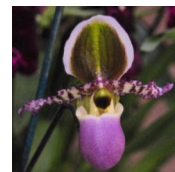


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Oregon Judging Site January

January of the new year saw us in new quarters at the Keizer City Building, delightfully full of plants and twice as many visitors as judges! Seven judges inspected the twenty-nine plants entered, nominated eleven of them, and awarded six. There were four HCCs (Highly Commended Certificates), one CCM (Certificate of



Pleurothallis 'Linda's Smile' CCM/AOS 82 pts. Owned by Jim McBane, Cedar Hills OR
Photo: Ross Leach

MPOS February Meeting

This month we will feature our second program on culture which we traditionally use to cover a broad spectrum of the basics of orchid growing. The program provides a wealth of information for potential new members who attend our meeting after succumbing to orchid fever at our show and sale at Garland Nursery on Feb. 1. Elements of potting, repotting, light requirements, fertilizer, watering, staking, and potting media will be covered. If everything works out, the society will have some media available for purchase. Similar to last month, demonstrations will be used as the springboard for conversation. Since there are endless variants on each of these topics, long-standing members are encouraged to come and share your formulas for successful orchid growing and your questions covering challenges you have encountered. See you there. — Gregg Lomnicky

CCOS February Meeting

Our February meeting will be on Wednesday the 12th when Tom Etheridge will be speaking to us about masdevallias. Tom grows several genera of cool-temperature orchids in his Corvallis greenhouse. He is an AOS judge and head of the Oregon Judging Site. As we head into the beginning of the 2014 show season, I would like to encourage you to expand your orchid boundaries. I recently started growing hardy orchids outside, as well as our more familiar tropical orchids. It is a whole new world with many orchids that like our NW climate. If you want to stay with tropicals, think about trying a genus or species you have not grown before. If you have never grown masdevallias, try them. Tom will be glad to give you lots of pointers. There is always plenty to learn and experience in the world of orchids. — Becky Thompson



Ida lata 'Misty Ridge' CHM/AOS 82 pts. (Provisional). Owned by Michael Jenne and Chris Howard, Portland OR Photo: Ross Leach

Cultural Merit), which is awarded to the grower, and one CHM (Certificate of Horticultural Merit). Because of the many names in its history and the requirement that species must be identified by the Species Identification Task Force, this award will be provisional and held in the district until the

correct identification is made. Our photographer Ross Leach had his hands full this month. We also gratefully acknowledge generous donations from the Oregon Orchid Society and the Portland Orchid Society over the holidays. They brightened our celebrations enormously. There will be an outreach judging program at the Portland Orchid Society meeting on Tues. Jan. 28 at 7 pm at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 6835 SW 46th Ave. Portland. You are welcome to come and observe or bring plants to enter. Our new meeting site should be easier to find and more convenient to attend. We hope to see you on Feb. 2 in the Chemawa Room, Keizer Civic Center 930 Chemawa Rd. NE Keizer OR 97303. Since judging needs to start promptly, please bring plants as close to 1 pm as possible. Checking them in requires a bit of time and we will start judging by 1:30. — Marcia Romick

CCOS President's Message

Has there EVER been a greater day? In previous messages I may have come across as just a tad negative as I've attempted to communicate some of the changes in the world that have made it challenging for our societies.

Has there ever been a time when it was easier to find orchids to enjoy? Plants that used to be the domain of the wealthy are now widely obtainable. Much to the dismay of some, orchids are now so easy to mass produce that they are available to the general public just as poinsettias or cut flowers are. People throw them into their shopping carts, enjoy them for a few weeks, and then toss them once the flowers fade. Who would have dreamed that orchids would become a commodities that are bought and "consumed" like bags of chips?

We who choose to grow orchids no longer have to seek out a vendor somewhere, find a group of local experts or purchase a book on the topic and hope that our questions are answered. We can now go on line and find expert commentary on any orchid issue. For those of us fortunate enough to have smart phones, not only can we ask the question, but we can do it at any time or place and get immediate feedback. Want to know what a particular plant's flowers look like? You can find it on Google Images and also enjoy looking at a fantastic selection of plants and flowers that will "blow your mind"! Part of what is so great about our society is the opportunity to share our plants. With the advent of the available electronic tools we can also share them with our family, friends, and even complete strangers around the world!

Our web site has some links for orchid forums and other online resources. The people who frequent those sites are friendly and love seeing your orchids posted online and talking about them. One site that many of us frequent is Mary's Peak Orchid Society Facebook page. Have you tried Instagram? Seattle Orchids regularly posts pictures of their flowers and plants here. I find it incredibly easy and fun to snap quick photos of my orchid flowers on my smartphone or Ipad and post them to Instagram for sharing with friends and family. I urge you to share your favorite sites with your society friends as we come together and continue to be amazed at the beauty of orchids. Has there EVER truly been a day when we all could find this opportunity so available? — Mike Ayres

MPOS President's Message

Don't forget our sale and show on Feb.1 !. I hope we have really good sales since this is our major fundraiser for the year. We also have two other events planned for this spring. On February 8, we will have a table at "Insights into Gardening", hosted by the Benton County Master Gardener Association. The event will be held at the LaSells Stewart Center at OSU. Classes will be available with a registration fee. We will be selling orchids at our table and dispensing information on orchid culture and our society. Later in the spring at the May Festival on May 4 in Central Park, Corvallis we will have another opportunity to sell orchids. Neither of these events makes as much money as our show but they do give us an opportunity to let the community know about us and hopefully increase membership.

At our February meeting, we will have a short discussion of our budget and what this means for our programs and activities for the year. Last month we had a good discussion of culture issues. We learned when some seemingly bad things like spots on leaves are truly a problem or just what the plant does. We also had some good examples of plants showing stress for specific reasons such as not enough water or desperately in need of repotting. (My Masdevallia coccinea has since been repotted!)

I forgot to bring in my Cymbidium that I mentioned in the December newsletter. It was to be an example of cold damage as it went through the November frosts and may have experienced a 25 degree night. It dropped all but one and a half leaves but is now sending up new shoots. It even has a bloom spike! It is currently my favorite orchid.

I just received my Sunset magazine and something caught my eye. It says you may now plant your Bletilla striata in the garden. It may be a little early for our area but they may be available in garden centers so look for them. This orchid is relatively inexpensive and will live year round in our gardens with little care so everybody should have some. — Lisa Bogerson

Show Dates to Remember:

February 1 2014 MPOS Annual Show and Sale Garland Nursery Corvallis OR
February 2 2014 1:00 pm AOS Judging Chemawa Room Keizer Civic Center 930 Chemawa Rd. NE Keizer OR

CCOS January Meeting



Orchids at home .
Photo: Mike Ayres

Our January meeting program was about orchid conservation. We watched a video presentation about The Orchid Conservation Coalition and their program of 1% Orchid Conservation.

After a short discussion on conservation we had a great presentation from Dr Kathryn Theiss from Willamette University. She has worked on native orchid conservation and population studies in the United States and Madagascar, partially funded by the AOS. We will continue this discussion at later meetings, including how CCOS can be involved in orchid conservation and what it can do to help native orchids in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. — Becky Thompson



Another of Mike's orchids at home. Photo: Mike Ayres



One more.
Photo: Mike Ayres

Editor's Note

I look forward to including everyone in the newsletter. Please send your contributions to justina_marie20@yahoo.com by the 22nd of the previous month. Thank you. — Justina Kelliher, Editor.

MPOS Events Coming Up

Twenty-fifth Annual "Insights Into Gardening", Saturday, February 8, 2014, La Sells Stewart Center, OSU Campus, Corvallis

Mary's Peak Orchid Society will be participating in the Benton County Master Gardeners Association's "Insights Into Gardening", a day-long series of seminars for home gardeners and gardeners-to-be. There will also be gardening-related exhibits and books for sale. Raffle tickets will be available to support the Marie Madison Horticultural Scholarship.

Pre-registration is \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door - cash or check only. A catered box lunch is available for \$8.00 if you pre-order. All proceeds support the Benton County Master Gardeners Association. Parking is free. Get more information at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton>.



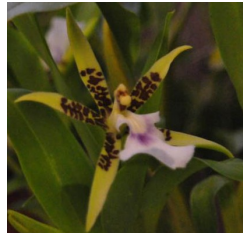
Phap. Shock Wave 'Hillsview' HCC/AOS 77 pts. owned by Theresa and Will Hill Hillsview Orchids Photo: Ross Leach



Masdevallia Rock Star 'Benton' HCC/AOS 77 pts owned by Tom Etheridge and Luanne Rolly Corvallis OR Photo: Ross Leach

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Events Calendar

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February 1 2014 Saturday Annual Show and Sale	MPOS - Mary's Peak Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale	Garland Nursery 5470 NE Hwy 20 Corvallis OR
February 2 2014 Sunday 1:00 pm Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging	Chemawa Room Keizer Civic Ctr. 930 Chemawa Rd. NE Keizer OR
February 12 2014 Wednesday 6:30 pm	CCOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Tom Etheridge	Salem Heights Community Hall 3505 Liberty Rd. S Salem OR
February 20 2014 Thursday 6:30 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Orchid Culture	Seventh Day Adventist Church 3160 SW Western Blvd Corvallis OR
March 2 2014 Sunday 1:00 pm Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging	Chemawa Room Keizer Civic Ctr. 930 Chemawa Rd. NE Keizer OR

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