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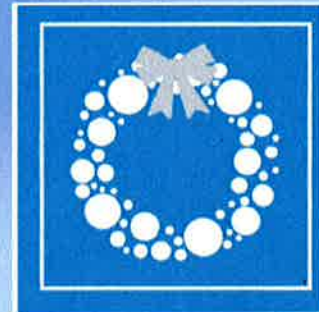
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The Newsletter of the Oregon Orchid Society

[www.oregonorchidsociety.org](http://www.oregonorchidsociety.org)

## OREGON ORCHID SOCIETY MEETING December 20, 2011, 6:30 pm

### Annual Potluck Dinner and Auction



This month the OOS hosts its annual potluck dinner and auction. This is our last meeting of the year and many of us are busy with the holidays. However, do not forget your orchid family here at the OOS. This is the time to sit and share stories and memories of the orchid world from the past year. Please, bring a dish, it can be a warm entrée, salad, side or dessert. The society will provide beverages, utensils, paper plates and napkins.

Also, to help in the festivities and joyful nature of the evening, the OOS has its silent auction of plants and other materials. This helps raise funds for the upcoming year speaker budget. You are encouraged to bring in plants or other materials like books and supplies to donate to the OOS for auction. We will be auctioning off plants that have been donated by our speakers as well. Come enjoy the evening with your friends and celebrate the season in an orchid-filled night. Happy Holidays!

#### WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY

In case of inclement weather on meeting night during the winter months. Please check the website or Facebook page for cancellation announcement.

## President's Message: Dick Van Ingen

Our Christmas pot luck dinner and silent auction is one of the highlights of our OOS year. It's a chance to socialize, get to know each other better and feast on food other people brought to share. The auction may include items you didn't know you needed, until you see them and realize that you do have a burning desire for that particular item. You might ask yourself, "why", then go ahead and enthusiastically bid for the thing anyway. You'll figure out "why" later.

It's not new year's resolution time quite yet, but I see nothing wrong with getting an early start. It's a good idea to assess where your passion is leading you. I find that I have gone through sort of a rotation of interest. First it was species Paphs, then hybrid Phals, then Masdevallias of all types, on through other Pleurothallids, ferns, Anthuriums and whatnot, then back to Pleurothallids. I think this is normal, or at least common.

This change of heart will cause you to take action. It might mean changing your growing environment, purchasing more plants, raising or lowering your thermostat, watering differently, or --heaven forbid -- selling some plants to make room for the new ones. So, you see the December auction and our April show are opportunities to move along your grand scheme. The items for the auction are donated. Members may sell items at the show in April on 1/2 table and pay the Society a commission. Details will come later. Don't forget the election of officers at the December meeting, and I believe we are still short a nominee for a board position. Nominations for any office may come from the floor. I can't emphasize how important our officers and board are for setting the tone, program, and policies for the society.

### **2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES** **Annual Membership \$24 per Household**

2012 dues can be paid now, why wait for the last minute. 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 (Education and Conservation)

Fund Meeting Speakers

Free Admission to the Show

Ability to sell on society table at show

Participation in Society Auctions

Participation in Group Orders to Nurseries

Discounts at Local Retail Locations

**You may send in your check or pay Rhonda at one of the meetings.  
OOS Membership, PO Box 14182, Portland, OR 97239**

**Cattleya Bow Belles 'Anne Chadwick'  
- Donald Beebe**



## Upcoming Events

December 4: AOS Judging Silverton  
Oregon Garden

**December 20: Monthly Meeting: OOS  
Winter Potluck and Silent Auction**

January 8: AOS Judging Silverton,  
Oregon Garden

**January 17: Monthly Meeting: OOS.  
The Art of Flasking Orchids.  
Speaker: Stephanie Willis**

**April 14-15: Oregon Orchid Show  
Ambridge Event Center**

## November is Election Season

**The Proposed Slate for the OOS 2012 Board  
To be Voted On In December**

**President: Dick Van Ingen (Second Term)**

**Vice-President: Michael Jenne**

**Secretary: Stephanie Willis (Second Term)**

**Treasurer: Rhonda Wrobel (Second Term)**

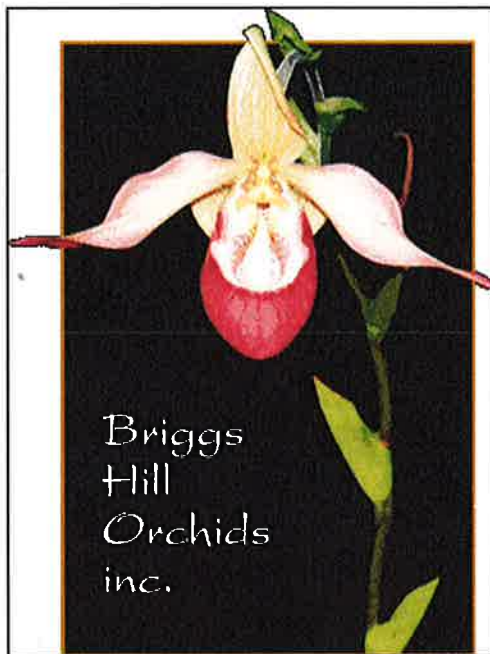
**Director: Chris Howard**

**Director: Vacant**

Lori Rheinberger is nominating chair person, contact her if you have any thoughts about the proposed board or would like to volunteer for a position.

## End of the Year— End of an Era Say Goodbye to Briggs Hill Orchids

It was sad news at the November meeting , when it was announced that Briggs Hill Orchids in Eugene would be closing their doors for good at the end of the year. Our dear friends, Bart and Helene Gendel have been such a bright and warm presence in the Oregon orchid world for many years it came as some surprise. However, Bart and Helene are moving on to another chapter in their lives and want more free time that owning a nursery does not often allow. The Gendel's have been strong supporters of our annual show and will be greatly missed this coming year. They also hosted the 2010 OOS picnic at their nursery, we all had such a good time and we will always have those memories. From now until the end of the year, Briggs Hill is selling off all of their stock, at very affordable prices, so if you get a chance, go say goodbye and pick up a few plants while there. Phone 541.431.3886



## November's Meeting Recap:

### James Rose on *Lycaste skinneri*



*Cal-Orchid*



James Rose of Cal-Orchid fame came up from Santa Barbara to give an interesting and humorous presentation on *Lycaste skinneri*. He also brought a staggering array of orchids for sale, not just *Lycastes*, like *Neofinitias*, *Paphs* and *Cattleyas*. The presentation was so good that even though he had not sold one *Lycaste* from the sales table prior, he had only two left following his talk. It is obvious that many of us were quit apprehensive regarding growing *Lycastes*. We are sure looking forward to members bringing these plants back to the meeting for a show on the display table. As always, James was quite the cut-up and we really enjoyed having him. James and his wife Lauris have been growing orchids since the 1970s and have owned and operated Cal-Orchid nursery for 26 years. If you have not had the chance to visit their place, you must. It is a large facility, with maze-like walks through greenhouse after greenhouse. Make plans to see their place the next time you are in Santa Barbara, maybe for the International Orchid Show.

## News From The AOS

### AOS Corner

At the Trustees' Meeting in San Antonio last month, it was announced that the sale of headquarters of the American Orchid Society was approved and closing on the sale will be the end of November 2011. The Sandra C. Slomin Foundation and Family Center for Autism and Related Disabilities is purchasing the site to use as a day care facility and eventually a private elementary school to serve children with autism and related disabilities. The Board of Trustees also approved the process to enter into negotiations for a strategic partnership with Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens in Coral Gables, Florida. The move, if an acceptable partnership is approved, should be completed by the end of the first quarter 2012.

The Trustees also approved the Library Committee's report which gave the Committee the direction to thoroughly inventory the extensive art collection, rare books and manuscripts and archives of the American Orchid Society in anticipation of its headquarter change. The Library Committee has the authority to determine which items will remain property of AOS and the disposition of those items that will not be retained. If any member wishes to inquire about a specific item's disposition, they may contact the Library Committee through their email [library\\_committee@aos.org](mailto:library_committee@aos.org)

### What's new at [www.AOS.org](http://www.AOS.org)?

- The 2012 Calendars are available for sale – a 14 month calendar loaded with beautiful orchid photographs, free shipping for AOS members. You may purchase it on line.
- Do you enjoy writing? The **Dillon-Peterson Essay Contest** has been announced. The topic is: *The Greatest Influence On My Orchid Passion*. It's your opportunity to tell the world what person, place, event, book, magazine article, orchid or thing changed your orchid growing hobby forever. The deadline is November 30. The website has the rules and regulations as well as past winners.
- Call for Nominations. If you have ever had any interest in 'getting involved' with the AOS, or know of a shining star to recommend for consideration of the Nominating Committee, this is your opportunity. You may send an email to [nominating\\_committee@aos.org](mailto:nominating_committee@aos.org)

*Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee*

## News From Silverton Judging Center Tom Etheridge

There was a very nice turnout of people and plants for judging in Silverton on November 6 despite there being no seminar scheduled. Ten judges and a handful of visitors were treated to 14 beautiful plants to evaluate. Of those, 8 were nominated for awards and two awards were granted. Congratulations to Jim Rassmann of Florence, Oregon for his beautifully patterned, very flat *Dracula vampira* 'Vlad the Impaler' which received a HCC/AOS of 76 points and to Theresa and Bill Hill of Hillsvew Gardens in Mulino, Oregon for their striking green *Paph. Olympic Emerald* 'Hemlock' which received an AM/AOS of 81 points. Thanks as always to Ross Leach for shooting the award photos and allowing us to use them for local society newsletters.

There is quite a bit of other news from to announce from the judging site this month. First, orchid judging will continue to take place at the Oregon Garden through 2012. Chemeketa Community College, who actually oversees the education buildings, has renewed our contract at the same rate as 2011! We are very fortunate to find such a venue for only \$75 per month. Tom Etheridge will continue as judging chair for the Oregon site in 2012 with Linda Mitchell as vice-chair. Our seminar for judging on December 4, 2011 will be a presentation and discussion of the 16 AOS Special Awards for 2010 which were just announced at the AOS Members' Meeting in San Antonio. The seminar will start at 12:15 pm with judging to follow. Everyone is invited to attend. Finally, please note that judging in January, 2012 will take place on Sunday, January 8 not January 1! This is the only time in 2012 that judging will not be on the first Sunday of the month.



## OREGON ORCHID SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS

### OFFICERS:

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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  
2 cu ft high quality orchid bark - \$10.00

## Calypso Advertising

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The current monthly rates are as follows:

Full Page Ad: \$15.00  
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