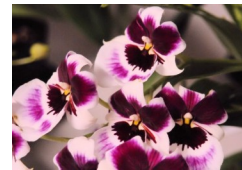


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MPOS April Meeting

Our speaker for April is Lisa Borgerson. She will be showing pictures and telling us about a recent trip to Guatemala with Patricia Harding, Patricia's husband and Jane Herbst.

I received 60 spiking *Oncidium* intrageneric orchids and 100 plugs of *Doritis* and *Psychopsis* from Orchid Works which we will sell at the upcoming Mayfest in Central Park. If you would like to help out with our booth, let me know. — Jerry Keuneke

CCOS April Meeting

Our speaker this month will be Gregg Nielsen. You may remember him from our show as the air plant man. Greg truly loves orchids and has a wealth of knowledge acquired from his years of raising and enjoying them. He started growing at seventeen, when he went to a Beaverton Orchid Society meeting and was given his first orchid. Greg learned how to grow these wonderful plants from several older orchid growers in the southwest Portland area. He will discuss re-potting tips with orchid culture and how to grow orchids in pots or mounted. Both methods work for various types of orchid species and hybrids. He hopes to show everyone different ways to grow their plants. He will also be talking about fertilizers. Please bring your questions and any problems. There is always something to learn about growing orchids in captivity and Gregg will try and make it easier. — Mike Ayres



Gregg Nielsen
Photo: Ross Leach

Oregon Judging Site March

There was a small but choice number of plants submitted for judging on March 4. Eight judges and two pre-students nominated five of the seven plants entered. Odontiodas Mem.

Aileen Staley 'Mary's Peak' and 'Sunny' were awarded HCCs of 76 and 79 points respectively. Both were shown by Tom Etheridge and Luanne Rolly of Corvallis.



Oda. Mem. Aileen Staley "Mary's Peak"
Photo: Ross Leach



Oda. Mem. Aileen Staley "Sunny"
Photo: Ross Leach

They demonstrate why Odont. growers are so enthusiastic about this group.

We are delighted to thank the Cherry City Orchid Society for their generous donation to the Judging Site. Support from the societies in Oregon means a great deal to us.

We would also like to invite members, their friends, and any other orchid growers to our annual auction on April 1 (really!) at the Education Building of the Oregon Garden. It is located before the entrance to the Garden. Judging will be at 1 pm and the auction will follow. Refreshments will be provided.

We'd like to request people to bring in healthy specimens for the auction. We have always had generous donations of desirable plants. This is our major fund raising event of the year and you, too, can go home with some great plants and warm feelings at having supported judging in Oregon. — Marcia Romick

MPOS Greenhouse Tour

Mary's Peak Orchid Society Members:

Time for a greenhouse tour - first one of the year, on April 7. Three members have agreed to stay home and allow visitors on this day.

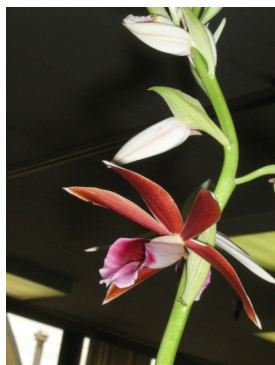


First is Patricia Harding, 39127 Griggs Dr. Lebanon 97355. 541- 451-2613. The address is in Lebanon, but the closest town is Crabtree - don't go to Lebanon. Patricia will expect visitors anytime after 10 am. You can car pool or drive yourself. Patricia grows mostly species - a large variety of them, in various climate conditions. The plan is to spend about 1-1 ½ hours at Patricia's.



Next is lunch: either on your own or at Lum Yen in Albany (the old Swept Wing by the airport). They have a Chinese buffet for under \$10.

Then on to Ruth and Gerry Powell's, 3026 Locust Ave. SE Albany 97321 around 1pm. Ruth and Gerry have a small but packed greenhouse . Then on to Myrna and Dick Cruse's, 938 Edge-wood Dr. NW Albany 97321, arriving at about 2 - 3 pm, where they will show off their mid size growing area.



Photos: Justina Kelliher

For carpool info coordinate with Linda Johansen lindajo@peak.org 541 758-9333.

Plan to join in and see how others are coping with growing problems and conditions.

Patricia Harding
MPOS President

CCOS Library

"FREE" BOOKS!

Does everyone in CCOS know that we have a library of books on orchids that are FREE to borrow? They are currently stored at Laurie Nielsen's place. You can email or call Laurie to request that she either bring them to the monthly meetings or you can even arrange with her a time to stop by and pick them up at her place.

The majority of the books we have available are listed on our web site, but one new one not yet listed that you will want to read is Patricia Harding's book on Orchids of Brazil! Laurie will have at least a few of our books available at the sign-in table at the next meeting. — Mike Ayres

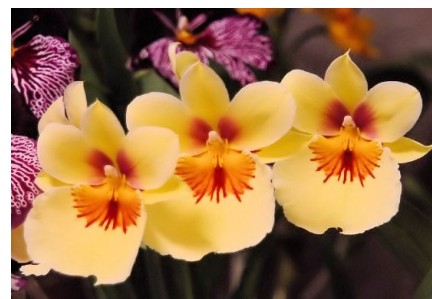
CCOS Other News



We're hoping that our society will have enough plants to set up a nice two - table display of blooming orchids for the Oregon Orchid Society in Portland April 14-15,

just two days after our next meeting. If the show and tell display is any indication of what we may have next month - WOW! We shouldn't have any problems: do your best to "baby" your plants and keep them in pristine condition for the event if you can. We'll arrange pickup and return details during the next meeting. There were so many good plants brought in this month that there were a number of plants receiving significant voting attention. However, we did

have a winner, voted favorite club plant: Milt. Andrea West 'Wild Wild West' (a wonderful yellow milto-



niopsis), brought in by Gregg Nielsen. — Mike Ayres

Photos: Ross Leach
CCOS Meeting
March 2012

CCOS President's Message

We will be passing out our challenge plants for 2012 as soon as members arrive and sign in. We passed around a sign-up sheet to request young species challenge plants at wholesale prices. We ordered very few extra plants, so if you were not at the March meeting you will be on your own to acquire a similar plant if you want to make the effort to join in the project. Everyone who ordered should bring either a check or cash to pay our treasurer, Sharon Goin, when you pick up your plants. We had a few members who also pre-ordered EZ Orchid hydromounts - don't forget your money to pay for these as well, as Ron Sellon should be bringing these to the meeting for Robin. This is also the meeting that we typically bring in our challenge plants from last year! So....bring in your phrags from last year's compotes and show off how well they are doing. Based on what little I've heard thus far, I'm guessing we won't see exponential growth from this past year, but I'm also guessing that very few people have lost their plants and that these plants will REALLY take off this spring and summer! If you have challenge plants that are doing



Photo: Ross Leach

After four years of not having a revised membership directory I made the effort to bring copies for everyone to the meeting. The goal was to wait a few extra months for all the late paying stragglers to get their dues in so that we would have a handle on who the actual active members were going to be moving forward. WOW! You all really threw me for a loop. We ended up with 16 additions (both new members and late renewals) from that meeting, which means that I will print and hand out an April addendum at our next meeting. Hopefully I can print a two page double sided addition that will fit into the initial directory nicely. — Mike Ayres

especially well from previous years or have a question about one that isn't doing so well, bring those in too and share them with the group. This should add to the interest of our show and tell session this month.

MPOS President's Message

This month and next we have several activities that members of the club can enjoy.

First is our meeting with Lisa Borgerson giving her version of a recent trip she, Jane Herbst, and I did with my husband and our guide Fred to Guatemala. Hope she leaves out the embarrassing pictures and tales. We all know how she exaggerates things.

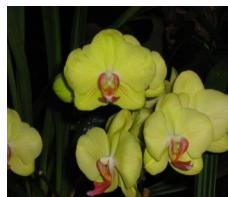
Next is our first greenhouse tour of the year on April 7. Three members have agreed to stay



home and allow visitors on this day. See page 2 for details. After this first greenhouse tour we plan to do another one at Tom Etheridge and Luanne

Rolly's greenhouse in mid April, and in May we have plans to go to Molalla and Canby for visits to some commercial growers.

After our May meeting we have Mayfest in Corvallis, where as a club we will sell orchids and dispense orchid knowledge. Jerry Kueneke and Brian Dahl are in charge of this effort. At the end of May we (I) have committed to putting a display in the Floral Section of the Strawberry Festival in Lebanon. They have a new section to be judged – orchids. Apparently there are prizes. I don't know how one can enter that; I just know that they want a display and we can do that.



I hope I'm not missing some other event. See you April 3. Also, our face book page changed and everyone needs to rejoin. — Patricia Harding

Photos: Justina Kelliher

Show Dates To Remember:

April 1, 2012 1:00 pm AOS Judging, followed by the Annual Auction. Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR.

April 14-15, 2012 Oregon Orchid Society show in Portland OR.

May 6, 2012 12:00 noon Educational Program 1:00 pm AOS Judging Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR.

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Events Calendar

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April 1, 2012 Sunday 12:00 Ed. program 1:00 Judging then Auction	AOS - Monthly Judging and Auction	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR
April 3, 2012 Tuesday 6:30 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting	Church of the Good Samaritan 35th and Harrison Corvallis OR
April 11, 2012 Wednesday 6:30 pm	CCOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Gregg Nielsen	Salem Heights Community Hall 3505 Liberty Rd. S. Salem OR
May 1, 2012 Tuesday 6:30 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Justina Kelliher - IPM	Church of the Good Samaritan 35th and Harrison Corvallis OR
May 6, 2012 Sunday 12:00 Educational program 1:00 pm Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging and Educational Program	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR

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