

The Oregon Hybrid



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MPOS October Meeting

The summer has flown by so fast! Our October speaker will be Greg Nielsen. Greg will be speaking on Tillandsias and Bromeliads, Companion Plants to Orchids. Greg comes to us from Newberg and is familiar to us because he has been a vendor at our show most years. He will be bringing orchids, tillandsias and bromeliads for sale at our meeting. Keep in mind that the meeting will be on our normal date of the third Thursday of the month.

~ Lisa Borgerson



Mystery Oncidium Alliance

CCOS October Meeting

Our speaker for the October meeting is Brenda Oviato from Botanica Orchids in Missoula Montana. She specializes in angrecoid species and companion plants. She will be bringing plants for sale. She has offered us a 10% discount if we preorder from her website. Botanica Orchids. Com.

She needs to update the site so some things may not be available but several nice things are too few to be on the web. ~Laurie Nielson



Angraecum didieri

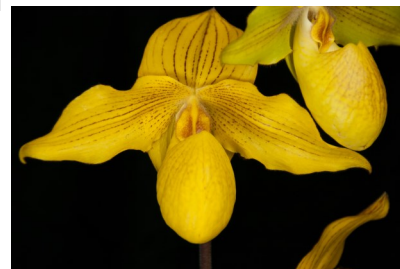
Oregon Judging Center

First, an enormous thank you to all who attended the auction, bought plants at the auction, brought refreshments and helped put it on. It was more successful than we expected and we are grateful to you all. After all the flurry we proceeded with judging.

The 12 judges present looked at three plants including the spectacular Paph. Dollgoldi 'Butterball' shown below owned by Jeff Pinto of Sherwood, OR. It was awarded an AM of 84 points for its large size, floriferousness and intense color.

Our next judging will be on Nov. 6th at the Keizer Community Center, 930 Chemawa Rd. The detour is down and we have a brand new roundabout replacing the four way stop.

Paph. Dollgoldi
"Butterball" AM/AOS
Owned by Jeff Pinto
Photo by Ross Leach



The Judges Corner

The Wow! Plant

The flowers are opening and there are lots of them. Should you take it to judging? Are you a risk taker? If so, sure. The worst that can happen is that it will be passed over. If it is, ask some of the judges what qualities this species or hybrid should have for an award.

Are you the cautious type? If so, check the American Orchid Society (AOS) award database first and see what the awarded plants of this type are like. You will know what to aim for. AOS judges have this database and will be happy to check it for you. There probably is not one judge who hasn't taken a plant they were sure would be awarded only to have it passed over.

The flowers should have clear, definite color. Being larger than previously awarded flowers is a plus. You want to see the whole flower with the segments flat, not curled forward strongly or reflexed back. Are all the flowers visible, not so crowded that some cover others? Considering these qualities gives you the chance to examine your plant carefully.....exactly what AOS judges do.

~ Marcia Romick

CCOS President's Message

Happy Fall everyone! Hope you all are enjoying the change of seasons? The first few days of cold breezy Autumn weather made me immediately concerned for my orchids, most of which are still outdoors. They hung in there for the week and then again I reviewed the forecast for this coming week, which will bring us into October. It looks like a string of 10 days with evening temperatures into the mid 40's throughout after today. Time to haul everyone but the cymbidiums in for the long winter's rest! J



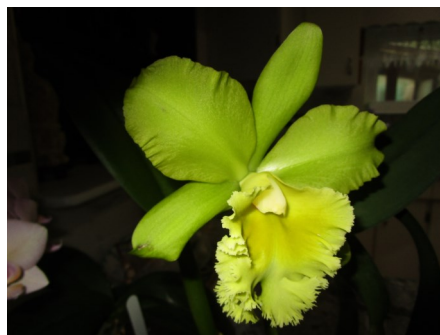
Paph (St. Swithin x rothschildianum)

One of the good things for me about moving 75% of my collection outdoors for the warm months, that I've noted before, is easy care/maintenance. Set-up the lawn sprinkler for an hour or so and come back later and fertilize or simply turn off the hose. One of the bad things about this practice is not paying attention to the needs of individual plants that might

be trying to tell you something! Being underneath a very large flowering cherry tree that has grapes growing in it – another challenge is picking up the leaves, small twigs, and falling grapes that are constantly dropping on my plants. A handful of my smaller species paphs went to "Orchid heaven" this summer. They seemed to have a lower tolerance than other plants for my low-effort madness. I've noted before that many of these plants require a high water quality for good culture and the Keizer water might not be ideally suited for them either. On a positive note – while bringing my paphs last night I noted a number of small blooming plants and several in spike, that I had not noted earlier – so that did help to relieve the disappointment of finding a few pots with "nothing" in them.

Wasn't it grand to see a handful of new members at last month's meeting?! I hope we encouraged them to continue to grow MORE orchids and to grace us with their presence for a long time to come. Many people who have started out just growing Phalaenopsis from the neighborhood stores haven't yet become acquainted with many of the 25-35,000 species of orchids and their hybrids that are potentially out there! A special WELCOME to Deborah Kucera, Christina Lincicome, Reba Fruck, Miki Margraf, Brenda Roark and Martin & Mary

Ellen Mayer.



BLC Prada green deluxe 'NN' Photo and plant : Vicki Brejla

If any of our new members have Phalaenopsis that have not been repotted in over a year – feel free to bring them to the meeting and we'll do a little exploring and see what we might find.

Phalaenopsis orchids were what got me into the hobby to begin with, like many others. If you bring a Phal in I'll try and bring two choices of media – one for beginners that will be easy to manage, and a second one for those ready to move up to the intermediate phase of orchid growing! Stay tuned! See you all soon! ~ Mike Ayres



Phal in need of a repot!

MPOS Presidents Message

Fall is in progress! Leaves are changing, mornings are crisp, and the chanterelles are in full swing on the coast. I just love this time of year!

As our outdoor plants go through their seasonal changes, many of our orchids do as well. As you may well know, some orchids require a winter dormancy



Catasetum Orchidglade 'Jack of Diamond'

period, also known as a "dry rest". Dry rest doesn't always mean you entirely withhold moisture from your plant, but that water is reduced greatly as the plant is not in active growth and is not taking up

the water. Over-watering plants that go through this phase can cause rot and kill them. Lycaste, some Dendrobiums, some species Cattleyas (and relatives), and Catasetinae such as Cycnoches, Mormodes, Catasetum, and their hybrids are examples of plants that have special winter needs. If you are uncertain about a plant be sure to e-mail one of us or look up information on it to ensure proper culture and happy blooming. I hope you all had a successful growing season and I look forward to seeing your blooms in the

Road Trip!

Oct 15—16, 2016 Eastern Canada Orchid Society, Montreal Quebec <http://www.ecosorchids.ca/index.html>

Did you know?

Orchids are masters of deception.

Orchids deceive insects into pollinating them. The reproductive parts of many orchid flowers are shaped and colored to look like the kind of insect they hope to attract. Once the insect is interested, the orchid's pollen sticks to the bug until it flies off to find another orchid that it mistakes for a mate.

Now you know!

MPOS September 2016 Meeting

In September we had our meeting on the 29th, later than usual so we could have Carol A. Klonowski (cklonowski@aol.com) as our speaker. She was in our area while speaking at other local orchid clubs.

Carol is an AOS Judge and owns Orchids Away in Hayward, California, where she grows and breeds a large variety of orchids.

She got her first orchid, a Cattleya, as a gift while she was living in Berkeley, California. Her first greenhouse was made of recycled curved windows.

Carol has several prepared presentations - we chose "An Overview of Standard Pathiopidium". Breeding them goes back to the 1860's. Since they can handle cooler temperatures they did quite well in England where they were brought from Southeast Asia. Though sometimes referred to as slipper orchids, they are different than the plants that are called slipper orchids in America.



Photos: Justina Kelliher

Since the 19th century, breeding these orchids went through several stages focusing on the different color types, sizes, spots, and the flat, round shape. Some have been bred to be very large. They also have very long-lived blooms, up to a month or two. They can be shown as cut flowers.

I found interesting all the work that went into developing a pure white form. They are usually smaller than the yellows and browns.

Thank you Carol for an informative lecture.

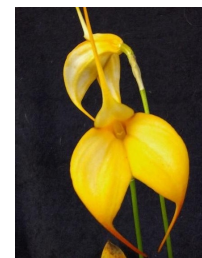
I have included a few photos from our meeting.

I look forward to our October meeting. Please bring your beautiful blooms for show and tell.

~ Justina Kelliher

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Events Calendar 2016

1st Sunday Monthly 1:00 pm	AOS - Monthly Judging Nov 6, 2016	Chemawa Room Keizer Civic Ctr. 930 Chemawa Rd. Keizer OR
2nd Wednesday monthly 6:30 pm	CCOS Oct 12, 2016 Presentation by Brenda Oviate	Salem Heights Community Hall 3505 Liberty Rd. S Salem OR
3rd Thursday monthly 6:30 pm	MPOS Oct 20, 2016 Presentation TBD	Seventh Day Adventist Church 3160 SW Western Blvd . Corvallis OR
1st Sunday Monthly 1:00 pm	AOS - Monthly Judging Dec 4, 2016	Chemawa Room Keizer Civic Ctr. 930 Chemawa Rd. Keizer OR

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