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About the September Meeting

September 10, 2012

7:00 P.M.

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

Annual Orchid Culture Clinic

This month's meeting will be held in the Douglas classroom which is next to the lower greenhouses and lower parking lot.

We will be back to our regular meeting room in October.

The culture clinic is a very popular meeting where you can ask questions and get some tips on growing healthy orchids.

If you have problem plants or questions, now is the time to bring them to the meeting.

Any plants that are diseased or have a bug problem should be in a plastic bag to isolate them.



Display Table:

There will be a small display area for your blooming plants. Bring your blooming Orchids so everyone can enjoy them. We look forward to talking about how you successfully grew your plants as part of the Culture Clinic.

Sales Table:

We will also have a small area for members' sales; max of 10 plants. Include a tag with your name and the price in the plant.

Raffle:

There will be no raffle this month.

Orchid Society Appreciation Evening - Come to the Party

Saturday, September 15, 2012

6 p.m. - ?

Emerald City Orchids

716 NW 65th St

Seattle, WA 98117

206-588-4183

For my part, and on behalf of the Emerald City Orchids staff, we're very glad to have been included in the shows and appreciate the support members have shown to the business through the past couple years. That's why we're having the Orchid Society Appreciation Evening.

Door charge is \$7. But it's FREE to paid up NWOS members. Every member gets one Free drink token (beer, wine, espresso or soda). There'll also be Free snacks.

Guests and members of the general public who come to our party will be encouraged to join the club. If they join on the spot, we're going to waive the cover charge. **All door money is going to be donated to NWOS.**

We're going to put some stellar plants out on display. There will also be a few gems that will be put in a Silent Auction. **Again, proceeds for this are going to NWOS.**

Besides being a great party, this will be a fantastic fundraiser for NWOS. We want society members to show up in good numbers so that the non-members who come to the party will have a chance to meet some of the people in the NWOS and want to join our fine group.

We also want a LOT of non-member guests because their door charges will raise a lot of money and they are all potential new members.

We're really excited to make this a great event.

Joe Grienauer

Emerald City Orchids

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for a map to Emerald City Orchids, click [HERE](#).

President's Message

I want to welcome everyone to the start of the 2012/2013 season of Orchid meetings and events.

Put the second Monday evening of each month on your calendars for a gathering of Orchid friends. We can look forward to a fun and busy year with many varied events. Look for the sign up sheets to lend a hand in making each a success.

These events would not be possible without the participation of all us, and may not take place again if no one volunteers to help.

I would like to thank everyone in advance for all their help in making these events a success.

Mike Foster

fosterpeirce@comcast.net

NWOS Displays at Fall Shows: Help Needed for Seaside Show

In most years NWOS displays in only one show each fall, the Sunset Empire Orchid Society show. This show will be held in Seaside Oregon Oct. 6-7. The Sunset Empire Orchid Society draws from southwest Washington as well as the Northwest corner of Oregon. They have begun displaying in our show the past couple of years and we feel it is important to support them by providing a quality display for their show. Unfortunately Cylvia and I are unable to take a display down this year because we will be on vacation. We are looking for a volunteer who could take a display down on Friday, Oct. 5 and bring it back on Sunday. An average-size vehicle can accommodate enough plants for a good display. The Society can reimburse for gas and two nights lodging. If interested, please contact me for details.

Our fall sale will be Nov. 10-11 at Swanson's Nursery. We will need member plants for a display at the sale.

Hard on the heels of our Swansons Sale, the Portland Orchid Society is hosting the fall AOS Trustees meetings Nov. 13-18. There will be a major orchid show in connection with the meetings and our society has made a commitment to display at the show. We will need your orchids and your assistance with this display. This major show is well worth a trip to Portland. Please mark the dates on your calendar.

George Grantham, 2nd Vice President

NWOS Fall Sale, Nov. 10–11, Swanson's Nursery

This year's NWOS Fall Sale will be the second weekend in November at Swanson's Nursery in Ballard. Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday, Nov. 9, and to cashier and bag and talk with guests about orchids during the sale.

Signup sheets will be at on hand at both the September and October meetings. You can also phone or email the sale co-chairs: Kathy Murray, 425-257-0583 (Everett), kandmmurray@frontier.com ; Leanna Fox, 206-363-7742, l-fox@comcast.net to add your name to the list.

The sale is an excellent place to find specialty orchids that are usually available only by mail order. To date, four vendors have committed to sell: Sorella Orchids, Emerald City Orchids, SeattleOrchid.com, and Olympic Orchids. Andy's Orchids in California is expected to send a box of unique orchids (many mounted), which Andy Wright will sell.

There will also be a society sales table on which members can sell orchids. Requirements for selling: (1) sign up to work a shift, (2) provide at least one blooming orchid for the display, (3) be a current NWOS member, and (4) sign the sales sheet on the table when you bring your sale plants. Be sure to have a removable tag with your sales ID and a price so that you are paid. The society charges a 20 percent commission for this service.

As noted, there will be an orchid display and we will need your blooming plants to assure this is an interesting and varied exhibit. More about this in the next newsletter.

****REMINDER: NWOS Membership Dues Notice****

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

The NWOS fiscal year is July 1 through June 30 so unless you joined recently, it's time to renew. You can either pay at the September meeting or mail it with your check (payable to NWOS) to PO Box 51021, Seattle, WA 98115-1021. New members should complete the [Membership Form](#).

Dues are \$25 for one person or \$30 for two people at the same address. Members who joined at or after the Flower & Garden Show in February are paid through June 2013. Dues are kept low to encourage membership but they cover only a small portion of the society's expenses.

2012 NWOS Research Award Winner

In May the NWOS Board voted to fund a research proposal by Erica Ash for study of several populations of native orchids that are found in Washington and Oregon—*Corallorhiza striata* and *Corallorhiza maculata*.

Erica, an undergraduate at Portland State University who plans to become a veterinarian, will attempt to determine the specific basiomycetous (BCM) fungi with which these orchids are associated. She was one of two students who applied for the society's scholarship, which is funded by raffle table proceeds, designations at annual auction, and donations.

This summer and autumn Erica will collect soil and plant samples in two national forests, Mount Hood and Hood River. She will then analyze the samples for the specificity of associated BCM fungi by use of polymerase chain reaction-restriction fragment length polymorphism in the laboratory of a Biology Department faculty member, Sarah Eppley. This work will closely follow the work of Taylor and Bruns (1997) who found two orchid species that had exclusive association with two distinct clades of ectomycorrhizal (ECM) BCM fungi, the phantom orchid *Cephalanthera austinae* and a corral root, *Corallorhiza maculata*. According to Erica's proposal, "Both orchids retained the internal mycorrhizal structure typical of photosynthetic orchids that do not interact with ECM fungi." Taylor and Bruns suggested these orchids are parasites because they do not provide carbon to the associated fungi.

After her project is complete, Erica will present her findings at one of our meetings.

Each year the Northwest Orchid Society 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 proposals were evaluated by Greg Sliman, Michael Cory, and me. At the Board's request, the committee asked Erica to expand on and clarify several areas of her research proposal before funding her project.

Reference

Taylor, D.L., Bruns, T.D. (1997). Independent, specialized invasions of ectomycorrhizal mutualism by two nonphotosynthetic orchids. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 94(9), 4510-5.

Kathy Murray, NWOS Scholarship Committee Chair

Report from the June Meeting

Leanna Fox was awarded the Gary Baker Service Award.

Leanna is a longtime member of the NWOS. Her contributions are many and varied. She has been on the Board, the Auditing Committee, and Show Committees like the upcoming show at Swanson's Nursery. She has always stepped forward to help at meetings, shows and has always volunteered whenever there was a need.

Congratulations Leanna and Thank You from the entire membership.

The enjoyable evening was well attended. We had fine food, a Silent Auction, good company and beautiful orchids.



Bruce Ulness checking out the plant table



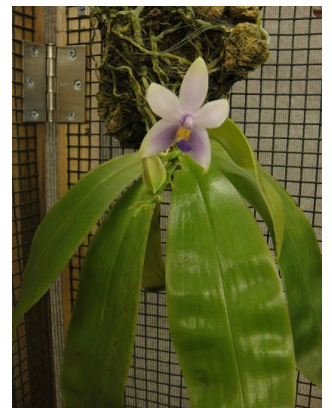
It's always nice to have a full and varied plant table



Closeup of *Dendrobium glomeratum*,
George & Cylvia Gramtham



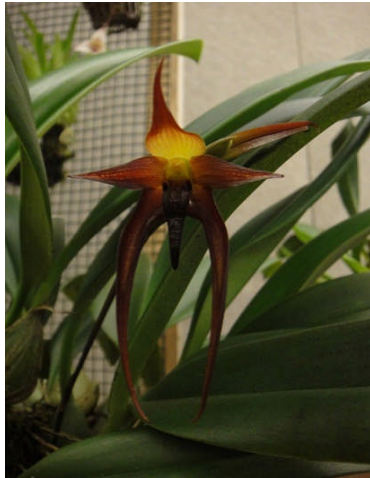
The Gramthams group makes a fine
display all by itself.



Andy Wright also always
brings in a great display

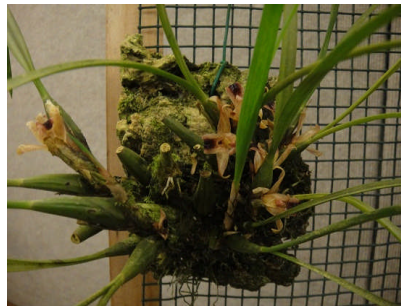


more of Andy's plants



Bulbo. dennesii (above)

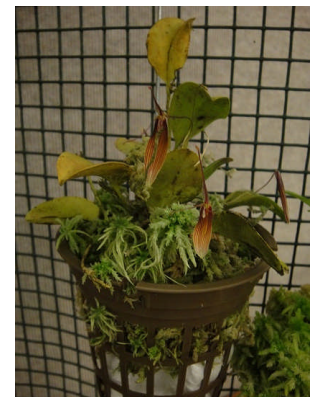
Bulbo. nymphopolitanum (left)



Dracula carluerii,
Andy Wright



Closeup of Leanna Fox's
Restrepia antenifera



Andy's *Restrepia antenifera*



Masdevallia kimballiana, Leanna Fox



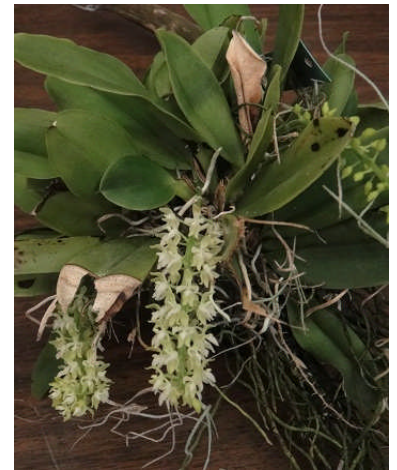
Masdevallia herraduræ, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Stelis speices mini from Ecuador



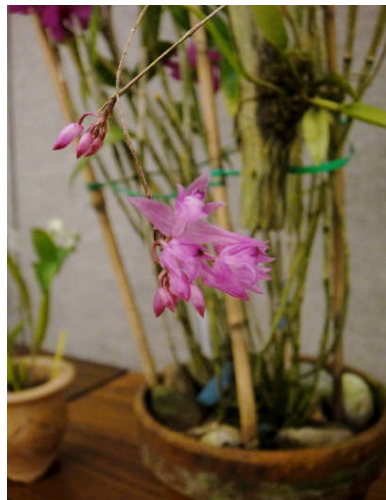
Stenoglottis woodsii, Joe Griener



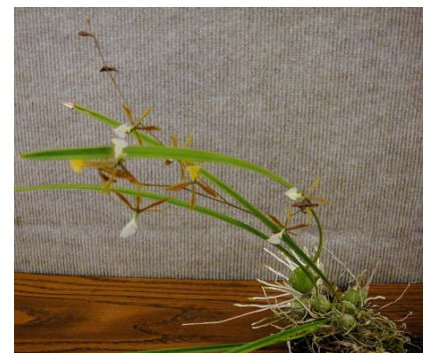
Notylia barkeri, George Krasle



Odontoglossum cordatum ('Pacifica' x 'Samantha' AM/AOS), Barb Roberts



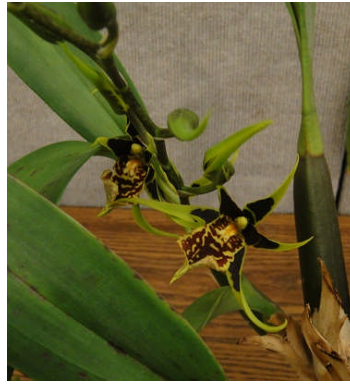
Nageliella (Hartwegia) purpurea, George & Cylvia Grantham



Encyclia bractenscens, Joe Griener



Brassia Eternal Wind, Mike Cory



Brsdm. Gilded Tower,
Barb Roberts



Colm. Wildcat 'Green Valley'



Tolumnia Popoki 'Mitzi' AM/AOS,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Oncidium (Tolumnia)
triquetrum, Joe Griener



Onc. Papilo (psychopsis) x sib,
Barb Roberts



Angraecum didieri, Al Kaas



Cattleya schilleriana, George Krasle



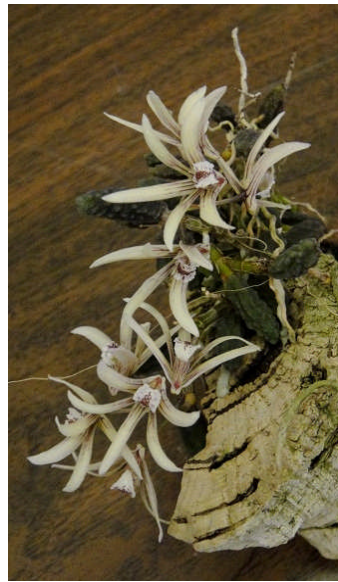
Cattleya warneri, Mike Cory



Sc. Beaufort 'Lea' x L. lucasiana, Barb Roberts



Epi. quisayanum,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Den. cucumerinum,
George Krasle



Dendrobium fleckeri,
Joe Griener



Den. New Guinea, Al Kaas



Den. Nora Tokunaga, George & Cylvia Grantham



Paph Mamie Wilson (lowii 'Dragon's Flight' HCC/AOS x primulinum var. purpurascens 'Tall 50'), Joe Griener



Paph Robinianum (parishii x lowii), Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. (Calif. Queen x keyeshill) x bellattum, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Chia Hua Dancer, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paphiopedilum Heron's Faire (White Heron 'Giant' x fairrieanum fma album 'Lime White'), Joe Griener

Report from the August Picnic

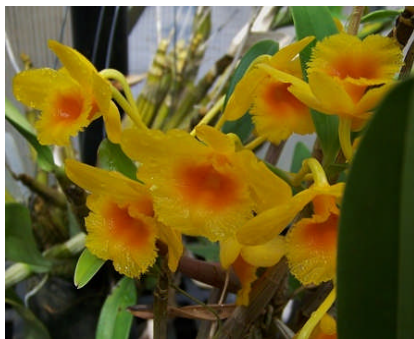
The Annual Picnic was held on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at the home of Peter and Kelly Maunsell in Seattle's Seward Park neighborhood.

The weather was great and the company was even better. It was a fun afternoon for all as you can see from the photos below (thanks to Donna Pierce and Joff Morgan).





And now for the greenhouse tour...



Schedule of Upcoming Events

October 8 - The October meeting will feature Lucinda Winn from Connecticut talking about miniature orchids. She will be bringing plants for sale and you can pre-order plants from their on-line catalog at <http://www.jlorchids.com/>.

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 11/6/12, 1/8/13 and 3/5/13 and 5/7/13. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clackamas Orchids News

Hello Fellow orchid Growers,

I have good news and bad news. I finally got a job as a Biomedical Electronic Technician with a Hospital in the Pacific Northwest. The bad news is that it is in Bend Oregon and I have decided to give up the business of growing and selling orchids under the name Clackamas Orchids.

The good news is that everything is for sale (except for 2 plants) and most everything is at least half off of what I would normally sell it for. I will be sorting plants into flats with a single price tag per flat (such as 7.50) and everything in the flat will be 7.50 for instance. I have set aside flats ranging in price from 1.00 to 20.00 so far, but of course there are some stud plant orchids that go for a little more than that. Anyway, the goal is to have a empty greenhouse by December 1st. So make a appointment and stop by for great orchid/rare plant deals.

My work hours in Bend are Tuesday-Friday 10 hour shifts. I will be available for appointment visits on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

If you want to get some great rare orchids for great deals you should make a appointment and get out here.

As to Orchid Judging, I want you all to know that I will not be changing my status as a orchid judge and I hope to see most of you at the Fall Trustee's meeting week in Portland.

Sincerely,

David Morris CBET Owner Clackamas Orchids
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Save the date!
Saturday, October 20th!
Northwest IPA Meeting
at Orchidaceae



Please plan to join us for the Northwest Regional International Phalaenopsis Alliance meeting on Saturday, October 20th at Orchidaceae's greenhouse in Walla Walla. We'll start with a presentation by Peter Lin from Big Leaf Orchids in Texas. Peter's talk will be about creating color and fragrance in novelty Phalaenopsis with tips on how to grow them successfully.

For the people that come on Friday night, Orchidaceae will host a dinner at the greenhouse followed by a bonfire.

Summer Reading

There was a series of 4 articles published in *Greenhouse Grower* and *Orchids Magazine* called "Growing the Best Phalaenopsis". The piece was a collaboration of several authors including Erik Runkle, PhD, assistant professor and floriculture extension specialist at Michigan State University. Here is a link to Dr. Runkle's [publications](#) including the "Growing the Best Phalaenopsis" Series. Enjoy!

Program Details

Plan to join us for the Northwest Regional International Phalaenopsis Alliance meeting on Saturday, October 20th.

We'll have:

Keynote program on novelty Phalaenopsis breeding

Catered lunch

Auction of great plants

Panel discussion on Phalaenopsis culture

Plants from Big Leaf Orchids, Southlake, TX for sale

Greenhouse walkabout

Great people to get to know who share your love of orchids



Phal. Lea Marie Salazar ' Hung' HCC/AOS

Beautiful example of novelty breeding - rich saturated color with wonderful fragrance.

Peter Lin, Big Leaf Orchids

Peter Lin is an orchid enthusiast who has been growing orchids for over 25 years. His nursery, Big Leaf Orchids, specialize in Phalaenopsis, with emphasis on species and novelty Phalaenopsis which includes flowers that are fragrant, waxy, and multi-colored. He makes frequent trips to Taiwan to see in person the latest developments in Phalaenopsis hybridization.

Peter will bring a selection of novelty and species plants to sell at the meeting. Pre-order from Peter and get a 10% discount!

<http://www.bigleaforchids.com/>

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peterlin71@gmail.com

Hotel Reservations

Rooms have been set aside under the name IPA at the La Quinta Inn in Walla Walla. Rooms are \$109 per night. Call for reservations (509) 525-2522. La Quinta is located at 520 N. Second Avenue, walking distance to our historic downtown and local restaurants.

Coming? Of course you are. Please RSVP

Send an email to sales@orchidaceae.com or call Joan 509.525.9566 to let her know you are coming. It was such a fun day last year, I can't wait to do it again!

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