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Oregon Judging Site April

April found us with many interesting plants to inspect; from a large, imposing Paph. Bel Royal owned by Mike and Joni Sielaff to two fine specimens of Jim Rassmann's to a small *Barbosella*. Of the seventeen plants submitted, the eight judges nominated twelve and the following were awarded: Bergen Todd's glowing and well-flowered *Miltoniopsis* Princess Diana 'P. P. Ruben's Lady' was given an AM of 82 points. She had other plants of this cross at the Cherry City show but this clone was the most colorful and well-formed of the three.

A CHM of 85 points was awarded to *Barbosella longipes* 'Regency Meerkat Watch' owned by Marcia Romick. The upright stance of the flowers suggested the clonal name. As a species, the plant will be identified by the Species Identification Task Force as a preliminary to the award. As many of us know, the name on the tag may or may not be the preferred name.

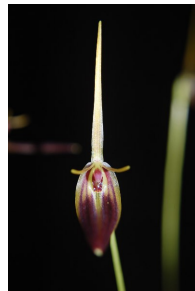
MPOS May Meeting

I will be talking about the genus *Dracula* - its history, some species of horticultural interest, and tips on how to grow them. — *Tom Etheridge*



Drac. Sasquatch Photo by Tom Etheridge

Refreshments: Tom Etheridge, Jerry Keuneke, Patty Skaar



Barbosella longipes 'Regency Meerkat Watch' (maybe) Photos by Ross Leach

CCOS May Meeting

I have had several potential speakers lined up for the month of May to speak on hardy orchids. One has canceled and the other is currently working on determining if he is available for our meeting date. If this topic doesn't pull through I will announce the topic and speaker as soon as it is determined on our web site under the tab "meetings". If you know of anyone who might be interested in sharing in May or some other month later in the year please contact myself or one of the board members. — *Mike Ayres*

We are sorry to report on the passing of Marie Riopelle, a fine grower and someone who shared her knowledge and expertise with the students, judges and growers within the Pacific Northwest Region. She was known nationally for her fine plants, a fact which prompted attendees at our 2009 auction to pay more for her donated plant than for any other. — *Marcia Romick* More Page 2

Miltoniopsis Princess Diana 'P.P. Rubin's Lady' Photos by Ross Leach

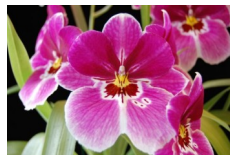


Photo top right and page 4 by Sarah-Renee Torgerson

Mounting your Orchids

Many members of our society have been mounting orchids in their collections for a long time while others are perhaps waiting for a brave moment to "step forward" and try their first one. While doing some research on the internet I came across a concept that I had not seen before. Mounting an orchid on a terra cotta saucer! The person who did it said that he fills the saucer with sphag and gets by most of the time with every other day watering vs. the every day watering that is necessary for more traditional mounts. You can purchase small terra cotta saucers for less than a dollar and then drill holes through them (use a tile drill bit) to run your mounting material through (in my case fine fishing line). I have mounted both this years' CCOS challenge plants to a saucer and am excited to see how they do. These are my first mounts ever - phalaenopsis Intermedia and aerangis biloba. — *Mike Ayres*



Cherry City's Show and Tell

We had a good batch of show & tell plants this past month. In fact, there were so many good plants that this was the first month of member voting for "favorite" plant where we had a multiple way tie - no clear winner!



Photos by Mike Ayres

Phyllis Wolf talked about her nice cymbidium on the show & tell table and then we got into the topic of sharing about our challenge inter-generic hybrid plants from last year, where she shared her culture secrets while holding the "star performer" of last year's group. One of her secrets was growing it in a peat based media in a fiber pot. It was dramatically superior to everyone else's challenges. Way to go Phyllis! — *Mike Ayres*

Judging and Auction

A grateful thanks to the Oregon Orchid Society and to the Willamette Orchid Society for their generous donations to the Oregon Site; as an affiliated society of the American Orchid Society, support for the judging center is part of the society's obligation.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Site Auction on May 2 at the Oregon Garden Lodge in the Orchid Room. The auction will follow the regular judging around 2:30. We will have something to nibble on while you wait and the Lodge is quite interesting.

Plants are being gathered now so if you wish to donate one or more, please call Tom Etheridge at 541 754 2335/ tomandlu@comcast.net or Marcia Romick at 541 683 2500/ jerry-marcia@att.net. We will have sets of AOS Bulletins, a CD of Bill Thoms' book on Bulbophyllums and some Paph. seedlings from Frank Smith who has now sold his orchid business to another firm. There won't be more of these from him. This is just a sampling of the fine things that will be offered. See you at the auction. — *Marcia Romick*

Show Dates To Remember:

May 1-2, 2010 South Central Washington Orchid Society Show The Manor at Canyon Lakes 2802 35th Ave. Kennewick, WA

May 2, 2010 — AOS Monthly Judging Sunday 1:00 pm and Annual Auction 2:30 pm Oregon Garden Resort Lodge, in the Orchid Room Silverton, OR

May 7-9, 2010 Vancouver Orchid Society Show and Sale Richmond Curling Club 5540 Hollybridge Way, Richmond, BC

May 21-23 Sacramento Orchid Society Show Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H St. Sacramento, CA

June 6, 2010 — AOS Monthly Judging Sunday 1:00 pm Oregon Garden Silverton, OR

Editor's Notes

This is the first month that really feels like spring and many of us have several orchids in bloom including some native species. Thanks to everyone who has sent me pictures of their and their friends' beautiful orchids. Keep them coming.

May 2nd in Central Park is a fun event. It is always nice to get reacquainted with the local plant community.

The spring weather also awakens our insect community. I noticed ants mining aphids and scale in my greenhouse on a sunny day. Ants often bring in insects to greenhouses in early spring so they can milk them for sugar. Treating early when the pests are first spotted can often save us from major problems later in the year.

Please send me any ideas, pictures or articles that you think would be of interest. Thank you. — *Justina*



Phalaenopsis in my kitchen window Photo R. Kovar

CCOS Meeting April

Our April monthly meeting was filled to the brim with activity. Thanks to everyone who brought in plants for show & tell, and to Tanya Phillips for another round of raffle plants. We also had society challenge plants to disperse and talk about, and misc. plants brought in by various members for sale as well.

President Tom Vallente had divided one of Dr. Dave Copeland's calanthes and offered a half dozen bulbs to members to try their hand at growing. He requested that those who took them keep notes and share their success - another "challenge" of sorts! — *Mike Ayres*

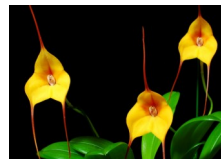
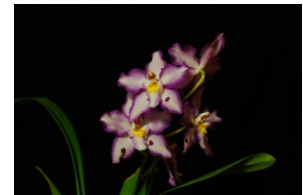


Photo Mike Ayres

MPOS President's Message

Just when you think you are done repotting another orchid pops up needing attention. It was great this weekend to take a good look at my orchids while repotting out on my deck with temperatures about 70°F and tulips and cherry trees in bloom. I've got several plants in spike and bud that I am hoping will hurry up and bloom and then stay in bloom for awhile. It is really nice to see all the new growth taking off this time of year with the increasing warmth and light. Remember to get the shade cloth out and on your greenhouse if you haven't done so already. We'd like see more of those orchids you have in bloom at the monthly meeting, so bring them in and show them off. Remember that if you are having trouble with a particular orchid, bring that one in too and one of our members can give you some advice. By the next meeting, our club will have participated in the Spring garden event at Central Park on May 2nd. Stop by and say hi. We look forward to seeing you there. — *Gregg Lomnicki*

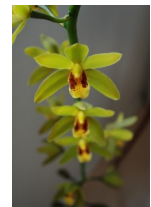
Wils. Opalescent 'On the Floor ' Photo by Gregg Lomnicki



Masdevallia Photo Gregg Lomnicki



Joneth's plants a few weeks ago Photos (3) by Gregg Lomnicki



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Events Calendar

For calendar submissions please contact the editor

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| May 2, 2010 Sunday 1:00 pm Judging Followed by Auction at 2:30 | AOS— Monthly Judging and Annual Auction | Oregon Garden Resort Lodge, in the Orchid Room Silverton, Oregon |
| May 4, 2010 Tuesday 6:30pm | MPOS— Monthly Meeting Program: Tom Etheridge | Church of the Good Samaritan, 35th and Harrison, Corvallis, Oregon |
| May 12, 2010 Wednesday 6:30pm | CCOS— Monthly Meeting Program: | Capital Manor Community Center 1995 Dallas Hwy., Salem, Oregon |
| June 1, 2010 Tuesday 6:30pm | MPOS— Monthly Meeting | Church of the Good Samaritan, 35th and Harrison, Corvallis, Oregon |
| June 6, 2010 Sunday 1:00 pm | AOS— Monthly Judging | Judging in the Education Building, Oregon Garden, Silverton, Oregon |

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