



# The Oregon Hybrid

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## MPOS December Meeting

This month's meeting is the annual holiday potluck. I am looking forward to seeing what great cooks our members are. Members who are up to date on their dues receive an orchid. The doors will open one half hour earlier at 6:00. I was sad to see that Bart and Helene Gendel are giving up their business of Briggs Hill Orchids (more about this in CCOS President's Message, page 3). — Justina Kelliher

## CCOS December Meeting

Our annual Christmas Potluck will be this coming December 14th. Plan on arriving early enough to get the food items you bring set up before we start serving dinner at approximately 6:30 PM. We will be providing every member who has paid their membership dues for 2012 a free orchid at the conclusion of our time together. We will have a show and tell period as well. Bring your blooming orchids and show them off to the rest of us. This is a big part of why we do what we do. We find out what grows well for others in our area, and the plants that you bring go on our wish list for purchase in the future - possibly even divisions of YOUR plants! :-) If you have plants at home and have questions about their culture or condition, this meeting would be a great time to bring them in for discussion as well. The evening provides lots of time for us to talk orchids while enjoying dinner together. Looking forward to seeing you all there! — Mike Ayres

## Oregon Judging Site November

There was a very nice turnout of people and plants for judging in Silverton on November 6 despite there being no seminar scheduled. Ten judges and a handful of visitors were treated to 14 beautiful plants to evaluate. Of those, 8 were nominated for awards and two were granted. Congratulations to Jim Rassmann of Florence, Oregon for his beautifully patterned, very flat *Dracula vampira* 'Vlad the Impaler' which received a HCC/AOS of 76 points and to Theresa and Bill Hill of Hillsview Gardens in Mulino, Oregon



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for their striking green Paph. Olympic Emerald 'Hemlock' which received an AM/AOS of 81 points. Thanks as always to Ross Leach

photos and allowing us to use them for local society newsletters.

There is quite a bit of other news to announce from the judging site this month. First, orchid judging will continue to take place at the Oregon Garden through 2012. Chemeketa Community College, which actually oversees the education buildings, has renewed our contract at the same rate as 2011! We are very fortunate to find such a venue for only \$75 per month. Secondly, Tom Etheridge will continue as judging chair for the Oregon site in 2012 with Linda Mitchell as vice-chair. Our seminar for judging on December 4, 2011 will be a presentation and discussion of the 16 AOS Special Awards for 2010 which were just announced at the AOS Members' Meeting in San Antonio. The seminar will start at 12:15 pm with judging to follow, and everyone is invited to attend. **Finally, please note that judging in January, 2012 will take place on Sunday, January 8 not January 1!** This is the only time in 2012 that judging will not be on the first Sunday of the month.— Tom Etheridge

## New Boards

### Cherry City Orchid Society

President - Mike Ayres  
Vice President - Laurie Nielson  
Treasurer - Sharon Goin  
Secretary - Nancy Helt  
Directors - Rickie Hart, Ross Leach  
Past President - Becky Thompson

### Mary's Peak Orchid Society

President - Patricia Harding  
Vice President - Jerry Keuneke.  
Treasurer - Patricia Werner  
Membership Secretary - Nadine Gindhart  
Directors - Patty Skaer, Brian Dahl  
Past President - Gregg Lomnicky

### CCOS November Meeting

Scott Cameron Seaton was our speaker last month. He is VP of Greenhouse Specialists, Inc. and distributes a number of orchid related materials to the orchid industry.



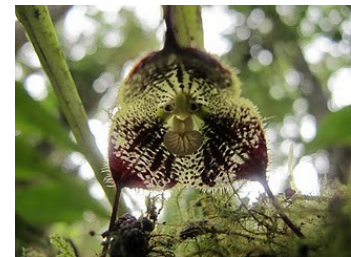
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His main presentation topic for the meeting was discussing the benefits of Orchiata bark, which is exported into the United States from New Zealand. It is the bark from Monterey Pine (*Pinus radiata*) trees that has been treated in such a way that it outlasts most traditional bark medias and has a number of other benefits due to the way that it is prepared. You can review some of the details of Scott's presentation on their website at <http://besgrow.com/orchiata>, and you can order bags of media from Scott by giving him a call at 503-769-6565 and arranging a meeting time and place.

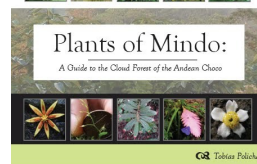
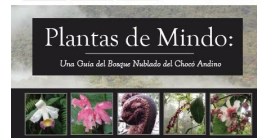
The members of our society voted on and approved the continued work of the board to pursue 501c3 IRS tax designation through verbiage changes to our constitution as needed as long as changes made did not significantly affect the way we currently run our society activities.— Mike Ayres

### MPOS November Meeting

Last month we were lucky in being able to schedule a talk by graduate student Tobias Policha about his research in Reserva Los Cedros, Ecuador. His lecture concerned

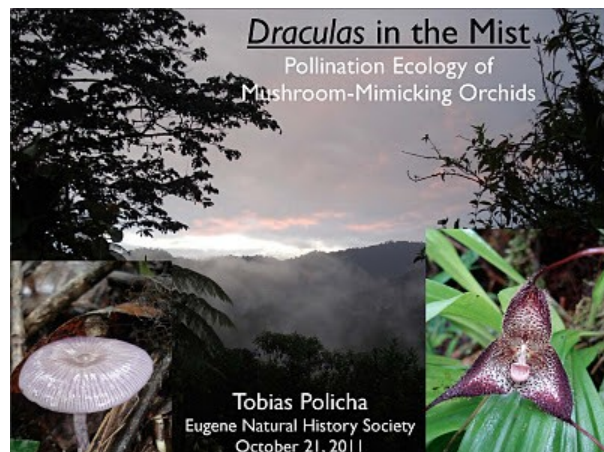


*Dracula morleyii* showing its mimicry of a mushroom



floral mimicry of mushrooms by the *Dracula* orchids in the cloud forest of the Andes. He spent 5 months studying in the cloud forest in a private forest reserve. The orchid mimics mushrooms in both looks and smell. — Justina Kelliher

Photos from Tobias's blog. Above: cover of Tobias Policha's book about the plants of the Andean cloud forest.



### CCOS President's Message

Last weekend I was shocked to receive an email from Bart and Helene with the following announcement: "After close to 17 years of being in business Briggs Hill Orchids, Inc. will be closing our doors December 31, 2011. From now until December 31 we will be selling our inventory at greatly reduced prices, both plants and supplies. This would be a fantastic time for you to take advantage of this buying opportunity, especially before this holiday season is upon us. Please call prior for an appointment and we will be sure to accommodate you. Thanks so much for all your continued support over the years." Bart and Helene Gendel, Briggs Hill Orchids, Inc. [bgendel@msn.com](mailto:bgendel@msn.com) Phone 541.431.3886.



Photo Mike Ayres

In the short period that I've been a member of CCOS I've noted that, as in many areas of life, there are different levels of orchid vendors. Briggs Hill has consistently risen to the top as the "cream". Year after year Bart and Helene have shown and sold nothing but top-notch quality plants and placed superior displays in the CCOS shows and in many other northwest society shows. Not only were their orchids wonderful, but both have also personally been a delight to have at the many orchid society shows and activities that they've been a part of. Bart and Helene - I hope you know that you will ALWAYS be welcome to any of our meetings and at any of our shows. Your business and your personal presence will be missed. — Mike Ayres

### Editor's Note



I am looking forward to seeing all your ideas and orchids for the 2012 newsletter. Please keep those pictures and articles coming. Thank you. —Justina Kelliher

### MPOS President's Message

This meeting is our winter social/pay your dues meeting. Those with paid up dues (\$15) get a free plant that the club bulk-purchased from Exotic Orchids. We have been promised a mix of genera so there should be something for everyone.

One of our goals this upcoming year is to trim down the list of snail mail recipients of this newsletter. Sending out the newsletter as a paper copy is costing the club a significant amount of our precious funds. If you are receiving this as a paper copy, please please could you find a way to receive it as an email?



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Our meeting on Tuesday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> starts at 6pm (half an hour earlier than normal). We will provide plates, utensils, and drinks. We ask that you bring a pot luck dish of your choice and a good appetite, as there is always too much to eat. — Patricia Harding

### Show Dates To Remember:

Dec. 4, 2011 1:00 pm — AOS Judging, followed by the educational program. Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR

Jan. 8, 2012 1:00 pm — AOS Judging followed by the educational program. Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR

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### Events Calendar

For calendar submissions please contact the editor

December 4, 2011 Sunday 1:00 pm	ASO - Monthly Judging	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR
December 6, 2011 Tuesday 6:00 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Holiday Social	Church of the Good Samaritan 35th and Harrison Corvallis OR
December 14, 2011 Wednesday 6:00 pm	CCOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Scott C. Seaton	Salem Heights Community Hall 3505 Liberty Rd. S. Salem OR
January 3, 2012 Tuesday 6:30 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting Program: TBA	Church of the Good Samaritan 35th and Harrison Corvallis OR
January 8, 2012 Sunday 1:00 pm	ASO - Monthly Judging	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR

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