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## About the April Meeting

**April 10, 2017**

7:00 p.m.

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

## Annual Culture Clinic

Our April meeting will be our annual Culture Clinic. Members Harvey Brenneise, Joff Morgan, and Andy Wright will share their latest and greatest experiments with various culture techniques. Come learn a new way to grow that tricky orchid. Discover what our members have found out with the various growing methods that have worked for them. There'll be time at the end for Q&A.

### 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 the price in the plant.

### Raffle:

The raffle will be held as usual. Win a new orchid for your collection while supporting the Scholarship Fund.

### NWOS Library:

If you'd like to check out a book or tape from our Library, please contact our Librarian [Jake Burroughs](#) a minimum of 2 weeks before the next meeting. For a list of library items Click [HERE](#) or click on the link at the top of this page.

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## Proposed Slate of Officers and Board Members

### Nominees for Officers and Trustees for July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018:

President: Abigail Chang  
1st VP: Alan Kaas  
2nd VP: George Grantham  
Secretary: Mike Cory  
Treasurer: Mary Margaret Cromarty  
Treasurer: Chris Peterson  
Past President: Mike Foster

**Trustees, 2 year term ending June 30, 2019:**

- Peter Maunsell
- Pat Gossler
- open position
- open position
- open position

**Trustees that have one year remaining on their term, ending June 30, 2018:**

- Diane Drisch
- Joe Grienuer
- Jeanne McKinnie
- Mike Pearson
- Christiane Ulness

As you can see from the above slate, we have several open Trustee positions. If you believe as I do that it is best to give back to the NWOS, you will seriously consider adding your name as these people are doing. The NWOS and our members need your input to help grow and govern our Society.

Next, you will notice that we have two people running for the Treasurer position this year. This has not happened in a long time. As a result, a paper ballot will be cast at the May 2017 meeting where each membership may vote for the candidate of their choice for Treasurer, along with the usual Aye-Nay verbal vote for the rest of the nominees. The votes will be tallied and the results will be available at the June 2017 meeting.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Allan Kaas for agreeing to fill the 1st VP position in charge of our monthly programs. If you would like to join the Slate of Officers and Trustees for the 2017 to 2018 year or have any questions about the above open Trustee positions, please contact the Nominating Committee of Joff Morgan, Allan Kaas, or George Grantham. Thanks for your time.

~ Joff

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**Nominations for the Gary Baker Service Award**

Now is the time to make your nominations for the **Gary Baker Service Award**. This award is given annually at the June Potluck to the person who has contributed the most to the overall goals of the society in the prior year. The recipient is selected by the board from nominations made by the general membership so they need to hear from you now. Please send your nominations to George Grantham ([georgegrantham@hotmail.com](mailto:georgegrantham@hotmail.com)).

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**"Celebration!"**

That is the theme of the NW Flower & Garden Show for February 7 - 11, 2018. Now is the time to begin figuring out what kind of orchid garden we want to create for next year's Show. Why? Because the application for our garden, if we want to do this again, needs to be submitted by June 30.

What size will the garden be? Dimensions? On an island with other gardens? On its own island? Tucked against a wall? Will it be a view-only garden or a walk-through experience? Will the garden have a water feature like a waterfall, meandering stream, or just a bubbling rock? What kind of layout and design elements denote "Celebration!" in your mind?

Will the orchids be arranged by color? By country of origin? By type? Thrown together into a pleasing visual cacophony?

I'm thinking a series of fireworks rockets made from timber bamboo, with sprays of orchids as the sparkly exhaust and explosions. What are your ideas? Anything is possible at this point. So get out those colored markers, grab those napkins, and begin playing with your inner child -- design us an orchid garden!

Thanks! ~ Joff

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## News from the American Orchid Society



Along with a subscription to the Bulletin of the American Orchid Society, *ORCHIDS*, membership also provides full access to the AOS website where members can see all of the latest orchid awards and learn who the exhibitors are. In addition to being inspirational to the orchid hobbyist, viewing award photos and descriptions can teach people what to look for when evaluating orchids and to make better purchasing decisions to optimize greenhouses and improve the quality of orchid collections.

We now have access to 350+ past issues of *Orchids* magazine online and I often find myself on the AOS website looking for info on an orchid that I have just seen at a society meeting or show that I have been wowed by. It's the place I can always find accurate and complete information. It gives me a great appreciation for the individuals who have established, maintained and so generously contributed to the AOS to provide a wealth of what, for me, always brings joy into my life.

Remember, event registration is still open for the AOS Spring 2017 Members' Meeting. We want everyone to join us. Event and hotel reservation link: [American Orchid Society Spring 2017 Members Meeting](#) is on the AOS website. It's being held at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, home of the AOS, in Coral Gables, Florida, on May 17-21, 2017. Also, note that it's being held in conjunction with Redland International Orchid Festival in Homestead, Florida, which is an event beloved by many orchid enthusiasts. Special hotel rates are being made available and quantities are limited, so book now before it's too late. Please put it in your calendar and let your members know that all AOS members are welcome to join us. Space is limited and filling quickly so we encourage you to make reservations.

### UPCOMING WEBINARS

#### **Virus Testing Your Orchids with Janet Lamborn of Agdia**

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 @ 8:30 EDT - *For Members only.*

Join Janet Lamborn of Agdia as she discusses the various types of viruses that can affect your orchids and how to test for them.

Register now using this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8526986830281591555>

#### **American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton**

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 @ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST - *Everyone invited.*

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education and Science Officer, who will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on question submitted by attendees. Please send your questions to stillilsch@cox.net by April 16th.

Register now using this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3650501029842583043>

### **Judging Webinar: Nomenclature**

Thursday, April 20, 2017 @ 11:00 AM EDT - *Everyone invited.*

Join Jean Ikeson in discussing orchid nomenclature: The basics and some changes in nomenclature and taxonomy. We might not always be happy with the changes, but we need to know what they are. Jean will help us learn!

Register now using this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2486195182313121027>

### **Judging Webinar: Research Sources for Orchid Judges with Jean Ikeson**

Thursday, April 20, 2017 @ 1:00 PM EDT - *Everyone invited.*

Join Jean Ikeson, Accredited AOS Judge, and review the resources that are important to the task of researching awards and information on orchids.

Register now using this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6119566540671396098>

Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**WHAT ARE WEBINARS?** Webinars are an Internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP.

**WANT TO LEARN, BUT CAN'T MAKE THE DATE?** The live webinars will be recorded and posted on the AOS website, where you will find a link allowing you to view the webinars at your convenience.

**THE APRIL ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE** will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on:

- Genus of the Month - Ten Awesome Maxillarias
- Orchids Illustrated - Giovanni Battista Morandi
- The New Refugium Botanicum - Guarianthe skinneri
- For the Novice - Top Dressings
- The 2016 FCCs - Cream of the Crop
- The 2015 Year-End Special Awards



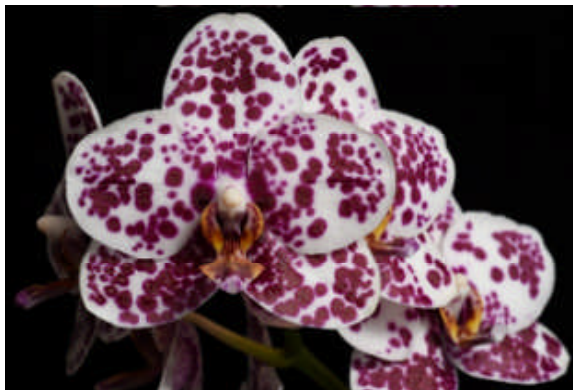
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Taida Eagle Eye 'White Angel' FCC/AOS; Photographer: Glen Barfield

**ALSO FEATURED IN ORCHIDS MAGAZINE:** 16-page award gallery of breathtaking pictures of recently awarded orchids.



Miltoniopsis Bobbie Smiles 'Remember Me' HCC/AOS; **Photographer: Michael Pearson**

**RECENT ORCHID AWARDS PICTURES ON THE AOS WEBSITE:** See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new "Latest Orchid Awards" page on the AOS website to enjoy these stunning photographs! Click on the thumbnails to see them in larger format. Free to members and nonmembers.



Phalaenopsis Brother Redland Spots 'Synea' AM/AOS; Photographer: Jay Norris

Let's grow together,  
*Denise Lucero*, Vice-Chair, AOS Membership and Affiliated Societies

## Report from the March Auction

2nd Vice President, George Grantham, started our meeting with Thanks to Peter and Kelley Maunsell for sponsoring the lovely wine and cheese party we had just enjoyed. Joff Morgan announced that we won the Silver Award for our display at the NW Flower & Garden Show and gave thanks to everyone who helped. He said that next year's theme will be 'Celebration'. He was joined by Joe who also spoke about the show. Joe called for us to give great thanks to Joff.



**Joe gets an assist from George  
auctioning off this special plant**

George then spoke about shows at nearby orchid societies and asked for nominations for the Gary Baker Service Award. He introduced the Nominating Committee and asked us to help them fill upcoming vacancies for Officers and the Board. He reminded



us about next Monday's Potting Clinic and that the AOS Judging Center now meets at the Phinney Neighborhood Center.

We then got to the enjoyable business of the meeting - our Annual Auction. Auctioneers Joe Griener and Mike Pearson were assisted by runners Ellen Maccomber, Joff Morgan and Mike Foster. It was a lively, fun session where lots of great plants found new homes. And our society benefitted by earning some nice commissions & donations.

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch



checking out the plants before we start



Our hosts Peter and Kelley



tasty wine and cheese spread



deciding what to bid on



looking at the blooms



a great crowd attends our auction event



camaraderie before the bidding war begins



Joe can be very persuasive



Mike enthusiastically encourages bids



Important auction activities: Pat Gossler, Greg Sliman and Erika Dyer record the bids, tally our totals and take cash. Chris Peterson helped process credit card payments.



the auction in full swing





Now that's what I call an enthusiastic group of bidders!

## Report from the March Potting Clinic

Michael Cory began our working session by talking about orchids, how they grow, and the structure of their roots. He was joined by Abigail Chang and Mike Pearson in demonstrating potting techniques after reviewing various potting media.

Attendees were then invited to start repotting their plants. They were helped by Mike, Abby and Mike along with Chris Peterson, Pat Gossler, Mike Foster and Joff Morgan.

Many orchids looked so much better at the end of the evening. Attendees learned a lot and our society gained 3 new members.



Mike demonstrates the thumb action that Abby uses to push the media down tightly into the pot to secure the roots

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch



Mike Cory starts the workshop to a room full of people and their overgrown plants





Mike Foster (center) also gives good advice.  
 Notice the tools on the table: various cutters and a mini torch to sterilize them between plants.



Abby shows how to remove dead roots prior to deciding how big a pot to use



Joff helps new member Ken secure his plant tightly into it's new pot



first we clean and examine



next we snip



Mike F works on a phalaenopsis



intently listening & learning as Mike P explains



Abby helps tame a huge mass of roots



Roxanne gets advice from Mike C and Pat

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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

**April 10, 2017** - NWOS meeting - Culture Clinic, Speakers: Harvey Brenneise, Joff Morgan, and Andy Wright

**April 15, 2017** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**May 8, 2017** - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Dick Van Ingen, "Orchids of Indonesia"

**May 20, 2017** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**June 12, 2017** - NWOS meeting - Annual Business Meeting, Gary Baker Service Award and Potluck Dinner

**June 17, 2017** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

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## Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for this fiscal year is: 5/2/17. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike & Sheila Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

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## Shopping on Amazon? Use this link to Earn \$\$ for NWOS

If you go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and sign in to your account, you'll be given information about supporting various non-profits. You can type in "Northwest Orchid Society" and it will then send .5% of your purchase price to the organization.

It's really easy, but you have to remember to go in through the '[smile](http://smile.amazon.com)' subdomain when you place the order, otherwise it will go through as a regular order.

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## Special Announcements

No Special Announcements this month.