

# The Oregon Hybrid



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## MPOS January Program



Pot. Love Avenue 'Serenade'

I hope your holidays were merry and you survived the cold spell that forced us to cancel the December potluck. As I was contacting folks to cancel the meeting several said "Why don't we just hold the potluck in January?"

When I mentioned this to people I talked to later, they all agreed. So we will try again: January will be a potluck, bring a dish, pay your dues and get an orchid, and vote on our slate of nominated board members.

One of the most unfortunate things about the cancellation is that I have a bunch of orchids that started popping open buds on December 20. They may be past blooming on January 19, though several still have another spike which should bloom later. Other plants have tiny buds right now so we will have some blooming orchids at the next meeting. I have included some pictures of them so you can still enjoy them a little bit.

## CCOS January Program

This month Gregg Lomnicky from our Sister Society Mary's Peak will be speaking at our January 11th meeting. We are looking forward to hearing his presentation on "The Paphiopedilums: Natural ranges and culture insights" He plans to show the species ranges of the Paphs with supporting climate data. Gregg will also share in situ photos and then use this to lead a discussion on some cultural insights we can glean to better grow this group of orchids.

Gregg is the current MPOS President and has played a role in that Society's Board for many years.

## Oregon Judging Center

There was a lot to be thankful for in November when we held the PNWJC AOS judging. There were 5 plants brought in for judging and they were quite varied. We had a Paphiopedilum, a Maxillaria, a Vanda and a Kegeliella. All were impressive and nice to see, but only one was awarded. It is owned by Miyoko Muneyuki and it is now named Kegeliella atripilosa 'Muneyuki' CCM/AOS. Please keep in mind that this type of award is all about how the plant has been grown. It is a true achievement for the grower to receive a Certificate of Cultural Merit and this award does not 'travel' with the plant. Congratulations to Miyoko, well



Miyoko Muneyuki Kegeliella atripilosa 'Muneyuki' CCM/AOS.

grown.



Rossioglossum Bob Hamilton x Rawdon Jester

In keeping with the season our December meeting featured "The Kind of Paphs" (Paph. rothschildianum) along with some other really great entries.

There were 6 in all and once again there was a nice variety. 4 Paphs, a Bulbophyllum and a

Rossioglossum. Each one was magnificent in its own right. We thoroughly discussed 4 of these plants but no awards were granted. You can see from the photographs that the quality of plants being presented at our monthly judgments is impressive. We are always happy for the plants that exhibitors bring in for evaluation. Let's start off the NEW YEAR with a BANG too! The first meeting of the PNWJC for AOS judging will be on January 8, 2017! Maybe you can be awarded the first AOS award of the new year; that sounds pretty special. You are all invited to join us at 930 Chemawa Rd NE, Salem OR 97303. If you are bringing plants for judging try to be there by 1 PM so they can get entered as judging starts at 1:30. We

## MPOS President's Message

Happy New Year! Have you kept all your new years resolutions so far. Lets hope that taking even better care of your orchids is one we all work hard to keep. Though the 2016 year ended with a bust since plans for our holiday social with good cheer, good food and a nice new holiday orchid to enjoy were thwarted by Mother Nature, fear not, the holiday party has been resurrected for January. Bring your cheer, a favorite food dish to share and make sure your dues are up to date. Lisa has purchased some very nice plants that we will be offering to members in good stand-



Bllra Tropic Lily 'Hilo Space



Pot. Love Love 'YB' ~ Lisa

ing. Our annual Show and Sale on February 4th is fast approaching. Members are working behind the scenes to advertise, get posters together, venue secured, business cards made and other information put together for the show. We have a number of vendors already lined up that will soon be primping their plants. Now its time for all of you to help do your part. I will have sign up sheets at the meeting identifying time slots and jobs you can help fill to support the society. The repotting bench has become a favorite of many so we will need to make sure that job is well staffed. Posters will be available at the meeting so that all of you can take a couple and get them posted around town. Our show will only be successful if you all help tell folks know about it. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting. Cheers ~ Gregg Lomnicky



Lc. Pure Soul 'Yutaka Morimo-

## Show and Sale Announcements

Hillsview Gardens will have it's annual Open House on January 14th. FFI: [www.hillsviewgardens.com](http://www.hillsviewgardens.com)

Mary's Peak Orchid Society Show & Sale, February 4th  
The Show & Sale runs from 9:00am to 5:00pm.  
Garland Nursery 5470 NE Hwy 20 Corvallis OR  
Vendors, if you would like to sell at this event please view the contact information below Gregg Lomnicky  
[glomnicky@comcast.net](mailto:glomnicky@comcast.net)

Portland Orchid Society Show & Sale, February 23-26 2017 at the Portland Spring Home and Garden Show  
Portland Metropolitan EXPO Center 2060 N. Marine Dr  
Portland OR For further information:

[www.portlandorchidsociety.org](http://www.portlandorchidsociety.org)

Portland Orchid Society January 24th: AOS presentation and Judging. All are welcome to bring plants to be judged. Visit their website for Location and time.

## CCOS supports Orchid Conservation

As the human population continues to move into areas that were once inhabited by only plants and other animal life the available orchid habitat continues to decrease, and in some areas at an alarming rate! A few meetings ago we heard Brenda of Botanica tell us about the Agraecoid orchids of Madagascar and the challenge of keeping a piece of nature alive. At this point in time CCOS has chosen to continue to support conservation efforts in Oregon at both Growiser and Silver Falls State Park. This coming year we're hoping to have some of our group visit both these locations and be open/available to assist in some way to maintain a little slice of orchid habitat for generations of Oregonians to come. This is our third year of being associated with the Orchid Conservation Coalition and we've committed to donate to conservation every year. Please visit the OCC online and read about many of the activities of those that are supporting this organization

## CCOS December Meeting

By now you all know that our regular scheduled monthly meeting/potluck was cancelled due to the onset of our first major winter storm of the year. I saw this coming a week in advance and watched the day approach with much anxiety. We decided that we should call off the meeting – for the safety of all concerned. In the 10-12 years I've been a member this is the first time this has occurred. I missed you all and am already looking forward to our first meeting in 2017. There will still be some mini-dendrobiums available to those that didn't make the effort to stop by my office and pick one up.

## CCOS President's Message

### Orchid New Year's Resolutions?

I'll be the first one to tell you that I appreciate the many opportunities to learn about the infinite wonders of the world in which we live, past, present and future. However, it's one thing to have knowledge from what we are taught, without a doubt, second hand and third hand knowledge plays a vital role in rounding out our knowledge base, but first-hand experience "brings it home" like no other.

In our youth we were exposed to many facts and experiences conveyed by our elders, but as we age ourselves we find that those details take on a meaning that we couldn't have possibly comprehended as we now



Angraecum distinctum ~ Mike Ayres

do! Have you ever had that "aha" moment? "Now I know why my mom/dad said "that"!

We can carry that thought process over to the realm of growing orchids as well! After we've "tried" to grow many genera of orchids, we've learned what works and/or doesn't work

in our conditions. Most importantly, we've enough "connection" to the process that we have a good sense of what part WE played in the success or non-success verses what part may have been the wrong orchid for the environment that we had available. Let's consider the part of the equation relegated to what part WE play in the growing of our orchids. Based upon what you've learned through your growing experience what sorts of New Year's resolutions might you consider in order to more successively grown and bloom your orchids in 2017? I'll suggest a few resolutions based upon my own experience and then you might briefly contemplate your own?

\* Give all of my orchids a more frequent examination. There is nothing more frustrating than coming upon a pest infestation in your collection. If you don't review ALL your orchids on a routine basis, what might have been a simple single plant (or two) treatment, to quickly deal with a few creepy crawlies, can become a major dilemma that can completely wipe out a number of your precious plants and take weeks and weeks to get under control on the nearby affected plants as well. (the more orchids you have the more the temptation to treat the whole as one)

\* Repot more often. It always amazes me when I see an orchid brought in for show and tell and hear the owner say, "I haven't repotted this orchid for 5 years and really need to do so". Many of our orchids will benefit

I let my Paphiopedilums go two years this past cycle and noted that they did not do as well as the previous 1 year cycle. So, I've learned that FOR ME and my conditions, for the way that I attempt to raise orchids, it is best if I DO repot at least this genera on an annual basis.

\* Buy more orchids. I say this with much fear and trepidation. I've already maxed out my growing space, so in order to make this happen I'll need to decide which orchids I currently have should find another home. The corollary to THIS potential resolution is,



Cattleya hybrid ~ Mike Ayres

\* Review current inventory of orchids and cull plants that are either not good for my growing conditions or otherwise not my favorites. This is probably the most difficult of all tasks for me to accomplish, but possibly one of the most important. I dislike giving up on any plant and have

many "empty" pots to prove it. Can you think of some other resolutions that YOU can make for the coming year? Possibly you might 1) divide your orchids, 2) change your setup, 3) Add lights, 4) Add a new genera or two to your collection, 5) Learn how to better grow a particular genera, etc. Perhaps you might share an insight or two at our next meeting?

I look forward to spending some quality time with you all in 2017 as we share how to better grow these lovelies with each other. Please make the effort to bring plants to show for show & tell too! We all learn from both the blooming plants that you can proudly display as well as by sharing with us the plants that are unhappy. Happy New



Paph Greenvale 'Hillsview' X Paph Denehurst 'Surprise' AM/RHS ~ Mike Ayres



Lysudamuloa Red Jewel 'Sweet' ~ Vicki Brejla

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Masdevallia  
schroederiana

### Events Calendar 2016

1st Sunday Monthly	1:00 pm	AOS - Monthly Judging Jan 8, 2017	Chemawa Room Keizer Civic Ctr. 930
2nd Wednesday monthly	6:30 pm	CCOS Jan 11,2017 Meeting Program: Gregg Lomnicky	Salem Heights Community Hall 3505 Liberty Rd. S Salem OR
3rd Thursday monthly	6:30 pm	MPOS Jan 19, 2017 Meeting Program Annual Potluck (Dec delayed)	Seventh Day Adventist Church 3160 SW Western Blvd . Corvallis OR
1st Sunday Monthly	1:00 pm	AOS - Monthly Judging Feb 5, 2017	Chemawa Room Keizer Civic Ctr. 930 Chemawa Rd. Keizer OR

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**Happy New Year and Happy Growing!** We'd love to hear from you! Please send your pictures and contributions to me for publication in the newsletter by the 24th of the month. All pictures must be yours and have the plant name and growers name. ~ Liana [2polarizeme@gmail.com](mailto:2polarizeme@gmail.com)