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MPOS October Meeting

This month we will have Jim Rassman presenting a program on masdevallias.

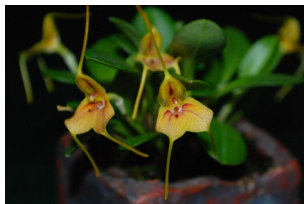


Photo Gregg Lomnicky
Masd.wageneriana

Refreshments: Joan Sandeno and Pat Werner

CCOS October Meeting

For our October meeting we have decided to steal the program concept used by our sister society last month - thanks for the idea Mary's Peak! Four or five of our members who grow orchids in greenhouses raised their hands at the last meeting and agreed to share, for 10-15 minutes each, on what they have learned about growing orchids in THEIR greenhouses. What they did right when they set them up and what they would do differently if they could do it all from scratch again. This should give some of us who are considering eventually having a greenhouse some ideas to consider as we contemplate making the plunge one day. It might also even give some of the greenhouse growers some ideas that might be able to be retro-fitted into their situations. Anyone who would like to augment their talk with pictures should bring them to the meeting on a USB drive - the projector will be available to highlight points of your presentation. Enjoy the mild seasonal transition weather and of course - your orchids! I'm already looking forward to seeing you all. — Mike Ayres

Oregon Judging Site September

The weather was great, our musician was back in front of the Education Building, and people were sitting comfortably around the tables in the courtyard. The eleven judges present inspected the nine plants presented for judging but gave no awards.

There are various reasons why this happens: the flowers may not be in good condition, the flowers may be no better than previously awarded plants, or if the plant is young, the judges may feel it would have a better chance at an award in the future, since the second blooming may be substantially better than the first. It is always possible for plant owners to ask the judges for their comments.

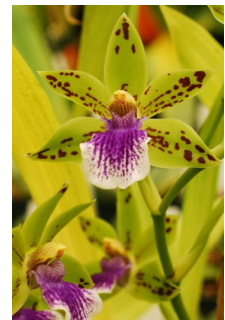
We would like to thank the Cherry City Orchid Society for their generous contribution and their support of the work of the Judging Center. It always feels good to be appreciated.

— Marcia Romick



Lc. Love Knot

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Zyonaria Adelaide Meadow

Willamette Orchid Society Show

The Willamette Orchid Society's fall orchid show will be held October 16-17 in the center court at Valley River Center in Eugene. The show will be judged by the American Orchid Society. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17. The two-day event will include orchid displays, plant sales and information about growing orchids. For more information call (541) 688-6552.

CCOS September Meeting

Our show and tell table of plants this month was a little on the sparse side compared to previous months. To some degree there may not be quite as many orchids blooming this time of year, or maybe most of us just found ourselves pushed for time and the easiest thing to set aside was bringing a plant in for show and tell to still get everything done and make it to the meeting on time. Mike Sielaff didn't put his presentation plants (which were all fabulous!) on the show & tell table, so this left the field open for someone else to win favorite member plant of the month. I was surprised and honored to have my phalaenopsis *Minho Princess* 'Watercolor Artist' voted most special for September. I snapped a few pictures of it growing at my home between rain showers this past weekend. As most of you know one of the joys of phalaenopsis flowers is that they often go for months and months in perfect flower - this plant is no exception as it will soon be entering its third month in bloom.



Remember - part of why we meet is to share our plants together and use what we see and share as a medium for taking the next step. — *Mike Ayres*



Photos by
Mike Ayres

Mike
Sielaff
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MPOS Members Update

I am updating Mary's Peak members information as it has been brought to my attention that some of our members have not been receiving their newsletters. Please send an email to lbenjamin49@hotmail.com or to: Linda Benjamin, Mary's Peak orchid Society, P O Box 186, Jefferson OR 97352 with the following information:

- Name**
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- Current email address**
- How you would like to receive your newsletter: by mail or email.**
- Thank you — Linda Benjamin**

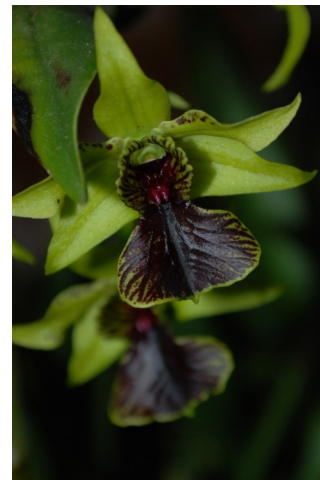


Photo right by
Gregg Lomnick
Dendrobium Little
Green Apples

Show Dates To Remember:

October 1-3 — San Diego International Orchid Fair, San Diego Botanical Garden, Ecke Bld. 230 Quail Garden Dr. Encinitas, CA

October 2-3 — Orchid Forum of Sacramento Show, Sheppard Garden and Art Center 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA

October 2-3 — Sunset Empire Orchid Society Show, Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Ave A, Seaside, OR

October 3 — AOS Monthly Judging Sunday 1:00 pm Oregon Garden Silverton, OR

October 16-17 — Willamette, Umpqua, and Pacific Orchid Societies Show, Valley River Center, Eugene, OR

Cherry City Orchid Society

Lately I've been watching some old Star Trek re-runs for fun. I've always been caught up in the introductory comments of the series, "*Space... the Final Frontier. These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise. Its continuing mission: to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no one has gone before.*" In a sense we are all on a journey as well, are we not? "Orchids...a wondrous frontier. We are on the voyages of the orchid society *Cherry City*. Its continuing mission: to explore strange new orchids, to seek out new life and new genera, to boldly grow what no one has grown before." :-)

Last month we enjoyed Mike Sielaff's talk on some of the important facets to successfully growing orchids. There was truly something for everyone with lots of great tips and a great variety of spectacular and unusual plants that he brought to talk about. The most important point that I personally gleaned from Mike's presentation was that "in many cases there is no one way to grow many/most orchids". For example Mike showed that depending upon accompanying culture techniques a wide variety of media types (or even no media at all) can be used to grow many genera.

When a grower tells you that you MUST grow a specific orchid in a manner described by him/her this may or may not be true. What works in a greenhouse may not work in a home. What works in a home may not work outside. What works in Florida may not work in Oregon, etc. Each of us is on a journey to find what techniques will work for us and what culture we can provide in the environment that each of us has available. This is a large part of why we come together each month - to share our successes and failures and learn from each other and from the speakers who have been on their own journeys - often over many years. A few pictures from Mike's presentation - two of my favorite plants that he brought - *neofinitia falcata* & *phalaenopsis belina*. — Mike Ayers

Photos lower left and center by Mike Ayres.

MPOS President's Message

We had a nice turn out for our Greenhouse 101 program last month. We even had a couple of guests from the Cherry City Orchid Society. Thank you again to Mike, Phil and Richard for their insights gained over many years growing in greenhouses. I ended up feeling a bit overwhelmed with all the considerations that go into putting together a well designed greenhouse. However, I still look forward to one day actually being able to have one to put my ever growing collection in. It's been a busy month for me. I checked out the orchids at the Pittsburgh zoo during a fisheries professional conference and had to deal with the loss of a pick pocketed wallet while there, but did get TSA to let me on the plane. Now I have traveled to Southern California for a couple of weeks to help out my parents. I had to dismantled the shade cloth area out back and put my orchids under cover so they would not drown or rot. The masdevallias seem pretty happy with the weather, but everything else would REALLY appreciate an Indian summer with a few more weeks of warmth and sun. It has not been a good summer to remember by most standards. Do come to our upcoming meeting. We will have another good one with Jim Rassman travelling up from the Coos Bay area to present a program on masdevallias. — Gregg Lomnicky

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Drac. hirtzii



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Events Calendar

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October 3, 2010 Sunday 1:00 pm Judging	AOS— Monthly Judging	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton, Oregon
October 5, 2010 Tuesday 6:30 pm	MPOS— Monthly Meeting. Program: Jim Rassman	Church of the Good Samaritan, 35th and Harrison, Corvallis, Oregon
October 13, 2010 Wednesday 6:30pm	CCOS— Monthly Meeting. Program: Greenhouse 101	Capital Manor Community Center 1995 Dallas Hwy., Salem, Oregon
November 2, 2010 Tuesday 6:30 pm	MPOS — Monthly Meeting. Program: TBA	Church of the Good Samaritan, 35th and Harrison Corvallis, Oregon
November 7 , 2010 Tuesday 6:30 pm	AOS — Monthly Judging	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton, Oregon

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