

MEETINGS

The OOS meets monthly in the heart of Portland to hear speakers on a wide range of orchid topics, including home and greenhouse growing; beginner tips; repotting; moisture, light and fertilizer requirements; individual species; and conservation. A “show and tell” segment allows members to talk about an individual plant or two and how it’s grown. During meeting breaks, members also offer individual advice to other members, and help with repotting, pest management, or other issues. A sales table features both orchids and companion plants available from OOS members, and there’s an occasional plant raffle.

OTHER EVENTS

We also sponsor activities such as the largest orchid show in the Northwest; field trips to native orchid areas and growers; greenhouse tours; member plant sales; group plant orders; exhibitions; talks at nurseries and garden groups; and an annual picnic. Many of these activities emphasize education about orchid conservation both here in Oregon and overseas. The OOS contributes annually to conservation efforts.

The annual OOS orchid show is usually held on an April weekend. The event draws hundreds of visitors, and features displays from area orchid groups and national and international vendors as well as a major orchid sales event. The show includes judging by the American Orchid Society as well as local judging, a raffle, and member plant and orchid supply sales.

WEBSITE & NEWSLETTER

The OOS website (oregonorchidsociety.org) offers a wealth of information about orchid plants. In addition to information about the Society itself, there’s a Q&A section which has attracted inquiries worldwide; species-specific information about plant growing conditions; contact information; a photo gallery; speaker roster; a calendar and a list of vendors from past shows. There’s also the answer to one of the most-asked questions about orchids: should you use ice cubes to water them? Check the website to find out!

Members receive a brief monthly newsletter via e-mail as a reminder of the upcoming meeting and its program. It also includes a monthly growing tips column, and may soon be offering additional popular features. Stay tuned!

VOLUNTEERS

As a non-profit organization, the OOS depends on its volunteer members to host and staff events. Members are highly encouraged to join in planning and managing events and committees, under the direction of a six-person board elected annually by the membership.



JOIN US!

Annual dues are \$24 per year. You can join us online at www.oregonorchidsociety.org under “Membership;” we accept credit cards and PayPal. You may also send a check to the OOS at the PO BOX address listed on the website. If you have any questions, please contact us at one of the email addresses also found there. We look forward to seeing you soon!