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MPOS May Meeting

Come to the meeting, bring home a plant! Our society has been given clay orchid pots prefilled with tree fern fibers. As this is an orchid medium that is not common nowadays, we plan to have a discussion about what it is and its properties. To introduce you to the medium, we will have Tolumina orchids for sale for 5 dollars that we will help you repot into this medium. We will also include a short discussion on the culture of tolumias. — Patricia Harding

Refreshments: Lisa Borgerson, Linda Johansen, and Pat Werner

CCOS May Meeting

I would like to give Jim Snyder a great big Thank You for his demonstration on repotting. A lot of us have our own ways, but sometimes even we "old timers" can learn something new. You can always give it a try on some plants that you need to repot to see if it works for you. Jim also divided a couple of plants, giving us even more ideas for our own. At our next meeting we invite you to bring your challenge plants from the last few years to see how we are all doing. We will be getting new plants for this year - Phrags, which some of us don't have any experience in growing, but Mike has assured us that these are relatively easy so we all should succeed. Hope to see you all at the next meeting. — Roger Matye



Oregon Judging Site April

At the Silverton judging site this month, there were six judges, one student judge and two visitors. It was very nice to have Naoki Kawamura and Terry Aitken in attendance and even nicer that they brought plants with them for judging. The judges were presented with a total of four plants for judging. This allowed each plant to be considered by the entire group of judges and allowed the guests to hear the whole discussion on each plant. Even though there were no AOS awards granted this month, the judging was both fun and educational and we encourage anyone with a nice blooming orchid to come out the first Sunday of each month to the Oregon Gardens for AOS judging. — Craig Williams



Above: Vanda Roman Empress
Photo by Ross Leach



Left: Vanda Arjuna
Photo by Ross Leach



Right: Path Connie
Photo by Ross Leach

Left: Jim Snyder giving a potting demonstration
Photo by Ross Leach

Mary's Peak Orchid Society April Meeting

Patricia has provided me with the points for our group year to date. I took some pictures of our last meeting. Keep those beautiful plants coming. — Justina Kelliher

191 - Nadine Gindhart, 142 - Jim Synder, 48 - Tom Etheridge, 47 - Gregg Lomnick, 38 - Mike Seilaff, 27 - Patty Skaer, 25 - Lisa Borgerson, 22 - Ella May Wulff, 21 - Marcia Romick, 10 - Pat Werner, 7 - Joneth Lucht, 5 - Richard Cruse



Now that spring is here I have some pictures of the native species. Justina Kelliher



MPOS Kelsey Creek Seedlings

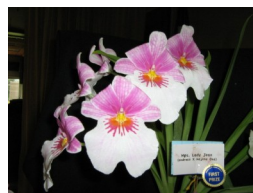
I am planning on seeing Jane Smith when she is here for the Portland Show April 30 and May 1, 2011. Her lab (Kelsey Creek Lab) provided us with the terrestrial orchid seedlings earlier this winter which were offered for sale at the Mary's Peak Orchid Society meeting. She is interested in how these seedlings are doing; any reports of 'failure' are especially valuable since we are very much still in experimental mode and are trying to identify the protocols which these species need both early in life and for reproduction.

We want to get some reports together to present to Jane Smith. I am volunteering to collect and deliver the reports. You can use my email or phone (below) to tell me how your plants are doing. — Steve Northway

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Cherry City Orchid Society Show

The actual show portion of the event was a wee bit smaller than in previous years (about 225 plants), but what we lacked in quantity we did our best to make up for in quality and presentation. That stretch of show plants down the main aisle certainly provided the public with a super display of many of the types of orchids that they should be able to see and grow this time of season. Thank you to not only all our members who provided plants, but to the Oregon Orchid Society, Mary's Peak Orchid Society, and our plant and supplies vendors for their plant displays. Every time I view an overall display like this it fills me with awe and wonder. Does it not you as well? I loved watching several people trudging down the main aisle of the mall look over, stop, and take a second look, "Whoooooooa, what is this?" Remember the first time YOU ever viewed the plants at an orchid show? Didn't you say, "Yowser! Would you look at that!"?



Photos by Justina Kelliher



After the ribbon clerking was accomplished we had a small group of us led by Patricia Harding go through the display and assign score points (on a 1-10 point system as Patricia has explained to most of us at our society meetings and as has been shared back in our January 2010 Newsletter). If you don't recall just how that works or if you don't still have your newsletter you can view and/or download it from our website at www.cherrycityorchidsociety.org. I went through the display and tallied everything up by myself and could have missed a plant or two, so forgive me if I missed one of "your" plants - but this is what my tally shows. Originally one of the concepts was to compare points between different societies, but we have members with alliances to multiple societies which makes this rather difficult! The combined plant scores, in descending order, of all the exhibitors is as follows (next page). No value or judgment as to position is implied or given - just as fact, and all in fun. Enjoy! — Mike Ayres

139 - Jim Snyder, 112 - Nadine Gindhart, 110 - Marcia Romick, 85 - Patricia Harding (MPOS), 74 - Judy Barrick, 73 - Ron Sellon, 62 - Mike Ayres, 57 - Briggs Hill, 49 - Terry Aitlon (OOS), 41 - Kevin Westcott, 40 - David Morris, 37 - Susan Heuer (POS), 36 - Shahr Jahanshir, 32 - Orchid Obsession, 28 - Rob Lucas (OOS), 25 - Laurie Nielson, 23 - Robin Richardson, 21 - Roger & Corrine Mayte, 19 - Greg Nielson, 17 - Sherren Wargnier, 16 - Phyllis & Ron Wolfe, 11 - Annette Rogers, 7 - Joe Genova (OOS)

CCOS President's Message

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's show & sale - especially to Sherren Wargnier our show chairperson, and all of you who provided her with major support. If I had room to mention you all and the assistance you provided I would - fortunately most of us know who you are. Great job! We couldn't have done it without YOU - each and every one. I know that many of us had a number of concerns about having our first "mall show". After all was said and done I believe that most of us were pleased and already making plans in our own minds about how we could improve on this year's event. We'll be back again the first weekend of March 2012 at the Lancaster Mall! — Mike Ayres



Above: Judy Barrick w/ ascofinetia from the show
Left: Ken Wescott w/ brassia Photos by Ross Leach

MPOS President's Message

A couple of weeks ago, I spent a pleasant Saturday morning with Jerry Keuneke potting up all the OrchidWorks plugs we had ordered from Hawaii. I had a great time poking around his benches seeing what he was growing and enjoying the perfumey scent of various cattleyas in bloom. Each time I visit a greenhouse, there seems to be a new tip or trick I pick up with a particular plant. Everyone should try getting out and visiting with some of our members who have greenhouses to see the wonderful and occasionally odd orchid tucked here or there on a bench. I will try to formally arrange a couple of "Open House" Greenhouse tour visits this summer for the Society. Thanks again to Tom for sharing his Odontoglossum knowledge, pictures and plants at the last meeting. Who knew that Odont breeding was so far along 100 years ago?



April meeting
Photo by Justina Kelliher

On May 1st from 9-4 we will be selling the potted plugs at the Corvallis Spring Festival held in Central Park here in Corvallis. Half of the plugs are in spike or are already blooming. Thanks to Jerry, Brian, and Kusra who will be there with me to help sell the plants and provide information about the Society. Stop by to increase your orchid collection, say hi, or to find other must have items ranging from established plants, starts, garden art, or other whimsical objects to decorate your yard. It is always a fun time. Say "Hi!" to the sun for me when you see it. I am still waiting for it to show up this spring! — Gregg Lomnicky

Show Dates To Remember:

April 30 and May 1 2011 Oregon Orchid Show & Sale Ambridge Event Center Portland OR

May 1 1pm AOS Judging Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR

May 1 9am-4pm Corvallis Spring Festival Central Park Corvallis OR

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Events Calendar

For calendar submissions please contact the editor

April 30 & May 1, 2011	2011 Oregon Orchid Show and Sale	The Ambridge Event Center 1333 NE MLK Blvd. Portland OR
May 1, 2011 Sunday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	MPOS - at Corvallis Spring Festival	Central Park Corvallis OR
May 1, 2011 Sunday 12:00 Educational Program 1:00 Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging	Oregon Garden, Education Building Silverton OR
May 3, 2011 Tuesday 7:00 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Transplanting W / Patricia Harding	Church of the Good Samaritan 35th and Harrison Corvallis OR
May 11, 2011 Wednesday 7:00 pm	CCOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Challenge Plants	Salem Heights Community Hall 3505 Liberty Rd. S. Salem OR

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