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About the December Meeting

December 14, 2020 7:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Even though we can't meet in person for our traditional Pot Luck Dinner, we still plan on getting together on Monday, December 14th in a Zoom meeting. Our program for this December's meeting will be a casual and social one, just like our usual pot luck meetings have been in the past. We will be taking some walk throughs of members' growing spaces, including Steve Dorsey and Robert Culver. And then we'll spend some time reviewing the Virtual Plant Table and talking to the growers. What better way to learn how to grow here in the Pacific Northwest than to talk to those who do it well.

I would also suggest that we could all grab a glass of wine or beer or other favorite beverage, and set out a plate of cheese and crackers to enjoy while we chat, look at beautiful orchids and enjoy each other's (virtual) company.

Unfortunately, for the time being, we'll have to forgo our usual gift of a Holiday orchid plant for each current member who attends the December meeting. We will keep track and have the plants for you at a later date.

However, we do plan on conducting another of our yearly traditions. So 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](#). Each person is a full-fledged member, whether they paid for a single, dual or youth membership. So each person is entitled and encouraged to participate in winning one or both of these trophies. Just send us a photo of ONE blooming plant for EACH competition. Members in good standing were sent an email explaining how to submit plant photos last week. The time for submissions is now closed.

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 which can extend beyond the 6" limit for the foliage. The measurement for monopodial and fan-type growth (Phals, Vandas, Paphiopedilums, etc.) is leaf span.



Schoenfeld Trophy



Rebecca Northen Trophy

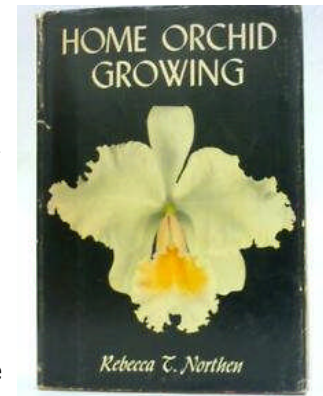
Everyone at the Zoom Meeting will cast a vote for each trophy. What do we mean by 'best blooming plant'? That's completely up to you, the voter, to decide what 'Best' means to you. The winner will keep the trophy until the December 2021 potluck.

Who was Rebecca Tyson Northen?

Learn more about our most famous NWOS member by checking out an article entitled: *Book opened orchid-growing to the world*, by Carol Smith, Seattle Post-Intelligencer Reporter, dated May 14, 2004 and Updated: March 15, 2011.

<https://www.seattlepi.com/seattlenews/article/Book-opened-orchid-growing-to-the-world-1144863.php>

In this article Carol writes "Before there was an Orchid Thief, there was Rebecca T. Northen. Northen, whose 1950 book "Home Orchid Growing" is still the bible for growers -- amateur and professional alike -- did for orchids what Julia Child did for French cooking, said one orchid lover."



International Odontoglossum Alliance Journals

For any of you who enjoy growing or who would like to learn more about Odontoglossums, the International Odontoglossum Alliance posts their journals online. Readership is free. The latest issue, Fall 2020, of the IOA Journal has been posted and is located under Recent Journals on their website: www.odontalliance.org.

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.

Membership Renewal Reminder

The current membership year is ending on Dec. 31. This means it's time to renew your NWOS membership for 2021. Our membership period now goes by calendar year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31). You can pay at most in-person meetings by cash, check, or debit/credit card. This year you should Click [HERE](#) to pay online using Paypal on our Membership page. Alternately, 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 \$30 for one person or \$40 for two people at the same address. We also have a Youth membership of \$15 for one person aged 22 or under. Dues are kept low to encourage membership but they cover only a small portion of the society's expenses.

Each single, dual and youth membership person will be considered an individual full-fledged member entitled to all privileges and benefits of the society (voting, Christmas plants, sell plants at meetings/shows/auction, members-only summer BBQ, compete for trophies, etc.).

Please contact [Mike Cory](#) for questions about your dues.

News from the American Orchid Society

DID YOU KNOW? The AOS website has a plethora of information to help us know and grow our orchids better. A good place to start is here: ALL ABOUT ORCHIDS

<https://www.aos.org/orchids.aspx>



The AOS exists to serve you, the orchid grower. The AOS website, the monthly ORCHIDS magazine, and the AOS webinars, held twice monthly are among the perks of membership.

PESTS AND DISEASES

It's always a good time to inspect your orchids for those pesky little critters and problems that crop up from time to time. Once you have brought your orchids in for the winter and they are in close range, be on the lookout for anything that looks out of the ordinary. Compare what you see to what it might be, by looking over [Orchid Ailments -- The AOS's Pests and Disease Series](#).

ORCHIDS magazine ran a popular series of articles in the early 2000s titled Orchid Ailments. That information is available on the AOS website. It provides viewers with information and images to help identify orchid ailments and grow healthier plants. From Aphids to Virus, the series explores the finer points of insect pests, rots, disease and cultural challenges, to name a few, and offers advice on prevention and treatment for common problems. Use the list of articles in this series to learn about specific orchid problems.

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-pests-diseases.aspx>

CULTURE CONNECTION

Monthly Checklist on Orchid Care. Review a selection of Winter Flowering Orchids and their minimum temperature tolerance.

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/november-december-checklist.aspx>

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/winter-flowering-orchids.aspx>

Culture Sheets These popular documents have been at the foundation of AOS orchid education for decades and provide orchid care information in a convenient, concise format. The website now contains printable QR codes for the popular orchid genera. It also includes PDF documents that print perfectly on a letter-sized sheet of paper.

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? Webinars are an internet-connected audiovisual presentation. You can view from anywhere that you have an internet connection via Mac, PC or even your mobile device. It's easy to find the scheduled webinars and to register on the AOS website. You will find the link here: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Webinars-Coming Attractions!






When	December 02, 2020 8:30pm EST Wednesday	December 16, 2020 8:30pm EST Wednesday	January 07, 2021 8:30pm EST Thursday	January 13, 2021 8:30pm EST Wednesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Orchid Conservation Projects in Florida and Cuba	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Mounting Your Orchids Best Practices
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Lawrence Zettler Biology Professor, Illinois College	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Michael Coronado Production Manager & VP, RF Orchids

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow! Webinar

announcements are posted on Facebook, Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter. Each webinar is recorded and available to view at your leisure. GREENHOUSE CHAT Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing

Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to greenhousechat@aos.org

DID YOU KNOW? OrchidPro is a member benefit allowing access to over 95,000 photos of award-winning orchids, exclusive data, in-depth genealogy (family trees, progeny, species makeup, parents), charts, and more. New data and photos are added continuously, and we're constantly working on new features and integrating third-party data to make OrchidPro the best orchid resource available anywhere. There are no additional costs to members for ongoing updates. The application can be accessed online from any device with an internet connection (OrchidPro adjusts to any screen size from desktops down to smartphones.) Plus, you can download data and photos and use all kinds of powerful features from viewing award-winning orchids side-by-side to saving searches for future use and much more.

AWARDS GALLERY AOS MEMBERS can review the beauty and diversity of awarded orchids in every issue of ORCHIDS magazine and also in the most up to date OrchidPro awards database. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx> <https://op.aos.org/>



Below is a sample of comparing awards shown in OrchidPro. Remember to sign on to aos.org and look for OrchidPro on the drop down menu. Click on any one photo in LATEST AWARDS to read the details, measurements and description for each award. Find out when and where it was exhibited, and the exhibitor for each orchid. While you are there, select OTHER AWARDS button to compare the current award to previously awarded clones.



This month there's a selection of three very different award types from across the USA.

LEFT *Bulbophyllum sanguineomaculatum* 'Irene' CBR | AOS (0 points)*

Award No: 20204887 Date: Oct 17, 2020

Northeast Judging Center

Exhibitor: Al & Irene Messina, Photographer: Maurice Garvey

*Interesting Note: Certificate of Botanical Recognition (CBR) is awarded to a cultivar of a species, subspecies, variety, or natural hybrid deemed especially worthy of recognition for rarity, novelty or educational value previously unrecorded by AOS. No point scale is used, but the award shall be granted only by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the judging team assigned.

CENTER *Masdevallia minuta* 'Kristen P' CCM | AOS (85 points)

Award No: 20202303, Date: Nov 01, 2020

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

Exhibitor: Douglas Kubo, Photographer: Ramon de los Santos

RIGHT Fowlieara Rhizome Cowgirl 'Little Heifer' FCC | AOS (91 points)
(Brassocatanthe Jack Sloniker x Rhyntonleya Sugita Spots)
Award No: 20201067, Date: Nov 14, 2020
Florida North-Central Judging Center
Exhibitor: Bill Nunez, Photographer: Wes Newton

AOS awards are a recognized measure of quality the world over and coveted by hobbyists and commercial growers alike. An AOS flower quality award adds value to an orchid in its own right, and as a parent for creating hybrids. Review the definition of each award here: <https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging/aos-awards.aspx>. The diversity of orchids seen in the judging system is awe-inspiring. Check in frequently to view the 100 most recent awards. Orchids are a continuing education.

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!
Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor
American Orchid Society, PO Box 565477, Miami, FL 33256-5477

Report from the November Meeting

The virtual meeting was opened at 7 p.m. to current NWOS members only. With 46 members in attendance, the vote for the 2021 Officers and Board members was taken by a poll which listed the published slate of candidates. The slate as presented was tallied and accepted by the members present.

The meeting was then opened to non-members. Joe Griener, President, welcomed everyone. He encouraged us all to join the American Orchid Society (AOS) as well as our own society, NWOS. He updated us about our December meeting. George Grantham announced that the NWOS group order of orchid bark was delivered and available for pickup.

Joe, in his other role as club Librarian showed our speaker's books that are available for takeout from our library. He then introduced our speaker Mary Gerritsen, whose topic was: 'Masdevallias: Selected Species and How to Grow Them'.

Mary spoke of Masdevallias as plants that do well in a cool to intermediate greenhouse. She showed beautiful photos during a lengthy survey of outstanding species. During this part of her talk she spoke about what each one liked in terms of cool vs. warm and the altitude in which they grew. She encouraged us to learn as much as we can about where they live naturally so we can provide that in our growing areas. Helpful tools include a swamp cooler, misters to provide high humidity and fans for good air movement. Water quality is important and media should be moist but not soggy. Mary recommended that we check our plants every day for pests and diseases. Mary's talk gave us the broad picture of this wonderful group of orchids as well as very specific information about their care and culture. Well done!

Virtual Plant Table

Since the November meeting was conducted via Zoom, we didn't have a physical gathering with a beautiful plant table. Rather than miss out completely, we are presenting a virtual Plant table. In this way we can still see the wonderful blooms that our members have so carefully cultivated. Photos are provided by each grower. Enjoy.



Masdevallia mix



Masdevallia glandulosa, Robert Culver



Masdevallia roseola, Robert Culver



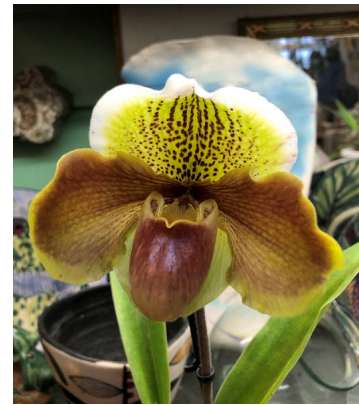
Masd. Golden Monarch 'Solar Place' AM/AOS,
Robert Culver



Cymbidium Enzan Susan 'Albion',
Steve Dorsey



Brachypetalim case,
Dick Hanson



Paph. Hellas x Duncan York,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



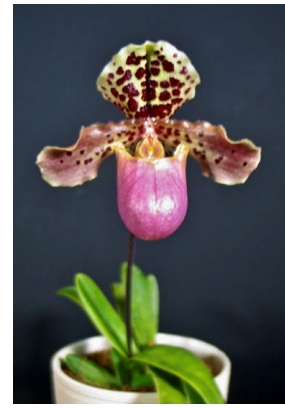
Southeast corner of my greenhouse,
Dick Hanson



Paph. Kimura Glow 'Tall Green' x
Sorcerer's Stone 'Yellow Desire', Bill Leicht



Paph. Gloria Naugel, Dick Hanson



Paph. henryanum, Robert Culver



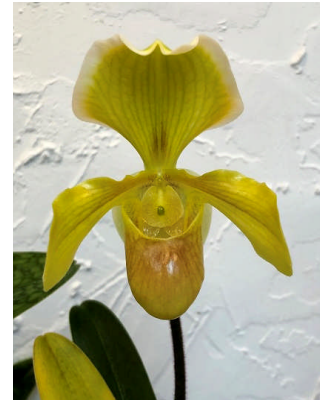
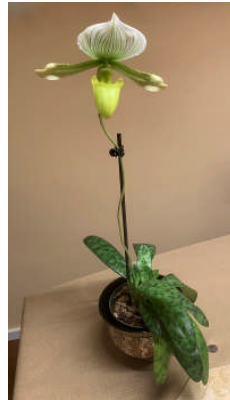
Paphiopedilum Venus Aglow,
Nancy Wright



Paph. appletonianum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Hsinying Bonjour
(Alma Gevaert 'Golden Gate' x Hsinying Dragon 'Double Trouble'),
Bill Leicht



Paph. helenae x Jolly Green Gem,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. gratrixianum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Maudiae Green-White,
Rebecca Schlegel



Paph. Maudiae Burgundy,
Rebecca Schlegel



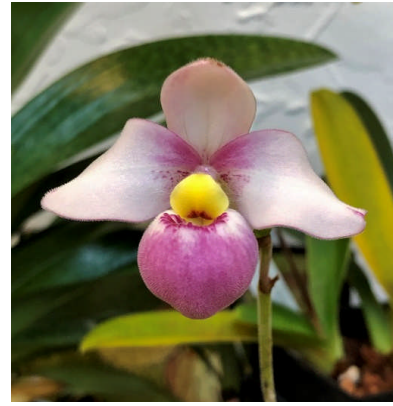
Paph. Rothschildianum 'Walla Walla' x
Paph. (Rafael Garcia Orraca x Hsinying Maru) 'Rubystar',
Gordon Cromwell



Phrag. hartwegii,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Aspasia eppidendroides,
Don Bilbrey



Phrag. schlimii,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Mediocalcar decoratum, Steve Dorsey



Bulbophyllum Sanguineunctatum,
Gordon Cromwell



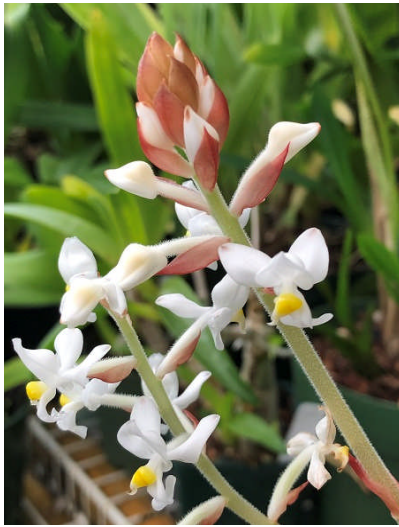
Bulb. lindleyanum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Bulbophyllum Emily siegerist,
Don Bilbrey



Restrepia antenifera,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Jewel Orchid,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Mormodes Exotic Treat,
Don Bilbrey



Liparis condylobulbon, Michael Cory

There are 20 spikes. I counted a medium sized one (with hand lens) and found 94 flowers. So I have close to 2000 in total. I've never done that before. It flowered in mid-November, and since the flowers have passed it can't be entered for a trophy. Even with 2000 flowers it is less flower mass than a Phalaenopsis, but a lot of fun. You need a microscope to see the flowers readily. My hand lens does not do it.



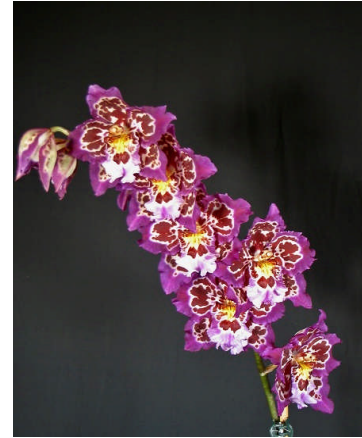
Anguloa ruckeri, Clayton Kroh



Anguloa tognettiae, Clayton Kroh



Mps Bleuana 'Titania', Robert Culver



Oda. Rawdon's Palace, Robert Culver



Mps Morris Chestnut 'H171',
Robert Culver



Odnta. Claire 'Big Girl',
Nancy Wright



Odm. Roy Wittwer 'Dande Lion',
Robert Culver



Oda. Dachs Wood, Robert Culver



Oda. Joe's Pick, Robert Culver



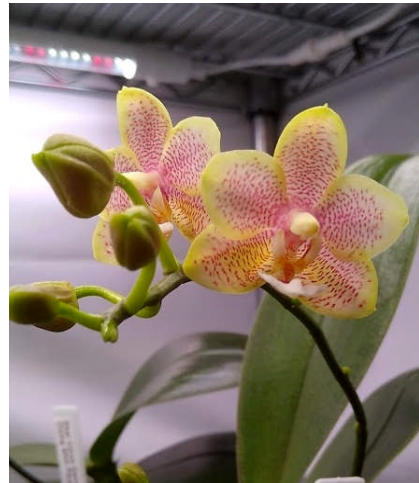
Phal. Citrus Candy showing how Joff grows under lights



Phal. Yaphon in Mirror, Joff Morgan



Phal. Citrus Candy (group), Joff Morgan



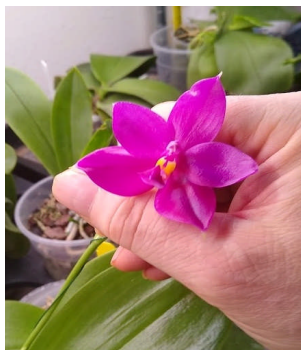
Phal. Citrus Candy 1, Joff Morgan



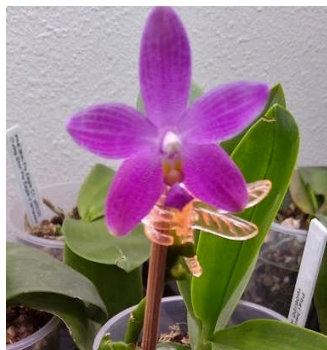
Phal. Citrus Candy 2, Joff Morgan



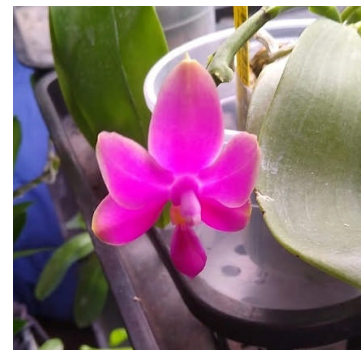
Phal. Citrus Candy 3, Joff Morgan



Phal. Alberla, Joff Morgan



Phal. Germaine Vincent, Joff Morgan



Phal. Yaphon Surprise Happiness, Joff Morgan



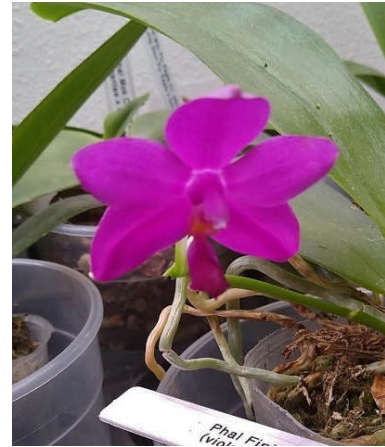
Phal. Pylo's Jewel, Joff Morgan



Phal. Pylo's Toy, Joff Morgan



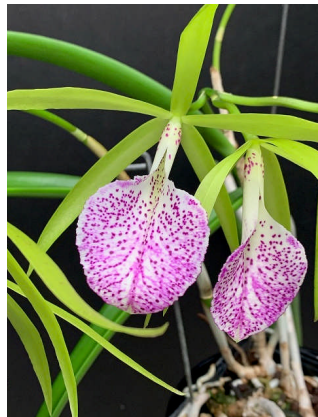
Phal. aphrodite, Robert Culver



Phal. Finjte Kunriawati,
Joff Morgan



Rossioglossum Rawdon Jester 'Marvista', Robert Culver



Bc. Nakornpathome Silver, Gordon Cromwell



L.C. Drumbeat x L.C. Bonanza Queen
Spring,
Gordon Cromwell



Cattleya Chocolate Drop 'Volcano Queen',
Diane Drisch



Broughtonia,
Don Bilbrey



Ric Hentsberger Lava Glow 'Volcano Queen',
Steve Dorsey



Sophronitis coccinea,
Steve Dorsey



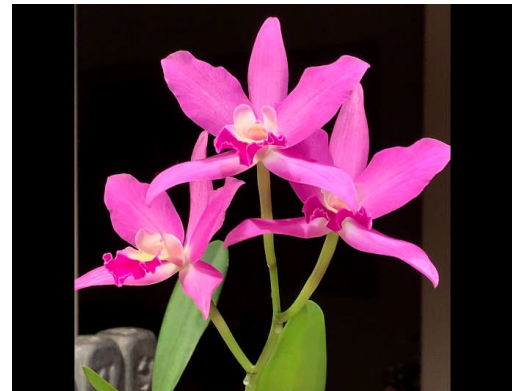
Pot. Shinfong Orange 'Orange-Red',
Joff Morgan



Pot. Fordyce Prelude x Lc. Tropical Aurora (fragrant),
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



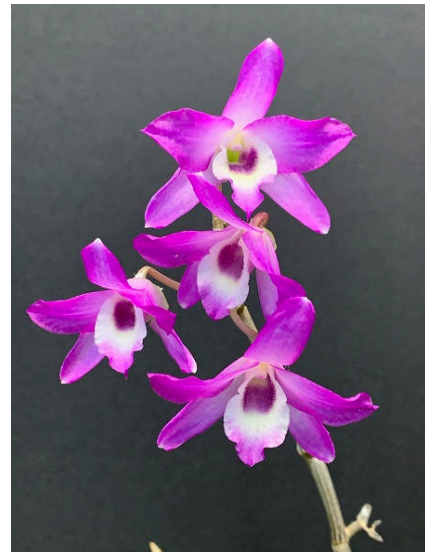
Blc, unknown,
Nancy Wright



L.C. Newberry Sentinal 'Mendenhall',
Gordon Cromwell



Dendrobium ariculatum,
Diane Drisch



Dendrobium unknown, Gordon Cromwell
small reed cane plant bought at an Orchid meeting

Schedule of Upcoming Events

December 14, 2020 - NWOS Virtual meeting - Holiday gathering to visit Members' growing areas and compete for Orchid Trophy Awards

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for next membership year is: 1/5/21, 3/3/21, 5/4/21, 9/7/21, 11/2/21. Currently meeting via Zoom at 7 p.m.

NWOS Website Links

- Main website: [Http://www.nwos.org](http://www.nwos.org)
- Events Calendar: <http://www.nwos.org/events>
- Membership (including renewals): <http://newsletter.nwos.org/membership/>
- Newsletter - Current Issue: <http://newsletter.nwos.org>
- Newsletter - Back Issues: <http://nwos.orchid-society.net/archives/>
- Show Information: <http://newsletter.nwos.org/ShowTime>
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/nworchidsociety>

Special Announcements

No Special Announcements this month.

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