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About the December Meeting

December 14, 2015

7:00 p.m.

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

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 beef or a spiral cut ham and a turkey breast 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 salad or vegetable

J - R, bring a main dish

S - Z, bring a dessert 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 2016 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.

The Legion of Bloom - Quarterly Gathering

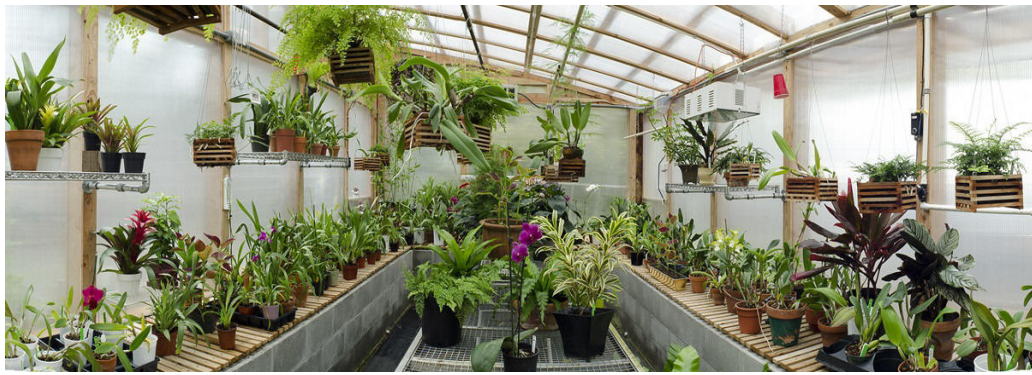
It's time for our quarterly check-in so we can compare notes and growing techniques. Bring your plants (Den. abberans and Pacific Pagan) that we received in September. Make sure to put your name on your plants (we'll have post-its available if you need them). We'll set up on a side table and Joe will bring some information on both plants which he'll make available for everyone next to our plants. It should be really interesting to see how we've all done.

Orchid Recovery Project

Greetings from the UW Botany Greenhouse!

Do you have an orchid or two you might want to donate to a good cause? Perhaps you have a Phalaenopsis or other easy to grow orchid that is done blooming and you were contemplating sending it to the compost? Don't! There is a wonderful alternative.

Dick and Anne Schneider of Port Townsend have started an Orchid Recovery Project on their small, non-commercial farm. With skill and loving care, he has brought more than 250 "recovered" orchids back to their full glory. These plants are then donated to local health centers or hospice homes to be given to people in recovery from illness or in need of some beauty in their lives. A truly lovely gesture.



Dick and Anne Schneider's Orchid Recovery Greenhouse

If you would like to participate in this process by donating your orchid to the project, please let me know! Orchids can be dropped by the greenhouse anytime and we'll make sure they get to Dick. Any type of orchid is welcome, as long as it still has green leaves.

Alternatively, plants could be brought to the December 14th NWOS meeting and Mike Cory has graciously offered to get the orchids to us.

Dick and his wife Anne will be visiting our greenhouse on Friday 12/18 and we'd really like to send them back to their home at RainCoast Farms with a car full of orchids.

Thanks so much for your consideration.

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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 meeting by cash, check, 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 2016. 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.

Northwest Flower & Garden Show

The theme for 2016 is "America the Beautiful – Celebrating America's National Parks & Landmarks." Our garden is inspired by Hawaii Volcanoes National Park on the Big Island.

Sign-up sheets for the Flower Show will be at the December meeting. We are looking for volunteers to help us collect moss and tree limbs, help construct the wood super-structure of our "volcano" garden, and build a wall surrounding the garden. We will also need your help placing pieces of slate that make up our "wall of stone," placing foliage plants and our beloved orchids within the garden. Once the Show opens we will need more people to answer questions and provide "security." And finally, we'll need people to help dismantle everything when the Show closes.

It's an amazing feat to watch the entire Show get put together in 3.5 days. And an even more amazing feat to witness the Show getting dismantled in 1.5 days!

Most of our shifts are broken into 3-hour blocks. Although some during Setup run a bit longer, and some during the Show are shorter. If you are unable to commit for the entire shift, just note the hours you are willing to help when you sign up. Working a shift at the Show does get you a Show wristband for free entry on that particular day.

Moss Collection:

- Thursday, February 11 @ 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Garden Setup:

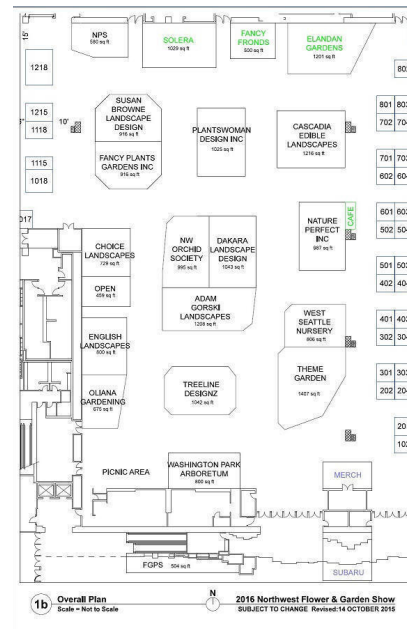
- Saturday, February 13 @ 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Sunday, February 14 @ 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Monday, February 15 @ 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday, February 16 @ 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Show:

- Wednesday, February 17 @ 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Thursday, February 18 @ 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Friday, February 19 @ 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Saturday, February 20 @ 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Sunday, February 21 @ 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Dismantling:

- Sunday, February 21 @ 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Monday, February 22 @ 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM



click the map to enlarge

Check out the map of where our garden will be in relation to all the other display gardens. We're in the center with Dakara Landscape Design and Adam Gorski Landscapes.

Any questions, contact Joff Morgan.

Report from our Fall Show and Sale



NWOS display



Lc C.G Roebling 'Sentinel'
Best in Show



Setting up



Phrag. kovachii x sib closeup



beautiful displays



lots of visitors to our vendors

I want to thank all the members of NWOS who helped make the recent show at Swansons Nursery a big success. I was impressed by the level of participation and the generosity of so many with their time.

This year was a year of some experimentation in several areas with an intention to use what was learned to have even bigger and better shows in the future. The Show Committee has also had a post-show meeting to discuss these outcomes. Some useful points.

- The show financially met its objective of at \$600 financial gain (income minus expenses). This was largely due to reducing expenditures. However, a new table fee structure was tried, and will probably be continued with some minor modifications. This greatly simplifies the logistics of the show on several levels, and allows vendors to cashier their own sales.
- There was a significant increase in show publicity, in more traditional "events pages" (print and electronic) but also social media. All vendors reported increased sales and they were satisfied (of course!) by that. We will likely want to modestly increase our budget in future to cover more electronic advertising, particularly in Facebook and Google. We will also likely seek means to collect more e-mail addresses of those most likely to want to attend future shows so that they can be notified when the shows happen.
- The ribbon judging was done in a different way this year than from past years, and caused some confusion with the AOS judges. Again, further refinement is called for, although having a simpler system has much to recommend it.
- Mary Margaret did a wonderful job designing and executing the NWOS display. The Society had enough high-quality plants to justify a somewhat larger display in the future.

- Two societies and one vendor had to bow out of the show at the last moment. We hope that won't happen again, and that we can increase show participation as our attendance increases with even greater show publicity.
- We are at a point where we are ready to consider having a spring show on the east side of Lake Washington.
- We had a very satisfactory relationship with Swansons Nursery this year.

Harvey Brenneise, Show Chair

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](#).

Also, I have put a link on the upper left side of this page titled **Fall AOS Show 2015**.

Diane Drisch, editor

Report from the November Meeting

Abigail Chang opened our meeting with announcements. She welcomed new members and visitors. Harvey gave thanks for everyone's hard work at our very successful show. Mary Margaret Cromarty talked about her experience helping out with the judging.

NWF&G show: Joe and Joff reported on the latest information.

Chris Peterson announced that the train is set up at the Conservatory. It's a neat thing to see and experience.

Joe introduced our speakers Steve Dorsey and his wife, Lori Lederman. They gave a fascinating talk about their trip to Madagascar. The trip's leader was Peter Tobias and included a number of orchid notables including Harold Koopowitz. It was wonderful to see and hear about the local homes, plants and wildlife. Besides engaging photos of Lemurs, Steve and Lori played a recording of their wonderful call. Orchids included: Darwin's orchid (*Angraecum sesquipedale*), vanilla, *bulbophyllum*, *cynorchis*, *habenaria*, *mycrocoelia* (with no leaves), *jumellia*, *angraecum eburnum* and many more.

Our second speaker was Andy Wright. He showed us a marvelous Wardian case exhibited in San Francisco. It was retrofitted from an old Snake Case by Joe Parker, John Leathers and volunteers. Packed with 500-700 plants, it was an incredible display of mostly *masdevallias*, *pleurothallids* & *draculas*. We were amazed by the photos and can only imagine how magnificent it must have been to experience first hand.

Andy reviewed the plant table.



Steve Dorsey and Lori Lederman



Andy with slide of the Wardian Case

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch.



Andy & a nice crowd of orchid enthusiasts



Aerides lawrenceae x *Vanda Sasicha*,
Harvey Brenneise



Vanda Brighton Pink,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Aerides PUNCHINELLO 'Michelle Lynn',
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Aerides PUNCHINELLO 'Michelle Lynn', closeup



Andy talking about his *Dimorphorchis lowii*



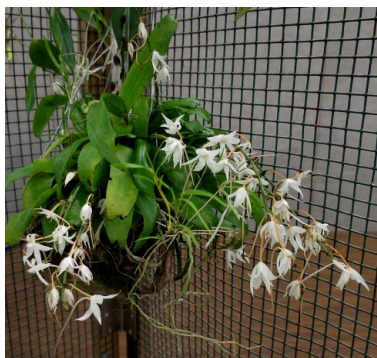
Dimorphorchis lowii hanging



Dimorphorchis lowii top flower closeup



Dimorphorchis lowii lower flowers



Aerangis biloba, Andy Wright



Stelis pachyphyta,
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Restrepia sp., Andy Wright



Ornithophora radicans,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Ornithophora radicans closeup



Gastrochilus Soma, Andy Wright



Bulbophyllum micholitzii, Joe Griener



Bulb. afrakanum var. alba,
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Bulbophyllum micholitzii, Andy Wright



Cadetia taylori, Andy Wright



Pleuro rowleei, Andy Wright



Pleuro strupifolia, Andy Wright



Pleuro strupifolia closeup



Pleuro megalops closeup



Pleurothallis megalops,
George & Cylvia Grantham



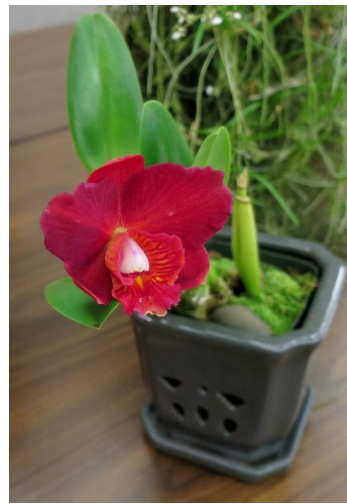
Lc. Mari's Song x Hsinying Pub,
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Blc. Terry Wayne,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Blc. Brassy Gold 'Camano Autumn' HCC/AOS,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Slc. Mini Doris 'Carmela',
George & Cylvia Grantham



Masdevallia asterotricha,
Andy Wright



Maxillaria schunkeana,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Milt. Connie Warne,
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Onc. Kavais, Allan & Michelle Kaas



Oncidium, Alberto Alvarez



Paph. Rosy Dawn,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. spicerianum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. spicerianum,
Alberto Alvarez



Paph gratixianum x henryanum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. gratixianum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phrag. cardinale,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Phrag. schlimii,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phrag. Jersey (yellow besseae x d'allesandroi),
Harvey Brenneise

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Dec. 14, 2015 - 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. Legion of Bloom mtg.

Dec. 19, 2015 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

Jan. 11, 2016 - NWOS meeting

Jan. 16, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

Feb. 8, 2016 - NWOS meeting - 1 week early because of the NWF&G Show Setup schedule

Feb. 17 - 21, 2016 - Northwest Flower & Garden Show, with setup starting Sunday, 2/14

Feb. 20, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

March 14, 2016 - NWOS Meeting - Annual Orchid Auction

March 19, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

March 21, 2016 - Hands ON Orchid Potting Clinic - Meet in the Lower Douglas Classroom

April 11, 2016 - NWOS meeting

April 16, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

May 9, 2016 - NWOS meeting

May 21, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

June 13, 2016 - NWOS meeting, Pot Luck Dinner and Gary Baker Service Award

June 18, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for the next fiscal year is: 1/5/16, 3/8/16, 5/3/16. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

Shopping on Amazon? Use this link to Earn \$\$ for NWOS

If you go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and sign in to your account, you'll be given information about supporting various non-profits. You can type in "Northwest Orchid Society" and it will then send .5% of your purchase price to the organization.

It's really easy, but you have to remember to go in through the 'smile' subdomain when you place the order, otherwise it will go through as a regular order.

Special Announcements