



Northwest Orchid News

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**NWOS Members Meeting
at the
Center for Urban Horticulture
3501 NE 41st
Seattle, WA 98195**

7:00 pm Pacific time

**Or if you can't attend in-person,
join us on Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting here (or paste the link into your browser):

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Presentation on:

**Native Orchids
By Kelly Jin**

We will also have our usual:

Display Plant Table

Plant Sales Table

Raffle

From our President



Hey there, NWOS!

As we transition into the blooming beauty of spring, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your support and dedication to the Northwest Orchid Society. Our community thrives because of your passion for orchids and your commitment to sharing that passion with others.

I'd like to send out a special thank you to our incredible volunteers and leads who tirelessly worked behind the scenes to make our recent Flower and Garden Show and Indoor Plant Festival a resounding success! Your hard work and enthusiasm shone through, creating memorable experiences for all attendees and showcasing the splendor of orchids and indoor plants.

Furthermore, I am delighted to share the exciting progress we've made on revamping our website and newsletter - thanks to the collaborative efforts of our volunteers, committee leads, and board, we are enhancing our online presence and communication channels to better serve our members and foster a stronger sense of community. Expect to see a much more streamlined membership experience, easier event/ticket purchasing, and back by popular demand: Newsletters!

As we continue to grow and evolve together, let us remain united in our appreciation for Orchidaceae and our commitment to nurturing and sharing this passion. Thank you for being an essential part of the Northwest Orchid Society!

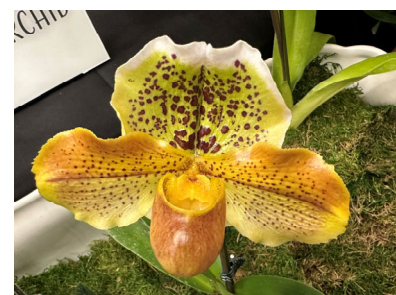
Warm regards,
Ryan Russell President
Northwest Orchid Society

2024 Board of Officers

President	Ryan Russell
1st VP (education)	Christian Martin
2nd VP (events)	Ben Johnson
Treasurer	Nora Hightower
Treasurer Assistant	Bill Leicht
Secretary	Susan Treiber
Directors	Heather Harrington Yoshi Nagammatsu Diane Drisch Tom Bell-Games Andy Wright Sara Hart

2024 Committee Chairs

Fall and Garden Show	Nora Hightower Joe Griener
Indoor Plants Festival	Ben Johnson
Auction	Christian Martin
Repotting Clinic	Board
Fall Plant Show and Sale	OPEN
Technology Committee	Heather Harrington
Refreshments	Mary
Plant, Sales, Raffle Table	Bill Leicht
Library	Joe Griener
Membership Committee	Heather Harrington
Social Media Sales Mkt	Julian Branbury, Ben Johnson, Robert Culver



Events Calendar (Pacific time)

April

- 6-7 Spokane Orchid Society Show, Spokane Comm College Lair
- 7 PNW Judging Center: AOS Judging takes place at the Keizer Civic Center, Keizer, OR 97303, at 1:00 PM
- 8 **NWOS Members Meeting 7:00 pm**, Center for Urban Horticulture & Zoom
Speaker: Kelly Jin "Washington Native Orchids" (display table, raffle, and plant sales)
- 11-14 (and 18-21) Washington State Fair, has a plant display and plant based vendors.
Showplex Building – Puyallup, WA
- 20-21 Oregon Orchid Society Show and Sale, Oaks Park Dance Pavilion, Portland, OR 97202

May

- 7 NWOS Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 13 **NWOS Members Meeting 7:00 pm**, Center for Urban Horticulture & Zoom
Annual Auction, doors open at 6:00 pm (no display table)
- 24-26 ECO Spring Plant Party, Emerald City Orchids, Tacoma

June

- 9 **NWOS Members Meeting 7:00 pm**, Center for Urban Horticulture & Zoom
Speaker: Andy Wright "Bulbophyllum and Pleurothallis,"
Repotting Clinic and Gary Baker Awards (display table, raffle, and plant sales)

July (no Members Meeting in July)

- 2 NWOS Board Meeting 6:00 pm

August- No Members or Board Meetings

TBD *NWOS Picnic*

September

- 3 NWOS Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 9 **NWOS Members Meeting 7:00 pm**, Center for Urban Horticulture & Zoom

October

- 14 **NWOS Members Meeting 7:00 pm**, Center for Urban Horticulture & Zoom
- TBD *NWOS Fall Show & Sale - Volunteer Park Conservatory*

November:

- 5 NWOS Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 11 **NWOS Members Meeting 7:00 pm**, Center for Urban Horticulture & Zoom

December:

- 9 **NWOS Members Meeting 7:00 pm**, Center for Urban Horticulture & Zoom

Annual Orchid Auction 7pm, May 13th
Center for Urban Horticulture (doors open at 6:00 pm)
Christian Martin



This is a chance to find some select plants, sometimes at a great price and it goes to a good cause. This is also a chance for those with burgeoning collections to winnow out the surplus, earn a few bucks, and make room for new acquisitions.

Bidding: Register when you arrive and get a bidding number to use during the auction. Keep your paddle moving, and after the auction you will use the same number to pay for your winning bids. We can process VISA/Mastercard transactions along with cash and checks.

Selling: Each Current Member may bring up to five plants to auction off, with the NWOS taking a 20% commission. There is no limit on the number of plants you may auction at a 100% donation to the Society.

Registration: To register your plants, please print the Auction Form on the next page. Complete both the left and right sides, and bring it with you to the meeting and keep it with your plants. Make sure to mark ONE fund of your choice. SPECIAL NOTE: If you select more than one fund or fail to select a fund, the 20% society commission will default to the General Fund.

There are five fund choices and you must choose ONE of them:

1. **Library Fund:** used to purchase items for the NWOS Library.
2. **UW Greenhouse Fund:** donated to the U.W. Botany Greenhouse to purchase Species Orchids.
3. **Zoo Fund:** donated to the Woodland Park Zoo Greenhouse to purchase Orchids for display in exhibits.
4. **Scholarship Fund:** provides a grant each year for a college student working on an Orchid related project.
5. **General Fund** covers everything else, from the programs to the everyday working of your society.

This Auction is the only source of funding for the Library, UW Greenhouse Fund, and Zoo funds. The Scholarship Program receives additional funding from the Raffles held at most meetings.

Northwest Orchid Society Auction Form

Complete all blanks on this side of the form, then copy the names to the other side.

Member's Name: _____

Plants you want to SELL (20% to NWOS)

Plant name or cross	Flower color(s)	Beginner Intermed... Advanced
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

Plants you want to DONATE (100% to NWOS)

Plant name or cross	Flower color(s)	Beginner Intermed... Advanced
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____

IMPORTANT: Copy your name and all plant names to this side

of the form. Choose **ONE** fund where you want the **NWOS portion to be donated.**

Member's Name: _____

Sell Plants

Plant name or cross	Price	Bidder
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

Donated Plants

Plant name or cross	Price	Bidder
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____

General Fund Zoo Fund Subtotal _____
 Library Fund Scholarship Fund - 20% to NWOS _____
 UW Greenhouse Fund _____
 Choose Only 1 Fund Net to seller _____

General Fund Zoo Fund
 Library Fund Scholarship Fund
 UW Greenhouse Fund _____
 Choose Only 1 Fund Total Donation _____

Repotting Clinic

June 9th, 7:00 pm

Center for Urban Horticulture

(after our meeting)

Admission to the potting event is free to the public. The cost per repot is \$5 per plant (limit 3 average-sized orchids), which includes a nursery pot and media. The repotting fee can be applied to membership for new members joining that evening.

Our most experienced members will give expert advice on all aspects of repotting your orchids:

- Determine whether and when your orchid needs to be repotted. This can vary by species and time of year.
- Diagnose potting problems, such as root loss and decomposition of potting mixes, over-potting, and under-potting.
- Choosing the right pot type and size.
- What's the best potting mix for your particular orchid?
- Can it be mounted?
- How your environment and watering habits can affect these choices.

Come with questions, get some answers, and some hands-on experience, with guidance from our volunteer members.



Benevity Ryan Russell

Our Benevity profile has been fully accepted for electronic funds transfer (“EFT”), and in 2024 we have received \$3,630 just from my time matching; I’m unsure if there is additional money coming in from this channel, but Bill/Nora should be able to check. Of note: I see the funds tally when they’re approved; Bill/Nora won’t see them until the ~monthly EFT happens from Benevity -> NWOS.

What is Benevity? Benevity provides a donation-processing platform that companies use to power their workplace giving, matching & volunteering programs. Employees use Benevity software to find their favorite charities – charities like ours – and make donations, have their gifts matched by their employer, and volunteer. In one example, we are getting paid for time that Ryan spends volunteering with us. Your workplace may offer donation and/or time matching too!”



Indoor Plant Festival Ben Johnson

This event was a smashing success with over 2000 attendees over the course of the weekend all buying loads of indoor plants to grow in their homes.

We loved the vibe, the vendors were fantastic, and we are excited enough to have already scheduled the event for next year (March 22nd - 23rd 2025.)

We are seeking planners who want to help lead the plant display effort, coordinate volunteers, and plan classes. You don't need to be an expert on anything to help, we just need someone who can do the work after we make a plan and lead the charge on these things.

Membership & Website Heather Harrington

Heather is heading a technology committee with the following members: Nora, Sean, Abigail, Ben, Ryan, and Robert. We are working on an updated membership system and a new website, both of which we hope to launch this month! Look for updates about this at upcoming meetings and for more information in the next newsletter.

Our goals are to make a site with easy to access information about upcoming events, photos and recordings of past events, an archive of newsletters, who to contact about any questions you might have, and an easy way for you to view and update your membership info with the society. In addition to these core membership functions, we need to use the site for ticket sales for events, and other public-facing functions. We also plan to make it easier to get the newsletter each month! No more logging in and clicking lots of links! Thank you to everyone for your patience during this transition as we make these things work better for all of us!

Northwest Flower and Garden Show

Nora Hightower

Gold Medal for Our Exhibit @ NW Flower & Garden Festival!

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped us create another successful exhibit at this year's Northwest Flower & Garden Festival! Our exhibit was titled, "The Awakening Dragon". The Asian New Year started February 10 and in 2024 it's the Year of the Dragon, and our dragon was beginning to awaken.... The dragon had slumbered for eons among ancient ruins now grown over with plants, guarding its hoard of gold. Joe Greinauer designed the exhibit, Andy Wright built the basic structure, and Nora Hightower coordinated all of the NWOS volunteers.

Our exhibit provided several benefits to our society. Most importantly, it exposed visitors to the beauty and variety of orchids. We handed out postcards promoting NWOS membership and our Spring Show/Indoor Plant Festival. Our society is also paid to create an exhibit for the festival and Emerald City Orchids contributed all construction materials. The net profit of approximately \$4800 will pay for most of our monthly meeting space at the Center for Urban Horticulture. Additionally, we will be able to sell the paphiopedilums bought for the exhibit and plants from an anonymous donor, all pure profit.

These benefits are only possible because of the many hours contributed by our members. Volunteers spent more than 470 hours setting up and dismantling the exhibit, and staffing it during the festival. Those hours were spread over 32 members plus 6 society "friends". Special thanks to those who contributed over 30 hours: George and Cylvia Grantham, Nora Hightower, Christian Martin, Sierra Rudnick, Ryan Russell, Lynne Shandley, Deb White and Andy Wright.



Obituary

Edward Diamond

FEBRUARY 2, 1936 – NOVEMBER 1, 2023

Edward A Diamond, age 87, of Normandy Park, Washington passed away on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. Ed was the owner of Fairwood Orchids. His family has donated his book collection to our library. More information to follow.

Plant Display Table

We will be having an Plant Display Table this month. See page 10 for the Plant Information Form. Or you may print it out here: [PDF](#) or [DOCX](#) file?

Plant Sales Table

Members may bring up to 10 plants to sell. Include an extra tag with your name and the price in the plant.

Raffle Table

The raffle will be held as usual. Win a new orchid for your collection while supporting the Scholarship Fund. If you have any extra Orchids, please consider donating them to the raffle.





PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____

Tag # Genus Species / Hybrid

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- Please place tags next to plants.
- Write a short note on the tag if necessary to identify the plant.

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