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MPOS January Meeting

This month's program is going to be led by Tom Ethridge. Tom is going to be speaking about the AOS: how they have been faring recently and their future plans. As we are all aware, participation in social/educational societies is stagnant, at best. The AOS has not been immune to this; Tom is going to report on the AOS' plans for the future, and solicit input from us. The second part of the program will be about judging: critiquing flowers/plants, what judges look for, explaining how the plant's lineage plays a role. So, bring in your prettiest flowers, as the judges will be using plants from the show and tell table for their discussion. **Time to pay your membership dues.** —Brian Dahl

CCOS January Meeting

If you were not at the Christmas Potluck at our December meeting, you didn't hear it announced that we were losing our monthly meeting place at the Capital Manor. After some additional discussion it appears that we may be able to continue to meet there, with a couple of new contingencies. At any rate, plan on coming to the Capital Manor for our January Meeting and we will announce any further developments then. Meanwhile, if any of you have ideas on alternative meeting locations in the Salem area please continue to investigate and let someone on the board know if you come up with any good leads.

For our meeting topic, Patricia Harding will give a presentation on her trips to Brazil to see orchid habitats, finish up a quick presentation on AOS judging and then introduce in more detail the scoring and competition system to the group. Patricia, a former member of our society for years who doesn't attend very often now due to distance and travel commitments, is an avid orchid grower who is also interested in the taxonomic aspects of orchids. — Mike Ayres

Oregon Judging Site December

It was definitely brisk in the judging room—good for the plants, but the nine judges and nine visitors all needed jackets. Plants brought by exhibitors greatly outnumbered those brought by judges. We were pleased to see Mike and Joni Sielaff, Cheryl Beall, Theresa and Will Hill, Diane Moten and Chris Howard and Michael Jenne along with our usual judge spouses, Luanne Rolly and Jerry Romick. There were 24 plants of which 16 were nominated and four awarded.

The new year will also see something new at judging. We will be having a series of talks on the different genera preceding judging starting in January with a *Bulbophyllum* program by Bill Thoms, presented by Tom Etheridge. February will feature Theresa Hill speaking on Current Trends in Complex Paph Breeding. You are all invited to join us at noon in the Education Building at the Oregon Garden for these useful talks. — Marcia Romick

Cattleya Pole-Star
'Rainbow Bay Joni'
AM/AOS 80 pts. Mike
and Joni Sielaff,
Waldport Photo
Ross Leach



Paph. Beaute x Chequers
'Ebury Court' HCC/AOS 79
pts. Will and Theresa Hill,
Hillsview Gardens, Mulino
Photo Ross Leach



Left: Paph. Harold Koopowitz
'Irvington' AM/AOS 80 pts. Chris
Howard and Michael Jenne,
Portland This plant was grown
on a windowsill! Photo Ross



Masdevallia Red Panda
'Rainbow Bay Joni'
HCC/AOS 76 pts. Mike
and Joni Sielaff, New-
port Photo Ross Leach

Mary's Peak Orchid Society Plans to Use Point System

Shows in Brazil had a problem with people not bringing plants to the shows. A few years ago they developed a new system of judging to encourage novices. Plants are scored on a system of 1 to 10 points—some plants get none, but anything that is fairly well grown gets 4 or more points. Culture, rarity and quality all factor into the score. The system keeps track of points given to each member and to each society and they do this all year long for all shows that sign up for the system. In Brazil this has become very competitive among individuals and societies with the result that those shows in Brazil that use this system are growing by leaps and bounds and those shows that don't use the system are seeing less and less plants each year (these other shows use standard ribbons—1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and some add AOS judging). The point system surprisingly has no prize; the honor of being the winner seems to drive the system. The Brazilian societies have also benefited by this enthusiasm, and plant sales have improved as their members strive to get plants to win points.

The Mary's Peak Orchid Society has decided to amend this concept a bit. MPOS attendance is going down at meetings and the show table is sometimes lacking. MPOS is going to start giving points at the show and at the monthly show and tell table. These points will be totaled for the whole year. We plan to post the numbers each month in the newsletter and/or Facebook page to keep the excitement up. We are not sure if we will have prizes or how we will manipulate the numbers. We will just try it for a while and see what happens. Our hope is to encourage people to come to the meetings and also bring their plants. If you don't come you can't win points.

Now the challenge: Mary's Peak is going to give this a try. Whether other societies participate is optional, but we hereby throw the flag. Our intent is to score plants at our meetings but also at shows around the area, hoping to encourage our members to enter more shows than just our local show, either as a group display or individually. We will keep track of the scores. The Challenge: MPOS formally challenges all Societies in Oregon to get the highest score for the year. The hope is that this will be fun and encourage comradeship.

— Patricia Harding

*Brasiliaea
purpurata
var. carnea*

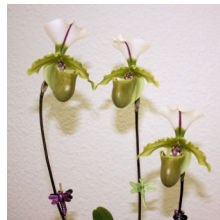


Rough guidelines for scoring : Remember, this is very subjective and done without research.

- 1- Plant on table – in theory no one would get this score.
- 2- Plant on table with substandard bloom - this would be a plant near death, or with bugs, deformed flowers, etc.
- 3- Plant with slightly less than standard bloom- low flower count and low flower quality or damage to flowers.
- 4- Plant with low average quality of bloom – low flower quality but low to normal flower count.
- 5- Plant well grown with average quality of flowers with normal flower count.
- 6- Plant well grown and slightly above average bloom of quality flower.
- 7- Plant well grown and even better bloom of quality flower- sturdy plant, near maximum number of striking flat flowers, but with minor flaws (example: a little crowded). Person shows they have this plant/genera well in hand in terms of growing skills.
- 8- Plant very well grown, many growths in bloom, and exceptional bloom of quality flower- sturdy plant, near maximum number of striking flat flowers.
- 9- Plant exceptionally well grown, many growths and exceptional bloom of quality flowers.
- 10- WOW...plant is a knock-out!

CCOS December Potluck

Didn't we have a grand meeting this past month? It is always interesting to see what kind of dishes everyone brings, and who better to share them with than our fellow orchid geeks? :-) The selection of plants was once again unique and provided some species that most of us have not seen before nor even considered growing. As I was reviewing what was available I noted that about every other plant was something that I'd be interested in trying! We had a smaller than usual but premium group of show & tell plants this month, and one of those plants was a nice *Holcoglossum wangii* flowered from our summer potluck selection - great job! Near the end of our meeting a few leftover plants were selected for purchase after our our treasurer Sharon Goin had left - if that was you, please remember to bring your payment at the next meeting as you are on the "scouts honor system". — Mike Ayres



Photos Mike Ayres



New CCOS Board

President - Mike Ayres
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 Secretary - Corrine Matye
 Treasurer - Sharon Goin
 Membership & Newsletter Distribution - Nancy Helt
 Director (2nd year) - Ricky Hart
 Director (1st year) - Ross Leach
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MPOS President's Message

A new year is upon us with lots of exciting things to come our way. We will be starting off the new year with a program led by Tom Etheridge. He will be discussing the latest developments with the AOS and will be giving us a short program on judging orchids. Check out Patricia's article on a new judging program that is taking off spectacularly in Brazil. We will be incorporating our own version of this at our society's gatherings this year. In February make sure to come and hear Jim Snyder's presentation on Cattleyas. He always has wonderful Catts in bloom. The MPOS Annual Show and Sale relocates to a new venue at Garlands Nursery on February 5th this year but returns to a familiar weekend sharing honors with the Superbowl. We will focus on reminders for beginners (and the rest of us too) about growing techniques in March. In April, Tom Etheridge will again be leading a presentation, this time on *Odonoglossums*. We have a couple of other programs still in the works.

Last month we had a great social with a fine selection of foods to tempt our waistslines. The gift orchids were not to be missed this year with many already in flower and an assortment to please the most discriminating enthusiast. Here is a big thanks to Mike Sielaff for providing such nice plants at a very reasonable cost to the society. Remember to keep collecting cardboard boxes for the show. Gerry asked for someone to fill in this year as chief of boxes since his knee will be requiring some rest. Please think about helping out with the boxes or many other roles at the show. All help will be gladly accepted. I have started a Facebook Group for MPOS. Check it out. I will be posting pictures of the flowers that graced our Show and Tell table last month. See if you recognize your plant. Hope you had a great Holiday break and New Year, and that your New Years Resolution to make all meetings in 2011 comes true! See you at the meeting. — Gregg Lomnicky

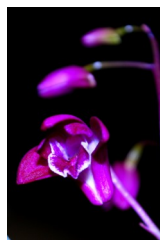


Photo Gregg Lomnicky

Show Dates To Remember:

January 2 — AOS Monthly Judging Sunday
 1:00 pm Oregon Garden Silverton OR
 January 21-23 — Peninsula Orchid Society
 Show 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City CA
 January 28-30 — Newport Harbor Orchid Society
 Show, Westminster Mall, Westminster CA
 February 6 — AOS Monthly Judging Sunday
 1:00 pm Oregon Garden Silverton OR

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Events Calendar

For calendar submissions please contact the editor

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| January 2, 2010 Sunday 1:00 pm | AOS — Monthly Judging | Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton, Oregon |
| January 4, 2010 Tuesday 6:30 pm | MPOS— Monthly Meeting. Program: Tom Etheridge | Church of the Good Samaritan 35th and Harrison, Corvallis, Oregon |
| January 12, 2010 Wednesday 6:30pm | CCOS— Monthly Meeting. Program: Patricia Harding | Capital Manor Community Center 1995 Dallas Hwy., Salem, Oregon |
| February 1, 2010 Tuesday 6:30 pm | MPOS—Monthly Meeting. Program: TBA | Church of the Good Samaritan 35th and Harrison, Corvallis, Oregon |
| February 6, 2010 Sunday 1:00 pm | AOS — Monthly Judging | Oregon Garden, Education Building Silverton, Oregon |

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