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About the December Meeting

December 9, 2013

7:00 p.m.
University of Washington
Center for Urban Horticulture
3501 NE 41st Street
Seattle, WA 98105

Ellen Covey: Orchid Perfumes

Ellen Covey, owner of Olympic Orchids, will give a brief talk on her handcrafted artisan fragrance products. She has been developing a wonderful line of orchid-inspired perfumes as well as a series of scents that are inspired by places, nature, culture, and fantasy. There will be samples we can experience and a selection of scents for sale. You can learn more by going to her website [HERE](#).



Holiday Potluck and Orchid Awards

Happy Holidays! This year at our annual Holiday Potluck Party there will be gift plants: each single or dual membership will receive one free plant as a gift from the society. These are quality plants purchased specially for this event. Each membership will be able to select a plant that is suitable to their growing conditions.

To kick off the festivities we are asking everyone to bring food: a main dish, salad, drinks or dessert to share for our Potluck Party. For reference and to help decide what delicious food to bring, you could use the handy list. If your name starts with:

A - I, bring a desert
J - R, bring a salad or drinks
S - Z, bring a main dish

Consider this a guideline only, if you have a dish you are known for, or just want to share with others, please bring that instead.

The society will provide the plates, utensils, etc.

We will also have two trophies to award, the Schoenfeld Trophy as well as the Rebecca T. Northen Miniature Orchid Trophy. Everyone is encouraged to participate in winning one or both of these trophies; all you have to do is bring in a blooming plant for each.



Schoenfeld Trophy



Rebecca Northen Trophy

The Schoenfeld Trophy is awarded to the best blooming plant of any size.

The Rebecca T. Northen Miniature Orchid Trophy is awarded to the best blooming plant that is 6 inches or less in height, excluding the bloom spike.

Everyone at the Holiday Party will cast a vote for each trophy. The winner will keep the trophy until the December 2014 potluck.

Display Table:

No display table this month, but bring in your best plants to compete for one or both trophies.

Sales Table:

Members may bring up to 10 plants to sell. Include a tag with your name and the price in the plant.

Raffle:

No raffle this month.

President's Corner

Happy Holiday to all the NWOS members and friends. The December potluck is a great time to meet new and old friends. Plus great food and a free orchid for each membership. Since we are on a slim budget, the joint memberships are entitled to only one free orchid. Read more about the evening activities in the program section of the newsletter.

Mike Foster, President

NWOS Fall Orchid Festival Update

A huge thanks to all who helped with the Northwest Orchid Society's big fall show and sale at Swanson's Nursery to our vendors, and especially to Swanson's Nursery, which again hosted us at no cost to the society. Their personnel, as always, were very helpful. For the first time, we were able to open our sale to coincide with Swanson's Friday night holiday preview party.

Our vendors were Lucky Girl (from northern Idaho) and from the Seattle area—SeattleOrchid.com, Emerald City Orchids, and Olympic Orchids. Any sale requires vendors and we appreciate their support of the NWOS by participating in our events.

For the first time, we had a number of speakers on Friday and Saturday—Mike Cory, Joff Morgan, Joe Greinauer, Chris Peterson, Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson, George Grantham, Diane Drisch, and me. Thank you all for your interesting talks. I think we had more NWOS members attending than people who were new to orchids and I suspect we all learned something. All the talks were very informative.

As in the past, we offered a potting service. A number of people staffed the potting area but I want to especially thank Abigail & Mike and Alycia Moncrieff & Sam Weigelt for the many hours they spent potting. Alycia also redesigned the NWOS website in advance of the sale and helped me post news of the sale in a number of places.

There are always many society members who do a tremendous amount of work without being asked, and often without even signing up. In that category are Pat Gossler, Leanna Fox, George & Cylvia Grantham, Christine Peterson, Peter Maunsell, Mike Cory, Joff Morgan, and Mike Foster & Donna Pierce.

Thank you all for making our show & sale such a successful event. Our dues cover only a fraction of the society's annual expenses so events such as this one are important ways to interest others in orchids and our society and to make a little money.

Kathy Murray, Fall Festival Chair

NWOS Fall Festival (photos courtesy Diane Drisch, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce)



show setup



Mike and Leanna wait for the first visitors of the day



Ohhhh, that's a nice one



NWOS Exhibit





surrounded by orchids



Alycia & Sam at the repotting station



more repotting



SeattleOrchids.com



Lucky Girl Orchids



Olympic Orchids



Emerald City Orchids



George Talks to a very interested family



Chris Peterson with her beautiful display



busy check-out counter



Orchids make for good conversation



Mike talks Paphs



Kathy has a rapt audience



Joff demonstrates a variety of lights



Mike engages a couple of orchid admirers



Holcoglossum wangii



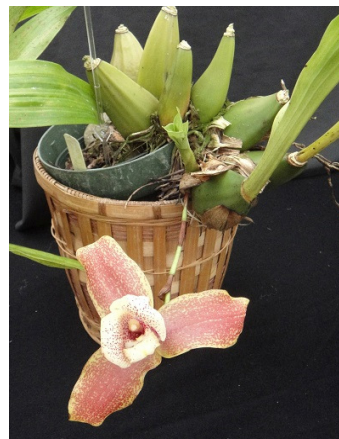
lots of pouches available at Lucky Girl Orchids



Masdevallia



Cycnoches cooperi



Lyc. Balliae 'Mary Gratrix'
HCC/AOS x Lyc. leucantha



Coeloglyne Carl
Strandberg



Ornithophora radicans



Onc. Sharry Baby
'Heavenly Scent'



Bulb. gracillimum



Bulb. blepharistes



Bulb. lilacinum 'Cherokee'
CBM/AOS



Phrag. besseae



Pleur. dilemma



Happy over a job well done

Membership Renewal Reminder

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

You can renew at the upcoming meeting and still receive your Christmas gift plant.

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 2014. Dues are kept low to encourage membership but they cover only a small portion of the society's expenses.

Please contact Mike Cory for questions about your dues.

Report from the November Meeting

Mike Foster introduced new members and visitors. There were many from our Orchid Festival. Mike Cory talked about membership. Mike gave thanks to Alycia for the website which is under construction. Also, many thanks to Kathy Murray for the Fall Festival. There was a great coordination of publicity and volunteers.

Joff Morgan talked about the NW Flower & Garden show, the next show meeting, and that we should sign up for shifts on the sign-up sheets. He described our display and how it fit into this year's show theme of "Art in Bloom". We will have a giant painter's palette and the display will be called 50 Shades of Orchids. Jamie Notman, our AOS representative, talked about the benefits of joining the AOS.

Laima Swanson of Lucky Girl Orchids spoke about Cattleyas – the Queen of Orchids, all of which come from the tropical Americas. She offered great information about their culture and care. She also had photos of gorgeous species not often seen on our plant table. We all came away with a new sense of appreciation of Cattleyas and Laelias.



Laima helps to make an informed choice from her great selection of plants.



Mike Pearson reviewed the plant table.

Here he shows off the spectacular Anguloa that Kevin Keo brought in. Besides the bright yellow flowers, it was nicely scented.

Photos from our Plant Table (courtesy Diane Drisch):



Anguloa eburnea, Kevin Keo



flower closeup



Cymbidium Sweetheart
'Elegance', Michael Cory



Grammatophyllum scriptum var. *citrinum*,
Diane Drisch



Dor. Lionlin Orange,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Cyc. cooperi, Joff Morgan



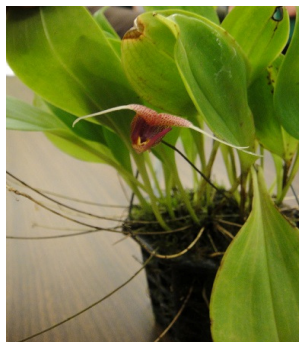
Encyclia bractescens, Joff Morgan



Lanium avicula, George & Cylvia Grantham



Liparis vividiflora,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Scaph. Sweet Rosado,
Jamie Notman



Alcra. Kauai's China Oka
'Hawaii' AM/AOS,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Epilaeliocattleya Volcano
Trick 'Orange Fire',
Michael Cory



Blc. Hawaiian Princess x
Hisaken Akatsuka, Mike
Foster & Donna Pierce



Habenaria rhodocheila
'Orange', Jamie Notman



Blc. Mahina Yahiro, Mike
Foster & Donna Pierce



Cattleya Circassian Angel x
Cattleya Bering Sea,
Michael Cory



Blc. Yen Corona 'Green
Genie' AM/AOS,
Larry Boyce



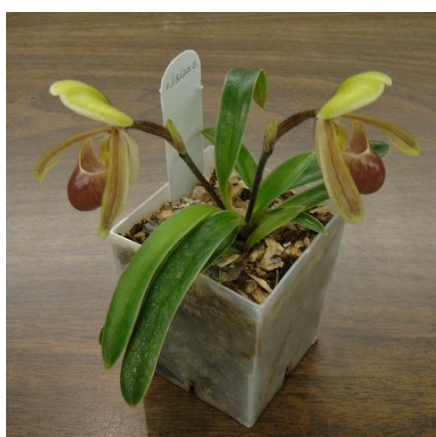
Paph. barbigerum,
Dick Hanson



Paph. charlesworthii 'Bell
State' (dwarf),
Dick Hanson



Paph. gratixianum (affine),
Dick Hanson



Paph. helenae, Dick Hanson



Paph. wardii 'Anne' AM/AOS,
Dick Hanson



Phrag. Cardinale,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phrag. sedenii,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce

Schedule of Upcoming Events

December 9, 2013 - Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner and Plant giveaway for each member who's dues are paid in full. We will also have two trophies to award: The Schoenfeld Trophy as well as the Rebecca Northen Miniature Orchid Trophy. Plus a bonus talk by Ellen Covey about Orchid Perfumes.

January 13, 2014 - Live AOS Judging: The Judges will evaluate plants in front of us at our meeting, explaining what they look for and how awards are determined.

January 16, 2014 - Show Committee Meeting - 7 p.m. at Chris Peterson's home. Join us to help work on the upcoming NW Flower & Garden Show. Contact Joff or Chris for directions.

February 5-9, 2014 - NW Flower & Garden Show, Washington State Convention Center, Seattle

February 10, 2014 - Abigail Chang: Recent Orchid Award Winners

March 10, 2014 - Annual Orchid Auction

April 14, 2014 - NWOS meeting

April 26, 2014 - Tentative date for NWOS Volunteer Day at the Zoo

May 12, 2014 - NWOS meeting

June 9, 2014 - NWOS meeting, Pot Luck Dinner and Gary Baker Service Award

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 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

There are no Special Announcements this month.