training topic in April following judging. We would be happy to have you join us. — *Marcia Romick*

Photo top right and and page 4 by Sarah-Renee Torgerson

Cherry City's Show Results

Best Exhibit by a Visiting Society: Mary's Peak OS
 Show Theme Trophy: Mary's Peak OS
 Best Orchid Art: Bill Brainard
 Judge's Choice: Patricia Harding
 Best Species Specimen: Patricia Harding
 Best Phalaenopsis or Doritaenopsis Alliance Hybrid: Mike Ayers
 Best Maxillaria Alliance Hybrid: Craig Williams
 Best Phragmipedium Hybrid: Nadine Gindhart
 Best Cattleya Alliance Hybrid: Judy Barrick
 Best Exhibit Division "C": James Snyder
 Best Cymbidium Alliance Hybrid: Shahr Jahanshir
 Best First Bloom Seedling: Mike Sielaff
 Best Specimen: Mike Sielaff
 Best Hybrid, Small Flowers: Mike Sielaff
 Best Hybrid, Large Flowers: Mike Sielaff

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Cherry City's Monthly Meeting

The number of show and tell plants was a little on the skimpy side (perhaps a dozen or so) - but the quality was good as always. I think there were people saving their plants for the show on the weekend? Regardless, Becky Thompson (photos below by Mike Ayres) brought in the plant that was voted by the group as being the best plant of the lot - Vuyl. Pacific Passion, an inter-generic that she picked up some time ago at none other than TJ's! Our speaker was even impressed and expressed interest in getting a division one day. Our show is over and all the other valley shows as well, so nothing to hold your plants back for - bring in some of your cream for show and tell in April! :-)) It does take a little effort to bring them in, but it gives us all an opportunity to see new things and possibly get some ideas of what we might like to grow next? — *Mike Ayres*



Becky Thompson



Vuyl. Pacific Passion

Editor's Notes



Spring is finally here and many varieties of orchids are in bloom including some of our native species. *Calypso bulbosa* is currently flowering on the dark forest floor

of the coast range.

Thank you to everyone who sent me pictures. Please keep them coming.

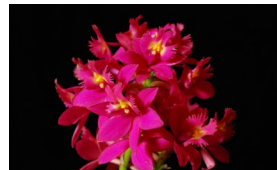
Steve Northway, MPOS's April speaker on native orchids, has included several pictures of Oregon native orchids. I learned a lot about our native habitat and species from walking with Steve the other day. We are lucky to live in the Northwest where we have many beautiful species. This should be a very informative presentation.

The *Cymbidium* from the Del Smith estate that I brought to the last meeting is now in beautiful bloom. Enjoy your spring flowers!

— *Justina Kelliher*



Corallorhiza striata Photo Steve Northway



Epidendrum sp. Photo Gregg Lomnicky in his greenhouse



Cymbidium Del Smith estate Photo Justina Kelliher in her greenhouse

Show Dates To Remember:

April 4, 2010 — AOS Monthly Judging, Sunday 1:00pm Oregon Gardens, Silverton, OR

April 10-11 2010 — Northwest Orchid Society Show, Saturday and Sunday Sky Nursery 18528 Aurora Ave. N. Seattle. WA

May 2, 2010 — AOS Monthly Judging Sunday 1:00 pm and Annual Auction 2:30 pm Oregon Garden Resort Lodge, in the Orchid Room Silverton, OR

CCOS President's Message

It was great that everyone pitched in at the show and sale. What a celebration and feast. Thank you, everyone! I'm so pleased that our friends from MPOS joined us with a display, and to have given them the Jean Cook memorial award for Best Display by a Visiting Society! I especially liked the note from the "orchid lover". I hope everyone saw the beautiful plaques we bought for the show to remember the generous donations we have received. Thank you, Rickie Hart! For a full list of the awards given out, visit the CCOS website <www.cherrycityorchidsociety.org>. Sorry, the newsletter deadline came before I got all the award information. April is challenge plant month so bring \$6 and last year's plant! The website has the names and pictures of the intergeneric plugs we bought last year (click "Meetings"; scroll down for the links), so no fair claiming you can't remember which one it was. Unless it's swarming with bugs, bring it to the meeting. Let's talk about what worked for these things. I got the most unusual one, *Zygonia Cynosure*, and I can sure tell you what NOT to do for it. — Tom Valente

More CCOS Show Results

Best *Masdevallia* & *Dracula* Alliance Hybrid: Mike Sielaff
 Best *Paphiopedium* Hybrid: Terry Aitken
 Best *Oncidium* Alliance Hybrid: Terry Aitken
 Best Exhibit Division "D": Tom and Michael Valente
 Best Novice Display: Tom and Michael Valente
 Best Species, Large Flowers: Laurie Nielson
 Best *Dendrobium* Alliance Hybrid: Laurie Nielson
 Best Exhibit Division "B": Nadine Gindhart
 Best *Odontoglossum* Alliance Hybrid: Tom Etheridge



Rollyridge display
 Photo Justina Kelliher

MPOS President's Message

Congratulations are in order. It's official. MPOS is THE happening society. Last weekend, our display won the "Show Theme Trophy" and the "Best Exhibit by A Visiting Society" award. Lisa Borgerson and Patricia Harding took the theme "**An Orchid A-Fair**" and let their imaginations run. Our raffle table will have some extra items, thanks to their winnings. Thanks also go to Dick Cruse and Jerry Powell who provided beautiful plants for the display. Patricia won "Best Species Specimen" and "Judges' Choice" awards for her *Acronia teaguei*, and Dick won "Best Small Flowering Species" for his *Odontoglossum constrictum*.



Dick Cruse award Photo J. Kelliher

At our board meeting last month, we decided to change the way we handle the raffle. Starting this month, we will begin charging one dollar per ticket. In making this change, we are reverting back to the policy we had until about two years ago. Now, we will let the raffle start covering expenses for itself again. We hope that

by making this change, we will be able to start putting one or two nicer plants on the raffle table.

Last week I travelled to the Willamette Orchid Society meeting to attend a lecture by Marnie Turkel entitled "Give it a Rest". She showed some compelling slides along with her stories to demonstrate that it really does help to try and mimic native conditions for many species orchids. Though she didn't offer cookbook recipes for success, Marnie did offer many insights and tips to better grow and flower species that require a dry rest period during the year in their native habitat.

The sun is showing up more frequently and spring is already well on its way. I really enjoy seeing all the new green growths and hope that flower spikes are soon to follow. Happy Spring! — Gregg Lomnicky



Mary's Peak Orchid Society winning display Photo Justina Kelliher

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Events Calendar

For calendar submissions please contact the editor

April 4, 2010 Sunday 1:00pm Followed by Program at about 2:30	AOS— Monthly Judging, OG Jim Rassmann on Odontoglossums	Judging in the Education Building, Oregon Garden, Silverton, Oregon
April 6, 2010 Tuesday 6:30pm	MPOS— Monthly Meeting Program: Native NW Orchids, Steve Northway	Church of the Good Samaritan, 35th and Harrison, Corvallis, Oregon
April 10 and 11 2010, Saturday and Sunday	Northwest Orchid Society Show	Sky Nursery 18528 Aurora Ave. N. Seattle, Washington
April 13, 2010 Wednesday 6:30pm	CCOS— Monthly Meeting Program: Orchid Challenge	Capital Manor Community Center 1995 Dallas Hwy., Salem, Oregon
May 2, 2010 Sunday 1:00 pm Followed by Auction at 2:30	AOS— Monthly Judging and Annual Auction	Oregon Garden Resort Lodge, in the Orchid Room Silverton, Oregon

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