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Oregon Judging Site January

First, we wish to thank the Portland Orchid Society for their generous contribution toward the support of the Judging Center. We greatly appreciate it.

The date for our annual auction will be Sunday, May 5 on our regular judging day. Tempting plants will be available and refreshments will be served. More information will follow - mark the day on your calendar.

An additional judging will be held at the Portland Orchid Society meeting on Jan. 22 at 7 pm. Plants from the show-and-tell table as well as those brought in will be screened to give society members and the public a better idea of the AOS process. This will count as a show judging; regular monthly judging in Silverton will not be affected. Non-members of the Portland Orchid Society may bring plants for this judging.

Eleven judges and a pre-student attended in Silverton this month. Twenty plants were presented, ten were nominated and five were awarded. Anyone who thinks that Pleurothallis are tiny, insignificant plants should check out the enormous Pleurothallis exalta that got a double award.— Marcia Romick



Pleurothallis exalta
Photo: Ross Leach

MPOS February 21 Meeting



Jim Snyder will be doing a program for beginners; topic to be decided. — Jerry Kueneker

Jim Snyder with paph.
Photo: Nancy Helt

We have only one person signed up for refreshments for our next

meeting on February 21. If you can bring refreshments, please send me an email. borger-sonl@comcast.net — Lisa Borgerson

CCOS February Meeting

The February 13, 2013 program is going to be a potting and planting demonstration. Tom Valente will show how to mound and pot neofinetias, Mike Ayres with demonstrate how to mount plants on ceramic plates and Jim Snyder will do a potting and planting workshop on catts. — Nancy Helt

Hardy Terrestrial orchid seedlings

It's hard to find sources for seed-grown cypripediums and other hardy terrestrial orchids, and the offers are often of blooming-size plants at very high prices. I've found a good source for vernalized bare-root seedlings [VBRS] in Ned Aspinwall of St. Louis MO. Ned's current list is at www.cypripediums.com . Note that Ned has a minimum order of 5 for any single item, and a flat \$7.50 for S+H, so I'd like to put in a bulk order. If interested, check Ned's list and contact me at loren.russell@comcast.net by Feb. 15. If you're not sure what might be good, I will be compiling a list to send to folks who contact me. I suggest that anyone who wants to try the VBRS offerings should go for at least 3 - these usually grow well, but there may be losses the first summer. Older plants usually survive well, so singletons are fine as long as we make the minimum.

This is the third go-round for me with Ned. As in the past, I'm happy to front the payment. Note also that S+H should add only a few cents to each plant.—Loren Russell

CCOS President's Message

It's hard to believe, in the middle of the current cold spell, that we're looking forward to the next Annual CCOS Spring Show and Sale April 6th and 7th, 2013. Or maybe it's because of the weather that we're looking forward to spring? :) At any rate, your board has been working on advertising, inviting vendors, assigning tasks, and making all the other plans for our most significant event of the year. This event is the main venue we have to bring in the revenue to continue to operate without raising dues and enables us to stay involved with our community. We have increased our exposure in the Salem area by getting involved in events such as the Oregon State Fair and a Deepwood event, and have discussed other possibilities as well.

Another important facet of the show is the judging and awarding of ribbons. Orchid shows are one of the main ways that current and potential orchid growers are exposed to new hybrids and refined species. When you are able to grow a plant well and it wins a ribbon it not only puts a feather in your cap but perhaps more importantly to the future of orchid growing overall, it gives the breeding programs fuel to continue. The plants in our and our childrens' futures are to some degree determined by the plants that win awards in our shows today!

Even if you are just a small home grower, I encourage you to pick a few NEW plants to grow this year. Use the resources available, including other club members, books, the internet, etc. to bloom your plant and then show it to the world! At the very least you can enjoy the process itself and "pop your buttons" when the miracle of that first spike shows itself and develops into glorious flowers. Perhaps you will end up with a blue ribbon, a best in category award, or even awarded by the AOS. That might encourage others to grow similar plants or continue the breeding process of bringing better plants into the world for generations to come. Happy Growing. — Mike Ayres



Conservatory of Flowers San Francisco Photo: Justina Kelliher

MPOS President's Message

We had low attendance at our first meeting at a new time and place. I hope those of you who weren't there can come next month. Some of those that came found that the Seventh Day Adventist Church is hard to find in the dark, so here are a few tips. It is at 3160 Western Blvd. The major cross streets are 30th and 35th. The minor cross streets are Stamm and Poplar. There is a driveway to the right of the church - DO NOT use it; it will take you onto a wet, unpaved area. Pull in on the left side of the church or go to SW Poplar Place, go about half a block and turn right into the back parking lot of the church. The church is on the south side of the road, away from OSU. It is white and set back a little from the road with a line of very dense, tall trees along its west side. The building we are using is separate from the church and at the back of the property. There are no buildings directly across the street from the church.



Jim Snyder's orchid Jan mtg Photo: Justina Kelliher

We had a great speaker who discussed native orchids and how many can be grown in our yards here in Corvallis. Loren Russell shared pictures of how he created a bog or seep in his own yard where he grows some interesting plants including orchids. In the spring/early summer, Loren will be hosting an open garden on a day yet to be determined. Hopefully we will learn that date and you can stop by Loren's garden and see how he grows orchids year round in his garden in Corvallis. Loren would like to bulk order some seedling cypripediums by mid-February—see his information on p. 1. And there are more than cypripediums available!— Lisa Borgerson

Show Dates To Remember:

February 2 9:00 to 5:00 Mary's Peak Orchid Society Show and Sale Garlands Nursery 5470 NE Hwy 20 Corvallis

February 3 12:00 noon Educational Program 1:00 pm AOS Judging Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR.

CCOS Meeting

During the January meeting of the Cherry City Orchid Society we did things a little differently in the business meeting part of the evening. We divided into four separate groups and held a round table discussion. Doing this allowed the people in each group to get to know each other better. It allowed each person to contribute to the discussion or to ask questions, and made it easier to discuss specific plant problems. Each group leader had a list of questions to direct the group: What did they like about the club? What would they change? Did they have any other suggestions to make the club better? What would they like to see more of in the way of topics for the future? The wrap-up feedback was favorable and we might try it again.



We had a first this month during plant show and tell when we ended with a first place tie. There were really some amazing entries this month, from Tom Valente's small plant that he got from his brother to the tied first place plants



owned by both Jim Snyder and Mike Ayers. It was hard to name a specific first place because they were both

outstanding plants.

Theresa Hill held her yearly open house in January and a small group of the Cherry City group attended and had a good time. — Nancy Helt

Above: Judy with paph. Below: Mike Ayres and his plants. Photos: Nancy Helt

MPOS Show and Sale

Things are all set up for the show and sale at Garland's this year. We have eight vendors lined up, plus a sales table for MPOS. Oncideae plugs are always a popular item and this year I ordered 110 of them, trying to not order ones we have offered in past sales. We will also be offering some of the doritis and oncidium Mendenhall (psychopsis) that are left from our picnic purchase. We still need volunteers to fill the security and information, box boy, and cash register slots. We may also need some help in the repotting area which can get pretty busy. This is our society's show and sale and everyone is encouraged to participate. This year we will have a banner with our society's name on it so people will know who we are. Thanks to Dick Cruise for the beautiful posters he printed on his own printer. Posters should be placed in public notice areas throughout the area. I hope to see everyone at the show.— Jerry Kueneke Home 503-838-4655 or Cell 541-740-0694
Remember to bring boxes to Garlands.

Mary's Peak Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale

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



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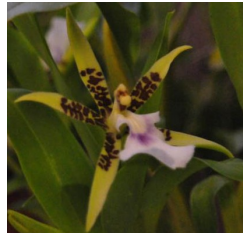
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Garland Nursery

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Events Calendar

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February 2, 2013 Saturday 9:00am - 5:00 pm	MPOS - Annual Show and Sale	Garland Nursery 5470 NE Hwy 20 Corvallis OR
February 3, 2013 Sunday 12:00 Educational Program 1:00pm Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging and Educational Program	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR
February 13, 2013 Wednesday 6:30 pm	CCOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Potting	Salem Heights Community Hall 3505 Liberty Rd. S. Salem OR
February 21, 2013 Thursday 6:30 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Jim Snyder	Seventh Day Adventist Church 3160 SW Western Blvd
March 3, 2013 Sunday 12:00 Ed. Program 1:00 pm Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging and Educational Program	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR

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