



# The Oregon Hybrid

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## MPOS February Meeting

Our speaker is James from Samurai Greenhouse Supply. He will be talking about hydroponics. I am bringing some orchids that need repotting so we can try hydroponics on some using the clay pellets. Should be interesting. — Jerry Keuneke

## CCOS February Meeting

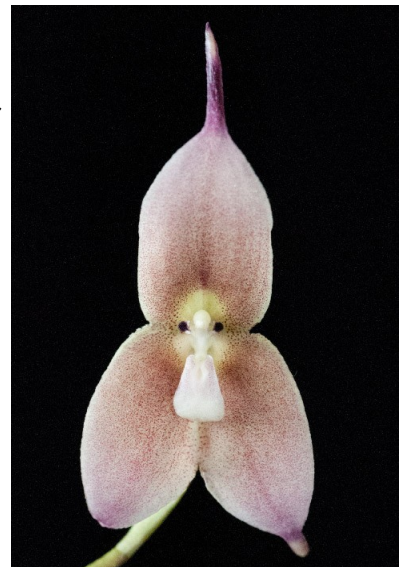
This month! we plan on talking about bringing and preparing your own plants for the show and then showing portions of a DVD put together by Fantasy Orchids in Colorado. The DVD explains why orchids are one of the most desirable house plants you can grow, and that is exactly the message that we want to portray to the public during our show. Our message goes along with this year's theme, "At the end of the rainbow". What have we been told for years to expect "at the end of the rainbow"? Treasure! Certainly we all know that orchids are a treasure indeed, and that is partially why we come together on a regular basis - to share with one another and enjoy orchid "treasure". Our challenge is to educate the public about the potential of growing orchids in their own homes and giving them the opportunity to marvel at their beauty by viewing many of the orchids that our members, sister societies and vendors bring to the show. This venue gives us an opportunity to show off lots of different varieties that the general public might not see at big box or grocery stores. — Mike Ayres

## Oregon Judging Site January

Driving through the fog wasn't fun but we made it to the Oregon Garden on Sunday, January 8. News of a generous donation from the Oregon Orchid Society warmed our hearts after the chilly drive. Many thanks to them; we greatly appreciate their generosity.

Before the judging began Bergen Todd gave a talk on writing accurate descriptions; our training talks, if scheduled, begin at noon and everyone is welcome to come for these.

There were seven plants presented to the nine judges present. Three were nominated and one, *Dracula trichroma* (previously known as *Dracula iricolor*), was awarded a CHM of 82 points. It is unusual for a *Dracula* in that the inflorescence is upright.



*Dracula trichroma*, 'Funky Monkey' CHM/AOS

Photos: Ross Leach

Owned by Tom Etheridge and Luanne Rolly, its clonal name is 'Funky Monkey'.

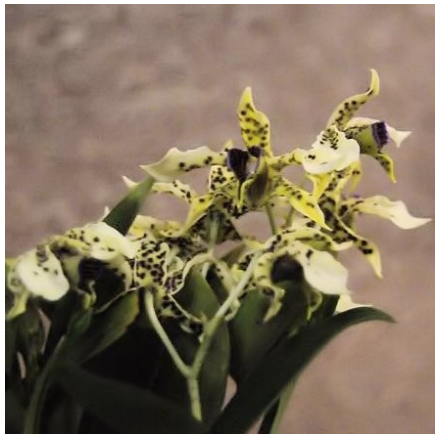
Our annual auction is scheduled for April 1, 2012



and will follow the judging for that day. Mark your calendar; you won't want to miss this chance to acquire some fine plants for your collection from the donations. — Marcia Romick

## Cherry City Orchid Society January Meeting

For anyone who may have missed Bergen Todd's miltoniopsis presentation last month - you missed a super presentation that included a great summary of the species that are used to hybridize the plants we have today, including bismarkii, phalaenopsis, roezlii, vexillaria, and warscewiczii. These plants that originate from Central and South America are becoming easier to grow and more tolerant of our typical Oregon conditions, as the plants continue to improve during the hybridizing process and the flowers get more prolific and colorful. Bergen had lots of great photos and took us on a journey through what the awarded plants and flowers looked like 20-30 years ago and what some of the new hybrids are looking like today. We learned that these plants need lots of water, especially during their growth phase, humidity, and like most other orchids - excellent drainage. Thanks Bergen!



Also last month, we returned to our process of voting as a group for our favorite show and tell plant that was brought to the meeting. This month's favorite was dendrobium atroviolaceum v. pigmy, brought in by Suzanne Cook (Blue Barn Growers). This month's selection goes to show that you don't have to have the biggest and showiest plant on the table to be voted the favorite - good job Suzanne! — Mike Ayres



Photos: Ross Leach CCOS Jan. meeting

### Mary's Peak Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale

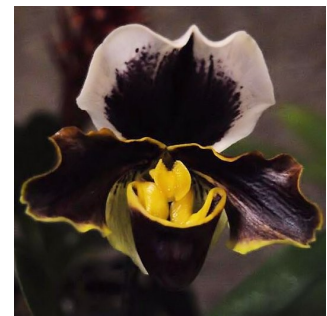
Displays, Sales, Cultural Advice, Orchid Repotting Service (for a fee), Etc.



*Potinaru Golden Circle*

Saturday, February 4, 2012  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Garland Nursery**  
5470 NE Hwy 20, Corvallis, OR



## MPOS Annual Show and Sale

The Orchid Show is progressing nicely. We still have some positions where we could use help, like the PM cashier spot. Our vendors are looking forward to another great year. I would encourage anyone and everyone to come, browse and ask questions. We have plenty of orchid experts who would love to answer your questions or just visit with you. It should be a great show. See you there. — Patty Skaer  
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Members — remember to bring your boxes to Garland!

## CCOS President's Message

Note that our next meeting is the only meeting we have on the agenda before our annual show and sale, March 3-4 at the Lancaster Mall. We will be passing around a sign-up sheet for all the various volunteer jobs that need to be done in order to make the show happen. If everyone jumps in and does one or two of them it makes the whole process more fun and enjoyable. As a society we can come together and make a nice presentation for orchid lovers in the valley and for the general public to enjoy as well - accomplishing something that individually would not be possible. When as many people as possible bring in even a plant or two, together the resulting displays can be quite impressive. Please, even if you've never brought a plant to one of the shows before - consider making this year your first! Look forward to a great time of sharing plants and ideas together as we prepare for our March show. See you all soon! — Mike Ayres



## Group order of Orchid Wiz

The Portland Club has contacted us about going in together as groups to purchase Orchid Wiz.

ORCHID WIZ is offering volume discounts to members of a society or club who purchase Orchid Wiz Encyclopedia and Journal 8.0 together. The discounts are calculated based on a list price of \$295 + S&H and cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts. The discount price includes shipping & handling. Purchase of 5-9 @30% discount = \$210, 10-19 @40% disc. = \$179.50, 20 or more @50% disc. = \$149.50.

Orchid Wiz Express 2012 volume discount is based on a retail price of \$95 + S&H.

Order deadline is March 27,2012. Individual checks are OK if mailed together. The Portland Society will be the point of contact. Please contact Sharon Johnson [sharonuj@comcast.net](mailto:sharonuj@comcast.net) 503-351-0581

## MPOS President's Message

This last week I gave a talk to the Lebanon Garden club. I had twenty minutes to tell them how to grow orchids. I have done this many times over the years; this one went well. The group was very receptive and enthusiastic. For me it was a reminder that I, too, once knew nothing about orchids. It also reinforced the fact that I love sharing my love for orchids. This



weekend we have a grand opportunity to share, educate, and meet like-minded orchid lovers - our annual show and sale.

I know we have done this many times and most of it happens as a matter of routine, but please know that your part in this effort is needed. If nothing else - bring your blooming plants for the display. Make sure, if you can't pick the plant up at the end of the day, that you label the plant somehow and tell either me or Patty Skaer so we can make arrangements for the plant after the show.

We plan to have a repotting area again this year along with an Orchids 101 class. Let your friends know about both of these. — Patricia Harding

Photos: Kusra Kapular MPOS Dec. Meeting

## Show Dates To Remember:

Feb.4 2012 9:00 am to 5:00 pm — MPOS Annual Show and Sale Garland Nursery Corvallis OR

Feb.5, 2012 1:00 pm — AOS Judging, followed by the educational program. Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR

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### Events Calendar

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February 4, 2012 Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	MPOS - Annual Show and Sale	Garland Nursery 5470 NE HWY 20 Corvallis OR
February 5, 2012 Sunday 12:00 Educational program 1:00 pm Judging	ASO - Monthly Judging and Educational Program	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR
February 7, 2012 Tuesday 6:30 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Samurai Greenhouse	Church of the Good Samaritan 35th and Harrison Corvallis OR
February 8, 2012 Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	CCOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Show Prep/Fantasy Orchid DVD	Salem Heights Community Hall 3505 Liberty Rd. S. Salem OR
March 3 and 4, 2012 Saturday and Sunday	CCOS - Annual Show and Sale	Lancaster Mall Salem OR

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