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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

The health and safety of everyone is of utmost importance. Therefore, depending on health concerns, we will consider cancelling or re-scheduling our upcoming events. We will also abide by any directives from government and public health officials. Since the Coronavirus situation has been changing rapidly, our all-volunteer group will post updates as best as possible. If there's no update, then we don't have an answer yet.

Here's how to know the latest info:

- We will send an email. So check your Inbox for updates .
- We will post a notice prominently on top of the newsletter.
- We will update our Facebook page.

Last Updated: 4/6/20 - All April Events have been Cancelled. As of today, some have been rescheduled. See the [Schedule of Upcoming Events](#) at the end of this newsletter.

About the April 13th Meeting - Cancelled

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 fill out the Nomination form and send it to Alba Dennis no later than May 1st. Her contact info is on the form.

Alba Dennis, 2nd Vice President

Nomination form ([MSWord](#)) or ([PDF](#))

2020 Northwest Orchid Society Research Awards

Each year the NWOS offers funding for student research projects related to orchids. These awards (typically \$1000 or less) are open to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in certified institutions of higher education in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

This year's deadline for receipt of proposals is April 26. If you know of any students who could use some help with their research involving orchids, please forward this information to them.

We look forward to helping with the discovery of new information about the wonderful world of orchids. Click [HERE](#) or the full document and contact info. about NWOS Scholarships.

Kathy Murray, NWOS Scholarship Chair

Mt. Baker Orchid Society Show & Sale was a Stunning Success - March 7-8, 2020

Cylvia and I took the display to the Mt. Baker show because Alba Dennis, the 2nd VP, was medically indisposed. Unfortunately this has turned out to be the only show of the Spring season. We are now looking forward to our own Fall show and the probability of a Fall show in Tri-Cities.

The show was a resounding success with good attendance and sales were brisk. A large majority of the NWOS plants from our flower and garden show display were sold at the show. As it turns out, this was fortunate because of the cancellation of our auction where we had planned to sell many of the plants. Thank you Joff and Cylvia for managing the NWOS sale plants.

The show was dominated by two large displays, the host society display and the NWOS display. The Mt. Baker display had a good range of quality plants including a number of gorgeous and flamboyant Phalaenopsis hybrids from Dave Edgley. There were two AOS awards, both in the Mt. Baker display. An Award of Merit (AM) was given to David Edgley's Phalaenopsis schilleriana, a species which he believes to be a tetraploid; and an Highly Commended Certificate was given to Harvey Brenneise's Paphiopedilum Saiun, a primary hybrid of Paph. wardii and Paph. sukhakulii (green forms).

Our own display included 60 plants from the following 10 members: Robert Culver, Andy Wright, Elaine Sawyer, Barb Roberts, Tuan Nguyen, George Krasle, Lilian Otani, Ben Johnson, Mike Foster and Donna Pierce and Cylvia and Myself. This must be close to a record for an "away" show. Thanks very much everyone for your generosity in sharing your plants with our good neighbors to the north! Special thanks to Andy for bringing a stunning selection of pluerothallids seldom seen in shows, including Pleuro. gargantua (see photo) which garnered "best other genera" and was selected for AOS judging. Also noteworthy were Robert's selection of Odont. and Onc. hybrids and species including two nominated for judging, Onc. lehmannii and Oda rosea. The later also was awarded "best Oncidium alliance." Ben's Paph haynaldianum won best paph and his huge specimen plant of Dinema polybulbon won best Cattleya alliance. Finally, George K's 5 beautiful Sten. speciosum plants got the most questions from attendees "can I grow one of those outdoors in my garden?" Altogether our display plants earned 18 blue, 13 red and 15 white show ribbons, a testament to the high quality of our plants.

Thanks again to those who sent plants and also to several members who helped with set up and take down including Lilian Otani and Andy Wright.

George Grantham

Photos: George & Cylvia Grantham, Mt. Baker Orchid Society Facebook page



NW Orchid Society display



Mt. Baker Orchid Society display



Phal. schilleriana AM/AOS, David Edgley



Paph. Saiun HCC/AOS, Harvey Brenneise



Pleurothallis gargantua



Judges



Sale area



Paph haynaldianum



Cochlioda rosea



Dinema polybubon



Oncidium lehmanii

Membership Renewal Reminder

It's time to renew your NWOS membership for 2020. Our membership period now goes by calendar year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31). You can pay at most meetings by cash, check, or debit/credit card. Click [HERE](#) to pay online using Paypal on our Membership page. You can mail a check (payable to NWOS) to PO Box 51021, Seattle, WA 98115-1021. New members should complete the [Membership Form](#).

Dues are \$30 for one person or \$40 for two people at the same address. We also have a Youth membership of \$15 for one person aged 22 or under. Dues are kept low to encourage membership but they cover only a small portion of the society's expenses.

Each single, dual and youth membership person will be considered an individual full-fledged member entitled to all privileges and benefits of the society (voting, Christmas plants, sell plants at meetings/shows/auction, members-only summer BBQ, etc.).

Please contact [Mike Cory](#) for questions about your dues.

Spring Catasetinae Orchid Care

by Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids
(Reprinted with permission from the Sunset Valley Orchids 2020 Spring Newsletter. Fred will be the speaker at our October 12th meeting.)

I hope that you're all doing well and staying healthy. Please take all the precautions necessary to stay safe - like spending more time with your orchids!

It's officially spring, and your Catasetinae should be getting started on their growing season. Most of you along the southern edge of the country have already started watering and fertilizing. I am hearing reports from many Southern growers that most of the new growths are 6"-12" tall with new roots are approximately 3"-6" long. This is the time to start watering! The growers farther north (myself included) may still have a few weeks until the new roots are 3"-6" long. Remember that not all Catasetinae come out of dormancy at the same time, so you may have some plants showing well-developed roots while others will be just starting to root. Begin watering and fertilizing plants that are ready and hold off on the ones still needing more time; this is a good practice to develop.

During this time of year Catasetinae like lots of light, warmth, humidity and air movement. Be sure your plants are getting the correct conditions now, as this will really help them get a good start on their seasonal growth.

Ideal temperatures in early spring are 60 degree nights and 75-85 degree days. Humidity should be 50% or higher to best support the plants and new roots.

When beginning to water, start slowly and gradually increase the frequency and quantity as the plants develop their pseudobulbs. I start the watering season using ½ tsp fertilizer per gallon of water and increase to 1 tsp per gallon as the days get longer and the temperatures warm up in late June and early July. I maintain this level through August before switching back to ½ tsp per gallon from September through October.

Don't forget that Catasetinae prefer to be re-potted or divided with the onset of new

growth, just before the new roots start to show. If you have plants in 3" pots, wait until you see the start of a new growth, then un-pot and add more moss around the existing medium then slip pot up into a 4" pot.

Early in the growing season is when spider mites can get a foot-hold on your plants. Be diligent and check the undersides of the new leaves regularly. If mites are detected, spray immediately. Their populations can quickly get out of control if early action is not taken!

Here are some pictures showing root development & when to start watering and fertilizing.



No water, growth just started



No water, roots too short



Start watering now, roots are 3"- 6" long and into the media



Fully rooted plant, top growth is 10" Water and fertilize regularly



Here are the stages of growth. The last one on the Right is the size to begin watering ^

I am always available to take your calls and E-mails, so please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. I love to talk orchids.

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Fred Clarke & Carlos Lopez, Sunset Valley Orchids, 1255 Navel Place, Vista, CA 92081

News from the American Orchid Society



APRIL Focus: Sharpen Your Pencils

A printed copy of ORCHIDS magazine is distributed monthly to our American Orchid Society Affiliates and is available both in print and digital versions for individual AOS members. It is a monthly reminder to grow our knowledge base. Each month it includes articles, advice and encouragement to help us expand our passion for orchids. If you have hit upon a successful method of caring for your orchids, or something novel in your growing area set-up that may work for others, write those ideas down. If you have something that has worked extremely well within your society, write it down. If you have tried and true tips to share, write them down. Our editorial staff is always looking for new content for our flagship monthly publication. Submit an article to the magazine for consideration. Follow these guidelines and you may soon see your name in print. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/article-submissions.aspx>

DID YOU KNOW? Every year the American Orchid Society holds a contest that offers a cash prize for the winner and publication of the winning essay in ORCHIDS magazine. There is a new theme each year. The annual Gordon W. Dillon - Richard C. Peterson Memorial Essay Contest was established in 1985 by the AOS Northeast Judging Center to honor the memory of two former editors of the AOS Bulletin (now ORCHIDS). Gordon Dillon served as editor from 1943 through 1968 and again from 1970 through 1973. Richard Peterson's name first appeared on the masthead of the AOS Bulletin in April 1971 as associate editor. In 1973, he was named editor and, upon Dillon's retirement in 1977, he became the executive director, retaining his position of editor through 1984.

Incorporate any of the following ideas into your 2020 essay – The AOS is celebrating its Centennial Anniversary in 2021. To join in the fun, the 2020 Dillon-Peterson Essay Contest is asking for in-depth articles relating to significant people, events, programs or even plants or technology changes that have helped shape the direction of the AOS or are likely to in the future. Was there someone special in the AOS who mentored and inspired you and others? Did an AOS award you received plant the seed that resulted in you becoming involved in judging—could you tie that into how the judging program has helped shape the AOS and Affiliated Societies? Perhaps it is technological changes that the AOS has adopted that have changed and will change the AOS and your enjoyment of orchids. Share why the AOS has had and will have an enormous influence over many lifetimes. There are rules to follow and deadlines to meet. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/article-submissions/dillon-peterson-essay-contest.aspx>

Webinars-Coming Attractions!






When	April 23, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	May 12, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	May 21, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	RECORDED WEBINARS at your convenience
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Australian Dendrobiums	Culture, Judging, Pests and Diseases, Greenhouse Chats indexed by topic
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Fred Clarke AOS Judge, Orchid Hybridizer & Greenhouse Owner	AOS Members, Judges, Concerned Conservationists, Scientists & More.

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? An affiliated society may use recorded webinars for presentations at their monthly meetings. With Wi-Fi access, it's easy! Webinars are an internet-connected audiovisual presentation. You can view from anywhere that you have an internet connection, via Mac, PC or even your mobile device. It's easy to find the scheduled webinars and to register on the AOS website. You will find the link here:

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

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Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyway! We digitize the webinars and they are available to view at your leisure from the same webpage.

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Remember to check in with us on Facebook and Instagram!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AffiliatedSocietiesOfTheAOS/>

<https://instagram.com/americanorchidsociety?igshid=16ixfciczky01>

AOS members have access to over 2,050 articles published between the years 2003 - 2009 and 2011 - 2018 through the digital archives. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>



Left Award 20201333: Renanstylis Manoa Queen 'Kakaukani' HCC/AOS (79 points)

(Renanstylis Maui Queen x Rhynchostylis gigantea)

Exhibitor: Naoki Kawamura, Photographer: Kay Clark

Right Award 20202261: Maxillaria cacaoensis 'Sunshine' HCC/AOS (79 points)

Exhibitor: Galen Carpenter, Photographer: Kathy Barrett

Worth the Read - ORCHIDS April Preview

The April edition of ORCHIDS features spectacular photography of spectacular orchids in this all-awards issue. This year, along with the traditional FCCs from 2019 and the year-end special awards for 2018, it will include an additional 16 pages of 2018 awards. LOOK for your awarded orchids in the sixteen-page awards gallery in each issue of ORCHIDS!

VIEW the beauty and diversity of the most recently awarded orchids on the AOS website!

Exhibits are also included in the latest awards gallery. Check it out to get some great ideas for your next display.

<https://secure.aos.org/orchid-awards.aspx>

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner! *Eileen Hector*, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor



Exhibit Award 20202576: American Orchid Society Show Trophy

'Valentine's Togetherness' ST/AOS (82 points)

Exhibitor: Batavia Orchid Society, Photographer: Cheryl Erins

Virtual Plant Table

The March meeting was cancelled so we missed out on a great speaker and beautiful plant table. Rather than miss out completely, we are presenting a virtual Plant table. In this way we can still see the wonderful blooms that our members have so carefully cultivated. Photos are provided by each grower. Enjoy.



Phalaenopsis group, Michael Sheeran



Orchid Display, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



bathroom display, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



2/3 of Sean Hoyt's collection. Den. aberrans are blooming center left.
The paph maudiae at bottom left is in bud and ready to bloom.



Dendrophylax lindenii (ghost orchids) purchased from Botanica. Sean has just mounted them in his setup above. They're at the top center amongst the spanish moss



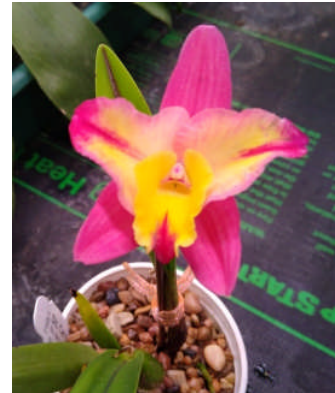
Den. aberrans, Sean Hoyt



Sl Orpetii x L speciosa,
Joff Morgan
first bloom, 3.5" across, no fragrance, on a 5" tall plant. Amazing!

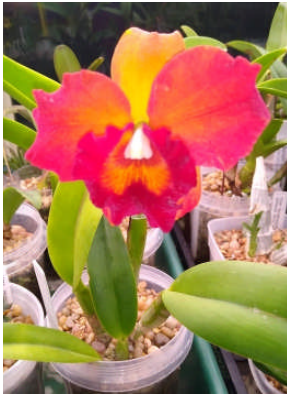


Slc Aloha Jewel x Blc Guess What,
Joff Morgan
a 3" flower on a 9" tall plant. Not fragrant yet.



Slc Candy Sparks,
Joff Morgan
a 3" flower on a 5" tall plant. First bloom, not fragrant yet

Joff's 7 plants here in the Cattleya alliance are being grown semi-hydro in a mixture of high-fired monto clay with pumice (50:50), indoors, under LED lights, on seedling heat mats timed to go on/off with the lights. Lights are 14" above Phalaenopsis foliage and 8" above Cattleya & Dendrobium foliage. Indoor day temp is about 80F, night temp is about 66F. He has two Vornado fans running 24/7 on low to keep the air buoyant.



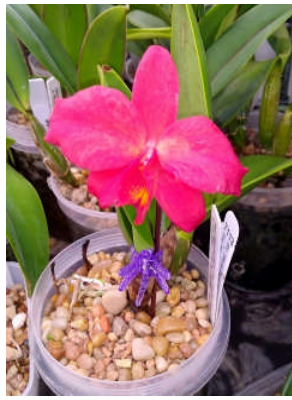
Pot Golden Circle x Lc Tropical Aurora,
Joff Morgan
a 4" flower on a 6" tall plant and highly fragrant 24/7. It smells like a very fruity sweet JellyBelly. Yum!



Pot Ruby Delight x Slc Angel Eyes,
Joff Morgan
just opening, a 2.5" flower on a 6" tall plant. Hybrid from Sunset Valley Orchids, our upcoming October speaker.



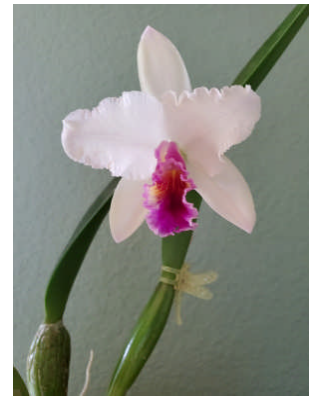
Pot Shinfong Little Sun, Joff Morgan
this was in bloom on a different growth a few months ago and brought to the plant table then. Now it has 2 more flowers (2.5" across) and 2 more buds on a different growth that is only 8" tall. It's a satisfying blooming machine! Picked it up from Big Leaf Orchids in July 2019. Can't wait for it grow some more for a stunning show.



Slc Sierra Gem x Pot Star Fire,
Joff Morgan
a 4" flower on a 6" tall plant.
Not fragrant



Slc 'Fire Magic',
Kelly Jin



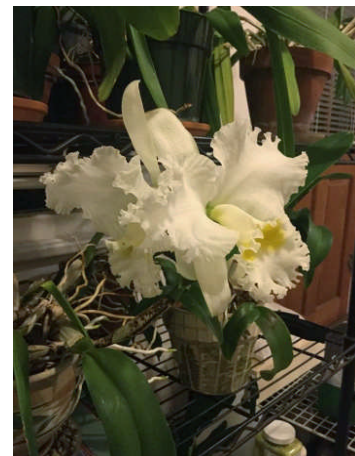
Pot. Forbidden Love,
Diane Drisch



Cattlianthe Jewel Box (*Guarianthe aurantiaca* x *Cattleya Anzac* (1921), Mike Cory
The one on the left is "Dark Waters". It is one I have had for 15 years.
The original plant was a gift from Dan Carmichael, he didn't like my "empty"
greenhouse. The one on the right is "Orange" I bought it last year from Hauserman



Blc Yen Corona 'Green Genie' AM/AOS, Steve Dorsey



Cattleya spp, Chuck Lennox



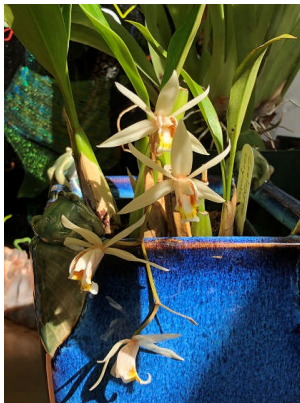
Blc. Love Sound x C. Gold Nugget,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



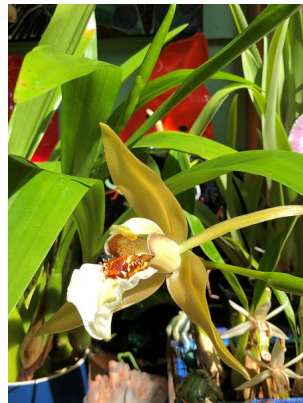
Cattleya intermedia v aquinii f corerulea x self,
Steve Dorsey



Guarianthe Hail Storm, Steve Dorsey



Coel. corymbosa,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Coel. lawrenciana,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Coel. lactea,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Coel. Corymbosa,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Coelogyne vultina, five spikes (74) flowers.
Gordon Cromwell



Cochlioda noezliana, Gordon Cromwell



Cochlioda vulcanica, Gordon Cromwell



Cochlioda rosea, Gordon Cromwell



Leptotes bicolor, Steve Dorsey



Bulbophyllum medusae,
Steve Dorsey



Milt. Maui Mist,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Restrepia sanguinea, Steve Dorsey



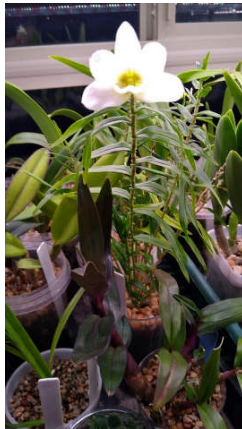
Sarcochilus hartmannii, Steve Dorsey



Epi. Pretty Princess 'Tropical Yellow', Steve Dorsey



Vanda Paki, Jerry Hoffmeister
(Vanda cristata 'Hydra' FCC/AOS x
Vanda Tricolor 'Grand Master Doug')



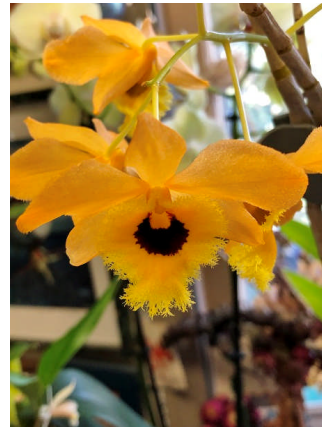
Dend. auriculatum, Joff Morgan
another satisfying, continuous bloomer.
Purchased in Oct2019 from J&L Orchids
when they came to speak. A wonderful
windowsill grower, does not get tall
(about 8") and continues to pump
out 1-3 flowers every month or so since.



Dendrobium unicum,
Lynne Shandley



Dendrobium trantuanii,
Steve Dorsey



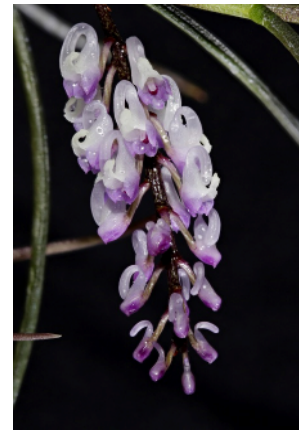
Dend. fimbratum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Dend. Roy Tokunaga,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



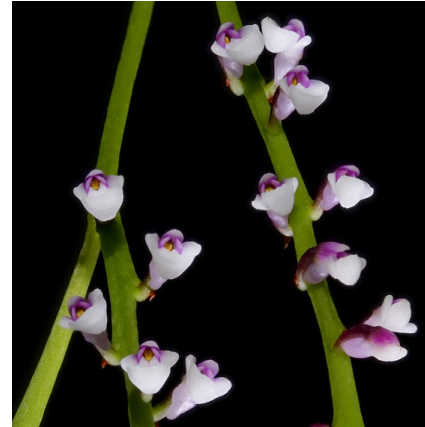
Dendrobium anceps,
Steve Dorsey



Schoenorchis juncifolia,
Lynne Shandley



Chysis bractescens, Steve Dorsey



Schoenorchis gemmata, Lynne Shandley



Phaius 'Lady Ramona Harris', Kelly Jin



Zygopetalum 'Rhein Moonlight',
Gordon Cromwell



Cym Rodco's Creation, Kathy Murray



Cymbidium tracyanum 'Cascade', Lillian Otani



Phalaenopsis,
Michael Sheeran



Phal. Schilleriana 'Wan Dan' x sib,
Ava Star



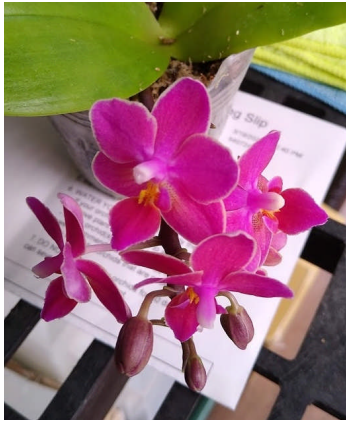
Phalaenopsis,
Michael Sheeran



Phalaenopsis, Randy Howard



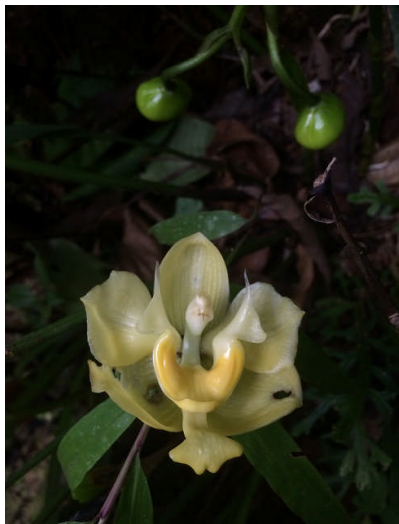
Phalaenopsis, Randy Howard



Phal. Caribbean Sunset 'Licorice Candy',
Joff Morgan it has no scent that
I can detect. Maybe someday.



Leona's phalaenopsis,
Kathy Murray



Houletia lowiana from Colombia, William Jasen



Phalaenopsis, Michael Sheeran



Phalaenopsis, pink, Jairul Rahaman
 This store bought orchid was a gift before the year 2014. Could someone explain the drastic change in color? I am going crazy trying to figure this out. Could this be a recessed gene thing? Over the years I became fascinated with it because of the color change. I kept this orchid in the same spot, the rail on the balcony of my home. It did not bloom after I changed the location for a few years. Today I was completely fascinated with the bloom in the last image.

Phalaenopsis, yellow,
 Jairul Rahaman



Houletia odoratissima, William Jasen - look at the horns on the mesochil



Oncidium, Gordon Cromwell

Psychosis Mendenhall 'Hildos', Gordon Cromwell



(Oda. (Aviewood x Durham City) x Oda. Crystal Palace), Robert Culver



Oda. Cooksonae 'Rawdon', Robert Culver



Hamiltonara Golden Harry 'Sun Dance', Robert Culver



Oda. Star Trek 'Tiffany', Robert Culver



Odm.Nicky Strauss 'Stonehurst' AM/RHS, Robert Culver



Odontoglossum nevadense, Gordon Cromwell



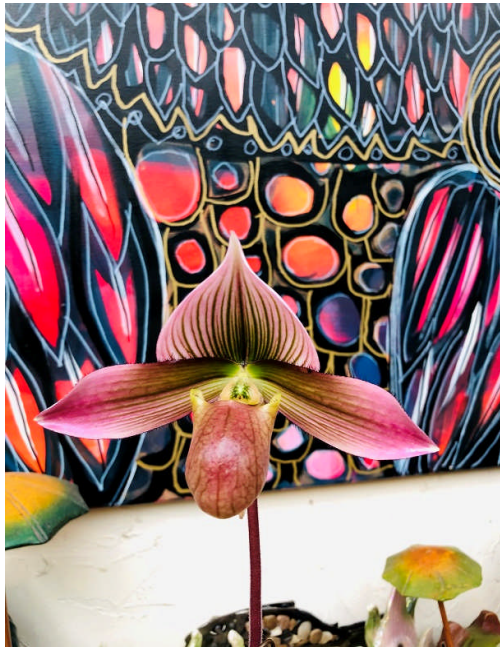
Paph. maudiae,
Sean Hoyt



prob. Paph. maudiae, new
member Sarah Lundberg



Paph. delenatii,
Bernadette Salada



Paph. Macabre Fantasy,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. (Via Figueroa x Rolling Thunder) 'Modest'
X Paph. Hellas 'Westonbirt', Gordon Cromwell



Phragmipedium QF Maliae, Tom Donnelly
Currently on 4th consecutive bloom since January, with another new bud

Schedule of Upcoming Events

April 4-5, 2020 - Spring Show and Sale at the Volunteer Park Conservatory - **Cancelled**

April 13, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Andy Wright "Bulbophyllums" - **Cancelled** - we hope to reschedule at a later date

May 11, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Annual Orchid Auction and Preview Party

May 18, 2020 - Annual Hands ON Potting Clinic, meet in the Lower Douglas Classroom

June 8, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Annual midyear Potluck, Gary Baker Service Award

June 25-29, 2020 - National Native Orchid Symposium, Port Angeles, WA. - **Cancelled** - rescheduled for the same week one year later in June 2021

September 14, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Sam Tsui, Orchid Inn, topic TBA.

October 3&4, 2020 - Fall Show and Sale at VPC.

October 12, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, topic TBA.

November 9, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Mary Gerritsen, topic TBA.

December 14, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Holiday Potluck, Introduction of new Officers, and Orchid Awards

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for this membership year is: 5/5/20, 7/??/20, 9/8/20, 11/4/20 (Wednesday). The May 5th meeting will meet at 7 p.m. at Joe Griener's house.

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 - Events Calendar: <http://www.nwos.org/events>
 - Membership (including renewals): <http://newsletter.nwos.org/membership/>
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 - Newsletter - Back Issues: <http://nwos.orchid-society.net/archives/>
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Special Announcements

No Special Announcements this month.

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