What is in a name??

It doesn’t take long in the orchid world before you start to notice that names of orchids have changed or that the same plant known by multiple names. Why is this? Taxonomy can sound like a scary word but it is simply identifying, grouping, and naming organisms according to their natural relationship to one another. Orchid growers often complain about the changing of names and splitting genera and lumping groups together. This can be all very confusing, when the plant you have known for years as Encyclia cochleata is now Prosthecea cochleata or your Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc.) is now a Cahuzacara (Chz.).

We are very lucky in Oregon to have Patricia Harding, who literally has written the book on several genera regarding taxonomy and is on the species identification board for the AOS. She will present an elementary understanding of what orchid taxonomy is and what is the purpose for this complex and changeable catalog of names. She will also explain how taxonomists investigate and analyze taxonomic questions, including how and why they sometimes need to change names. It should be a very interesting discussion. Patricia is a delight to talk with and we love to have her back whenever we can. She is a wealth of knowledge.

We often come to think of the taxonomists as making our lives more difficult than they need to be. However, there is a real need for understanding taxonomy and parentage when it come to culture and hybridizing as well as conservation.

The Oregon Orchid Society meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm
The Multnomah Arts Center: 7688 SW Capitol Highway, Portland.
President’s Message
Greg Nielsen

Spring is on its way and daylights savings is coming back too. I will be glad when the winter temperatures are going away and the cold is changing to the warmer conditions we all need to grow our plants with less cost. This was a milder winter yet the plants do better if the seasons get back to normal. I hope your orchids will be blooming for the Shows displays that the Oregon Orchid Society will be putting together in April and in May. I will go into more detail at the meeting next week as there are plans to put into motion. I would like to talk about a theme for our Spring Show and please bring your ideas to the meeting as we should work on that as well. I will have re-potting supplies again for the members to buy if they need the premixed bags of orchid bark, perlite, charcoal and oyster shell. There will be two sizes, 1gal. and 2gal. bags for sale to support the Society. This is a good thing for the beginners who really don't need a large bag of bark or any one thing of the basic orchid media mix. I hope you will find this to be convenient to re-pot just a few plants as Spring is a good time to get it done.

The guest speaker is Patricia Harding for our program and her well know taxonomy of the Orchid family is what she dose best. With all the books and photo's she has taken and done for the Orchid World is amazing so we all are in for a glimpse of what it takes to name or re-name an orchid and find its place in this very large family of plants. I hope to see everyone at the meeting to learn something about what a taxonomist must do to get the job done.

Remember anyone can bring refreshments to share with the rest of the group and it does not have to be just for the sweet tooth as everyone enjoys something different.

Last but not least the meeting room is going to be in a larger class room in the same location in the Multnomah Arts Center. The room number I believe is #33 as this is what I was told. I will be there early to get things organized for everyone to be able to find the right room. I hope this works out for the best for the Society and the members.

Thank you

As membership dues should be all paid up by April 1, we will be compiling an updated roster of our members. Many have asked for a roster print out so that they can have contact information for other members to ask questions, share rides to meetings and events. The board thought this was a great idea. However, we understand that some people will not want to have their information published to the entire membership. Currently, the roster will include your name, phone number and email address. If you would like to have only your name with no contact information or just want your phone number or email address published, please let Rhonda know soon. The roster will only be a printed copy for members, it will not sold or published online.
Vice President's Message
Chris Howard

Show, show, show, show!
We're having our orchid show in less than two months and you should all be getting excited. This year we have a fantastic list of vendors and a new, upgraded location. Vendors include: Botanica, Briggs Hill Orchids, Diamond Orchids, Ecuagenera, Hillsvie Gardens, Keeping it Green Nursery, Oscar Allen Nursery, Out on a Limb, Sorella Orchids and more!
The location is the Ambridge Event Center, just four blocks north of the Oregon Convention Center. It's also the same weekend as the Oregon Potter's Association Show at the Convention Center, so you can make a full day out of it. Did I mention that there's free parking for our show? The Ambridge has much better natural light than our previous location, so the displays should really shine.
We hope that every member would be willing to contribute to the show. It is meant as a fundraiser for the society but it's also a platform to show people in the greater Portland area what the orchid is all about and why we find it so fascinating. We can use volunteers at the show, blooming plants from members to populate our display and any and every effort towards getting the word out about the show. We'll have more posters and postcards at our meeting (March 15th). Be sure to bring your friends, neighbors and anyone else - we want the 2011 Oregon Orchid Show to be the best ever.

REPOTTING WORKSHOP AT AL’S GARDEN CENTER

The Oregon Orchid Society has been asked to participate in a workshop at Al's Garden Centers about repotting orchids. We will need volunteers to assist people in repotting their orchids. This will be a great event to help promote our show. The information is below, and if you want to assist please register with Michael or Lori. Also, if you are still new at repotting yourself you can always register to take the class as well.

Orchid Repotting Workshop or Watch

Saturday, March 19th 2011
Al's Woodburn: 10am, 1220 N. Pacific Hwy
Al's Sherwood: 1pm, 16920 SW Roy Rogers
Info: You can register to be in the workshop and actually repot one of your orchids you brought from home, or you can register to watch. If you’d like to repot, please bring your pruners and gloves.
Deadline: Registration is required by March 7th
Cost: $5.00, which includes 1 bag of orchid bark. Orchid pots will be available for purchase. Registering to watch is free.
Upcoming Events

March 6: AOS Monthly Judging
Oregon Garden Silverton

March 15: Monthly Meeting
Understanding Orchid Taxonomy
Speaker: Patricia Harding

March 19: OOS Repotting Workshop
Al’s Garden Center

March 26-27: Mt. Baker Orchid Society
Show and Sale. Mt. Vernon, WA

April 2-3: Cherry City Orchid Society
Salem, OR

April 3: AOS Monthly Judging
Oregon Garden Silverton

April 9-10: Northwest Orchid Society
Sky Nursery, Shoreline, WA

April 19: Monthly Meeting
2010 Awarded PNW Plants,
Speaker: Craig Williams

April 30—May 1:
66th Annual Oregon Orchid Society Show and Sale. Ambridge Event Center, Portland

May 17: Monthly Meeting

The Show Is Coming

Our spring show is all but around the corner. Remember this is our big event of the year and should not be missed. Keep checking the website for new developments. We are in a new and better location this year and we will need to help get the word out to help notify people.

Member Sales

Once again the society will provide tables for those members that wish to sale without purchasing their own vending table. The society offers this as a service to members. You can bring as many plants and other plant related items to the society table to sale. You must have a removable plant tag on everything you bring labeled with these three things: OOS; Your Last Name, Price. Since this is a fundraiser for the society, the society will take a 20% commission from all items sold on the society tables.
Go to the Show Page on our website for a coupon for discounted admission to the show.
Have you noticed that selections from our library are brought to the monthly meetings for your borrowing pleasure? All members in good standing can borrow books for the month and then return them at the next meeting; easy, convenient and educational. Choose from the titles on the table or call or write ahead for specific items. The library's holdings are now available on our website. Contact Rick Burian 503-245-7994.

Do you have something of interest to the society? Put it in the newsletter.

If you have an announcement or something informational to share with the orchid growing community, you can put it in the newsletter. All submissions received by the first of month will get in that month’s newsletter.

Get it to newsletter@oregonorchidsociety.org

Advertising is available in the Calypso. A very economical way to reach a specific customer base. Contact the Editor at via email at newsletter@oregonorchidsociety.org

The current monthly rates are as follows:

- Full Page Ad: $15.00
- Half Page Ad: $10.00
- Quarter Page Ad: $8.00

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