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MPOS March 2 Meeting

Our meeting this month will be a program for beginning orchid growers. Many people have just a few orchids in their windows and want basic instructions on how to keep them alive and happy and most importantly how to make them bloom again. If you have lots of experience come share your knowledge. We all have more that we can learn about our orchids. There is a board meeting on March 2, 2010 starting at 5:00 pm at the King Tin in Corvallis. — Justina Kelliher

Refreshments: Ruth Powell, Myrna Cruse, Diane Bishop and Linda Benjamin

CCOS March 10 Meeting

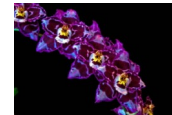
Jim Rassmann will be our speaker on March 10th. Jim is an expert on the genus draculas and pleurothallids in general. His presentation will be on his most recent (November) trip to Colombia. This included judging the Cali show, a trip to Popoyan to see the Andean Condors, and a walk (with military guard) on the road from Cali to the Choco on the west coast. This is the first time the road has been open for nearly ten years. Additionally the talk will cover two days spent at El Rugio, a 25 acre homestead in the mountains above Cali. —Mike Ayres

Refreshments: Joyce Heinke, Becky and Everett Chambers and Velta Mack

Oregon Judging Site February

Luckily we had fourteen judges present on a lovely sunny day at the Oregon Garden for there were thirty plants entered in addition to the many plants displayed. Theresa Hill brought the majority of them; there were 15 nominations and the three awards below. Our six visitors enjoyed the impressive display.

Odontioda Barossa Valley 'Solar Place' AM/AOS 84 points
Photo by Ross Leach



An AM of 84 points went to Tom Etheridge and Luanne Rolly for their intensely colored and well displayed Odontioda Barossa Valley. Theresa and Will Hill added to their award collection with Paph. Don Eggar 'Luanne' HCC/AOS, 77 points and Paph. Luther Pass 'Perfection' AM/AOS, 80 points. Both paphiopedilums were examples of Theresa's breeding expertise with fine color, form and presentation.



Paph. Don Eggar 'Luanne' HCC/AOS 77 points Photo by Ross Leach

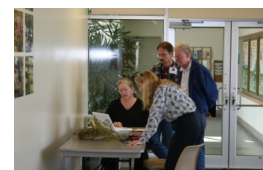


Paph. Luther Pass 'Perfection' AM/AOS 80 points Photo by Ross Leach

We also began our series of training lectures. Tom Etheridge gave the February one on judging Draculas highlighting the eight most often grown species. On March 7, following judging at 2:30 pm, Jim Rassmann will talk on judging Odontoglossums. Anyone who would like to learn about these spectacular plants is invited to join us. We would also like to announce our annual auction to be held on May 2 following judging. Refreshments will be served and it will be a fine opportunity to bid on some high quality plants. More details in the coming months. Plan to come and join us. — Marcia Romick

Bergen Todd, Bill Jasen, Bill Mitchell and Marian Morton Photo J.Romick

Photo top right Sarah-Renee Torgerson



Cherry City's February Meeting

The February monthly meeting didn't turn out exactly as planned due to technical difficulties, but everyone was most generous in going with the flow. We had tons of great plants for auction and raffle and ended up viewing pictures from this year's show in Tacoma. There were fewer plants brought in for show and tell this month than last, but some very nice specimens nonetheless. Laurie Nielson's Lc Love Knot was voted as the best plant. Be sure and bring in a few nice plants in March and lets see if we can get a new winner each month! — Mike Ayres



Photos of Laurie and her February's meeting best plant and display Photos by Mike Ayres



Editor's Notes

I want to thank Sarah-Renee Torgerson for sharing her photos of the Mary's Peak Orchid Society Show in Albany. Mary's Peak Show is over and Cherry City is actively getting ready for their show on March 13 and 14 .

The spring season is upon us and with it comes the responsibility of getting our plants ready. I have also come to realize the importance of planning on what will happen to our plants when we go. A friend of mine's father has been sending me some of his collection since no one in his family is interested in them. It is important to plan ahead.— Justina Kelliher



**Capital Manor Auditorium
AOS judged show**

**Saturday March 13 1-5 PM
Sunday March 14 10-4 PM**

**Capital Manor Community Center
Plant & Supplies Sale**

**Saturday March 13 10-5 PM
Sunday March 14 10-4 PM**

**Cost to attend both the show and/or sale is free.
For additional information about the show in Salem, Oregon visit
www.cherrycityorchidsociety.org**

Show Dates To Remember:

March 7, 2010 — AOS Monthly Judging, Sunday 1:00pm Oregon Gardens, Silverton, OR

March 13 and 14, 2010 — Cherry City Orchid Society Judged Show and Sale. Saturday 1:00pm—5:00pm and Sunday 10:00am—4:00pm Capital Manor Auditorium Salem, OR

April 5, 2010 — AOS Monthly Judging, Sunday 1:00pm Oregon Gardens, Silverton, OR

CCOS President's Message

The Cherry City Orchid Society show and sale is coming right up on March 13 and 14! Every member should contribute an orchid in bloom to our society display! I've been watching the spikes on my plants, watering carefully and being extra vigilant about bugs. A big bud on my *Psychopsis papilio* opened this morning. The flower is huge, but I bet it won't last until the show. These get one flower after another, so we will just have to see how the timing works out with this one. If you haven't volunteered to help with something, Sherren Wagnier has sign up sheets and you can talk to Sherren at the meeting. We will need help with setting up on Friday afternoon. On Saturday morning there are plant entries to finish up and then the judging. If you have never ribbon clerked at the show before you really should, just for the opportunity of walking around the show with the judges. On Sunday we need people to stay after the show with the society membership information and the AOS displays. The sale goes on the entire time and members will be working the cash register and boxing plants (don't forget: We need your boxes!). Cherry City is going to have a sale table where we will sell plants donated to the society by the families of David Copeland and Jean Cook. Thank you to Phyllis and Ron Wolf especially, and to the many others who have cared for the plants given to the society.

At our February meeting, the board unanimously approved naming the award for best specimen plant at our show in memory of David Copeland, who grew many spectacular specimen plants and the award for the best society display in memory of Jean Cook, who always brought plants to our shows. We are looking into trophies to be placed on the winning displays. Thank you, Bergen Todd, for the suggestion of a way to recognize the generous donations to the society by the Copeland and Cook families. Thanks again to Tanya Phillips for her donation to the raffle table at our February meeting. Tanya, we will always remember you, not least because we will all have your *Dendrobium kingianum* keikis! If you have questions about grooming your plants for the show, the March meeting will be the perfect time to ask the group. See you there!

– Tom Valente

MPOS President's Message

Can you believe March is here already? Spring is popping up all over the place in my yard and the slugs are probably not far behind! It's my favorite time of the year with lots of new green growth, vibrant bulb flowers, and my orchids beginning to tentatively poke out new roots with daylight increasing and new growths starting to stretch out. I have been busy repotting all my orchids- not just for their health, but also to smell the new wet bark.

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with the Annual Show and Sale this past month. We could not do it without you, nor our vendors. We had a nice show, had time for socializing, and signed up some new members. Crowds were about the same as last year as were sales. Not outstanding, and much less than sales five years ago, but respectable given the current economic situation. Either Lisa or I will provide a report on the Show at the meeting.

Though you may have to start mowing the lawn, finish pruning trees and other "Springy" chores, remember that the spring orchid show season has just started. If you can get away, support the other societies by attending their shows and sales. See the calendar for details. —Gregg Lomnicky



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by Sarah-Renee Torgerson MPOS Show Albany

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Events Calendar

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March 2, 2010 Tuesday 6:30pm	MPOS— Monthly Meeting Program: Beginning Orchid Growers	Church of the Good Samaritan, 35th and Harrison, Corvallis, Oregon
March 7, 2010 Sunday 1:00pm Fol- lowed by Program at about 2:30	AOS— Monthly Judging, OG Jim Rassman Odontoglossums	Judging in the Education Building, Oregon Garden, Silverton, Oregon.
March 10, 2010 Wednesday 6:30pm	CCOS— Monthly Meeting Program: Jim Rassman Colombia Trip	Capital Manor Community Center 1995 Dallas Hwy., Salem, Oregon
March 13 and 14, 2010 Sat. 10:00am –5:00pm Sun. 10:00am-4:00pm	CCOS— Annual Show and Sale	Capital Manor Community Center 1995 Dallas Hwy., Salem, Oregon
April 6, 2010 Tuesday 6:30pm	MPOS— Monthly Meeting Program:	Church of the Good Samaritan, 35th and Harrison, Corvallis, Oregon

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