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Oregon Judging Site April

Eleven judges and more than twenty-one guests attended the judging or auction on one of our rare, beautifully sunny days. The cherry trees were in bloom with a full complement of bees just outside the Education Building door.



Masdevallia Fraseri 'Regency Fireworks' AM/AOS 82 pts.
Photo by Ross Leach

MPOS May 5 Meeting

David Morris will do a slide program on pleurothalids, including draculas and masdevallias. The group known as pluerthallids numbers a full one sixth of the orchids known. They have great diversity in shape and some creative names, such as *Draculas vampire* and *Lepanthe gargoyle*. David will show many different genera and species that he has collected and describe which ones are relatively easy to grow and which are difficult. Please join us May 5 for an informative meeting.

—Paula Hansen

Refreshments: Lisa Borgerson, Ella May Wulff and Dottie Ferral

CCOS May 13 Meeting

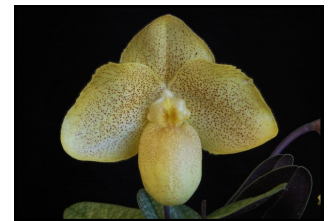
Patricia Harding will discuss "What Makes a Good Cattleya?" Even though any Cattleya that blooms in Oregon is by definition a good Cattleya, there are many superior examples of Cattleya species on the market today. Patricia will speak only about the corsage or large flowered Cattleya species of the *C. labiata* group, not their hybrids. Patricia will present pictures that show what to expect of a typical species form and then show pictures of superior quality Cattleya specimens. There will be lots of photos. Even if you don't grow these, they are the queens of the orchid world and their beauty is easy to appreciate. Come learn about the variety these orchid species have both in nature and culture.

—Mike Ayres

Refreshments: Laurie Nielsen, Becky Chambers and Pam Wolf



Maxillaria picta 'Vashon' HCC/AOS 77 pts. Photo by Ross Leach



Paphiopedilum S. Gratrix x armeniacum HCC/AOS 82 pts. Photo by Ross Leach

Eleven plants were entered and the judges chose five for a closer look. Of these three were awarded: *Masd. Fraseri* 'Regency Fireworks' AOS/OS 82 pts. owned by Marcia and Jerry Romick; *Paph. S. Gratrix x armeniacum*, a well formed light yellow evenly spotted specimen, owned by Joni and Mike Sielaff, was awarded an HCC/AOS of 76 points; *Maxillaria picta* 'Vashon', a mass of perky yellow and white flowers owned by Bergen Todd earned an HCC/AOS of 77 pts.

Judging was followed by an auction for the benefit of the Oregon Judging site. Numerous donations, for which we

Photo by Jerry Romick

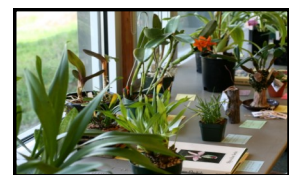


Photo by Jerry Romick

are most grateful, were sold in rapid order to the bidders. Fine plants of paphaenopsis, cattleyas,

masdevallias and phalaenopsis went to new homes. We even had a *Lycaste skinneri*. Photographer Ross Leach brought in enlargements of some of the award photos as well. Our thanks to donors and bidders alike; we cleared enough to fund the site for another year.

—Marcia Romick

CCOS Proposed Changes in Constitution

The CCOS Board proposed three changes to the standing rules of the CCOS constitution. We would like to briefly discuss the following changes and then take a vote to modify our current rules.

1) Standing Rule #1 – Currently reads as follows:

“Dues: Dues shall be on an annual basis, payable by the November Society meeting. The dues are \$10/year for a single person or family membership. Dues shall not be prorated. “

Actual dues have been \$15 for some time. The rule should be changed to reflect current practice. It has also been suggested that members who request/require a paper mailed copy of the monthly newsletter be charged a yearly fee of \$10 to cover the cost of printing and mailing, bringing their total cost of membership to \$25.

2) Standing Rule #2 – Currently reads as follows:

“ Plant Sales at Meetings: Speakers and Members may offer orchid plants for sale at the Society meetings except for the August and December Potlucks. This activity is a service to the Members, and the Society does not ask for any portion of the sale price.”

In practice we have had some limited plant sales at Potlucks – especially at the Christmas Potluck. Since the activity is as stated a service to the members and the activity doesn’t disrupt or take away from the Potluck activities it is recommended that the current exception in the rule be removed. Both buyer and seller should continue to be served regardless of the meeting month if possible.

3) Standing Rule #6 – Currently reads as follows (in part):

“A Speaker’s Fee of \$25 may not be paid to Board members who provide this service to the Society. A mileage fee of \$0.25/mile will be paid to a Speaker or Auctioneer driving to Society activities from outside a 15 mile distance to the meeting site.” The current practice has been to pay speakers a \$50 fee and no mileage. Recommended that the rule be changed to reflect current practice.



Photos by Justina Kelliher MPOS Show

<p>Show Dates to Remember: May 3, 2009 — ASO Monthly Judging, Sunday 1:00 pm Oregon Gardens, Silverton, Oregon May 2-3 2009— South Central Washington Orchid Society Show May 9-10— Oregon Orchid Society, 64th Annual Show and Sale, Portland Oregon June 7, 2009— ASO Monthly Judging, Sunday 1:00 pm Oregon Gardens, Silverton, Oregon</p>



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CCOS President's Message

Hope you all had a glorious Easter. We had 26 for dinner and since it rained, the Easter Egg Hunt happened in the house. I suppose we'll find the last egg...eventually...by smell if nothing else. Candy filled plastic eggs are a must for next year. just in case it rains again!

My greenhouse is responding to this nice sunshine with growth and blooms and demanding repotting chores to be attended to, but I find it hard to switch from vacation mode to find enough time. I hope you are doing better.

Thanks to Paula Hansen and Patricia Harding for April's program on oncidium alliance plugs. And thanks to Jim Snyder for the pots and the practical advice on the potting.

Be sure to flag your plants so we can find them for "Show-n-Tell". We can't let Jill win every time. She does a great job of raising them, but she is also about the only one who finds her plants when it is time to bring them in. So she's challenged us!!

— Laurie Nielsen

Editor's Notes

This month you will notice the change in the format of The Oregon Hybrid. I am currently using Microsoft 07 Publisher to create the newsletter. The internet will give you better pictures than the printed version and cost the society less money. Thanks to all of you that helped me with this change especially Ella May Wulff and Richard Kovar. All submissions need to arrive before the 20th of the previous month.

— Justina Kelliher

Spring to Summer Transition

The weather is finally warm and I feel like I missed spring this year. All of a sudden I need to move my plants to their summer locations. I have orchids in three different locations: the house, the greenhouse and outside. I have to be careful when I implement this move because plants are more susceptible to sunburn at this time of year especially after a dreary spring. The conditions in the greenhouse need careful monitoring because without fans, heat and shade cloth daytime highs could be over 100 degrees with freezing temperatures at night. Don't forget the light coming in the side windows when you put up shade cloth.

MPOS President's Message

I very much enjoyed the April meeting and plant sale. My Hawearea Lava Burst is potted up and I am looking forward to blooms on its single spike. Thanks to Paula Hansen and Patricia Harding for getting the plants and presenting the slide show. Remember to bring your plants back to a meeting for show and tell when it goes into bloom.

Please remember Sunday May 3rd and the May Fest, the spring garden festival in Corvallis's Central Park. Thanks to the good volunteer sign up, this should be another successful event for our Society. I always enjoy the variety of garden and houseplants for sale and usually buy more plants than I sell. If you have not signed up, don't be shy about dropping by to talk or to offer some extra plants to sell.

I hope to see you at the May meeting.

— Jerry Keuneke



This orchid is in bloom in spite of spider mites, scales, too much sun and wanting a new pot. Photo by Justina Kelliher

This is one of the few times a year when I actually pick up each individual plant so it is also a good time to inspect them. I usually find some insects (scales, mealy bugs, aphids or spider mites) hiding in some corner. When spraying your plants you need to be aware of the damage high afternoon sun and temperatures can cause. Never spray anything if you expect temperatures over 80 degrees. Releasing biological control agents (lacewings, ladybugs or parasitic nematodes) can be a good option. It also reduces pesticide resistance.

— Justina Kelliher

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Events Calendar

For calendar submissions please contact the editor

May 3, 2009 Sunday 1:00 pm	AOS— Monthly Judging Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR	Judging in the Education Building
May 5, 2009 Tuesday 6:30 pm	MPOS—Monthly Meeting: Dave Morris slide show of pleurothallids	Church of the Good Samaritan , 35th & Harrison , Corvallis, OR
May 9-10, 2009 Saturday and Sunday	Oregon Orchid Society 64th Annual Mother's Day Show and Sale	Double Tree Inn, 1000 Multnomah St. Portland, OR
May 13, 2009 Wednesday 6:30 pm	CCOS— Monthly Mtg: Patricia Harding "What makes a good Cattleya?"	Capital Manor Community Ctr. 1955 Dallas Hwy., Salem, OR
June 7, 2009 Sunday 1:00 pm	AOS— Monthly Judging Oregon Garden	Judging in the Educational Bld.

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