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MPOS April Meeting

This month we are going to get a compot or two and pot them up. Compot stands for Community Pot. Commercial growers start seed in flasks in nutrient rich agar or gelatin. When the seeds sprout, they form into blobs of cells known as protocorms. Protocorms may stay in those flasks or be divided and moved to bigger flasks to grow into plantlets with identifiable roots and leaves. When of a certain size, 25-40 plantlets are planted in a normal pot in fine medium. We will get a compot that is ready for the little plants to be planted out into their own pots. Folks will get to see the plants separated from each other, will learn about that particular plant's needs, and then plant their baby to take home. We encourage people to bring their babies back to later meetings to see how they are all doing. In years past we have done this and had a great time. — Lisa Borgerson
Refreshments: Myrna Cruse and Lisa Carnahan

CCOS April Meeting



The April speaker will be Theresa Hill of Hillview Garden Orchids which specializes in Miltoniopsis, Masdevallias, and Paphiopedilums at their greenhouses in Mulino, Oregon. Theresa is an award winning grower of orchids and has a wealth of information to share.— Justina Kelliher

Oregon Judging Site March

We had more judges than plants this month, which meant that everything got a more than thorough examination by the ten judges and pre-student Terry Aitkin.



Photographer Ross Leach had two very different plants to photograph for their awards. Oncidium (Odontioda) Castle Way 'Humboldt' earned an 82 point AM/AOS for its beautifully colored and presented flowers, and



Oncidium owned by Tom Etheridge and Luanne Rolly Photo: Ross Leach

Dendrobium Mondrook 'Aussie Stinky' was given an HCC/AOS of 77 pts. Mondrook is the name of an area in Australia where this intensely fragrant Dendrobium was hybridized.



Dendrobium owned by Marcia Romick Photo: Ross Leach

Be sure to save Sunday, May 5 on your calendar for our **annual auction**, following judging. There will be snacks to nibble, auction plants to see, and fellow orchid growers with whom to chat. We hope to see you there! As usual, we will have a partial list of the plants available. There are always many plants that arrive on the day, so there may be some wonderful surprises in store. — Marcia Romick

CCOS President's Message

After chasing a 501(c)(3) classification for our club for a couple of years, we finally made our way through the red tape and achieved our goal!

This status makes us a Charitable Organization, and as such, eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. This will require a little extra paperwork for our treasurer, reporting our yearly activities so that the IRS can verify that we are continuing to operate under the applicable guidelines. The IRS also states that to be tax-exempt we must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes, and that no earnings may accrue to any private shareholder or individual.

When we receive a generous gift from someone what does our new status require? To answer this question you simply need to go to the constitution of our society.

Section 2: The Cherry City Orchid Society is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal code. The following activities will be undertaken to that end:

- A. To educate its members and the public about orchids, orchid conservation, and the process of growing orchids.
- B. To stage an annual show, under the rules of the American Orchid Society, this will be open to the public.
- C. To support the orchid shows of neighboring societies.
- D. To encourage the training of orchid judges.
- E. To promote cooperation and good sportsmanship among its members.
- F. To support conservation of orchids and their native habitat.

Now put on your thinking cap and dream with me a little. With a few more resources how do we take what we've been doing to the next level? If you have some thoughts please share them with your fellow members and board any time!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the annual Show and Sale the first weekend in April at the Lancaster Mall, followed by our regularly scheduled meeting at Salem Heights. — Mike Ayres

MPOS President's Message

Attendance was down again for the meeting, which was unfortunate for those of you that could not attend. Patricia Harding was our speaker; she gave a talk about orchid conservation and how to inspire people to take part. She suggested that orchid tourists could start something like the birders' program "eBird" which has a point system for observing different birds. Patricia went on to give hilarious examples of how you could amass points for orchids in the wild.

Jim Snyder sent out a plea for people to help with the ribbon judging for the upcoming CCOS show. He asked for folks to meet at Lancaster Mall at 8:00 on Saturday, April 6. No experience is needed - you will be put in a group with an experienced judge. It's fun, and you will learn a lot about show orchids.



Photo: Nancy Helt

For those of you that have had trouble locating our meeting spot, it's now light outside when our meeting begins so I hope you'll be there for the next meeting. At our last meeting, the question was asked about receiving

the newsletter later in the month, closer to our meeting date. As we share this newsletter with CCOS and also receive information about the judging center, which meets early in the month, we cannot change the newsletter issue date. However, we are going to send out a meeting reminder several days or so before the meeting. Hopefully that will jog everyone's memory and attendance will improve. — Lisa Borgerson

Show Dates To Remember:

April 7 12:00 noon Educational Program 1:00 pm AOS Judging Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR.

April 6, 7 Cherry City Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale Sat 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Sun 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Lancaster Mall Salem OR

CCOS March Meetings

The program this month was given by Marcia Romick. Her topic was "Odd Little Orchids". She explained that she has grown or is growing a lot of these orchids.



She advised that if what she is saying is not what you are doing, and if what you are doing is working for you, don't change. Marcia says that she grows a lot of hers



on mounts and they do very well. The blooms of these orchids are often less than a half-inch across. A lot of the orchids

making up this group are epiphytes, They can grow in shade to deep shade, in warm or cool conditions, deep in fog, at the top of a mountain, or at sea level. It just depends on where they are growing in the wild as to what growing conditions they will need when they are in the home. In native conditions they bloom in all four seasons. They are found from Panama to Argentina, in the Caribbean, in Southeast Asia and in the Himalayas. — Nancy Helt

Spring Notes

It is finally feeling a little bit like spring, although the calypsos are not up yet. My goal is to repot every orchid I own into square plastic pots. I have many clay pots to give away if anyone would like them. While working out in the greenhouse I noticed that pests (fungus gnats, aphids, scale, and slugs) are becoming active. I just ordered my biological control agents: Nematodes for the soil pests, Lacewings for the ones on the plants, and fly parasites because of my neighbor's llamas. It is better to be proactive when it comes to pests. Happy Gardening!—Justina Kelliher

CCOS Show and Sale

Sharon Wagnier reported that we need boxes and tables for the sales floor. Laurie Nielsen reported that the box situation may be covered as Mike Ayres has a lot stacked in his garage. The question was raised as to whether or not we had time to recruit the show judges to help with the judging on Saturday, April 6, 2013. Ribbon Clerking will start at 8:00 AM on Saturday. The show will be near Orange Julius and the main entrance to Lancaster Mall. The show sale room is at the end of the food court. The mall closes at 9:00 PM. It was advised that

if you bring plants to the show that they have no bugs. Shine the



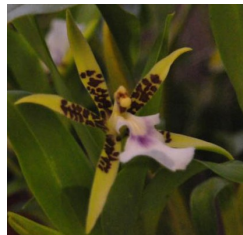
leaves, put the plant in a clean pot, and put your name on it. Without your name on the pot it's hard to get it back to the right owner. A good way to clean your orchids for the show is with liquid soap and water. Don't use milk as the bacteria in it can cause problems.

The theme for this years show is: " ORCHIDS AROUND THE WORLD". Set up will be on April 5th. Show and sale will be on April 6th and 7th, 2013. Club members have been asked to wear red shirts or blouses, as this helps the public to identify them. Remember to wear your badges! We are in desperate need of the following: Entry help - morning of April 6th, Take down and clean up - 4:00 pm on Sunday May 7th, Security - Friday, April 5 and Saturday April 6 to 10:00 pm, Sales help - 10:00 to 5:00 Saturday and Sunday, and Set-up April 6 - 10:00 to 5:00 and April 7 - 10:00 to 4:00 pm. If any one can help on any of these, please do so. - you don't have to do the whole shift. If you can participate for any time on these days, it would be great. — Nancy Helt

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Events Calendar

For calendar submissions please contact the editor

April 6 and 7 2013 Sat. 10 am - 9 pm and Sun. 11 am - 4 pm	Cherry City Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale	Lancaster Mall, 831 Lancaster Drive NE Salem OR
April 7 2013 Sunday 12:00 Ed. Program 1:00 pm Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging and Educational Program	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR
April 10 2013 Wednesday 6:30 pm	CCOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Theresa Hill	Salem Heights Community Hall 3505 Liberty Rd. S. Salem OR
April 21 2013 Thursday 6:30 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Community Pot (seedling transplant)	Seventh Day Adventist Church 3160 SW Western Blvd Corvallis OR
May 5 2013 Sunday 12:00 Ed. Program 1:00 pm Judging, Auction	AOS - Monthly Judging and Annual Auction	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR

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