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### About the December Meeting

**December 12, 2016**

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!** It's once again time to put our growing skills to the test. Please join your fellow NWOS members in our friendly annual competition. We 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 2017 potluck.

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 who's dues were paid by Nov. 14 will be able to select a plant that is suitable to their growing conditions and you must attend in order to receive your plant.

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 main dish  
J - R = bring a dessert or drinks  
S - Z = bring a salad or vegetable

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.

**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 [Jake Burroughs](#) 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.

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## History of the Schoenfeld Trophy

During the NWOS's early years, the annual meeting was a dressy dinner affair at the Rainier Club in Seattle. The plant table was omitted at this meeting, possibly because there was no suitable space or because it was too difficult to park nearby. Then someone decided in 1963 that holding an orchid society meeting without orchids didn't make sense, so everyone was asked to bring their best plant in bloom to decorate the dining table. As an incentive, the team that normally judged the plant table was to pick a "best of show", and Society President Leonard Searle provided a division of one of his plants as a prize. The winner was Mrs. J. F. Lehmann.

The following year, Herb Schoenfeld, a member of the society noted for growing specimen-sized plants, donated a 10" Oneida Silver Bowl as a perpetual trophy for the "Most Desirable Plant" at the annual dinner meeting. His suggestion that selection be by a vote of those attending rather than the judging team was accepted. The first Schoenfeld Trophy winner was Wayne Miller with his Cattleya Tethys 'Martha Gorny'.

In 1969, according to the newsletter, "a Brassia with large showy blooms, (was declared) the winner (of the Schoenfeld Trophy). We believe Mr. Maurice E. Powers, of the Olympia Orchid Society, to be the owner of the fine plant:" Apparently he was not, because no one was able to determine where the trophy was the following year. Herb Schoenfeld graciously provided a replacement.

In the early years of the trophy, the members most often selected a showy hybrid from the Cattleya family as the most desirable plant. In the mid-1970's, Cattleya domination ended, with Gary Baker taking the trophy for Beall's Orchids with *Odontoglossum schlieperianum* var. Pachoi 'Pride of Vashon' in 1973 and *Miltonia* Cindy Kane 'Andrea' in 1974. Since then, as orchid growers' interests have broadened, the winning plant has come from a variety of genera, and well-grown species plants have often been selected in preference to showier hybrids. This was the case with the current (1995) Schoenfeld Trophy plant - Mike Foster and Donna Pierce's *Paphiopedilum insigne* var. *sanderae*.

Reprinted from the NWOS News, December 1995 by  
*Lee Kolb*, Past Treasurer and Newsletter Editor

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## Report from our Fall Show and Sale



**Our gorgeous display won the prestigious AOS Show Trophy.  
Photo copyright 2016 Mike Pearson**

The 2016 annual AOS orchid show at Swansons Nursery is now history. With more exhibits and vendors than last year, and good crowds on both days, it was a good success. We also met and exceeded the budgeted amount for this show.

Special thanks to the many of you who came out to volunteer in various capacities. Of particular importance were the greeters (a new position this year) who met the visitors as they entered the show, giving out information and accepting donations. But equally important were the set-up and take down crews, the cashiers, ribbon judges, speakers, and everyone else it takes to put on a successful show.

Other thanks go to Swansons Nursery, for again hosting us at no cost, as well as the visiting orchid societies and AOS judges. Orchid societies of Spokane, South Central Washington, and Mt. Baker joined us in this show. In addition, thanks to the vendors, including Lucky Girl, Seattle Orchid, Emerald City Orchids, Growing Grace Orchids, Olympic Orchids and Words Reflected. And last but not least, thanks to the other members of the show committee. Well done.

We continue our efforts at marketing the show in various places, both print and electronic, and that is starting to bear fruit in increased visitors and potential new members. Thanks again, and see you next year.

*Harvey Brenneise, Show Chair*

Besides the AOS Display award above, there were 2 other AOS awards:



**Masdevallia wurdackii 'Lucky Girl', CCM/AOS 86 pts, grown by Lucky Girl Orchids  
Photos Copyright 2016 - Mike Pearson**



**Acianthera binotii 'Lucky Girl', CHM/AOS 83  
pts.  
Grown by Lucky Girl Orchid**

This Certificate of Horticultural Merit is provisional (pending) until the species is properly identified by the American Orchid Society's Species Identification Task Force (SITF). Photos Copyright 2016 - Mike Pearson

## **Show Trophy Winners**

At our show, ribbons are awarded by our judges. Of all the First Place (blue) ribbons awarded, the "Best of" each plant category is determined and given a Trophy along with a cash prize of \$25. The "Best of Show" is determined from all of the 1st Place ribbons and Trophies, and is awarded a growing cash pool prize.

The NWOS would like to acknowledge the following First Place winners and their Sponsors who have each donated \$25 for these special Show Trophies. **Thank you all very much.**



**Best Cattleya Alliance**

Sponsor: Sheila and Michael Cory  
Awarded to: Blc. Brassy Gold 'Camano Autumn' HCC/AOS  
Grown by: George and Cylvia Grantham



**Best Cypripedium (Slipper) Alliance**

Sponsor: Mike and Donna Foster  
Awarded to: Paphiopedilum malipoense  
Grown by: Nick Spaulding



**Best Vanda and Phalaenopsis Alliance**

Sponsor: Al and Shelley Kaas  
Awarded to: Phalaenopsis City Girl 'Madonna' HCC/AOS  
Grown by: David Edgley, MBOS



**Best Oncidium Alliance**

Sponsor: Joff Morgan  
Awarded to: Oncidium Sweet Sugar 'Hamana'  
Grown by: Mo Veenstra, MBOS



**Best Dendrobium Alliance**

Sponsor: Peter and Kelly Maunsell  
Awarded to: Dendrobium Andrea Millar  
Grown by: Mike and Donna Foster

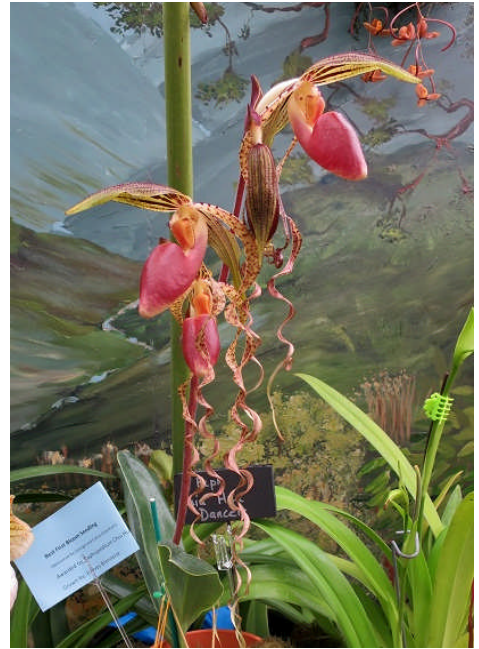


**Best Pleurothallids and Bulbophyllums**

Sponsor: Mike Pearson and Abigail Chang  
Awarded to: Acianthera binotii 'Lucky Girl' CHM/AOS (see add'l photos above)  
Grown by: Lucky Girl Orchids



**Best Miscellaneous Genera** (including Cymbidiums)  
 Sponsor: Andy Wright  
 Awarded to: Dendrochilum magnum  
 Grown by: Alan and Michelle Kaas



**Best First Bloom Seedling** (no mericlones)  
 Sponsor: George and Cylvia Grantham  
 Awarded to: Paphiopedilum Chiu Hua Dancer  
 Grown by: Harvey Brenneise



**Best Orchid Grown Indoors** (on windowsill and/or under lights)  
 Sponsor: Diane Drisch  
 Awarded to: Cymbidium Nut 'Red Beauty'  
 Grown by: Chris Peterson



**Best Orchid with Miniature Blossoms** (maximum of 5 mm in the largest dimension of the flower)  
 Sponsor: Barb Roberts  
 Awarded to: Schoenorchis gemmata  
 Grown by: Andy Wright



**Best of Show**

Sponsors: Mike and Donna Foster, Scott Ware, Richard and Betty Lyons  
 Awarded to: Acianthera binotii 'Lucky Girl'  
 CHM/AOS (see add'l photos above)  
 Grown by: Lucky Girl Orchids



**AOS NOMINATIONED:**

Dendrobium eriiflorum  
 Grown by: Seattle Orchid



**Best New Orchid Grower (5 years or less)**

Sponsor: Richard and Betty Lyons  
 "In memory of Rebecca T. Northen, whose life work was to encourage others to grow orchids."

NO ONE ENTERED THIS CATEGORY

**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 most meetings by cash, check, or debit/credit card. You can mail (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 2017. 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.

**News from the American Orchid Society**



**THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE** will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on:

- Genus of the Month - Sarcochilus



Sarcocilus falcatus 'SanBar Marvel' HCC/AOS; Photographer: Larry Vierhellig

- Orchids Illustrated - *Psychopsis*
- For the Novice - *Ferns and Orchids Don't Mix*
- The 2015 Photograph of the Week photographic feature
- Phil Spence writes about his favorite Grastidiums and Diplocaulobiums



Diplocaulobium regale 'Fox Den Pink Serendipity' CBR/AOS; Photographer: Teck Hia

- *Clowesia* species and hybrids



Clowesia rosea 'Arbec' CCM/AOS; Photographer: James Osen

***ALSO FEATURED IN ORCHIDS MAGAZINE!***

16-page award gallery of breathtaking pictures of recently awarded orchids.

**RECENT ORCHID AWARDS PICTURES ON THE AOS WEBSITE:**

See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new "[Latest Orchid Awards](#)" page on the AOS website to enjoy these stunning photographs! Click on the thumbnails to see them in larger format. *Free to members and nonmembers.*





Rhyncholaeliocattleya Sun Spots 'Melencia' AM/AOS; Photographer: Ramon de los Santos

Let's grow together,  
*Denise Lucero*, Vice-Chair, AOS Membership and Affiliated Societies

### Report from the November Meeting

Abigail Chang opened our meeting introducing new members and visitors. George Grantham gave a report and thanks for help with other societies' shows. Harvey Brenneise talked about our recent show and thanked all those that helped. Joff Morgan announced a show meeting on Dec. 6th for the upcoming NWF&G show. Our AOS representative, Mike Pearson, told us about a new benefit, the "Guide to a thriving Society". Abigail reminded us about the AOS Judging Center's monthly gathering on Saturday. Diane Drisch gave a report about retired member Lee Kolb who has compiled a history of the NWOS from about 1950 onward and asked if anyone had the older computer equipment that could read is document. Peter Maunsell and Barb Roberts volunteered. Mike Cory reminded us that he can take payments towards this year's dues.

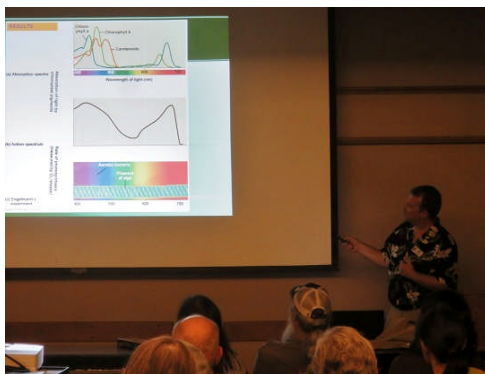


**Dr. Rob Halgren**

After reviewing the plant table and a break, 1st Vice President Jake Burroughs introduced our speaker, Dr. Rob Halgren. Ron started his enjoyable and informative program by discussing the light requirements needed by our plants. He reviewed the plusses and minuses of the many different lighting types, incandescent, fluorescent and LED. He brought samples of many available bulbs for us to see. We were then given a practical demonstration of how we could grow under lights. Ron took us on a journey from his old growing setup to showing us step-by-step how he created his current growing area. He grows completely under lights. This program was chock full of great ideas and information.

Our speaker Rob Halgren reviewed the plant table.

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch.



Cool science stuff



Ron shows the very latest in LED lights



Al's Stanhopea catches Ron's attention



Ron tells us about Phrag. kovachii



Phrag. Inca Rose 3N, Allan & Michelle Kaas



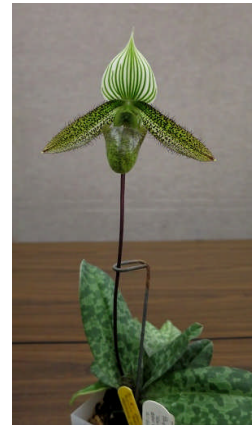
Phrag. kovachii, Matt McCarthy



(Paph. Emerald Memory 'Through the Roof' x  
Paph Lacewing 'Wallula'),  
Ellen Macomber



Paph. wardii f. album,  
Dick Hanson



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



Paph. Heron's Faire  
(White Heron x fairrianum),  
Abigail Chang



Paph. fairrianum,  
Abigail Chang



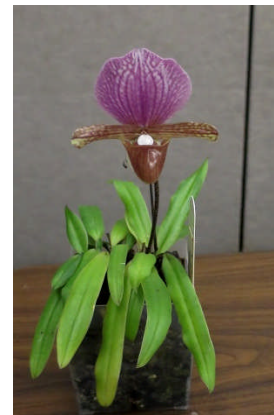
Paph. Friedrich Mellin 'Faired'(Paph.  
Alma Gavaert x Paph. fairrianum),  
Andy Wright



Paph. spicerianum,  
Abigail Chang



Paph. charlesworthii ('Ruth' x 'Searle's'),  
our cross, normal size,  
Dick Hanson



Paph. charlesworthii 'Ball State',  
May 1988 Dwarf Form,  
Dick Hanson



Paph. gratixianum 'Wedgwood' AM/AOS,  
Dick Hanson



Paph. gratixianum, Thuan Nguyen  
Left = 'MC4992' x 'Todd B'  
Right = TN6900 'Olympic' x 'Foster'



Paph. Honey,  
Thuan Nguyen



Paph. malipoense,  
Nicholas Spaulding



Paph. Transvaal,  
Ellen Macomber



Ada aurantiaca, Ellen Macomber



Lycaste Balliaea, Allan & Michelle Kaas



intergeneric hybrid, Nancy Wright



Odrbrs. Fangtastic Bob Henley, Nancy Wright



Psychopsis Kalihi alba  
'Green Valley' closeup



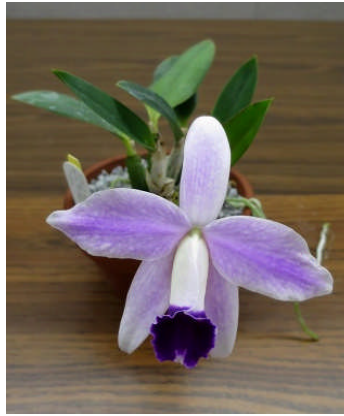
Psychopsis Kalihi alba 'Green Valley',  
Ellen Macomber



Potinara Burana Beauty,  
Thuan Nguyen



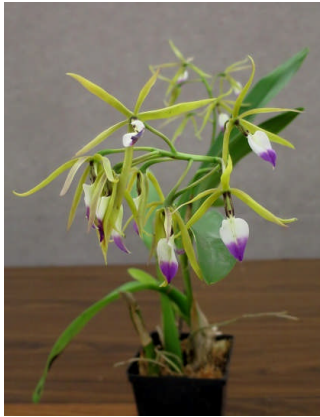
Cat. harrisoniana 'Volcano Queen'  
x 'Streeter's Choice' FCC/AOS,  
Thuan Nguyen



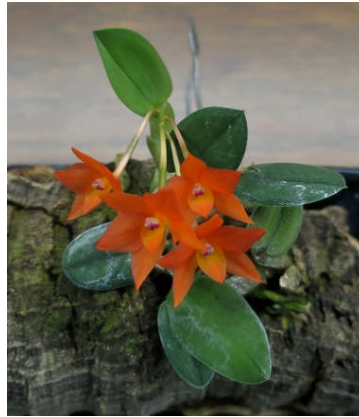
Laelia pumila 'Little Prophet',  
Dick Hanson



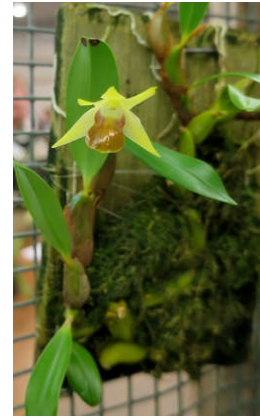
Schomburgkia Laelia,  
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Prosthechea brassavolae,  
Abigail Chang



Sophronitis cernua,  
Minh Au



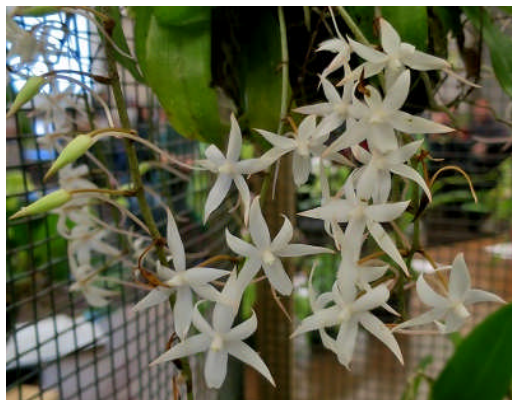
Epigeneium nakaharae,  
Andy Wright



Cadetia taylorii, Andy Wright



Brassavola nodosa, Allan and Michelle Kaas



Aerangis biloba closeup



Aerangis biloba, Andy Wright



*Pleurothallis hirsuta*,  
Andy Wright



*Pleurothallis tuerckheimii*,  
Andy Wright



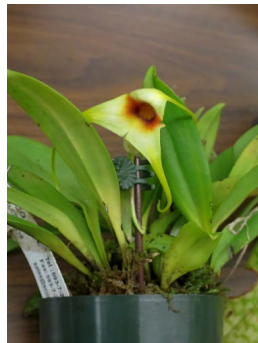
*Pleurothallis stricta* 'Olympic',  
Thuan Nguyen



*Bulbophyllum arfakianum* var. *alba*,  
Allan & Michelle Kaas



*Dendrochilum*, from UW Bot,  
Barb Roberts



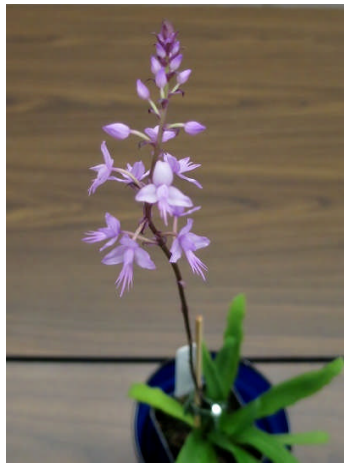
*Masdevallia Rex*,  
Andy Wright



*Masdevallia erinacea*,  
Abigail Chang



*Masdevallia Angel Tang*,  
George and Cylvia Grantham



*Stenoglottis longifolia*, Kathy Murray



*Stenoglottis Longwood*, George and Cylvia Grantham



*Dendrobium vexilarius* or *tanii*,  
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Den. Little Green Apples,  
Alba Dennis



*Dendrobium limpidum*,  
Diane Drisch



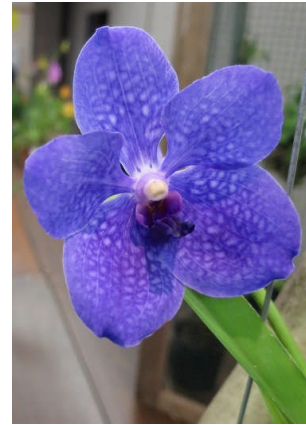
*Stanhopea warcewicziana*,  
Allan & Michelle Kaas



*Trigonidium latifolium*,  
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Sedirea (Aerides) japonica,  
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Vanda 'Pachara Delight',  
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Vanda sanderiana var. alba,  
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Vanda tricolor,  
Allan & Michelle Kaas

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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

**Dec. 12, 2016** - NWOS meeting - Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner and Plant giveaway for each member who's dues were paid by Nov. 14. We will also have two trophies to award: The Schoenfeld Trophy as well as the Rebecca Northen Miniature Orchid Trophy.

**Dec. 17, 2016** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**Jan. 9, 2017** - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Ron Burch, "Introduction to Growing Temperate Terrestrial Orchids in Your Garden"

**Jan. 21, 2017** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**Feb. 13, 2017** - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Fred Clarke, "Culture of Catasetums"

**Feb. 14, 2017** - Mt. Baker Orchid Society meeting - Speaker: Fred Clarke, "Australian Dendrobiums". Fred's a great speaker. Hear him discuss a new topic just one day after our meeting. Details to follow.

**Feb. 18, 2017** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**February 22 - 26, 2017** - NW Flower and Garden Show

**March 13, 2017** - NWOS meeting - Annual Orchid Auction

**March 18, 2017** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**March 20, 2017** - Hands ON Potting Clinic - Meet in the Lower Douglas Classroom

**April 10, 2017** - NWOS meeting - Culture Clinic, Speakers: Harvey Brenneise, Joff



Morgan, and Andy Wright

**April 15, 2017** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**May 8, 2017** - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Laima Swanson, "Genetic Traits Passed on in Progeny When Breeding"

**May 20, 2017** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**June 12, 2017** - NWOS meeting - Annual Potluck Dinner and Gary Baker Service Award

**June 17, 2017** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

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### **Reminder for Officers & Board Members**

The schedule of Board Meetings for this fiscal year is: 1/3/17, 3/7/17, 5/2/17. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike & Sheila Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

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### **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.

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### **Special Announcements**

No Special Announcements this month.