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Oregon Judging Site December



The December monthly AOS judging in Silverton was not only fun but those in attendance were treated to 15 plants for judging brought in by 3 different exhibitors and a cut flower spray of a beautiful Cattleya hybrid.

MPOS January Meeting

Scott from Greenhouse Specialists will be our speaker this month. He will be doing a presentation about orchid bark and his greenhouse company. I asked that he bring plenty of the bark product and anything else he thinks we may be interested in. Our show is on February 4th at Garland Nursery from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. — Jerry Keuneke

Refreshments: Ella May Wulff and Joneth

CCOS January Meeting

We're delighted to have Bergen Todd speaking this month. Her subject is "An Overview of the Genus Miltoniopsis". I've always loved "pansy" orchids, but have not had much luck growing them, so I'm hoping that Bergen will give us some really good tips on how to successfully grow them in a number of our member's environments. If the following "teaser" to her program doesn't get you excited to come to our January meeting I don't know what will! Look forward to seeing you all there. — Mike Ayres

There were six accredited judges, one student judge, a pre-student and three visitors present for a pre-judging presentation on the AOS Special Awards for 2010, given by Craig Williams. After this talk the judges nominated seven plants for consideration of AOS awards. These seven plants consisted of five Paphiopedilums, one Masdevallia and one Acenita. Of these the Masdevallia Jewel was awarded an AM of 82 points.

Everyone had a great time at the judging, and the judging center would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season. — Craig Williams



Photos: Ross Leach

Entire bio is on www.cherrycityorchidsociety.org

Bergen Todd



I've grown paphiopedilums and a variety of species and hybrids for a long time, but recently *Miltoniopsis* have displaced paphs as my number one orchid genus. I still eagerly await first flowers from new seedlings, as I have for thirty-plus years. My favorite orchid is always the next to bloom. To quote the dedication in my first orchid book, written by Charles Marden Fitch, "For my friends around the world, I hope we will cultivate an understanding of each other and learn to live in peace. Let's begin with our mutual love of nature's beauty."— Bergen Todd

Cherry City Orchid Society

The CCOS board has been considering where our society might invest some of its finances to aid orchid conservation. It would be great if we could find something happening here locally in Oregon or somewhere in the northwest. We've been aware of work being done internationally in South America for some time, but now have also found out about a significant project being undertaken on the east coast. Note the following summary put together by Sharon, see what you think, and give your board some input if you feel so inclined - Thanks! — Mike Ayres

Orchid Conservation and the AOS

The loss of habitat for native orchids is increasing worldwide. The American Orchid Society and the Nature Conservancy have partnered to save the Myrtle Head Savanna, a seventy two acre long leaf pine environment in North Carolina. Long leaf pine savannas used to occupy fifty five million acres across the Eastern U.S. Only two percent of that now remains. It is a region of very wet clay soils dotted with small swamps, and is home to ten native orchid species which bloom from spring through December.



Spiranthes longilabris

The orchid species that can be found there are: *Spiranthes longilabris*, *Platanthera blephariglottis*, *Platanthera ciliaris**, *Calaopogon pallidus*, *Calopogon barbatus**, *Cleistesiosis bifaria*, *Cleistesiosis divaricata*, *Pogonia ophioglossoides*, *Spirantes longilabris**, and *Spiranthes praecox*. Logging in the 1980s and subsequent fire suppression have altered the natural cycles of life in the savanna. Periodic fires are an important part of this ecology as they clear out the underbrush, reducing competition for space, light, water, and nutrients. The orchid roots, rhizomes, and corms are protected from

the fire's heat by the loose, airy soil. Orchids often flower in greater numbers after a fire moves through. It is thought that chemicals from the ash release phosphate to the roots which may trigger flowering. The AOS and the Nature Conservancy are funding efforts to use controlled burning and manual removal of shrubs to bring this ecosystem back. The AOS has raised about half of its \$10,000 goal for this project. For more information, visit www.aos.org. —Sharon Goin



Platanthera ciliaris



Calopogon barbatus



Photo left: Ross Leach
CCOS Dec. meeting

Photos above: N. Carolina natives

Mary's Peak Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale

Our show is Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Garland Nursery, 5470 N.E. Hwy 20, Corvallis. We will be having displays, sales, cultural advice, and an orchid repotting service. Members — remember to bring your boxes to Garland! — Justina Kelliher

CCOS President's Message

A big thank you to the membership for allowing myself and the board to serve you this past year. It has been a challenge at times. We have all gotten the opportunity to make some great new friends and a chance to see some new plants or blooms on plants we've seen before and were looking forward to viewing again one day at our monthly meetings and at the yearly shows in the valley.

2011 saw us successfully have our First Annual Show & Sale in a shopping mall, and we were able to make a super re-entry into the State Fair. For some time now we've been picking a new genus of plants to try growing together as a group and most of us are now in the process of growing phragmipediums from a common pot. Hasn't it been fun to all start out with similar plants and find that most of us still have our plants alive? You might check out our website online and note the wide range of speakers and topics covered for the past three years.

A year ago Patricia Harding explained the orchid scoring point system, where each blooming plant brought in for show and tell would be awarded a score between 1 and 10. A small group of us scored all the plants brought in for show and tell each month. It was an interesting concept designed to promote friendly competition and increase the participation in our show and tell process at the monthly meetings. I generated some interesting data from this process that you might be interested in.

1. We had more plants consistently brought in for show and tell (22-34 per month) than in any of the past 5 years. 24 of our members brought in at least one plant.
2. Jim Snyder was clearly the points winner, followed by Judy Barrick.
3. Jim (27%) and Judy (20%) brought in nearly half of the plants. You guys are the king and queen of orchid sharing. Thank you so much!
4. There were approximately 40 genera of plants viewed, of which 65% were hybrids and 35% species. The number 1 favorite genus? Paphiopedilums! A little over a fourth of all plants shared were slipper orchids. Cattleya-type orchids were a distant second with 18% and phalaenopsis with 8%

In order to generate more club interest in the show and tell process for the coming year, the board has decided to return to having all members at the meetings voting on their favorite orchid.— Mike Ayres

MPOS President's Message

For this new year I would like to work on increasing the attendance at our meetings. Meetings are more fun and draw more people if more people attend. Our program chairs lament the chore of getting speakers only to have a poor turnout by the members. I don't think the quality of the programs has gone down, but as attendance is down, the programs must not be enough of a draw for some members of the orchid community. Do people come to meetings to learn or do they come to be social? I suspect it is a combination of both. Somehow we need to



spread the word about the positive side of leaving the comfort of your home to come to a meeting and spending a few hours with

people who also enjoy growing plants. I am asking for ideas on how to proceed. I also want to thank Helene and Bart Gendel for a donation of 4 trays of mature plants that they were unable to sell when they closed their greenhouse. I recall the first time Helene came to our meetings years ago with a problem she was having in her greenhouse. What great fun it was to problem-solve as a group. They have been members for years, even though we seldom see them at meetings anymore. These plants will be for sale at great prices at the show in February. — Patricia Harding

Show Dates To Remember:

Jan. 8, 2012 1:00 pm — AOS Judging, followed by the educational program. Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR

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

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Events Calendar

For calendar submissions please contact the editor

January 3, 2012 Tuesday 6:30 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Scott from Greenhouse Specialists	Church of the Good Samaritan 35th and Harrison Corvallis OR
January 8, 2012 Sunday 12:00 Edu- cational Program 1:00 pm Judging	ASO - Monthly Judging	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR
January 11, 2012 Wednesday 6:30 pm	CCOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Bergen Todd	Salem Heights Community Hall 3505 Liberty Rd. S. Salem OR
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 Edu- cational program 1:00 pm Judging	ASO - Monthly Judging	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR

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