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Oregon Judging Site September

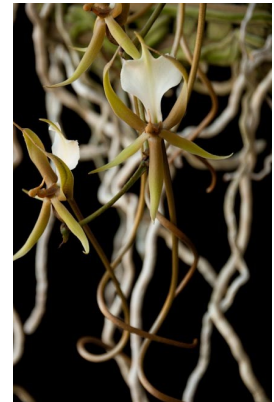
The Orchid Show season cometh. October 4th, Friday, sees the Portland Orchid Society Show at Expo Center (check their website for details), Saturday, October 5th is the Sunset Empire show in Seaside and monthly AOS judging is on Sunday, October 6 at the Oregon Garden.

Monthly judging is scheduled for 1 pm but consider joining us at noon for a training session on the features of the AOS OrchidsPlus web app. It is not the same as the Awards Quarterly, and how often do you get an explanation of anything electronic these days?

MPOS October Meeting

Rafael Arévalo is a Colombian botanist interested in the evolutionary biology, systematics, and taxonomy of neotropical orchids. He is currently finishing his PhD at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Dr. Ken Cameron's lab. His dissertation research focuses on the orchid genus *Mormolyca*, in which he couples molecular phylogenetic data, floral morphology, and volatiles to assess the role of evolving flower form and function in the process of orchid speciation. The title of his talk will be "Phylogeny and Floral Traits in *Mormolyca*: A Neotropical Case". —Patricia Harding

The eleven judges split into two teams to examine the two nominated plants which were both awarded an AM/AOS of 80 points. Both plants are



Plectrelminthus caudatus 'Memoria Barbara Mertz' Photo: Ross Leach

CCOS October Meeting

The speaker at the October meeting will be Chris Howard on "Orchids in Oregon". Chris has served for a number of years on the board of the Oregon Orchid Society and is currently the organization's webmaster. While he and his partner have a greenhouse with over 1300 orchids (most of them from the tropics), his first passion is hiking the Pacific Northwest. He's hiked in many parts of the region, including walking the length of Oregon in a single hike on the Pacific Crest Trail. Native plants have always interested him, but he finds something extra special about finding the elusive orchid in its natural habitat. Don't miss this opportunity to find out about the orchids that live right in our back yards – it just might give you just the push you need to get out and explore our wonderful state, get some exercise and see what is just waiting "out there" for you to discover! — Mike Ayres



Paph. Frank Booth 'Jonnette' Photo: Ross Leach

owned by Bergen Todd of Salem, OR. Her Paph. Frank Booth 'Jonnette' is

the only one yet awarded that has two inflorescences instead of just one. Considering that her plants were being judged, Bergen Todd sat out both judging teams. — Marcia Romick

Paph. Faire-Maud Photo: Mike Ayres



CCOS President's Message

How many of you realize that CCOS has a wonderful collection of books and magazines available for your enjoyment and/or education? It is true that much of what was once looked up in an encyclopedia or reference book is now available with the click of a button on the internet, but the richness and depth of information particular to a single topic cannot be duplicated by Google searches! Think about your most significant orchid topic and where you might go to research it. Have you looked on our web site to see if we have a book on that topic? Resources can be accessed by contacting our librarian Laurie Nielsen.

Would it help if we had a one page listing of all books at our meetings that you could request a title from and have it available for you at the following meeting? We have such a wonderful resource of knowledge available, and it is largely unused. We've thought of expanding it further, but unless our membership is going to take advantage of it, it may not be the best place to put our resources. Another thought - do you have any orchid books you're not currently using? Perhaps you'd consider bringing them to a meeting and adding it to our collection for everyone to enjoy.

Recently I looked over the list and selected a book that I thought might be interesting – [Slipper Orchids of Vietnam](#), published by Timber Press in 2003 and written by an international team of experts detailing the Vietnam habitat, ecology, and all the major species of slipper orchids found there. WOW! Did you know that there are over 1000 species of orchids in Vietnam, and that the majority of species of slipper orchids are rare, even in the wild? This book has information on and photographs of approximately 20 slipper species plus a number of natural hybrids of paphiopedilum growing in situ, as well as maps, drawings, charts, etc. Information that you will NOT find on the internet! Can't sleep at night? Reach over to your nightstand and grab a book on orchids!



Note that we will be hoping to sell the remaining 17 plants that we purchased for the Oregon State Fair display at bargain prices, as well as a host of other donated unusual and interesting orchids. Bring your cash or check book! — Mike Ayres

MPOS President's Message

We had a productive meeting in September. We accepted a revision to our bylaws; hopefully they will serve us for another 20 years! We also announced nominations for board positions. The nominations are: President - Lisa Borgerson, Vice President - Gregg Lomnick, Secretary - Patricia Harding, Treasurer - Sandy Piper, Directors - Dottie Ferral, Barbara Hayes, and Pat Werner. As scheduled in our new bylaws, we will vote on this slate of officers at our November meeting. We also passed around a new refreshments list and quite a few of you signed up but nobody signed up for October. Please drop me an email if you can bring refreshments next month.

Our speaker, Brenda Oviatt of Botanica, Ltd. gave a very informative talk on the angraecoid orchids. Her most important



advice on growing these orchids was to keep an eye on the root tips. The root tips are a big indicator of how happy these plants are. These orchids are fussy about their roots and do not like big disturbances so be very gentle when repotting and don't divide them.

The weather changed quite a bit last week from summer straight into fall. Any warmth loving orchids that have been spending the summer outside need to be brought back in. The American Orchid society website has a page about returning your orchids inside for the winter that is worth looking at: <http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=124>. This mostly covers the insect pests and what to do about them. — Lisa Borgerson

Left Paph. French Jewel Photo: Mike Ayres

Show Dates To Remember:

October 4-6 2013 Portland Orchid Society Show and Sale Expo Center Portland OR
 October 6 2013 1:00 pm AOS Judging Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR

CCOS September Meeting

Patricia Harding was the September speaker. She spoke on ecotourism in Ecuador. She



Photo: Nancy Helt

was asked to put this talk together for a conference she attended. Patricia likes to go out into the jungle to see orchids in the wild. In doing so, she has come across many interesting specimens. She made a comparison between bird watching and flora searching. In bird watching there is a point system for each rare bird you spot. Patricia wondered if it might be possible to do the same with orchids in the wild.

On one of her trips to search for orchids, they rode a wooden box contraption attached to a motorcycle on the railroad tracks. If you met another motorcycle coming from the other way, one cycle and contraption would have to be derailed so the other cycle could continue.

Unfortunately, due to the gold rush fever in Ecuador, the rivers and streams have been silted up as huge pieces of mining equipment dig in the water for gold. This creates a problem as it affects both fish and flora in the regions where the digging is going on. Reversing the damage will take a very long time.

Note: CCOS picked up 10 to 15 new members from the display at the Oregon State Fair.— Nancy Helt



Vanda M. Pearlman
Photo: Mike Ayres

AOS News

Plans are complete for the AOS Members and Trustees meeting being held in Coral Gables, Florida, November 14-16, 2013. Registration is open for the show and sale at www.aos.org. Reservations for the hotel may be made directly through the Courtyard Miami Coconut Grove hotel site at CourtyardMiamiCoconutGrove.com. Be sure to mention the American Orchid Society to get the special rates (if still available). Speakers will be Dr. Kait W. Tan, CEO, Gardens by the Bay Singapore; Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids; and Mr. Munekazu Ejiri, Director and Judge of the Japan Orchid Growers Association (JOGA). All of the lectures, the show and most of the meetings will be held on the premises of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens. Entrance to the Gardens will be part of the registration cost.

Fall show season is gearing up. Just a reminder that AOS offers liability insurance to affiliated societies which on an annual basis can cover multiple shows a society may have during the course of the year. For more information, contact AOS headquarters at TheAOS.org and an application form will be sent to you. In addition, there are AOS documents available on the website for use at the shows: cultural information, uniform show schedule, judging request form and AOS membership forms (in color or black and white). These documents are available to download and print out to use at your shows and meetings. The "members' only" section of the website has more detailed cultural information as well. AOS also provides a free listing on their calendar of all AOS society events if you provide them with enough lead time.

Call for Nominations: The Board of Trustees of the American Orchid Society is seeking nominations for members of the Board. Members may nominate any member in good standing, including themselves. All nominations will be evaluated by the Nominating Committee and a slate will be mailed, in accordance with the by-laws, prior to the election at the Members' Meeting in the spring of 2014. If you are interested in pursuing a nomination, see the website for more information regarding qualifications, required expertise, and other requirements and forward the nomination (with biography) to Nominating_Committee@aos.org. You may also mail it into headquarters.—

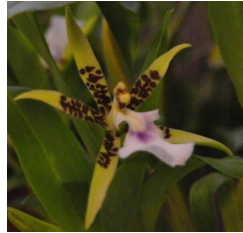
Lynn Fuller, Chair,
Affiliated Societies Committee

Editor's Note

I look forward to including everyone in the newsletter. Please send me your contributions at justina_marie20@yahoo.com. Thank you.— Justina Kelliher, Editor

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Events Calendar

For calendar submissions please contact the editor

October 6 2013 Sunday 12:00 Ed. Program 1:00 pm Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR
October 9 2013 Wednesday 6:30 pm	CCOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Chris Howard	Salem Heights Community Hall 3505 Liberty Rd. S Salem OR
October 17 2013 Thursday 6:30 pm	MPOS - Monthly Meeting Program: Rafael Arévalo	Seventh Day Adventist Church 3160 SW Western Blvd Corvallis OR
November 3 2013 Sunday 12:00 Ed. Program 1:00 pm Judging	AOS - Monthly Judging	Oregon Garden Education Building Silverton OR
November 14-16 2013	AOS—Members and Trustees Meeting	Coral Gables Florida

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