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Membership Meeting

Date: February 26, 2008

Speaker: Leonard Gines of
Gines Orchids,
Keaau, HI

Doors open 6:00 PM
Setup 6:30 PM
Meeting 7:00 PM –9:00 PM

LOCATION:
St. Luke Lutheran Church
6835 SW 46th Ave
Portland, OR 97219
(see website for driving
directions and map.

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Fall Show and Sale at EXPO!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

If you haven't already signed up to volunteer at the Fall Show and Sale at EXPO this week, be sure to contact Rob Lucas at 503-493-2826 to let him know when you would like to volunteer. We need volunteers for ribbon judging on Thursday (a great way to learn more about orchids) and to man the Portland Orchid Society booth during the entire duration of the show.

Important Note:

The Portland Orchid Society monthly membership meeting is held on the **fourth** Tuesday of each month. The last Tuesday of the month may or may not be the same at the fourth Tuesday

February Speaker

Our speaker this February is flying-in all the way from Hawaii. Leonard Gines will have a booth at our spring show. Leonard and his company, Gines Orchids are situated about 20 degrees north of the equator (further south than the Florida Keys) on the big island of Hawaii, which has a range of climates from near desert to steamy tropical jungle to cool mountain rain forests. It is an ideal environment for growing almost anything. He is a founding member of The Big Island Dendrobium Growers Association, a past president of The Hawaiian Orchid Growers Association, and an active member of the Hilo Orchid Society. As well as all of these great accomplishments, at present, Leonard is the A.O.S. Judging Chair of the Hilo supplemental region. There is a great deal of knowledge on specialized, high-value orchid species coming from Leonard's growing conditions.



“We need
your
help, so
please
volunteer
and work
at the
show!”

Message From The President

Another month has passed, with cold weather, high heat bills, and constant worrying about power failures in our green houses and homes. I hope that you have all faired well this winter and that your plants are growing well. The Complex Paphiopedilum blooming period is slowly coming to an end. Since they are my favorite, I want to keep those large waxy blooms on just a few more weeks! The Cattleyas have been blooming all winter and are beautiful this year! I hope that many are in bloom for the upcoming show. Odontoglossum and Phaelanopsis are really starting to bud and bloom and I am even seeing some buds starting to peak out of a few Miltoniopsis. I have several Species that have bloomed well for me also this winter. Even though the weather has been pretty cold and windy, I am hoping that you all have at least a few plants to share with us and enter in our upcoming AOS judged show at the EXPO Center.

I am happy to say that the Flower and Garden Show area has been sold out for some time now, and we also have no more room in the orchid area. With no more room for booths, now we need the large crowds to make the show a really big success. We are doing the last minute tweaking to make everything go well, and hope to present you with the most wonderful first AOS judged show by the Portland Orchid Society!

Tuesday the 19th of February is the big entry day and we hope that all will be there to help set up the society booth, help with the plant entry, setting up our membership booth, carrying plants into the arena, and many more wonderful chores that go into making a great show. The doors open at 11:00 a.m. each day and close at 8:00 p.m. We need your help, so please volunteer and work at the show! Please call Rob Lucas (503) 493-2826. I have the sign up sheets at my telephone and can walk you through the sign up so that you can find your nitch and special time slots at the show. We really need all members to sign on and volunteer as much time as they possibly can give. Monday the 18th of February, a few vendors will be setting up that need earlier access to their booths. A few volunteers for that day would also be grand.

The show begins on Wednesday the 20th of February and volunteers are needed that day to man the POS booth, and each day after. We are hoping to sign up new members in our booth, the entire week, answering question on growing and orchids in general and handing out instruction sheets, etc. Sales also start that day and parking is cheaper during the week. That is the day that you want to be there to shop to get first selection of your new additions to that growing collection! (Continued on page 3)

President's Message (continued from page 2)

Thursday the 21st of February is the AOS judging and we will need ribbon clerks, judges assistants, computer entry etc. I have the sign up sheets for the entire week at my phone, so please call and volunteer.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will be the busy days from a crowd standpoint, so please turn out and help us any way you can and make a difference for your society. We promise this to be a very colorful venue with lots to see and much to do, all in the name of the wonderful Home and Garden, and of course the fantastic Orchid!

I want to thank all of you who have worked so hard on the beginning preparation for this show. It has been a busy time and I hope rewarding for all of us. I want to thank our Board of Directors for all they do and for guiding us down a very fine path for the past eight months. You are all so appreciated!

Call Rob and volunteer, volunteer, volunteer!!!!!!!

Thank you.

Rob Lucas

President

(503) 493-2826

Addendum to Portland Orchid Society Bylaws

The following addendum to the Bylaws has been approved by the Portland Orchid Society Board of Directors:

“Any verbal, written, printed types of advertising or promoting anything not pertaining to the Portland Orchid Society must be approved by the board of directors.

All requests must be in writing with a minimum of four board member signatures prior to distributing or announcing said item.

The Portland Orchid Society reserves the right to allow or refuse any request.”

Portland Orchid Society members that attend the membership meetings and are curious how their orchids compare to orchids that have been awarded by AOS will have the opportunity to do just that. Beverly Kile will bring her laptop with both the AQPlus software and Orchid Wiz software, along with a printer, to further assist you in learning more about your orchids. This should be particularly helpful for anyone that is considering taking an orchid for judging, but would like to know more about awards that may have already been awarded to similar orchids as well as anyone considering doing their own hybridizing.

February Oregon Judging Center News

At judging in Silverton this month, which took place on Super Bowl Sunday, there were 15 plants entered, 5 nominations and no awards. Even though nothing was awarded, there were many nice orchids to see (there were two plants on the show-and-tell table as well) and, as always, there was a lively discussion among the orchid lovers present. In addition to the 12 judges present we had a few drop-in visitors from the Oregon Garden

Tom Ethridge

The Portland Orchid Society encourages all members to support the

Oregon AOS Judging Center

Next Judging is March 2

We hope to have several representatives from the Portland Orchid Society present at the March Judging. If you would like to coordinate a car pool please let any member of the board know.

Message from your editor:

Thanks so much to each of you for your messages, phone calls, thoughts and prayers during my illness over the past year. I've finally received a "diagnoses" and am feeling 500% better. I'm not quite back to "normal" but getting closer every day. Thanks again! Beverly Kile

Upcoming Events:

February 20th – 24th
Portland Orchid Society Spring Show
Portland Expo Center
2060 N Marine Dr. Portland OR 97217
20th –23rd: 11-8pm
24th: 11-6pm

March 8 th & 9th
Cherry City Orchid Society Show
Capital Manor, 1955 Dallas Highway NW
Salem, OR
Theme "Around the World with Orchids"

March 29 th & 30th
Oregon Orchid Society Show and Sale

April 5th & 6th
Spokane Orchid Society Show & Sale
Spokane, WA

April 19th & 20th
NWOS Orchid Show & Sale
Olympic Room at Seattle Center
Theme: "Anniversaries"

May 3 rd & 4th
SCWOS Orchid Show & Sale
Kennewick, WA

June 14th
Annette Rogers of Portland Orchid Society
Presents a teaching seminar at:
Rain or Shine
13126 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR

July 18th-21st
7th Native Orchid Conference
West Virginia University

October 2nd – 5th
Portland Orchid Society Fall Show
Portland EXPO Center

Orchid Conservation Primer

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Orchid conservation is a very hot issue, as you might imagine, in the orchid community. Getting the first orchid of a new species and propagating it can bring enormous rewards. Black market collecting and selling of orchids goes on every day around the world. Indigenous population collection and sale of wild orchids to tourists to help support families is a common phenomenon. And in many countries there are so many orchid plants that they're considered weeds -- it seems a waste of time to even speak of conservation. But the reality of the situation is that so many plants have been or are being collected from wild populations that there is a real danger of extinction in their natural habitat. In addition, much of the habitat where orchids grow naturally is being converted to farms or plantations by simply cutting and burning forests. Orchids live in the trees that are being cut and burned. They are being destroyed by the thousands this way at an unbelievable rate around the world.

How does this impact you as an orchid hobbyist and what can you do to help? First and foremost is **never purchase wild collected plants**. Always purchase species plants from reputable dealers who guarantee that their plants are propagated from seed or tissue propagated. It's even possible to find black market sellers of native terrestrial orchid plants on eBay.

Think about donating to one of the organizations which is setting up natural preserves in different parts of the world to save habitat. This type of conservation is called **in-situ** or on the site conservation. The original habitat for orchids, its pollinators, and associated flora are all protected as part of a park, natural habitat, or other preserve. It is, of course, the preferred method, but is not always economically or politically feasible. Check out the **World Land Trust** (<http://www.worldlandtrust.org/projects/ecuador.htm>) for their habitat project in Ecuador.

Ex-situ or away from the site conservation consists of growing species away from its natural habitat, but thereby conserving the genetic material and the species itself from extinction. There are any number of stories of a few plants which survived drastic habitat destruction and are now extinct in the wild, but extensively propagated in the orchid community. If you have the proper conditions to host species orchids, think about adding some of them to your collection to do your part for conservation.

Another issue which has recently received attention from orchid societies across the world is the need for local societies to provide support for growers who are no longer able to take care of their collections and/or whose executors do not want to take care of the plants. This is an important issue, especially as more *ex-situ* species cultivation is encouraged. If you have a collection of plants, be sure that someone knows what to do in case you are unable to take care of them any longer and who to donate the plants to if necessary.

There are several good sites on the web which are aimed at conservation issues, you might want to check some of them out for more information on the issue.

Phytosophy (<http://www.phytosophy.org/resources.html>) a non-profit organization promoting orchid conservation. **Orchid Specialist Group** (<http://go.to/orchid-specialist-group>) whose mission is: "To assist in international efforts to conserve plant diversity, by providing technical support and encouragement for the development and execution of programmes to study, document, save, restore and manage wisely orchids and their habitats."

The Orchid Conservation Coalition (<http://orchidconservationcoalition.org/>) is a grassroots organization made up of people, orchid societies, and orchid businesses dedicated to raising awareness and money for orchid conservation.

Orchid Mania (<http://orchids.org/>) provides support to AIDS prevention and orchid cultivation, conservation and appreciation.

Susan Taylor is BellaOnline's Orchid Editor

Help the Society and Never Pay Dues Again!!!

The Portland Orchid Society is currently offering Lifetime Memberships. A one time payment of \$200 will buy you a family membership for life with no additional dues EVER!!! If you have already paid your dues for this year any payment made will be credited to the \$200 if you pay the balance immediately.

Newsletter Submission Deadline

Submissions for all future submissions for the Portland Orchid Society Newsletter are due to the editor by the forth Friday of each month. Submissions received after that date may not be included in the newsletter until the following month.

Submissions may be emailed to pdxos-beverly@comcast.net or mailed to:

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Thank you, Beverly Kile your newsletter editor

New Member half year discount

Since the fiscal year of the Portland Orchid Society runs from July 1 until June 30, dues for the New Year will be due on July 1 (not January 1.) In addition based on our bylaws, for those joining the Portland Orchid Society from now until the end of the fiscal year will have their membership dues reduced with individual membership dues for the rest of this fiscal year reduced to \$7.50 or \$10 for a family membership.

The Portland Orchid Society is now officially affiliated with the American Orchid Society (AOS). Susan Heuer is our representative and would be happy to answer any questions you might have concerning the American Orchid Society

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Step Softly: Environmental Stewardship

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Spring is in the air! Native orchid enthusiasts are gearing up for another year of discovery and enjoyment of their favorite blooming beauties. Photographers are hoping to find the species that eluded them previously. Others including myself are looking forward to initiating or continuing long term tracking studies. Now is a good time to consider the relative impact of all those feet on the orchids and their environment.

Believe me, even one person moving carefully through the forest has an impact. Several people following in those same footsteps multiplies the trampling effect. Damage to fragile ecosystems such as bogs and fens may be more quickly apparent but all habitats are vulnerable to foot traffic. Ironically, it is the recent popularity of the 'great outdoors' that exacerbates the problem. The very orchids that interest us may disappear as a result of our forays unless we consider the impact of what we do (Penskar and Higman, 2000; Meleg, 2003). Studies in Finland, Ireland and Switzerland have measured the effect of trampling on forest trees, tree seedlings, ground cover plants and on the soil microbial community. The first plants to disappear are tender herbs like mosses. "With only minimal trampling 20 peatland species are lost" (MacGowan, 1996). In a Finnish study, the microbial community structure of the humus layer in an urban forest was affected by a cascade of events beginning with trampling then extending to changes in vegetation and litter quality which ultimately affected humus pH (Malmivaara-Lämäsa and Fritze, 2003). The Swiss study by Waltert et al. (2002) investigated the impact of trampling on the mycorrhizal roots of seedling and mature trees. Not only did they report that trampling caused considerable damage to forest floor vegetation but it especially affected seedling trees and their mycorrhizal fine roots.

We do not yet have a measure of the indirect effect of trampling on orchids but there are reports of the deleterious effect of leaf damage and removal. When leaves of *Dactylorhiza maculata* and *Tipularia discolor* were removed in whole or in part experimentally, plants became progressively smaller and were less likely to flower the following year (Whigham, 1990; Vallius and Salonen, 2000). Effects of human visitation and touch on plant growth and herbivory have been documented for species other than orchids (Cahill Jr., Castelli and Casper, 2002; Hik et al. 2003). Because we do not yet know enough about the impact of human visitation on orchids, we must minimize disturbance when we visit sites to photograph or otherwise study them. We must take care.

So how do we minimize any damage we may cause?

- A. Consider the habitat and its relative fragility. Wetlands are especially vulnerable and should be visited with great caution and preferably not in large groups.
- B. Consider the orchid and its rarity. While we may want to see the 'rare' ones, it might be best to leave a fragile site or a small population completely undisturbed. When in doubt, please don't.
- C. Consider the orchid and its ecosystem. Orchids do not live in isolation. They have a complex life cycle and a reliance on particular habitat conditions to survive. Human visitation can lead to soil compaction, changes to the soil microflora and loss of vulnerable species. (continued on pg 8)

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- D. Walk softly and carefully. Even common orchids like the Helleborine (*Epipactis helleborine*) deserve our consideration and respect if we expect to learn something meaningful about their behavior. Ever since I began a study in 1985, I have limited my visits to the absolute minimum needed to gather data, have walked on exposed rocks wherever possible to minimize disturbance, and have resisted moving companion plants that were spoiling my view. I wear running shoes which are less potentially damaging than hiking boots.
- E. Be an exemplary environmental steward. Stay on paths and walkways where they are provided and especially where the park respectfully requests that you do so.

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Question for March:

Do you have any special skills the Portland Orchid Society should be aware of?

(For instance if you are an attorney, CPA, Own a printing shop, etc. the society would prefer to give our business to a member rather than someone we find in the telephone book. Or if you have time or skills you would be willing to donate to the society that would be absolutely wonderful.)

Submit your tip to pdxos-beverly@comcast.net by February 29, or write it down and give it to Beverly Kile at the February membership meeting.

Question of the Month

What is your favorite potting mix and/or medium?

Following is my special mix for potting media for my paph plants. I have recently changed my formula eliminating charcoal from the mix as charcoal gathers salts, and paph roots hate salts.

I mix: 3 parts bark with one part medium perlite (1/2 part fine bark and 1/2 part medium bark.)

Pre soak the bark under pressure (put a heavy item on it to hold it under the water).

I use a cap full of insecticidal soap in each bucket of bark soaking, it keeps down the bacteria and insects. Soak for 24 hours.

When I pot them up in this mix, I add about a tablespoon of the white lime stone to each pot. You can buy it at your local stone or rock supplier. It comes in plastic bags and is snow white. Looks like road gravel, only white!

I then dress the top of the pot with a pinch of slow release pellets and water the pot until it runs clear. At least once per month, I use a liquid fertilizer through a mixer and my watering regime. That's my formula! Good luck to you.

-- Rob Lucas

Mine is using the hydromounts. All orchids have enjoyed them as well as me!

--Robin Richardson

We use two growing media - 50/50 coir & sponge rock and sphagnum moss. -- Luanne Rolly

Here is my potting recipe. I use it for Paphs, Phrags & Masdevallia's

- 6 parts clean 1/8" x 1/4" douglas fir bark
- 1 part sponge rock (#3 perlite)
- 1 part medium tree fern shredded
- 3/4 part ground New Zealand or Chilean Sphagnum
- 1/3 part horticultural perlite - --Susan Heuer

For cypripediums and hardy cymbidiums I use a mix of 3parts chicken grit 1part perlite and one part peat with a handful of oyster shell or pine needles for ph adjustment. For all else Pro Gro in Sherwood. - -Sean McMillan – Hana Farms

I use "AussieGold" for the most part, but if I have a orchid that appears to be a bit under the weather I have found "Spag. Moss to be a cure all. Robin Richardson said it the best, "Spag. moss is like a bandaid, heals what ever is ailing the plant. -- Bobbie Mohler

Odont and other cool growers mix: Equal parts fine ground coir (coconut fiber) and coarse Perlite for seedlings up to blooming size. Larger plants in larger containers require more aeration/drainage so I use two parts coarse Perlite, one part ground coir and one part small chunk (3/4 to 1 inch) coir.

After one year check for good root growth and repot as necessary. -- Jim Rassmann

January Display Table Photos



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Carmela Orchids from Hawaii, will be making a large presence at our show. Also, Leonard Gines, from Gines Orchids in Hawaii, will also have a booth at our show, and will be our speaker at our February meeting, just after the show. Gines will also help judge the show as he is the Judging Chair for Hawaii and has agreed to AOS judge.. Carmela Orchids is famous for their Cattleyas, Phaelanopsis, Vanda, Asco., Epi. and much more. Gines Orchids produces many hybrids, and many species, so we should have a great showing from both Hawaiian growers. Gines does a lot of wholesale selling to other orchid companies.

Member to Member

For Sale: HP Officejet Model T45. It copies, scans, faxes and of course it prints. It is in excellent condition and ready to find a new home. Because of the orchid society, Santa thought it was a good idea to give Rob a bigger and faster printer as I do so much Society work on my printer. So, I would like to find this one a new home. The asking price is \$100.00 or **best offer!**

Rob Lucas

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If you have something you would like to trade, sell or even give away, have it listed in this column by submitting it to the editor, Beverly Kile at pdxos-beverly@comcast.net



Above left: Paph. Salty 'Val' HCC/AOS

Owner is Rob Lucas

Above right: Paph.

Owner is Terry Aitken

Photos courtesy of Susan Heuer

This Month in the Greenhouse - February

Courtesy of Ron Sellon:

Temperature Range:	Day	Night
Cool House:	55	50
Intermediate House:	61-65	59-61
Warm House:	70	62-64

In February, rapid temperature changes in the greenhouse can sometimes take place during the day due to increased sun intensity as the sun moves north. However, night temperatures can still drop sharply. If you cannot keep the temperature up to the indicated level at night, decrease the humidity by cutting down on watering a little or only water part of the greenhouse at a time. Artificial light may be added to extend the day if days remain dull. Turn the lights on at 3:00 PM while light is still strong. Some experiments indicate that using artificial light in the early morning is a waste of electricity. Without sufficient light, your plant's bud formation is delayed greatly. During the middle or end of the month, as soon as sunny days prevail, begin applying shading screen or compound lightly at first but enough to cut down some of the intensity. Plants hardest hit by too much sun are thin or soft-leaved plants such as *Miltonia*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Lycaste*, etc. Keep plenty of air circulation in the greenhouse at all times. This will stop botrytis to some extent and you will not have as much trouble with rot. Keep greenhouse area as clean as possible of dead leaves and flowers. Good housekeeping in the greenhouse prevents spores from developing on the dead matter. A good fungicide and bactericide applied regularly will keep botrytis and rot problems in check. Some good ones I use are: Captan Wettable Powder – 1 Tbsp./gal., Banrot Wettable Powder – 1 tsp./gal., Physan – 1 tsp./ gal., Benlate Wettable Powder – ½ tsp./gal.

CATTLEYA & LAELIA: Watch the root tips and new roots. If tips are green, start to increase the water. They are starting active growth and new shoots (growths) should be emerging. As daylight hours increase towards the end of the month, more water will be needed.

CYMBIDIUM: Plants in bud or bloom should be well watered. Temperatures should be kept low. Plants not in bloom should not be watered so heavily. Keep good air circulation constantly to prevent botrytis at this cool temperature.

DENDROBIUM: Same culture as for January.

MASDEVALLIA: You can still report your plants this month as long as the weather stays cool. Keep them cool, around 45-50 both day and night with plenty of air circulation and water.

MILTONIA & ODONTOGLOSSUM: *Crispum* – type *Odontoglossums* and *Miltonias* are in growth or spike now so they need more water. For *Odontoglossum grande* withhold water until the new growth starts.

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This Month in the Greenhouse – February - continued

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ONCIDIUM: If your plants are in growth with active roots or in spike, keep watered.

PAPHIOPEDILUM: If your plants are not in bid or bloom, this would be the ideal time to repot. They can be repotted at other times without harm to the plant; but because of less root activity at this time, this would be the best time. Plants should have sufficient water to keep the media moist. Water all plants in the morning so they have time to dry out before night time.

SPECIES: As a general rule, if they are in growth, keep them watered. You can tell this if you check the roots. Those on slabs need more water because they tend to dry out faster.

VANDA: They require plenty of light, moderately warm temperatures day and night and keep them well watered. You could place them high up and on the south side of the greenhouse to accomplish this.

PORTLAND ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership Cards will be available to all members at the February membership meeting. The membership card not only identifies the owner as a member in good standing of the Portland Orchid Society, but also is worth discounts at various businesses which will be published in the Portland Orchid Society Newsletter on a regular basis.

If you own or know of a business that would be willing to provide a discount or other special service to members of the Portland Orchid Society, please notify Beverly Kile (pdxos-beverly@comcast.net) of the specifics.

Membership Card Discounts as of February 18, 2008

Urban Flora – 10% discount to Portland Orchid Society Members

Northern Lights – 10% discount to Portland Orchid Society Members

The Computer Lady (Beverly Kile) – 10% discount on in shop computer service (parts not included)

Get Your Income Tax Receipts for Donations to POS

The IRS has finished processing the paperwork and has made their determination that the Portland Orchid Society is a 501(c)3 (Not for Profit) Corporation. The designation is retroactive back to our date of filing which was June 7, 2007. If you have made any donations to the society that you would like to receive an income tax receipt for, please submit a request to our Treasurer, Beverly Kile as soon as possible. You can obtain forms for submitting the receipt request from Beverly at the meetings or she would be happy to email one to you.

AOS Corner

AOS MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

From now through March 31st, new members can join for \$49.95/yr or \$99.95 for two years. Current members may extend their membership at the \$99.95/2 year rate. While the \$5 rebate to the sponsoring society has been suspended during this promotion, two year extensions or sign ups still receive the \$30 coupon. The website has been updated to reflect these prices so people can sign up through the secure website, call membership at AOS (561-404-2060) or one of the current membership brochures can be used. Just cross out the \$60 and enter the new price. In addition to the obvious benefits of membership like Orchids Magazine, membership in AOS gives our members privileges at over 200 American Horticultural Society member Gardens and Arboreta. This turns out to be, unfortunately, a rather well-kept secret. For a complete list go to:

http://www.ahs.org/pdfs/07/0708_RAP_Brochure.pdf

AOS membership continues to fall, albeit much more slowly than a year ago. We had one month with a small net positive gain but it appears based on the last couple of months that it's still falling a handful a month. I think the current number is in the high 17,000 range. I'd personally appreciate it if you could forward this to whoever could distribute it out to your members societies or tell me who that is and I'll take care of it.

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ORCHID DIGEST CORPORATION

At their January 2008 annual meeting the Orchid Digest Corporation accepted the Portland Orchid Society as an affiliated society.

For information concerning joining the Orchid Digest Corporation see Susan Heuer our ODC representative.



As both a cost saving and conservation effort, communications between the Portland Orchid Society and its members will be conducted via email and our website.

This includes the Portland Orchid Society Newsletter.

If you don't have an e-mail address please consider obtaining a free one from www.yahoo.com or

<http://get.live.com/mail/overview>

If you change your e-mail address or prefer to use a different address, please contact the membership chair, Beverly Kile at 503-656-9968 or

pdxos-beverly@comcast.net

Fall Show Schedule

**Mark your calendars!
The Portland Orchid Society's Fall Show & Sale at EXPO
Will be on
October 2-5**

Additional January Display Table Photos



Above left: Potinara Flame Out 'Cherry' AM/AOS Owner is Rob Lucas
Above right: Paph. Valerie Tonkin 'Unicorn' Owner is Rob Lucas
Below: Tom Etheridge speaks on orchid judging at January meeting
Photos courtesy of Susan Heuer



Volunteer for the Show, bring your blooming orchids for judging and bring a pocket full of cash to purchase some awesome new orchids!



**PORTLAND ORCHID SOCIETY
SPRING SHOW & SALE**

**FEBRUARY 20-24, 2008
AT THE
PORTLAND HOME & GARDEN SHOW
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PORTLAND ORCHID SOCIETY AOS SHOW & SALE

Portland Metropolitan EXPO Center
2060 N. Marine Drive
Portland, OR 97217

Show Sale & Hours

Wed., Feb. 20.....11 AM to 8 PM

Thurs., Feb. 21.....11 AM to 8 PM

Fri., Feb. 22.....11 AM to 8 PM

Sat., Feb. 23.....11 AM to 8 PM

Sun., Feb. 24.....11 AM to 6 PM

For more information on the show and transportation visit-
www.portlandorchidsociety.org

Show Table & Orchid Sales

All members of the Portland Orchid Society are encouraged to bring their favorite currently blooming orchids to the monthly membership meetings to display on the Show Table. Please note your identity as well as the orchid's identity on a legible paper or note card with your orchids.

Members may also bring orchids they wish to sell to the monthly meetings. The plants should be disease free, legibly labeled and priced. It is your responsibility to collect payments for your plants. Also please keep the area clean and only sell and purchase plants before the meeting or at the break.

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Welcome New Members!

We have had two new members join the Portland Orchid Society in the past month. They are:

Marbott's Greenhouse & Nursery
and The Bovees Nursery

WELCOME!

We look forward to seeing you at the Feb. 26 meeting.

Several of the members that joined the society our Spring Show at EXPO have not yet been to a

meeting. Please don't be shy, we would love to have you come to the meetings and get involved in the Portland Orchid Society. If you need directions or any other information or encouragement, please feel free to call or email me.

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About the Portland Orchid Society

Visit us on the Web!

www.portlandorchidsociety.org

The Portland Orchid Society was established in June 2007 by a group of local orchid enthusiasts with the common goal of creating an orchid society that is fun, friendly, community minded and welcoming to all. The Portland Orchid Society is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation for the preservation and education regarding orchids; by the extension of knowledge concerning the ecology, conservation, preservation, science, cultivation, hybridization, appreciation and uses of orchids, and to carry on such activities as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate such purposes.

To further these goals we need the support of each and every member or the Portland Orchid Society. We hope to involve all members in volunteer positions for permanent committees, special event committees, board and officer positions as they become available, etc. If you have a particular interest please let one of the board members know.

Your Editor-Beverly Kile