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The Newsletter of the Oregon Orchid Society

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## OREGON ORCHID SOCIETY MEETING

September 20, 2011, 7:00 pm

### The Story of Vanilla Speaker, TJ Hartung

This month we welcome TJ Hartung from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Mr. Hartung is very involved with the Puerto Vallarta Botanical Garden and Puerto Vallarta Orchid Society. He has offered to come speak to us about the lovely history of a Mexican native orchid, Vanilla. We don't often talk



much about vanilla among orchid enthusiasts, however, vanilla is a important species to man and nature. It also has a fascinating history. Mr. Hartung is also campaigning for assistance in non profit venture of conservation of orchids at the Puerto Vallarta Botanical Garden. The Puerto Vallarta Botanical Gardens were instrumental in the establishment of Puerto Vallarta Orchid Society which now boasts over 60 members. The PV Orchid Society is dedicated to the study, preservation and the understanding of the special cultural practices of native Mexican orchid species. Their mission is to create Mexico's foremost botanical garden for the propagation, study, discovery, conservation, and display of Mexican native plants. Come enjoy this exciting talk and hear about the good things being done in Mexico.



Brassia  
Jamie Hardy

## Upcoming Events

September 4: AOS Judging  
State Fair Salem

**September 20: Monthly Meeting:  
The Story of Vanilla**

October 1-2: Sunset Empire Orchid Show  
Seaside, Oregon

October 2: AOS Judging Silverton  
Oregon Garden

**October 9: OOS Orchid Day Event  
Portland Classical Chinese Garden**

**October 18: Monthly Meeting: Lycastes  
Speaker: Jim Rose of Cal Orchid**

November 6: AOS Judging Silverton  
Oregon Garden

## AOS JUDGING FOR SEPTEMBER 4 AT THE OREGON STATE FAIR

The Cherry City Orchid Society will be hosting the judging center in connection with their booth at the Oregon State Fair. There will be no judging at the Oregon Garden in Silverton this month.

Judging will be held in the Floral Building, #2 at 1pm.

If you bring a plant for Judging, Tom Etheridge will reimburse your fair admission.

Craig Williams will be giving a public talk on growing orchids in the home at 10am.

Tom Etheridge will give an introduction to AOS Judging at noon.

## October Event: October 9, 2011 Orchids in the Chinese Garden

The Oregon Orchid Society is honored to be participating with the Lan Su Chinese Garden (formerly the Portland Chinese Classical Garden) for a day of celebrating the orchid. The garden has been in Portland's Chinatown for ten years and, despite having the "poetic name" The Garden of Awakening Orchids, there has never been an orchid-centric event at the garden until now. We invite members of our society to consider participating with our orchid display, talking about orchids and the Oregon Orchid Society or helping with a repotting demonstration. And if you aren't able to participate in any of our events, we encourage you to come out and enjoy this fantastic gem in the heart of urban Portland.

The Lan Su Chinese Garden is a destination that no Portlander or visitor to Portland should miss. Though right in the middle of the city, the garden provides respite from city hustle and bustle. Despite its small size, most of a day could be adequate to take in its soothing sights and sounds and absorb the wonders of Chinese culture. Also, its tea house should not be missed!



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## 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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