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About the December Meeting

December 8, 2014

7:00 p.m.

University of

Washington

Center for Urban Horticulture

3501 NE 41st Street

Seattle, WA 98105



Flowers awaiting auction.

George Grantham: The Holland Flower Auction

George will give a brief talk about this immense operation where about 20 million flowers are sold every day. Located in Aalsmeer, Holland (just outside Amsterdam) the FloraHolland Flower Auction is the largest flower auction in the world. Flowers from around the world are sold in a building that covers 243 acres, the largest building by footprint anywhere on earth. Flowers come from and go out to continents around the globe.



Flowers on the move.

Holiday Potluck and Orchid Awards

Happy Holidays! This year at our annual Holiday Potluck Party we will continue our annual tradition of 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 the society will provide a spiral cut ham, rolls and a cheese plate along with the plates, utensils, etc. We are asking everyone to bring additional 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 main dish

J - R, bring a desert

S - Z, bring a salad or drinks

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.

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. Let's make this a strong, lively competition. Bring your blooms whether you think they'll win or not. After all, we LOVE to see lots of orchids.



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 an extra tag with your name and the price in the plant.

Raffle:

No raffle this month.

NWOS Library:

If you'd like to check out a book or tape from our Library, please contact our Librarian [Carolyn Mann](#) 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.

President's Corner

Thanks to all of you that spent your time working at our show and sale. It was a great show with plenty to see and purchase. The three days went by fast and there was a good turnout and a few folks became new members.

Our December potluck will also be fun and a chance to meet and mingle with old and new members. Remember to bring your best blooming plants for the Schoenfeld and Rebecca Northern Trophies.

There also will be a slide show of Orchids and the Grantham's trip to the Holland flower market.

The big event and the most anticipated part of the evening will be the Orchid plant giveaway. Each single or dual membership will be able to pick one plant from a table of blooming plants. This is one of the ways that we thanks you for all your help and encourage you to participate in the many NWOS activities and events.

Bring your appetite.....

Mike Foster, President

Membership Renewal Reminder

The NWOS fiscal year is July 1 through June 30 so unless you joined recently, it's time to renew. Click [HERE](#) to pay by PayPal on our Membership page. You can also pay at the September meeting by check, cash, or debit/credit card. 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 \$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 2015. 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.

Recap: Fall Into Orchids: our AOS Judged Show and Sale, Nov. 8–9

We could not have had a successful show and sale without the participation of visiting societies and vendors. An enormous thank you goes to Swanson's Nursery for hosting our event. If you shop at Swanson's, please express your appreciation for their ongoing contributions to our society.

The Show Committee thanks the following for contributing to the show's success:

- Our host: Swanson's Nursery for providing the venue at no charge
- The Spokane Orchid and South Central orchid societies for driving across the state to put in gorgeous displays
- Our vendors for bringing interesting orchids and displays (SeattleOrchid, Emerald City Orchids, Lucky Girl Orchids, and Olympic Orchids) plus Ecuagenera, which sold orchids but did not display
- Our Society members who gave talks on Saturday and Sunday
- Those that worked and helped at the potting area
- The judges and folks that helped them
- Everyone who lent their blooming plants
- The many Volunteers who worked shifts, helped with publicity, staffed the registers, helped guide the public and answer their questions
- and of course all those who worked so hard during the set-up and take-down of our beautiful show

There were 3 AOS quality awards granted at our Show:



Aerides Punchinello 'Michelle Lynn' AM,
82 points. Owner Allan Kaas, (NWOS)



Phalaenopsis Jihbao Fairy 'Angel' AM,
80 points. Owner Jim Pearce (Spokane OS)



Paphiopedalum Bel Royal 'Lucky Girl' AM, 84 points.
Owner Laima Swanson (Lucky Girl Orchids)



and the NWOS display won the
Orchid Digest Corporation (ODC) Trophy



NWOS display



Another plant was AOS Nominated:
Platystele umbellata. Owner SeattleOrchid.com



closeup of its very interesting flower clusters



NWOS display back side



It's so hard to pick just one!



People enjoy the displays as well as the vendor area

Newsletter Editor's Note: There were so many fine photos of our Fall show as well as the process of creating and dismantling it that I have created a separate photo essay page [HERE](#). In addition, I have put a link on the upper left side of this page under the NWOS Contacts.

Report from the November Meeting

Mike Foster opened the meeting with several announcements and introduced new members and visitors. Mike Cory announced that he'd be sending out friendly reminders to those who have not yet renewed. Afterwards the Membership Roster will be sent out. George Grantham gave thanks for everyone's help with the recent show at Swanson's. Our society won the Orchid Digest Show Trophy. Joff Morgan set out sign-up sheets for the NWF&G Show. He described our exhibit and asked for additional help with setting it up. Next show committee meeting is on 11/20.

Carolyn Mann introduced our speaker Ron Parsons who spoke eloquently about his trip to the Sichuan province, China with his co-author, Mary Gerritsen. It was a tour led by slipper orchid specialist Holger Perner and his wife, Wenqing, to see various *Cypripedium* species. Along the way there were many other beautiful flowers in amazing settings. Thanks Ron for the wonderful tour!



Ron Parsons

Abigail Chang reviewed the plant table. Photos courtesy Diane Drisch.



Ron helps Chloe, Katrina and George pick goodies from his sales table



A full house listens to Abby review the plant table



Ron Parsons, Katrina Lindahl



Aerides PUNCHINELLO
'Michelle Lynn' AM/AOS
(lawrenciae x odorata), Allan Kaas



Closeup: Aerides PUNCHINELLO
'Michelle Lynn' AM/AOS



Cat. CIRCASSIAN ANGEL x Cat. BERING SEA,
Randy Erickson



Laelia hybrid, Mary Nichol



Colm. WILD WILLIE 'PACIFIC BINGO',
Randy Erickson



Odcdm. MACKENZIE MOUNTAIN,
Diane Drisch



Oncidium TWINKLE,
Katie Ryan



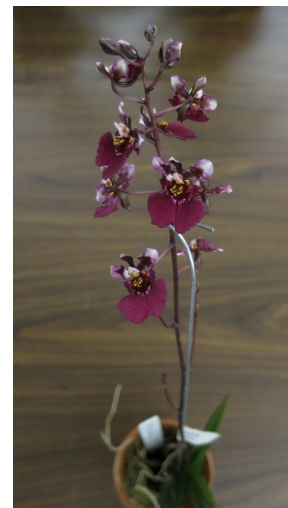
intergeneric hybrid,
Randy Erickson



Tulumnia GENTING PINK LADY,
Harvey Brenneise



Tulumnia TEQUILA SUNRISE,
Harvey Brenneise



Tulumnia RED BERRY,
Harvey Brenneise



Dockrillia rigida,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Den bracteosum (white form),
Diane Drisch



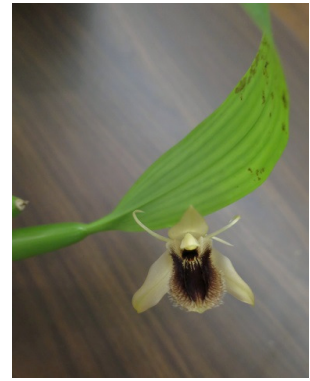
Lycaste Balliae,
Harvey Brenneise



Prosthecia cochleata, still going strong,
George Krasle



Miltonia, George Krasle



Coelogyne fuliginosa,
Diane Drisch



Trichosalpinx species in bud,
Jamie Notman



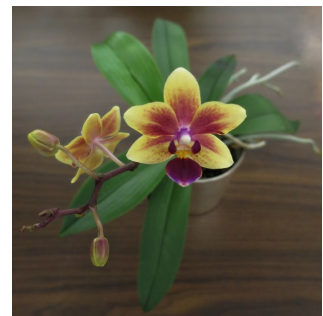
Pleurothallis pachyglossa,
Jamie Notman



Ponera juncifolia plant



Closeup: *Ponera juncifolia*,
George Krasle



Phal. hybrid, Bo Lee



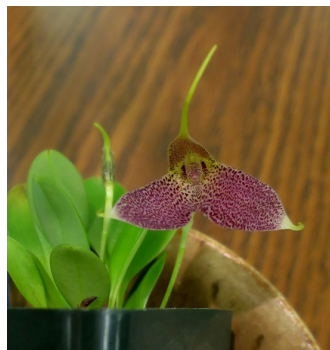
Paph Philip's Moon, Allan Kaas



Paph. Memoria David Hanson
(*P. primulinum* x *P. adductum*), Dick Hanson.
Bloomed and named by Scott Ware for Dick's son David



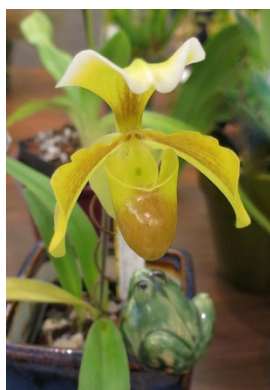
Paph. fairrieianum x Hilo Jewel,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Masdevallia decumana, Kathy Murray,
first bloom 1 year out of flask



Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz,
Allan Kaas



Paph. helenae x Pacific Shamrock, Mike
Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Satin Stone,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. hybrid,
Randy Erickson



Phrag. Fireworks (Grande 4N 'Piping Rock' HCC/AOS
x pearcei 'Jenna'), Harvey Brenneise



Phrag. Sedenii (schlimii x longifolium), Allan Kaas

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Dec. 8, 2014 - 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. George Grantham will give a brief talk on the Holland Flower Auction.

Jan. 12, 2015 - NWOS Meeting - Abigail Chang - 2013 Orchid Awards

Feb. 11-15, 2015 - Northwest Flower & Garden Show. Setup days are Feb. 7-9 and part of the 10th.

Feb. 16, 2015 - NWOS Meeting, one week later than normal because of the NWF&G Show setup on our regular meeting date.

March 9, 2015 - NWOS Meeting

March 16, 2015 - Hands **ON** Orchid Potting Clinic - Meet in the Lower Douglas Classroom

April 13, 2015 - NWOS meeting - Larry Muscovitz, topic TBD

May 11, 2015 - NWOS meeting - Mary Gerritson: Miniature Orchids

June 8, 2015 - 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: 1/6/15, 3/3/15, 5/5/15. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

Special Announcements

No special announcements this month.