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About the April Meeting

April 9, 2012

7:00 P.M.

University of Washington
Center for Urban Horticulture
3501 NE 41st Street
Seattle, WA 98105

David Edgley: "New Trends in Phalaenopsis Breeding and Culture"

David is a long time member and a past NWOS President. He has focused on the Phalaenopsis Alliance and is active in all of the Phalaenopsis groups. His years of experience with all types of Orchids has been a valuable asset for his AOS Judging capacity.

Display Table:

Bring your blooming Orchids so everyone can enjoy them.

Sales Table:

Members may bring up to 10 plants to sell, include an extra tag with your name and cost.

Raffle:

We will all have a chance to purchase tickets for the raffle plants.

April 14-15, 2012 - NWOS Orchid Show and Sale at Sky Nursery with set-up on Friday April 13th.

Make sure to attend our annual show and sale at [Sky Nursery](#), 18528 Aurora Ave, Shoreline, WA. Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Copy this ticket for a FREE raffle entry:

NW ORCHID SOCIETY 2012 SHOW & SALE	
	Hosted at: Sky Nursery
	18528 AURORA AVE. NO., SHORELINE, WA 98188
Sat., April 14	Sun., April 15
10 am to 6 pm	10 am to 5 pm
<i>Cut out or copy this ticket for a FREE raffle entry!</i>	
For more information please visit us at: www.nwos.org	

This will be an American Orchid Society judged show so having your orchids look their very best is important. We need help for all three days, look for the sign up sheets at the April 9th meeting.

The NWOS web site Homepage has the plant registration sheets in an excel format for your use. All of the documents are also listed at the end of this article. You should make a list of your orchids and their class. The list should be saved to a memory stick that Abigail can use for the computer registration.

Bring the memory stick when you bring in your blooming orchids on Friday April 13th: Your plants and memory stick can be at Sky as early as Noon but no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

If you can not bring your orchids, contact Mike Foster or George Grantham for drop off information.

On Saturday morning we will have ribbon judging along with the AOS judging. There is a separate sign up sheet for those that are interested. Remember to also sign up to work a shift

At this time we need more help filling the afternoon shifts and for breakdown on Sunday night.

We will have a members sales table for you to sell orchids, the main requirements are that you sign up to work a shift and have a plant in our show exhibit.

If you can't make it to the meeting, sign up by contacting Mike Foster: fosterpierce@comcast.net or George Grantham: georgegrantham@hotmail.com

Information for Exhibitors:
Exhibit & Sales Rules ([Word Document](#) or [.PDF](#))
[Electronic Plant Registration](#)
Plant Entry manual form ([.PDF](#) or [.JPG](#))

Next month: Sam Tsui on Paphiopedilums

Important Note on the May Meeting Pre-Orders:

Our May speaker is offering members a 10% pre-order discount. Sam Tsui can be reached at the Orchid Inn web site: <http://www.orchidinnusa.com> and his email is: samtsui@orchidinnusa.com.

Sam will waive the speaker's fee if the total pre-orders are \$500.00 or more.

Nominations of Officers

The Nominating Committee has proposed a slate of officers to take office from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. This list is announced and published in April. Elections will be held at our May meeting. They will be installed at the June meeting in order to take office on July 1.

Here is the list of nominations for the new Board:

President: Mike Foster

First Vice President: Caroline Mann

Second Vice President: George Grantham

Secretary: Mike Cory

Treasurer: Peter Maunsell

Past President: Jamie Notman

Trustees for the 2 year term 2012-2014:

1. Al Kaas
2. Mike Pearson
3. Katrina Lindahl
4. Barb Roberts

Returning Trustees (2011-2013) are:

1. Diane Drisch
2. Chris Peterson

Current Trustees Sadie Cunningham and Jared Brickley are no longer active with the Society. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following two people for one year positions to serve out the remainder of these vacant positions:

3. Jeanne McKinnie
4. Ellen Macomber



Nominating committee
Allan Kaas and Pat Gossler

Report from the March Meeting

The meeting was lead by VP Mike Foster. Mike Cory & Chris Peterson reported on the Volunteer Park Conservatory. Mike read a great thank-you letter from the Seattle Parks Department. After discussions at a public meeting in Seattle, it appears that the Conservatory will remain open. George Grantham then talked about recent shows where Mike Cory got best Cattleya Alliance and Mike & Donna got best Paph. Alliance. Upcoming shows include Spokane, our show on April 14-15, Tri Cities and Tacoma.

Thanks to Peter & Kelly Maunsell for doing a lovely wine and cheese preview party. It was fun to mix and mingle and get to know our orchid friends better.



Checking out the plants before bidding starts

After a break, Mike Pearson and Mike Cory acted as auctioneers for the main event.



What am I bid for this beauty?



Do I hear \$30?



There's a bid in the back.



Pat Gossler and Kathy Murray record the winning bids, with help from Chris Peterson.

Report from the Potting Clinic

The clinic was held in the lower Douglass Classroom. Mike Foster led the clinic. He discussed how to get started and using only clean tools. Dips include Physan and/or alcohol. Some people use dips and others don't think they work. You can flame stainless steel tools for re-use.

Mike likes to include the following in his mix: 2 parts Bark, and one part each of: charcoal, pumice, perlite, sand, ground oyster shell and turkey grit (1/8" ground granite). Most of the ingredients can be obtained from Steuber's in downtown Snohomish. The oyster shell and turkey grit can be found at farmer's feed stores. Mike made two mixes, one using medium bark and one with small bark.

It was also mentioned that if you asked 30 members what their potting mix formula was, you'd probably get 30 different answers.

Mike discussed wetting the mix and general principles of repotting. He talked about unpotting and cleaning out the old mix, whether or not to divide the plant and how to do it. He showed how to choose a pot, how to place it in the pot, add potting mix, and re-adjust the plant so the mix would be in the right spots around the roots. He also showed how to correctly position the plant in order for the new growths to emerge and have room to grow.

We then broke into smaller groups with experienced members helping and advising others on how to repot their orchids. It was helpful to get advice on your own plants, but it was also helpful to watch, listen and learn from others.



Mike Foster explains potting techniques to a nearly full classroom of interested orchid growers.





The Kaas' cattleya creates a lot of discussion about whether to repot or let it go for another year. They decided to wait in order to have a beautiful specimen plant when it blooms this year.



George Grantham checks out a cymbidium



Chris Peterson works on some gnarly roots



Success



Allan and Michele work together to prepare a smaller Cattleya for a new pot.



Peter and Jamie consult with the very interested owners of this Phal.



Mike Cory checks a plant, explains with drawings on the whiteboard...



...and then shows proper potting technique.



Lots of folks at the potting mix bins.



Use those thumbs to press in the media nice and tight.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

April 14-15, 2012 - AOS Orchid Show and Sale at Sky Nursery

May 14, 2012 - Sam Tsui: The Bracky and Parvi Paphiopedalums and their culture

June 11, 2012 - Annual Potluck & Gary Baker Service Award

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 5/8/12. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

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