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MPOS November Meeting

For our November meeting Patricia Harding is going to do an in-depth study of a single genus. Some orchid growers in Colombia have given us copies of their study group presentations, where one member of the group does an in depth study of a



group or genus. I have about twenty of these, some better than others. Most come with no text, but the slides are labeled and there are usually lots and lots of pictures. The choices are many, let's start with this one: *Cyrtorchilum*. — Patricia Harding

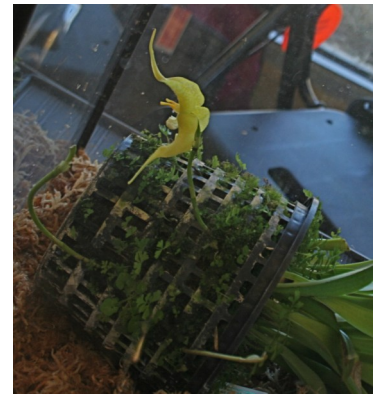
CCOS November Meeting

We're going to try something a little different for the November meeting. The "mother ship" (AOS national office) has a number of video resources available for societies across the country to borrow for sharing with their membership. We are going to be showing an AOS prepared power point presentation on pests and diseases. We have a number of long-term members who also have excellent knowledge on this topic, so come prepared to both share what you know and ask about what's on your mind concerning this important topic. From personal experience I can say that the larger your orchid collection grows the more you will want to know all that you can about this topic. It can be heartbreaking and a significant financial loss as well to see a significant portion of your orchids succumb to either pests or disease. — Mike Ayres

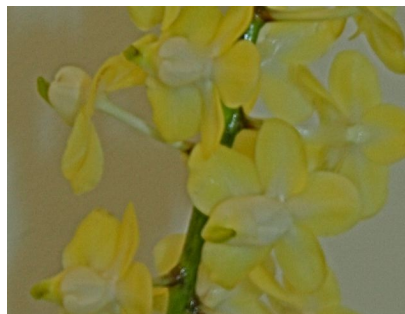
Oregon Judging Site October

Sixteen judges examined the 10 plants entered; six plants were nominated and the two pictured were awarded.

Both awards are provisional pending a formal identification of the two species. The *Dracula* was an unexpected surprise from under Tom Etheridge's greenhouse bench. The *Aerides*, while showing very good form, has an erect inflores-



Dracula andreettae v. *xanthina* CHM/AOS (provisional) grown by Tom Etheridge and Luanne Rolly Photo: Ross Leach



Aerides odorata v. *alba* 'St. Charles' AM/AOS (provisional) grown by Dave Morris of Clackamas Orchids Photo: Ross Leach

cence instead of the expected pendant one, the fragrance is cinnamon and not citrus, and it is blooming unexpectedly for the time of year so the



(from left) Jim Huffmann, Jim Rassmann (behind him), Bergen Todd, Paula Hansen (team captain), Bill Mitchell, Marcia Romick and Marian Morton examine one of the nominated plants Photo: Ross Leach

team requested the identification. — Marcia Romick

CCOS President's Message

If you missed last month's meeting you missed a good one! Tom Etheridge shared many super pictures of odontoglossums while informing us about the hybridization of some of the species – a process in which he has been instrumental, obtaining numerous AOS awards. Tom also showed us how to grow odontoglossums ourselves – turns out our NW climate is ideally suited to growing them. A sneak peek into Tom's greenhouse whetted our appetite for a possible tour/visit next year – what do you think?

The 2013 board nominating committee (Becky Thompson, Sherren Wagnier, and Beverly Brainard) announced these nomi-



Photo: Rickie Hart

nees: Mike Ayres – President, Nancy Helt – Vice President, Laurie Nielson – Treasurer, Sharon Goin – Secretary, Becky Thompson – Past President, Rickie Hart – 2nd term Director, Joyce Heinke – 1st term Director. We will vote on approval of our new board at the November meeting. In addition, Kent Sandberg, Craig Nunn, and Judy Humphries agreed to become non-voting "members-at-large". We look forward to their participation, and to prepare them for future board membership.

The show and tell table was filled with fabulous plants once again. Three different members shared a paphiopedilum spicerianum – one of my favorites! I also have one in spike, but it wasn't ready to join the others for a foursome yet. ☺ Jim Snyder brought in some of his plants that received awards (including a rare and difficult to achieve CCE AOS) at the Seaside Orchid Show, where Greg Nielsen also received an award for best display. Way to go guys – we're proud of you!

A dozen of us made a trek out to Clackamas Orchids to help reduce David Morris' orchid inventory. Although we all found some "jewels" there are many plants still available. Go before the end of November - David has announced that the greenhouse will shut down in December.— Mike Ayres

MPOS President's Message

Greetings. This is my first President's column and for inspiration I looked at the AOS website on what we should be doing this month. They point out that fall and spring are important transition times for our orchids. We should have brought any tropical orchids in (either home or greenhouse) by now. We should have our heaters, lights, and any other equipment we need in winter in good working order. We should be keeping a sharp eye on our plants to see if any bugs have hitchhiked indoors so they can be dealt with immediately before an infestation begins. During the next month, some genera such as cymbidium, phalaenopsis, and paphiopedilum will start putting up bloom spikes that should be staked. Now is the time to start reducing water for those orchids that like a "drier" winter. Fertilizer should also be reduced but not eliminated, and many growers switch from high nitrogen to bloom booster types. We learned all about fertilizers last month from our speaker, Michael Jenne.

Looking forward to our December meeting, if anyone has a strong opinion about what type of plants they would like to see available for our holiday giveaway, let me know. Also remember that November and December are our last two meetings at the Church of the Good Samaritan. In January, we will be switching to the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Western Blvd and our meeting date will be changing to the third Thursday of the month with that move. — Lisa Borgerson



Photo: Justina Kelliher MPOS Sept. 2011

Show Dates To Remember:

November 4 12:00 noon Educational Program
1:00 pm AOS Judging Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR.

November 13-18 Portland Orchid Society Show and Sale Double Tree Lloyd Center Portland OR

AOS Show



Photo: Rickie Hart

The upcoming AOS Members Meeting sponsored by the Portland Orchid Society is at the Double Tree Lloyd Center in Portland this coming November 13-18. It includes a show and sale with the theme "Celebrate Orchids - Celebrate Life". You can find additional information at <http://www.portlandorchidsociety.org/>.

The Cherry City Orchid Society will be setting up a display for the show (please notify a board member if you have plants available to share) the same day as our meeting. Members are invited to help in ribbon judging (be available at the Doubletree Lloyd Center by 8:00 AM on Thursday) and also encouraged to help in the activities by volunteering Friday thru Sunday. Please e-mail Mike Ayres at ayres-mike@comcast.net ASAP if you are able to help out on one of those dates.. — Mike Ayres

CCOS Opportunities

We're still looking for volunteers to help out for the 2013 year – it basically comes down to making a commitment for 9 nights, as we have potlucks on two meeting months and we don't meet at all in the month of July. We could use two people to host the sign-in table and raffle table activities, someone to bring the audiovisual equipment and assist in setup, and anyone interested in taking a few candid photographs during our meetings for publishing in the newsletter.

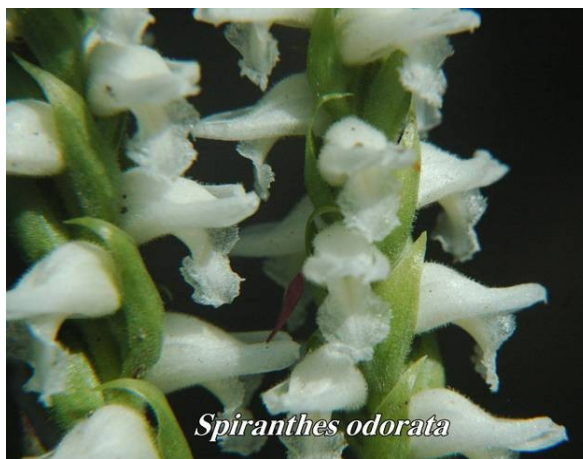


Photo: Rickie Hart These look like little people :)

Stay warm and dry as we all enjoy the return of our typical Oregon weather! ☺ See you all soon. — Mike Ayres

Editor's Notes:

Richard Gindhart sent me these 2 pictures of "*Spiranthes odorata*" that is blooming in Nadine's outdoor orchid garden. These are native to the SE US. Nice to have these in bloom this time of year as all the other blooming plants are on the way out for winter. — Justina Kelliher

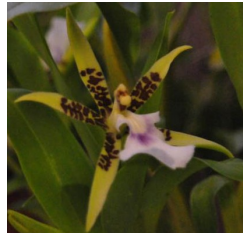


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Events Calendar

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November 4, 2012 Sunday 12:00 Ed. Program 1:00 pm Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging and Educational Program	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR
November 6, 2012 Tuesday 6:30 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Patricia Harding	Church of the Good Samaritan 35th and Harrison Corvallis OR
November 14, 2012 Wednesday 6:30 pm	CCOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Pests and diseases	Salem Heights Community Hall 3505 Liberty Rd. S. Salem OR
December 2, 2012 Sunday 12:00 Ed. Program 1:00 pm Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging and Educational Program	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR
December 4, 2012 Tuesday 6:30 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting Program: TBA	Church of the Good Samaritan 35th and Harrison Corvallis OR

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