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About the August Picnic

August 11, 2013
Noon - 4 p.m.

Summer Picnic

Our picnic will be at the home of Peter and Kelly Maunsell. Please check your email for the address, phone number and map. You can also consult your membership roster or email us for the information.

We will gather at NOON and start eating around 1 p.m. The main course will be provided. If you arrive before we start eating, you can bring anything you'd like: hors d'oeuvres, side dishes, beverages, desserts.

If you arrive after we start eating, please bring a dessert.

There is a pool and a hot tub that we all may use. Bring your own bathing suit and towel.

Bring any orchids that you want to sell, trade or give away. We will not have the traditional meeting Display Table or Raffle.

This will be a fun afternoon of relaxing, eating and orchids. Plus we'll get a tour of Peter's greenhouse. We hope to see everyone there.



Thank you, Northwest Orchid Society!

I want to thank Mike Foster and everyone at the Northwest Orchid Society for your extreme generosity in helping me to fund a replacement lens after mine was destroyed in an unfortunate accident at our Spring AOS judged show. That lens was a very high quality and extremely sharp macro lens. Without it, it can be difficult to obtain the highest quality images that are published for the awards, and used in the AOS "Orchids" magazine, and the annual AOS Orchid Calendar. I had another lens that could be used for the many of the normal images, but it wasn't up to the task for some of the flowers that are less than 1/4" across.

I don't want to embarrass anybody by listing names of all of the donors, but please rest assured that you all have my heartfelt thanks for this very kind gesture. When Mike Foster brought me up to make the presentation at our last meeting I was literally speechless, and all I could muster at the time was a shocked and weak, "Thank you".

Once again I say, "Thank you, all, VERY much!" I certainly appreciate it, and I hope to be able to use the replacement lens to produce the same quality of images that all of the exhibitors and AOS Award recipients deserve, and have come to expect.

You folks are the best!

Mike Pearson
(Head Photographer for the Pacific Northwest for the American Orchid Society)

NWOS would like a Publicity Person

Do you like contacting people? Enjoy social media? Do you have some writing skills? Then the NWOS could use your help with publicity. You'll work closely with the Show Committee to help get the word out. We'll share our past efforts, give you ideas and help you get started. It can be as little or as much as you want to make of it.

Contact any of the Officers or Board members by phone or email. Or speak up at the picnic or next meeting. We're excited to hear your ideas

Volunteer Day at Woodland Park Zoo

Justin and I would like to thank the fifteen members who volunteered their time and expertise to work on the Woodland Park Zoo's orchid collection. Lots of dividing, repotting and pest control took place which was a huge help to us. We get so busy with exhibit projects that this work often falls to the wayside so we were so happy to have 30 experienced hands working for several hours to get so much done. It would have taken us weeks to do all of this work!



We hope all of the volunteers had a great time touring the zoo afterwards though I heard from Justin that he had to push some people out the greenhouse door because they were having such a rewarding time working with the orchids.

We plan to organize another NWOS Volunteer day in the early spring of 2014. Again, volunteers will be able to tour the zoo after working on the collection and hopefully there will be lots of divisions to take home for those who want them.

Thanks for the great day!
Katrina Lindahl, Woodland Park Zoo

NWOS Volunteers-Collene Collins, Heather Kraft, Elaine Mikelson, Barb Roberts, Sam Weigelt, Alycia Moncrieff, Abigail Chang, Pat Gossler, Ellen Macomber, George Grantham, Cylvia Grantham, Michael Cory, Joff Morgan, Mary Nichol, George Krasle

Report from the June Meeting

We all enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner. George Krasle reviewed the plant table. Mike Foster began our meeting welcoming new people to the meeting. The newly elected Board members were introduced. Katrina reported on the Volunteer day at the Zoo which was lots of fun and very productive. See the article above.

George Grantham presented Diane Drisch with the Gary Baker Service Award. Since joining about 5 years ago, Diane has volunteered at society shows, created the Tickets and Bookmarks to promote the NWOS, and served on the Board. She is currently the newsletter editor.



"Given how many worthy people work so hard for the NWOS, I was so surprised to be nominated. But to have actually been given this award...Wow. It's a very humbling honor and I thank you very much"
Diane Drisch



Caroline Mann introduced our speaker Erica Ash, who received a NWOS scholarship last year. Erica gave a spirited talk about her research. She compared how the fungi needed by orchids differ between one non-photosynthetic orchid (*C. maculata*, spotted coral root) with one photosynthetic orchid (*G. oblongifolia*, rattlesnake plantain). As it turns out, the Coral Root orchids have high specificity and low diversity habits. Counter to that, the Rattlesnake orchids have low specificity and high diversity. It was interesting how this affected their range and growing conditions.

Photos from the pot luck dinner and plant table:

Erica Ash



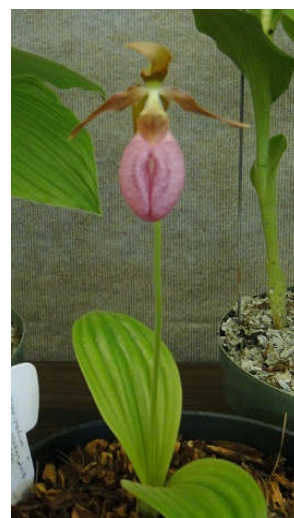
the June plant table



Dick Hanson treated us to more Cypripediums



Cypripedium kentuckiense has the largest flowers of all the cypripediums



Cypripedium caule



Cypripedium Reginae, light form



Cypripedium reginae, pink form



Paph. Chiu Hua Dancer,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Crouching Tiger,
Abigail Chang



Paph Hawaiian Illusion 'Tan
Boy', Mike Foster & Donna
Pierce



Paph. Helen Booth, Mike Foster
& Donna Pierce



Paph. superbiens, Mike Foster
& Donna Pierce



Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz (delenatii 'Dumbo' x malipoense 'Beheaded'), Roxanne Rosson



Paph. niveum x Paph. Ang Thong, Abigail Chang



Phalaenopsis, Randy Erickson



Neofinetia falcata 'Setsu Zan', George & Cylvia Grantham



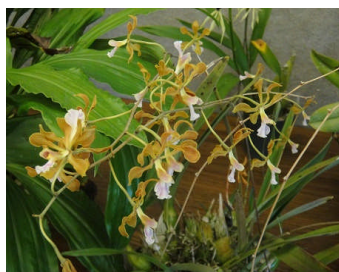
Lycaste aromatica, Diane Drisch



Dendrobium hercoglossum, George Krasle



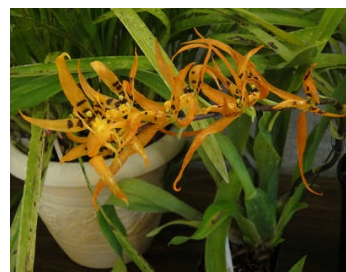
Coelogyne, poss. mossiae or lawrenciana, George Krasle



Encyclia species,
George Krasle



Encyclia cochleata,
George Krasle



Brsda. Memoria Bert Field
'Linda Marie Sellon' AM/AOS,
Diane Drisch



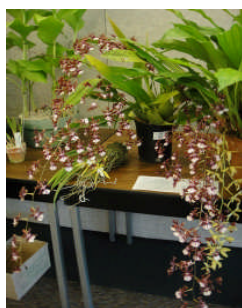
Oncidium hybrid,
Randy Erickson



Lockhartia oerstedii closeup,
George Krasle



Lockhartia oerstedii,
George Krasle



Onc. Sharry Baby
'Sweet Fragrance',
George Krasle



flower closeup:
Odcda. chaculatum 'Golden Pacific'



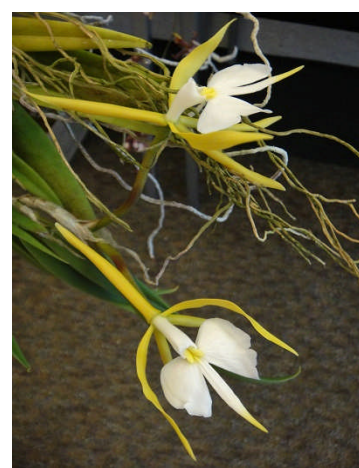
Odcda. chaculatum 'Golden
Pacific', Jeanne McKinnie



Epidendrum, Heather Kraft



Epidendrum, Dana Cook



Epidendrum parkinsonianum,
George Krasle



Laelia purpurata carnea,
George Krasle



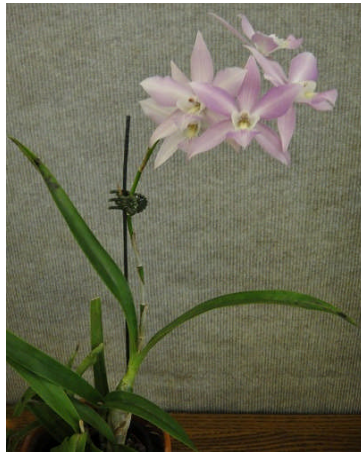
Laelia purpurata 'carnea 2' x
self, Allan & Michelle Kaas



Laelia purpurata carnea, different
form, George Krasle



Laelia briergeri,
Dick Hanson



Lc Koolau 'Seagull' AM-AOS x
Dail. Snowflake 'Frosty'
AM/AOS, Roxanne Rosson



Pot. Rubescens,
Joff Morgan



Laelia, poss. natural hybrid, Dick Hanson



prob. Laelia cinnabarina, Dick Hanson



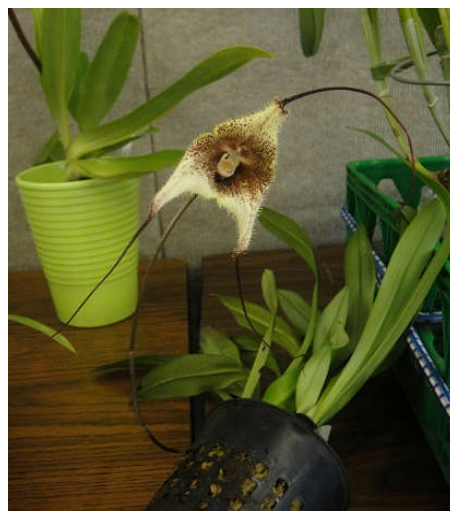
Stenoglottis maclaughlinii (woodii) white,
Abigail Chang



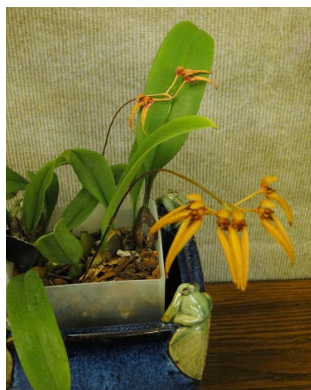
Stenoglottis Maclaughlinii (woodii) pink,
Abigail Chang



Stelis ciliaris, George & Cylvia Grantham



Dracula bellerophon, Abigail Chang



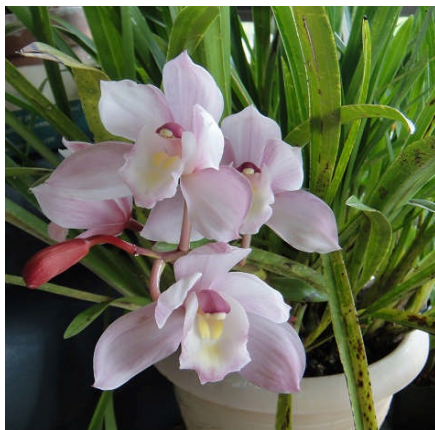
Bulbophyllum sprucei,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Bulbophyllum echinolabium,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Cirrhopetalum (*Bulbophyllum*)
yasnae, red form,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Cymbidium hybrid, Diane Drisch



Cymbidium Joan Taylor 'Million Kiss',
Diane Drisch

Schedule of Upcoming Events

August 11, 2013 - Annual Picnic at the home of Peter & Kelly Maunsell. Noon - 4ish

August 22, 2013 - Show Committee Meeting at the home of George and Cylvia Grantham. 7 p.m.

September 9, 2013 - Orchid Culture Clinic in the Douglas classroom. Learn how to care for and re-bloom your orchids. Bring plants that you have questions about.

September 12, 2013 - NW Flower & Garden Show Committee Meeting. 7 - 9 p.m. at the Seattle Convention Center.

October 14, 2013 - Meeting. Speaker: Marni Turkel from San Francisco, who will give a talk on the Lesser Known Oncidiniiae.

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 9/3/13, 11/5/13, 1/7/14, 3/4/14 and 5/6/14. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Orchidaceae - 10 years in Walla Walla celebration

Jason Fischer, from Orchids Ltd. will talk about how to grow fantastic Phragmipediums. He'll talk about all aspects of Phrag culture and some of their new breeding trends. He's planning to bring a terrific selection of plants to sell.

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October 12th, 10 a.m. and Orchidaceae's greenhouse.

Mark your calendars and save the date. Complete details will follow.