



OREGON ORCHID SOCIETY

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January 2012

MONTHLY MEETING January 17, 2012 6:30pm The Art of Flasking Speaker: Stephanie Willis

This month we are very lucky to have our very own Stephanie Willis. Many of you know Stephanie as our diligent secretary taking notes and documenting our meetings. However, she has a secret life...she has been making her own Phalaenopsis crosses and flasking the seeds. Stephanie has been working with flasks for awhile and has been taking advantage of some lab equipment through her work to do some of her own flasking.



Stephanie will walk us through her procedure and explain how this can be done. Most of us are either too scared to try or completely confused about the whole seed grown orchids, this will be a nice introduction to growing orchids from scratch that most of us are not used to.

Also, for added fun, the society has purchased a couple of flasks that were sold at a drastically discounted price from Oak Hill Gardens and carefully carried home in Michael and Chris' luggage from Chicago. Following Stephanie's talk we will be opening these flasks and creating small compots for the group to take home and try their hands at. A special thanks to our transportation crew (Michael and Chris), our society for purchasing them, Stephanie for this most intriguing topic and last but not least, Oak Hill Gardens for their support.

Come and see how orchids get their start and learn "orchid pediatrics".

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dick Van Ingen

With the whirl of holiday social activities behind us and hours of daylight gradually, very slowly lengthening we can turn more attention to action in the greenhouse and windowsill. Our OOS show is only four months away. It's time to start sprucing up plants for display, staking bloom spikes as they emerge, cleaning up old spikes. Be careful not to overwater, many orchids are still in dormancy and evaporation is slow so there is no need to water as often as in summer.

The show committee is at work. Ask committee members what you can do for promotion in advance of the show and think of what fun job you would like to do during the show. The committee members: Craig Williams, Michael Jenne, Stephanie Willis, and Chris Howard. Any help would be appreciated.

We will see you at the next meeting where Stephanie Willis will have a magnificent presentation for us.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual Membership \$24 per Household

Do Not Forget – Renew Your Membership. Starting in 2012, the OOS will provide membership cards, which will prove that you are current and ensure you the benefits of membership.

Remember Benefits of Your Membership

Support the OOS Mission
Fund Meeting Speakers
Free Admission to the Show
Participation in Society Auctions
Participation in Group Orders to Nurseries
Discounts at Local Retail Locations

Rhonda is ready to take your dues at the monthly meeting and provide you with your membership card. You are also welcome to renew online through the website or mail in a check, and we will mail your card to you. The address is OOS – Membership, PO Box 14182, Portland, OR 97293.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The OOS is preparing for Orchid growing action this spring in educating the public with classes/lectures at Portland Nursery. Michael Jenne and Lori Rheinberger will be teaching in January and February at both Portland Nursery locations, 5050 SE Stark St. and 9000 SE Division St. Talks are free and open to the public and OOS members are encouraged to attend and help encourage membership and orchid education.

Lectures/Classes:

January 21 at 1:00PM: "Orchids 101"

Speaker: Michael Jenne at the Stark Street location.

January 22 at 11:00PM: "Growing Orchids in Bloom". Speaker: Lori Rheinberger at the Division Street location.

January 22 at 1:00 PM: "Repotting Your Orchids for Beginners".

Instructor: Lori Rheinberger at the Division Street location.

February 26 at 1:00 PM: "Easy Orchids as Houseplants" Speaker: Michael Jenne at the Stark Street location.

UPCOMING DATES

January 17: Monthly Meeting

The Art of Flasking
Speaker: Stephanie Willis

January 21-22: Orchid Lectures
& Houseplant Sale
Portland Nursery (both)

February 5: AOS Judging
Oregon Garden, Silverton

February 21: Monthly Meeting
TBA

February 26: Orchid Lecture
Speaker: Michael Jenne
Portland Nursery on Stark

March 4: AOS Judging
Oregon Garden, Silverton

March 20: Monthly Meeting
TBA

**APRIL 14-15: OREGON
ORCHID SHOW**
Ambridge Event Center

Silverton AOS Judging News

Craig Williams

The December monthly AOS judging in Silverton was not only fun, but those in attendance were treated to 15 plants for judging brought in by 3 different exhibitors and a cut flower spray of a beautiful Cattleya hybrid.

There were six accredited judges, one student judge, a pre-student and three visitors present for a presentation before judging on the AOS Special Awards for 2010 given by Craig Williams. After this talk the judges nominated seven plants for consideration of AOS awards. These seven plants consisted of five Paphiopedilums, one Masdevallia and one Acenita. Of these the Masdevallia Jewel was awarded an AM of 82 points. Everyone had a great time at the judging, and the judging center would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season.



December Meeting Recap

Once again the December potluck and silent auction was a success. We had a lot of really good food, too much as always. We even were blessed with some faces we had not seen for awhile. The silent auction was even larger than last year thanks to all the donations; the OOS raised nearly \$500. We had many plants from Briggs Hill, from they're greenhouse closing. Bovees Nursery donated some nice orchid companion plants. Cal-Orchid provided several large blooming plants. Tropical Orchid Farm provided several unusual species. Stephanie Willis again brought several nice terrariums. A special thanks to Nenita Sorella for having her son drop off some spectacular blooming paphs for the auction. They were a big hit and in fact the most expensive item at the auction was her Paph spicerianum with multiple flowers. Thank you to everyone for supporting the society through your donations and purchasing items.



Following the auction and eating, the membership approved the new 2012 board which is laid out as: President: Dick Van Ingen; VP: Michael Jenne; Secretary: Stephanie Willis; Treasurer: Rhonda Wrobel; Director: Chris Howard. We still have one director position available.

The society also announced our year end donations and sponsorships. The board again approved our sponsorship of the AOS, Silverton Judging Center, Orchid Digest, and The Orchid Conservation Alliance. Through our commitment of 1% to orchid conservation the society also made a gift donation to the Growiser in La Grande for the work they are doing to promote *Cypripedium montanum* propagation and for hosting the OOS field trip.

Congratulations to all on a very successful year for the OOS. Cheers!

OOS 2012 BOARD

PRESIDENT: DICK VAN INGEN
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MICHAEL JENNE
STEPHANIE WILLIS
CRAIG WILLIAMS

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION:

SUE VOLEK
LORI RHEINBERGER

ORCHID SUPPLIES

The society does purchase certain supplies that are available to members for purchase. The supplies are variable and you will need to contact the board or Lori Rheinberger at lori@bctonline.com for current list.

ORCHID BARK

2 cubic feet Rexus Fir Bark \$10

4 cubic feet Perlite \$15

Additional supplies can be found at sponsoring local nurseries at a society discount with your membership card.

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MEETING LOCATION

The OOS meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the
AMBRIDGE EVENT CENTER

1333 NE MLK Blvd,
Portland, Oregon 97232

* Monthly Meetings are usually held in the Morrison Room.

OOS LIBRARY

The OOS maintains an extensive library or books, magazines and other orchid related materials. Members are welcome to check out items through the librarian, Rick Burian. The complete list of library items can be found on the website.

Contact Rick at 503-245-7994