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Oregon Judging Site December

Our last judging at the Oregon Garden saw our bank balance healthier due to a generous donation from the Cherry City Orchid Society. It is much appreciated, especially with having to scramble to find a new meeting place. Many thanks to those who contributed suggestions; with your help, it got done in time. We now meet at the Keizer Civic Center.

MPOS January Meeting

Have you noticed spotting, tip browning, or wilting of your orchid leaves, or plants that are just in the doldrums this winter? Do you water too much, or at the wrong time? Perhaps you are using too much fertilizer, or your orchid is too cold or transplanted at the wrong time. We will offer a plant diagnostic workshop to help your orchids look their best and carry them through the winter. A number of plants will be available for inspection and discussion. This will be an informational and interactive meeting to diagnose many common orchid ailments in our collections. Bring your questions, observations, and a notepad - Gregg Lomnicky

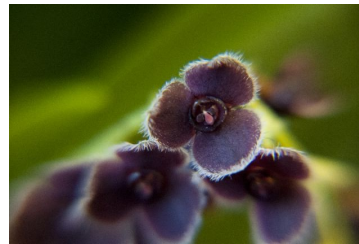
CCOS January Meeting

We will show a short video on orchid conservation followed by a related presentation by Dr. Kathryn Theiss. We were recently delighted to find that we've had an orchid conservation enthusiast in our midst and didn't even know it!

Dr. Theiss' interest in plants was stimulated at a young age by her mother, a trained botanist, during family backpacking trips in Northern California. Kathryn studied Biology and French at Willamette University, where she spent a semester in Madagascar and fell in love with the country. After graduation, she spent two years at the Chicago Botanic Garden studying rare plants, including two federally threatened *Platanthera* species.

Combining her love of orchids and Madagascar, she completed her doctorate at the University of Connecticut studying threats to the persistence of an extremely rare orchid, *Erasanthe henrici*, in Madagascar. Kathryn then returned to Willamette University to study how plant species are defined, focusing on camas lilies. — Mike Ayres

With nine judges we were able to form two teams to examine the two plants nominated and both were awarded.



Terry Thompson was awarded a Certificate of Botanical Recognition (CBR) for his charming *Stelis eublepharis* 'Cosmos.' The CBR

is awarded the first time a species is recognized with an award. The flowers were small but very numerous. His *Masdevallia pillosella* 'Cosmos' received an HCC of 75 points. It had many flowers of interesting texture and color and has a reputation of being difficult to grow, let alone bloom so well.

Jim Rassmann brought several trays of plants to share with those present. See what you missed? We hope you will all find our new location easier to reach and look forward to seeing you there. — Marcia Romick



Photos: Ross Leach

CCOS President's Message

Can we "Make a Difference" ? Previously I've reflected on the cycle of change that is ever upon us. What are my plans for today? What are my goals for tomorrow? What do I hope to accomplish this month? It can be helpful to fix our attention on a specific target. There are two areas which are part of our constitution's directive that I'd like to see us focus on in the year to come.

Orchid Education Currently our main thrust is inviting speakers to our monthly meetings, holding our annual orchid show and sale, and maintaining a booth at the Oregon State Fair. The monthly meetings target mainly our regular members, the annual show targets all regional orchid growers and our state fair display targets the general public that might bump into us as they make their way through the booths. How many people in the greater Salem area don't make it to these events and therefore know nothing of our existence? My guess is that many people might be interested in stopping by a CCOS display if they knew we were "out there". We are considering building a professional portable display that could be quickly set up, manned, and dismantled by 2-3 members. We envision setting up in the greater Salem area on a routine basis throughout the year at a place such as Salem Center, Lancaster Mall, Saturday Market, or wherever crowds of people gather.

Orchid Conservation As a member of the American Orchid Society we are committed, as are they, to orchid conservation. However, we haven't done anything recently to further this cause. Perhaps we could attach ourselves to a project or two that could give us a real sense of active participation. One possibility would be to become part of the Orchid Conservation Coalition. Go to www.orchidconservationcoalition.org and see what this organization is about. One of their main programs is 1% For Orchid Conservation, which commits orchid societies and businesses to budget 1% or more of their net revenue to in situ (*in the wild*) orchid conservation. Each society and business decides where to donate within the criteria of the 1% FOC agreement. By networking we can identify orchid conservation organizations and projects that are effective and worth funding. There is no fee to participate. The Coalition accepts no donations, and distributes no money. Talk to your board members or come to a board meeting the last Tuesday of the month. Let's all pitch in to "make a difference"! — Mike Ayres

MPOS President's Message

Happy New Year! Let's make it a good one. If there is something you would like the club to do, let us know. This could be a monthly program topic, a nursery or greenhouse visit, or a group acquisition of materials or plants. We always like help thinking up interesting things for the club to do.

The next big thing on our agenda is the show on February 1. Please come to the next meeting on January 16 so that we can plan how everyone can help. Two



Photo: Nancy Helt

jobs that require attention before the show have been taken. Jen Gervais is covering publicity and Dick Cruse has already made our beautiful show posters. Some of you are now distributing them around town, and there are more that can be picked up at the meeting. Two more jobs need some attention before the show: plant acquisition for sales and creating our display. I will handle plant acquisition but would like some help. If anyone has a specific request for some type of orchid to be sold, please let me know ASAP and we will try to have it! Everyone can be thinking about our display. If you have an orchid that is getting ready to bloom and would look really great in the display, now is the time to begin grooming it by cleaning its leaves and staking the bloom spike. Be sure to keep it oriented towards the sun in the same way it was before you moved it so all the flowers open facing the same way. Maybe you have a decorative pot you would like to use for display. The day before the show, we will do some sales area set-up. On the day of the show, jobs will include more sales area set-up, display set-up, monitoring in both sales and display areas, repotting station, and take-down. Please think about where you would like to help. — Lisa Borgerson

Show Dates to Remember:

January 5 2014 1:00 pm AOS Judging Location: Chemawa Room, Keizer Civic Center 930 Chemawa Rd. NE Keizer OR 97303

February 1 2014 Marys Peak Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale Garland Nursery 5470 NE Hwy 20 Corvallis OR

CCOS December Meeting

There was no program in December as it was the annual Christmas potluck. Mike did do a short meeting while the food was being set up. The proposal for raising the yearly dues from \$15.00 to \$25.00 starting in 2014. was approved and passed. The new board members for 2014 were approved. The gift exchange went over pretty well and everyone seemed happy with the gift they had chosen, so there was no grabbing anyone else's gift. I think everyone might have forgotten that this could have been done.

This is my last contribution as Vice President and I just want to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. I will continue to contribute pictures on a monthly basis, but it is now up to Becky Thompson to do the writing. — Nancy Helt



Photo: Nancy Helt

AOS Oregon Judging Site Move

New Oregon Judging Site

After seven very successful years of collaboration with the Oregon Garden for monthly orchid judging in Oregon the time has come to move on. Management of the room we have been using since 2009 has been taken over by the Oregon Garden Resort and they raised the fee for the room to \$250. Were we to accept such a steep increase without looking for other options we would not be acting in the best interests of the judging center, nor would it represent good stewardship of the generous donations we use to keep us going. So, this past Sunday was our last day at the Oregon Garden. We looked at many options and settled on one that looks very promising, the Keizer Civic Center in Keizer, OR, just off I-5 north of Salem. The site has many benefits: it is closer to I-5 than the Oregon Garden, it keeps our location centered in the Willamette Valley for ease of access to orchid growers throughout northwest Oregon, it has padded chairs and plenty of tables, it is located in the same building as city hall and the police station so the climate control will always be on, and it's \$45 per month LESS expensive than what we had been paying at the Oregon Garden! The only downside is that the room itself has no windows but it's located just off the entrance to the building, so judges will still be able to view the plants in natural light easily. Also, we were able to keep our current date and judging times.

Here is the information on the new judging site:

Location: Chemawa Room, Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Rd. NE, Keizer OR 97303.

Time: 1:30 pm on the first Sunday of every month starting on January 5 2014.

—Tom Etheridge

Mary's Peak Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale

Orchid Displays, Sales, and Expert Advice - Repotting Service (for a fee)



Laeliacattleya "Schilleriana"

Saturday, February 1st, 2014
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Garland Nursery

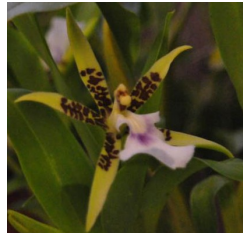
5470 NE Hwy 20, Corvallis, OR

Editor's Note

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

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Events Calendar

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January 5 2014 Sunday 12:00 Ed. Program 1:00 pm Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging	Chemawa Room Keizer Civic Center 930 Chemawa Rd. NE Keizer OR
January 8 2014 Wednesday 6:30 pm	CCOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Dr. Kathryn Theiss / conservation	Salem Heights Community Hall 3505 Liberty Rd. S Salem OR
January 16 2014 Thursday 6:30 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Greg Lomnický / orchid problems	Seventh Day Adventist Church 3160 SW Western Blvd Corvallis OR
February 1 2014 Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	MPOS—Annual Show and Sale	Garland Nursery 5470 NE Hwy 20 Corvallis OR
February 2 2014 Sunday 12:00 Ed. Program 1:00 pm Judging	AOS— Monthly Judging	Chemawa Room Keizer Civic Center 930 Chemawa Rd. NE Keizer OR

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