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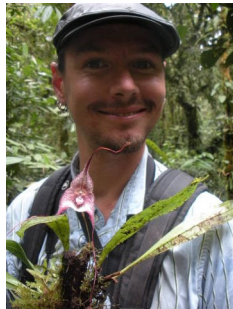
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## MPOS May Meeting

This month our speaker is Justina Kelliher. She will discuss Integrated Pest Management of orchids as house plants, in the greenhouse and outside. Also covered will be biological controls and pest resistance. It is important to identify pest issues before you treat, so please bring your problems for discussion. Thank you.— Justina Kelliher  
Refreshments: Lisa Borgerson

## CCOS May Meeting

This month we will be having a unique speaker, Tobias Policha. Some months back, Tobias spoke at an MPOS meeting and I was immediately told we should have him as well. He is a botanist, gardener, and herbalist. His passion for learning about plants has taken him throughout the Americas. Tobias conducted his PhD research on the pollination biology of *Dracula* orchids in the Ecuadorian cloud forest through the University of Oregon's Institute of Ecology and Evolution. If you want to get some idea of what to expect, check out Tobias' blog online -<http://tobiaspolicha.blogspot.com/>. Besides all the Ecuadorian orchid questions you may have for him, you might also ask him about the concluding sentence in his online biography: "Tobias has an urban homestead in Eugene and lives in a house that he built out of trash." If that doesn't pique your interest I don't know what will! Looking forward to seeing you all soon. — Mike Ayres



## Oregon Judging Site April

Judging in Silverton today was a combination of our annual auction and our monthly judging. I'll summarize the auction first.

Most importantly, we sincerely thank the following generous donors for the 51 items they contributed:

Hillsview Gardens (Theresa and Will Hill), Norman's Orchids (Norman Fang), Judy Barrick, Portland Orchid Society, Marcia and Jerry Romick, Jim Snyder, Jim Rassmann, Marian Morton, Tom Etheridge and Luanne Rolly, Terry Aitken, Ross Leach, Bergen Todd, Nadine Gindhart, and Jerry and Nadine Dickerson.



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Ross  
Leach,  
left - provided by  
Tobias  
Policha

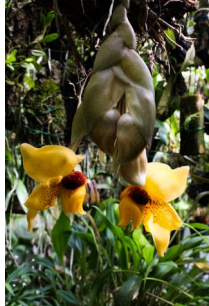
The ever-affable Jim Rassmann served as our auctioneer and, when all was said and done, we collected \$1235 to support orchid judging in Oregon! We were very happy to see so many people from across the area, 23 bidders in all, who came out for an afternoon of fun and an opportunity to score some wonderful things. I want to thank everyone for supporting us. — Tom Etheridge, Oregon Site Chair.



Nine judges, two pre-students, our photographer Ross Leach, and many observers (four at least on each of our two teams) evaluated the eleven plants entered. Five plants were nominated but no awards were given. We are always happy for the opportunity to explain what judging is all about. — Marcia Romick

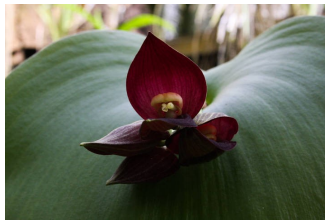
## MPOS Greenhouse Tour

Thank you Patricia Harding, Richard Cruse, and Jerry and Ruth Powell for inviting us to your homes and greenhouses.



It was a beautiful spring day, one of the first this year. There were many blooms open from many different species and crosses. The tour was well attended, including members of the Eugene and Salem clubs. — Justina Kelliher

Photos: top right and below - Justina Kelliher, center 2 - Kusra Kapular, right - Ross Leach, lower 3 - Steve Northway



## Native Orchids in Bloom



About two years ago Steve Northway gave me some Calypso bulbosa from his property. When I went to plant them I discovered that I already had some growing beside the

driveway. This year I have thousands in bloom. The very wet spring seemed to be just what they wanted. There are other native orchids that will be blooming soon, like Corallorhiza maculate and striata, and Cypripedium montanum. — Justina Kelliher



## CCOS Library

If you came last month ready to check out a book from our CCOS library from Laurie Nielsen - she was not feeling well and was not able to make the meeting. Don't forget that you can check our list of available books on our web site and then request that Laurie bring them to the meeting via a phone call or email, or even make arrangements to pick them up or drop them off at her home between meeting times. Hopefully Laurie will be feeling better this next meeting and will bring a few selections with her for review during setup prior to the regular meeting. — Mike Ayres

## CCOS Other News

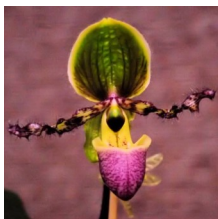
Also during our April meeting we announced that our board voted once again to put before the members the potential need for acquiring a small sound system to improve communication - especially if/as our membership grows. With only about 30 attendees we can do fairly well without one, but as the size of the group grows to 40+, which we've had the past two meetings, some sound amplification might be helpful. We voted to purchase a modest system similar to what another same-sized group that meets at Salem Heights utilizes. Hopefully we will have this available for our next meeting.



Thanks to everyone who contributed plants to the CCOS display at the Oregon Orchid Society Show in Portland, and also to those that helped with the setup and teardown. CCOS and its members were presented with a significant number of awards. Besides the many colored ribbons draped over our plants for best in each division, our society as a whole got an award for Best Exhibit AND Best Exhibit by a Visiting Society. Three of our members received special awards for individual plants: Darren Quardt for Best Cattleya Alliance, Ross Leach for Best Pleurothallid Alliance, and Judy Barrick for Best Other Alliance. Darren's cattleya and a masdevallia of Becky Thompson's were nominated for AOS awards as well. It was a great example of a super group effort which made a significant contribution to the OOS show. Give yourselves all a "pat on the back"! — Mike Ayres

### CCOS President's Message

If you missed the monthly meeting in April, not only did you miss an opportunity to purchase a few really good quality young plants for a 2012 growing challenge, but you also missed out on hearing Greg Nielsen share a wealth of knowledge from his many years of growing orchids. By the number of questions that were asked during the presentation and the rush of people up to the front of the room at the conclusion of Greg's talk, it was obvious that most of us were stimulated and mentally working on ways to integrate what we were hearing with our own experiences. Hopefully Greg will continue to grace us with his presence in the future - so you should have many additional opportunities to ask questions as they arise and glean more of his wisdom as comments are made during various upcoming group sharing times.



Which brings me immediately to the show and tell table for last month. Wow! We had enough plants at our monthly meeting to set up a really nice society show table for the public. It's fascinating to see the variety of plants and flowers that come from our group - a collection that you would not see anywhere else. The orchid-consuming public has no idea of the potential that is out there, and we get the opportunity to share it with each other every month!



Do you have a "wish list" of plants? More than once I've been challenged by something I've seen during the show and tell portion of our meetings; if another member has grown "THAT" here in Oregon in a home environment, I should be able to do it as well, yes? The monthly pick for favorite member orchid was the cymbidium Sweet Devon brought in my Darren Quardt. It was fabulous. We all should try and grow one like that. :-)  
Thanks to everyone who brought their 2011 phrag challenge plants in, too - it was great to compare them all and get recharged for next year's growth; hopefully bigger and better! — Mike Ayres

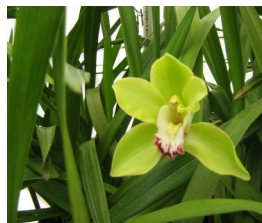
### MPOS President's Message

Lots of things going on orchid-wise this month. We start out with our meeting on the 1st. On Thursday May 4 we will be selling plants at the Lebanon Garden Club sale at Ralston Park in Lebanon. The plant sale is from 8 to 5; however, our presence will last only until noon, unless someone wants to take the afternoon shift. On Sunday May 7 we have The Spring Garden Festival at Arts Center Plaza, 7th and Madison, Corvallis, from 9 to 4. We still need volunteers to help distribute information and help with sales during the day. Our club has bought plants in bloom for this sale and we will use this as a way to earn money for the society



Mid month, there is a possibility of another greenhouse tour, this time to Hillview Orchids and Clackamas Orchids, two commercial operations south of Molalla. More about this later.

On May 31 our society will put on a display and information booth at the Strawberry Festival (plant division) in Lebanon. I understand there will also be judging of plants so if you want the potential to win prizes in the orchid section you are welcome to enter. The plants would be displayed until June 2 at 5 pm. All of these activities should be fun, but they are also opportunities to share our hobby with the general public. Please consider helping out with any of these events. — Patricia Harding



Photos: left - Ross Leach, right - Justina Kelliher

**Show Dates To Remember:**

May 6, 2012 12:00 noon Educational Program  
1:00 pm AOS Judging Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR.

June 3, 2012 12:00 noon Educational Program  
1:00 pm AOS Judging Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR

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### Events Calendar

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May 1, 2012 Tuesday 6:30 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting	Church of the Good Samaritan 35th and Harrison Corvallis OR
May 6, 2012 Sunday 12:00 Education program 1:00 pm Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging and Educational Program	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR
May 9, 2012 Wednesday 6:30 pm	CCOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Tobias Policha	Salem Heights Community Hall 3505 Liberty Rd. S. Salem OR
June 3, 2012 Sunday 12:00 Education program 1:00 pm Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging and Educational Program	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR
June 5, 2012 Tuesday 6:30 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting Program: TBA	Church of the Good Samaritan 35th and Harrison Corvallis OR

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