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## MPOS October 19 Meeting

The MPOS meeting will be Oct. 19th; there will be no meeting on Oct. 6. At the October meeting we will have Andrea Niessen giving a presentation on Colombian orchids (in some form). She will be at the Oregon Orchid Society on Oct. 20 and 22 in Eugene, where she, along with her husband Juan Carlos Uribe, will be selling some of their orchids. Andrea has three presentations but will give only one. If you have any preference let me know at [pjh@cneturvtel.net](mailto:pjh@cneturvtel.net) because otherwise you will get my choice:

THE BEAUTY AND DIVERSITY OF COLOMBIAN ORCHIDS  
 THE COLOMBIAN PLEUROTHALLIS  
 THE CATTLEYA FROM COLOMBIA

—Patricia Harding

**Refreshments:** Brian Dahl, Debbie Lauer & Joan Sandeno

## CCOS October 14 Meeting

At the October meeting we will make sure a projector is available. I will expand upon what I was tentatively planning on talking about last month. I'm anticipating taking up the entire evening presentation if the topic sparks enough interest. If not, we may try and twist Laurie's arm into also sharing what she had planned for last month.

Oh...my topic? How many of you are involved in orchid forums? I have been fairly active in one in particular and several others to a lesser extent. I'll be sharing some of what you might not realize is available online by participating in an online forum. In the past couple of years I've been involved with several genera of plant growing experiences— there are people all over the country and around the world that you can learn from and see what works for growing different genera for different people and compare notes.

—Mike Ayres

**Refreshments:** Ricki Hart and ...oops, no one else signed up so please pitch in and bring other treats to fill in.

## Oregon Judging Site September

September saw us considering eight plants brought for judging. Ten judges, including Bev Tall, an AOS



*Epidendrum allochronum* 'Carol Sarault' above and right, right showing moderate size of the plant  
 Photos by Ross Leach

judge based in the Pacific South region, nominated four plants and one was awarded. *Epidendrum allochronum*, a species from Costa Rica and Panama, received a Certificate of Horticultural Merit of 82 points.

This Epidendrum, never before awarded, was

commended for its interesting color contrast, the unusual form of the flowers and their position on the inflorescence and its compact size, not always the case for



epidendrums. Nadine Gindhart of Eugene chose the clonal name of 'Carol Sarault' for her unusual plant.



Bev Tall, David Morris, Marcia Romick, Tom Etheridge, Jim Rassmann with Linda Mitchell Photo Jerry Romick

Ross Leach, our photographer, did an outstanding job capturing the unusual color combinations of this plant.

— Marcia Romick

## Mary's Peak Orchid Society New Board Members

President: Gregg Lomnicky

Vice-president: Brian Dahl

Treasurer: Lisa Borgerson

Secretary: Nadine Gindhard

Membership Secretary: Linda Benjamin

Director: Richard Cruse

Director: Patty Skaer

Newsletter Editor: Justina Kelliher

Past President: Jerry Keuneke

### Tour in Cali, Colombia

Andrea Niessen and her husband Juan Carlos Uribe run the Orquideas de Valle in Cali Colombia. They also have tours of orchid areas around the Cali area and throughout Colombia. They are doing a tour (in case you missed MPOS last month's program) in Nov. of 2009, the highlight being the Cali Show which is November 20, 21 and 22. Patricia Harding and Marcia Romick are going with perhaps a few others. If you have any questions, ask them or you can contact Andrea Neilsen at [andraniessen@orquivalle.com](mailto:andraniessen@orquivalle.com).

— Patricia Harding



Photo by Justina Kelliher

## Oct. Speaker Andrea Niessen

Andrea Niessen, who with her husband Juan Carlos Uribe owns Orquivalle Nursery in the Cali, Colombia area, will be on a speaking tour in Oregon. She is widely recognized as an expert on native Colombian orchids and is a very good speaker. She often comes to shows in the United States and Europe, bringing plants from her warm and cool growing areas.

She will speaking at:

- 1) October 19 Monday—Mary's Peak Orchid Society in Corvallis
- 2) October 20 Tuesday—Oregon Orchid Society in Portland
- 3) October 21 Wednesday—Willamette Orchid Society in Eugene

Monday and Wednesday she will be speaking on Colombian Orchids and on Tuesday the topic will be Colombian Pleurothalids. Anyone interested is invited to attend her talks and examine the plants she brings.

—Marcia Romick

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### Show Dates to Remember:

Oct. 3-4 Sunset Empire Orchid Society Show  
Bob Chisholm Community Center 1225 Ave A  
Seaside, Oregon [sunsetorchid@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetorchid@gmail.com)

Oct. 4, 2009 — ASO Monthly Judging, Sunday  
1:00 pm Oregon Gardens, Silverton, Oregon

Nov 1, 2009— ASO Monthly Judging, Sunday  
1:00 pm Oregon Gardens, Silverton, Oregon

## CCOS President's Message

Rainy day yesterday. The perfect day to spend in the greenhouse...and I did. I noticed that the refrigerator was not working...you know, on a pop break...and remember that we changed the electric plugs when we power washed the floors last week. So...after an hour or so of cleaning out the refrigerator...which was after clearing out all the old pots stuck out of the way under the sink so I could trace the electrical cord to the outlet I saw that the power strip was displaced. Well, that area of the work space looks better than it has in a while and all the old pots are gone. Rain and all it was a good day!

Nadine and Dick Grindhart have resigned as the digital projector transporters and that initiated a discussion on whether Cherry City needs to purchase a projector of our own. We will be researching this and means of opting out of ownership of the communally owned current projector. Be thinking about this and aware that we need to figure out transportation of the projector or plan B...or plan C! THANK YOU Dick and Nadine for all the many trips and the great and long standing service and care of the projector.

The September meeting turned out to be one of my favorites of our recent meetings. The sharing was good and the demonstration by Tom Valente for potting up neofinitia and sediera in the Japanese tradition was very informative. I for one came right home and repotted one of my plants.

We didn't get to Mike's presentation so we will have it this month. We have Teresa Hill lined up for November's meeting.

We faced some cost uncertainties because of changes in marketing at Capital Manor, but we have worked them out with the new administrator for marketing. There will be some slight changes, but still extremely reasonable and within our budget range.

Thanks for all the volunteerism that this group does so readily. It makes being an officer of the group so much more pleasant. The board will meet about 6:00 PM just before the meeting and anyone wanting to learn what we do to get the meetings organized is welcome to join us.

—Laurie Nielsen

## MPOS President's Message

Has it been four years already? I left the MPOS board to get more involved with a professional society. I promised that I would help again after finishing with my involvement on the board of the American Fisheries Society. My term ended in August and Brian was on the spot asking me to help out once again. With only two weeks left in my term, what could I say? Just like that, I am back on the board again. I am looking forward to helping the club find new directions to explore, and to revisit why we gravitated to the club in the first place. Did a friend invite you to join? Did you first see us at the May Faire, the County Fair, the "Orchid Bowl", at the Heritage Mall, or one of our monthly meetings? Was it the programs, semi-annual plant giveaways, show and tell, or the monthly catching up and camaraderie of friendships? Hopefully, we can bring back some of the excitement that brought you to the club in the first place.

We have started working on programs for this year. If you have any suggestions for future programs, let me or Brian know. Sometimes we get into a rut, so it is nice to have a fresh, new perspective. We want the club to be a source of information, to teach us a little bit along the way, to provide an occasional plant to members, and most of all, to be fun. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

— Gregg Lomnicky

## Editor's Notes

Last month TOH calendar had MPOS's meeting on the normal date (the first Tuesday of the month) but this month is different and we will have our meeting on Monday Oct. 19, 2009.

Please send me any suggestions you might have for the newsletter. The deadline is the 20th of the month.

If you have any specific questions about your orchids or growing situation send them to me and I will do my best to find the answer for you using the combined knowledge of our members and available literature. Thank you.

— Justina Kelliher

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## Events Calendar

**For calendar submissions please contact the editor**

Oct. 3-4, 2009 Saturday and Sunday pm	Sunset Empire Orchid Society Show Bob Chisholm Community Center	1225 Ave A, Seaside, OR
Oct. 4, 2009 Sunday 1:00 PM	AOS— Monthly Judging , Oregon Garden Silverton, OR	Judging in the Education Building
Oct.14, 2009 Wednesday 6:30 PM	CCOS— Monthly Meeting : Mike Ayres Orchid Forums	Capital Manor Community Ctr. 1955 Dallas Hwy., Salem OR
Oct.19,2009 Wednesday 6:30 pm	MPOS— Monthly Meeting: Andrea Niessen Colombian Orchids	Capital Manor Community Ctr. 1955 Dallas Hwy., Salem, OR
Nov 1, 2009 Sunday 1:00 pm	AOS— Monthly Judging Oregon Garden	Judging in the Educational Bld.

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