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### About the February Meeting

February 13, 2012

7:00 P.M.

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

### Abigail Chang with a Program on the Northwest Regional Judging Center's AOS Awards

This will be a program and slide show of Orchids that have received an American Orchid Society quality award from the Northwest Judging Region.

Not only will we see what has received an award, we will also learn what the judges were looking for and what qualified the Orchid for it's award. We will also learn what the different award levels are and how that is determined.

Bring your notebook and be ready to be dazzled by the award photos that were taken by Mike Pearson.

#### Display Table:

Bring your blooming Orchids so everyone can enjoy them.

#### Sales Table:

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

#### Raffle:

Win a new orchid, from Out on a Limb Orchids or Seattle Orchids, for your collection.

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## Our April Show & Sale

We will be having the first show meeting on Wednesday February 15th at 7 p.m. It will be held at the Grantham's home. The address is listed in your Membership Roster. Or you can contact them at [georgegrantham@hotmail.com](mailto:georgegrantham@hotmail.com).

Please attend this meeting if you are interested in helping with the show.

The sign-up sheets for shifts will be at the meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting, sign up by contacting George Grantham or Mike Foster at [fosterpierce@comcast.net](mailto:fosterpierce@comcast.net).

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## Note on the May meeting pre-orders

Our May speaker is offering members a 10% pre-order discount. Sam Tsui can be reached at the Orchid Inn web site: <http://www.orchidinnusa.com/> and his e-mail is: [samtsui@orchidinnusa.com](mailto:samtsui@orchidinnusa.com).

Sam will waive the speaker fee if the total pre-orders are \$500 or more.

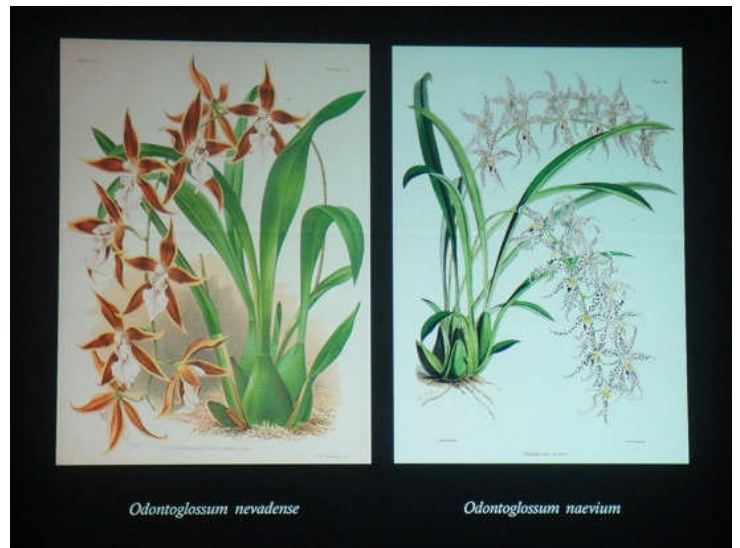
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## Report from the January Meeting

Steve Beckendorf told the story of his journey to find two Colombian *Odontoglossums* shown in his slide here.

When Steve started his quest for *Odont. nevadense* and *Odont. naevium* there was only 1 plant of each in cultivation anywhere in the world. Many attempts were made to self cross each of the last plants but none of the attempts were fertile.

Steve wove a wonderful tale. He had us all on the edge of our seats waiting for the next step in finding these orchids. As it turns out, they live in one mountain range, the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in Colombia. These mountains are located in the very northern tip of South America. They are high altitude "islands" that reach almost 19,000 feet high.



His colleague, Peter Wullner, searched through several divisions of one plant. Eventually he noticed a very small difference that indicated that it was a different clone. He finally made a fertile cross and got seed. They then went up the mountains in search of more plants and to plant some of the new seedlings in the wild. The mountains are rugged with very limited access.



Steve's story was filled with many serendipitous meetings and beneficial encounters which lead him to discover the plants in the wild. These included the boy at the school who was supposed to know where some plants were. But he was away on holiday. He then turned up later at a little store on the side of the mountain that they stopped at by chance. And then there was a man who sat next to him on the airplane who knew someone in Germany with the one remaining plant of *Odm. Naevium*.

It was a wonderful saga of adventure, hard work, persistence and good fortune told by a master storyteller. Thank you Steve.



Our plant table was particularly wonderful and loaded with a variety of species and hybrids.

It was dominated by Jerry Hoffmeister's huge *Sudamerlycaste ciliata* which filled the entire room with its wonderful fragrance.



This plant was first classed in the old *Lycaste* section *Fimbriate*.

Since then the genus has been segregated from *Lycaste* with about 25 species. The new name means The South American *Lycaste*.



According to Jah Pfahl's Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia, it is a medium sized, cold to warm growing epiphytic or lithophytic species found in Colombia, Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador under scrub in shady conditions and rocky soil in river canyons and on decaying tree stumps that is found at elevations of 1000 to 2800 meters. It has nocturnally fragrant, waxy, long-lived flowers.

You can get an idea of its size by looking at this photo of Andy Wright who reviewed the plant table.



Three plants from Al and Shelly Kaas



Brassavola Little Star



Dendrobium New Guinea

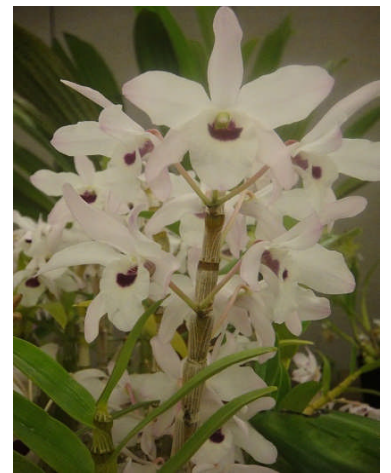


Paph. Betty Glenn



Peter Maunsell also brought  
three plants

Lc. Vandaletta



Dendrobium unknown

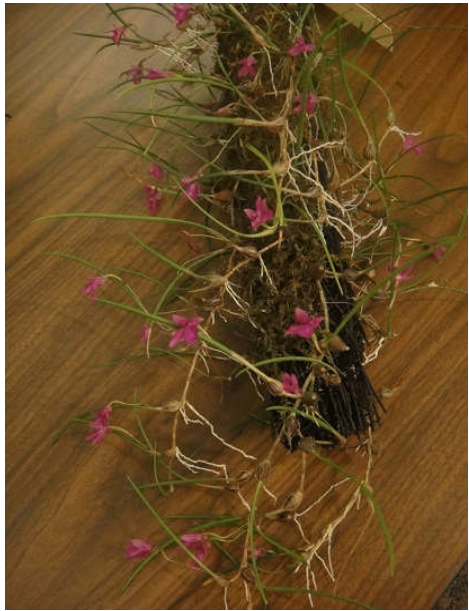


Oncidium Tsiku Marguerite NN #1



closeup of the flowers

The parents are *Onc. ornithorhynchum* x *Onc. Twinkle 'Red'* (*Onc. cheirophorum* x *Onc. ornithorhynchum*)



George Krasle's *Neolauchea pulchella*

and *Pleurothallis roezzii*



Blc. Florida Girl from Dan Kerr



a pretty hybrid with no id, from Mary Nichol



Joff Morgan, who grows under lights brought us *Dendrobium tuanahii*

and

Pot. Rubescence ('SVO' AM/AOS x 'Creation')





Michael Cory's Aliceara Pacific Nova 'Butter Buds' and Psychopsis Krameriana



Diane Drisch brought Vuyl. Fall in Love 'Lovely Lady' and Beallara Tahoma Glacier 'Green' as well as Colm. Wild Willie 'Pacific Bingo' and Paph. Satin Veil 'Butterscotch' x Stone Lovely 'Butterpuff'





Roxanne Rosson grew this Eplc. Butterfly Kisses 'Mendenhall' on her kitchen windowsill



Mike Foster and Donna Pierce's Phragmipedium Will Chantry



Mike and Donna also brought

Paph. helenae x Jolly Green Gem

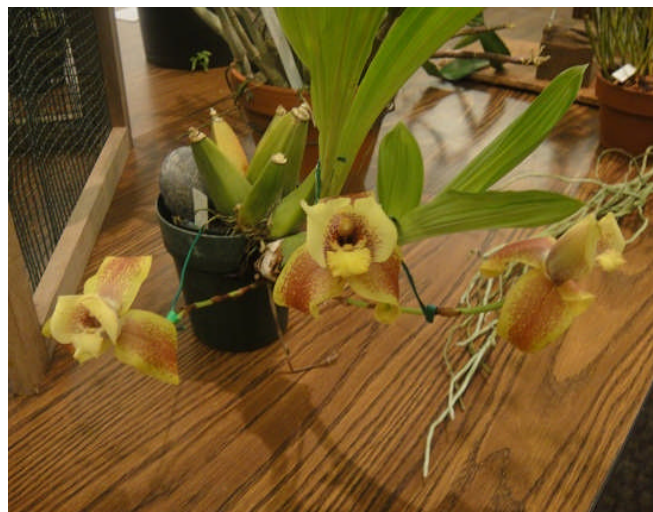


Paph. Gratrixianum



Lycaste Balliae 'Mary Gratrix' HCC/AOS x leucantha

from George & Sylvia Grantham



Notice several green supports holding the flower stems as well as the rock behind the pseudobulbs to hold the pot down. Sometimes we do what we have to do.





more from the Granthams: a truly luscious  
*Aerides quinquevulnera*

and *Dendrobium delicatum*



*Dendrobium alexandrae*,  
also from the  
Granthams



Andy Wright's display of mostly miniatures

But Andy doesn't do just miniatures as seen by the following two orchids:

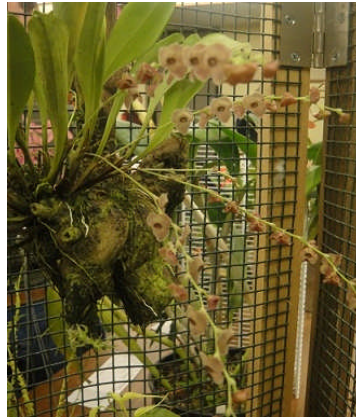


*Rhynchostylis gigantea red*



*Cattleya Scarlet Imp*

several more plants from Andy



And last but not least, Andy Wright's *Pleurothallis linguifera* with the flower coming out of the base of the leaf

Andy critiques his own plants



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### **Schedule of Upcoming Events**

March 12, 2012 - Annual Orchid Auction

March 19, 2012 - Annual Potting Clinic, lower classroom

April 9, 2012 - David Edgley: New trends in *Phalaenopsis* breeding and culture

April 14-15, 2012 - AOS Orchid Show and Sale at Sky Nursery

May 14, 2012 - Sam Tsui: The Bracky and Parvi *Paphiopedilums* and their culture

June 11, 2012 - Annual Potluck & Gary Baker Service Award

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

The schedule of meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 3/6/12 and 5/8/12. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

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