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Oregon Judging Site November

We all managed to "fall back" with our clocks and turn up at the Oregon Garden Education Building at the correct time. Our five judges were not enough for two teams; we needed three judges on each. So we judged as

a whole for the four nominated plants out of the seven submitted for judging. One of them, a well-flowered *Holcoglossum wangii* owned by Miyoko Abufadil of Portland Oregon was awarded an HCC of 77 points. This species is found in the southern part of China and in Viet Nam.

The photo was taken by site photographer Ross Leach. — Marcia Romick



Photo: Ross Leach

MPOS December Meeting

Our December meeting will be a potluck dinner. The doors open at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00 or so. MPOS will provide paper plates, plastic ware, napkins, and cups, but you can bring your own if you want something more substantial or reusable. After dinner, those who have paid their 2014 dues will receive an orchid (selection order by raffle ticket). For the December meeting, we often have no show and tell plants, but if you do have something in glorious bloom, please bring it in. — Lisa Borgerson



Photo: Nancy Helt

CCOS December Meeting

The December meeting will be the Annual Christmas potluck. There will be a gift exchange of a plant or anything that is orchid related. As per the new by-laws, there will now only be one free plant per year, to be given at the summer picnic, and starting in January 2014, dues will be \$25.00. — Nancy Helt



Photo : Jerry Romick

CCOS President's Message

CCOS - Winds of Change. How many times have you heard the statement "the one thing you can count on is change"? Changes in our world are happening every day. We change, as do our orchids. How we respond to those changes will affect the quality of our lives and the lives of those around us.

To note but a few of the changes blowing in the wind, over the last 5-10 years we've seen a reduction in the number of available orchid vendors and the number of society members who have greenhouses. This has significantly affected our membership in a number of areas. It has become more difficult finding speakers, and available plants for show and tell are often provided by a select few who have greenhouses. Raffle plants are not as prevalent, and sale plants by members are few and far between. Many of our members cannot purchase plants as we have little room in our homes! Our annual show is also affected by the lack of vendors, so we end up with fewer available plants. We'd prefer to concentrate our society efforts on supporting our vendors and sister societies, but in the past few years we've made an effort to maintain a good supply of available plants for the public by purchasing some plants ourselves for resale. I don't list these things to be negative, but to emphasize that we must adapt to the changes. The exciting thing is that we all have a say in what form these changes take. It is OUR society!

The board has proposed two by-law changes in order to not compromise our 501c3 tax exempt status. Section 3 of our constitution starts out as follows, "The Society shall not be conducted or operated for profit. No part of the net earnings of the Society shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, board, or other private persons...".

In order to insure we are operating under the required guidelines we have decided it would be best to limit our plant give-aways to one event per year, and to raise our yearly dues to \$25. Most of our sister societies have been at this rate or higher for some time already. We will vote during a short business meeting after the potluck to confirm the proposed changes as well as to approve the new board. The following members have been nominated to the CCOS board for 2014: Mike Ayres – President, Becky Thompson – Vice President, Sharon Goin – Secretary, Laurie Nielsen – Treasurer, Tom Valente – Past President (Sherren Wargnier as backup), Judi Humphrey – Director, Joyce Heinke – Director. — Mike Ayres

MPOS President's Message

Next to my front door is a collection of plants still in pots that I picked up here and there with no idea where to plant them. As I was unloading groceries yesterday, I paused to look at them, wondering how they were doing after several 25 degree nights. Suddenly I realized that right in the middle of the collection was a cymbidium! Its leaves had turned brown but the pseudobulbs were still firm. I can only hope there was a warmer microclimate up close to the house, but it might be a goner. I hope none of you forgot any orchids and left them out in the weather.

It's time to start planning for our February 2014 show. There are lots of opportunities to help but for now, I need everyone to start saving boxes – the holidays are a great time to accumulate them! Either nest them together or break them down flat to store until the show. If anyone wants a bigger role in the show, let me know.

At our last meeting, our speaker was James Knox of Samurai Greenhouse Supply. He had lots of interesting equipment and supplies available. James said he will offer a discount to society members so we will



Photo: Mike Ayres

have to create a membership card for the coming year. Don't forget to pay your dues! Not only will you be a member of a fun club; you will also qualify for a free orchid at our December potluck, and you get a discount at Samurai. Dues can be mailed to Pat Werner at 8080 NW

Ridgewood Dr, Corvallis OR 97330, or paid at the December meeting. — Lisa Bogerson

Show Dates to Remember:

December 1 2013	1:00 pm	AOS Judging	Oregon Garden Education Building	Silverton OR
January 5 2013	1:00 pm	AOS Judging	Oregon Garden Education Building	Silverton OR
February 1 2014		MPOS Annual Show and Sale	Garland Nursery	Corvallis OR
February 2 2014	1:00 pm	AOS Judging	Oregon Garden Education Building	Silverton OR

CCOS November Meeting

The November program was done by the Judging Group, who do orchid judging the first Sunday of every month at the Oregon Gardens in Silverton, OR.

Bergen Todd gave a short slide show. She explained that most judging teams are made up of two accredited judges plus two probationary judges who are still learning the ropes.

Bergen noted humorously that before the judges could get started coffee and visiting with each other were essential, Then the judging table is screened for plants they think are worth a closer look. Finally, plants are nominated, meaning the judges want a closer look. AOS Judging ranks a plant based on a set of standards or on existing awards. There is no fee involved for the judging, but there is for the award. Some of the available awards are:

—Quality Award - given to an orchid in bloom. This award stays with each and every propagation of the plant and its divisions. One third of the points are for form, one third for color and one third for plant characteristics.

—Cultural Award - goes to the grower, who must have had the plant for at least one year.

—Botanical Award - for horticultural merit.

—Award of Quality-- granted to group of 12 or more plants. This award goes to the breeder and grower

I hope everyone has a very happy Thanksgiving. — Nancy Helt



Photo: Nancy Helt



Photo: Mike Ayres

MPOS November Meeting

The speaker for the November meeting was James Knox of Samurai Greenhouse Supply, who brought a collection of the products he sells. He has greenhouse materials, lights, media, pots (plastic, fiber and cloth), fertilizers, and pesticides. He also has some products that are hard to find, like heavy duty plastic sheeting for greenhouses and high/ low thermometers. He would like us to email him about which products that we want him to stock. He can be reached at samuraihighsupply@gmail.com



Photo: Justina Kelliher

It was too cold of a night for most of us to feel comfortable bringing our orchids to the meeting, and the previous night some of us, like me, had no power. Lisa brought one cattleya bloom that was detached from its plant. You can bring orchids this month to show off at the holiday potluck and orchid give away. — Justina Kel-

Editor's Note

On the first really cold night our power went out around midnight and came back on at 7:30 am. Luckily my greenhouse did not freeze. It has been below freezing at night since, and a snow storm might be on its way. I find having high/ low thermometers very valuable at this time of year. I check it at mid-day so I won't let in too much cold air. I also have a big thermometer in the middle of the greenhouse that I can see from outside. I don't want all my hard work to go to waste by freezing my collection.

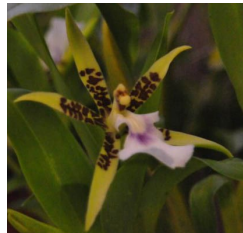


Photo: Justina Kelliher
Orchid still happy after power outage

I look forward to including everyone in the newsletter. Please send your contributions to justina_marie20@yahoo.com . Thank you.— Justina Kelliher, Editor.

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Events Calendar

For calendar submissions please contact the editor

December 1 2013 Sunday 12:00 Ed. Program 1:00 pm Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR
December 11 2013 Wednesday 6:30 pm	CCOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Holiday Potluck	Salem Heights Community Hall 3505 Liberty Rd. S Salem OR
December 19 2013 Thursday 5:30 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Holiday Potluck	Seventh Day Adventist Church 3160 SW Western Blvd Corvallis OR
January 5 2014 Sunday 12:00 Ed. Program 1:00 pm Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR
February 1 2014 Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm	MPOS— Mary's Peak Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale	Garland Nursery Hwy 20 Corvallis OR

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