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The Newsletter of the Oregon Orchid Society [www.oregonorchidsociety.org](http://www.oregonorchidsociety.org)

## OREGON ORCHID SOCIETY MEETING

April 19, 2011, 7:00 pm

### 2010 AOS Awards From the PNW Division Speaker, Craig Williams

This month we are gearing up for our show. Therefore, our program will be a little shorter to allow for discussion of show preparations.

Craig Williams, student AOS judge, will present on awarded plants from the Pacific Northwest Judging region over the year of 2010. This is a good time to review what has happened and who has been honored with an AOS award.

We will also have a short presentation by Rhonda Wrobel about her recent vacation to Lanai, Hawaii. Rhonda visited an orchid greenhouse and captured many great photos to share with us.

#### THE SHOW IS HERE!

Tell everyone you know about our show and get the word out that this year the show is not to be missed. We have a new location but the show will be the same fun time as years past. Now is the time to start prepping those budding plants, staking the inflorescences for display. Also, check

your plants for damaged leaves that can be removed. Check for bugs, which will need to be treated for before the show. Most importantly, start saving your money, because there are so many plants for sale!

#### Upcoming Events

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**

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**

Hello to all the members. I and Judy, Brad Barrick and Ed Crawford all donated our plants and time to put in the display for the Oregon Orchid Society at the Cherry City Orchid Society Show of 2011. There were lots of very nice displays and the Mary's Peak Orchid Society display got the best visiting society for the theme of the Show "An Orchid Premiere". Everyone did a very good job with there Show displays. The only award went to a Paph. from Jim Snyder from the Cherry City Orchid Society. There were many beautiful flowers to see and enjoy by everyone.

I would like to remind everyone in the Oregon Orchid Society that we all have the chance to be part of the Society's participation in the Shows we do just by donating a few plants in bloom and display them with the rest of the members who put it all together so our display will represent the Society as a team. This display was a success because we had some very nice plants in flower and the four members responded to the cause to get the job done. I want to thank everyone who came to do the display and went to the Show and the sale to help support the Oregon Orchid Society and the Cherry City Orchid Society for there hard work and enthusiasm in being part of this very successful Show. This is what it is all about, having fun in the World of growing Orchids. I hope other members will help and attend our next Show with that spark of enthusiasm we all share.

**Vice President's Message**  
**Chris Howard**

**Show, show, show, show!**

I would like to echo my previous message last month, it is show time. Our show is just days away, start counting. I personally have attended many garden and plant sale events and the interest in our show seems high this year. Let's all make sure that we spread the word and get as many people to come as possible. Remember this is our society's main fundraiser, this is how we make all the things we do for you all, actually happen.

At the meeting, this month we will have many more fliers and information regarding the show.

The show is our way of educating the public and showing the community that we are here, we are a resource for all things orchid. Above all else, our show is fun and we all have the best time. It is a chance to see everyone and get caught up with those that are far away.

I hope to see you all there and hope that you will be willing to spend some time in making this a great show.

# OREGON ORCHID SHOW & SALE

"THE LARGEST IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST"

presented by:  
the  
**Oregon Orchid  
Society**

**April 30 &  
May 1**

**Portland, OR**  
*The Ambridge  
Event Center*

Local, National and  
International Vendors

More Info:

**[www.OregonOrchidSociety.org](http://www.OregonOrchidSociety.org)**



**This page is good for \$2 off admission to the  
Oregon Orchid Show  
April 30 & May 1, 10 to 5 both days**

**Held at the Ambridge Event Center on MLK four blocks  
north of the Oregon Convention Center. Free Parking!  
Visit the website for more information and list of vendors.**

**THE OREGON ORCHID SHOW, 2011**  
**April 30 & May 1, 10am-5pm**  
**Ambridge Event Center, Portland**

**THE SHOW IS NOW HERE!**

This month, actually the very last day of this month and first day of May, the society will host our 66th Annual Oregon Orchid Show. Such a reputation our society has made, as one of the oldest affiliated societies of the AOS, we have been not only been bringing a show and sale for 66 years but we have been putting on the largest orchid event in the Pacific Northwest.

The orchid world has changed a lot in 66 years, we must remember that.

Back when the society started, orchids were exotic, rare and hard to get; let alone keep alive without massive time and expense. This has all changed, with the invent of mericlone, we can now find orchids on tables at our dentist office, your neighbor's window sill and even your grocery store. The orchid has lost some of its novel status. However, when the society started very little attention was paid to conservation and habitat and pollinator protection. Therefore, the need for an orchid society and education of the public is just as important now as it was when we started 66 years ago.

The show is the perfect time to acquire those hard to get plants, find tidbits of advice from the growers that grew the plant and most of all enjoy the sight of thousands of blooming orchids.

Come be a part of the OOS event like none other. You will be glad you did.

**OOS Member Sales Tables**

Once again the society will provide six tables for members 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, however, we need to make room for all. You must have a removable plant tag on everything you want to sale. Make sure the tags are labeled with these three things: OOS; Your Last Name and the Price.

Since this is a fundraiser for the society, the society will take a 20% commission from all items sold on the society tables.

# Cherry City Orchid Society Show



## A Note on Culture

By Dick Van Ingen:

### More on Caffeine to Kill Bush Snails

I've been experimenting a bit with using caffeine to kill bush snails. Chris Howard brought up the idea at a meeting a few months back and told of his efforts in filtering the yellow gunk out of his dissolved caffeine tablets. I found a brand that has no yellow binder materials, "Stay Awake" sold at Rite Aid, 200 mg. per tablet. But does it work? I found a bush snail in my greenhouse, my plan was to sacrifice him in the name of science instead of simply squishing him on the spot. I prepared a solution of 200 mg. caffeine in 1/2 cup of water. There was some cloudiness to the solution, but that settled out, so I could pick up a tiny bit of clear fluid to drop on the snail. This is not as exciting as doing the same thing with salt water. He seemed stunned. Using a magnifying glass I could see that he was moving slowly, even for a snail, not dead yet but I had my hopes. In an hour I declared it dead, wouldn't move even when poked.

As for my previous failed attempts. 100 mg. of "Stay Awake" in a pint of water didn't seem to have much effect on a slightly luckier snail. He survived the experiment but otherwise didn't get to see the sun go down, squish. I sprayed some of the mixture on slugs in the garden, monsters compared to the bush snail and it seemed to have no effect. The 100 mg tablet seemed to have more binder in it, and it made a cloudier solution. I used it before the cloudiness settled out, gummed up my sprayer.

So 200 mg. in 1/2 cup seems to be a lethal dose, and the clear fluid decants off easily, but I don't know if it could be diluted further and remain lethal. I haven't tested it on Orchids, I'll do that but I don't expect any toxicity with them. The clear fluid leaves no residue on leaves.



## The OOS— Out in the Community

### REPOTTING WORKSHOP AT AL'S GARDEN CENTER March 19th

The Oregon Orchid Society participated in a workshop at Al's Garden Centers about repotting orchids. We had several volunteers show up to assist people in repotting their orchids and it was a lot of fun. It turned out to be a beautiful day and many people showed up to learn, watch and make their orchids happier. This was a great event to help promote our show. A special thank you to Lori Rheinberger for setting this up with Al's and to all the volunteers that came out.

## Pacific Northwest AOS Judging Report Craig Williams

At the Silverton judging site this month, there were six judges, one student judge and two visitors. It was very nice to have Naoki Kawamura and Terry Aitken in attendance and even nicer that they brought plants with them for judging. The judges were presented with a total of four plants for judging. This allowed each plant to be considered by the entire group of judges and allowed the guests to hear the whole discussion of each plant. Even though there were no AOS awards granted this month, the judging was both fun and educational and we encourage anyone with a nice blooming orchid to come out the first Sunday of each month to the Oregon Gardens for AOS judging.



Vanda Roman Empress  
Exhibited by: Naoki  
Kawamura

Paph. Connie  
Exhibited by: Terry Aitken



Vanda Arjuna  
Exhibited by: Naoki  
Kawamura



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## OOS Library

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.

## Newsletter

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](mailto:newsletter@oregonorchidsociety.org)

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## Society Orchid Supplies

### Orchid Bark for Oregon Orchid Society Members.

Contact Lori Rheinberger (503) 632-1655

4 cu ft orchid grade Perlite - \$15.00  
4 cu ft high quality orchid bark - \$10.00

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