

Featured Orchid



Masdevallia Fuchsia Dawn 'Gemma'
(coccinea x Pixie Shadow)

Photo by Bryon Rinke

At the Guatemala Orchid Show, I had the privilege of judging the Pleurothallis, Restrepias, Lepanthes, and the Masdevallias. There was one Masdevallia that really stood out in the show. I pulled the plant for AOS Judging; it was Masdevallia Fuchsia Dawn 'Gemma' (Masdevallia coccinea x Masdevallia Pixie Shadow). It turns out that it already had an HCC of 79 Pts. However, this time the flowers were much bigger and stunning to look at. Our judging team elevated the cross to an FCC 91 Pts. FCC's are the highest award you can receive from the American Orchid Society. When the owner of the plant walked by our judging table, I told him that his plant had been elevated to an FCC. It was as if he had just won the lottery, he was so excited. The owner of the plant was Bernd Martin from Guatemala. The photo in the newsletter doesn't do the flower justice. The flower just glowed. If you ever get a chance to go to Guatemala, I highly recommend it.

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