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## About the February Meeting

**February 13, 2017**

7:00 p.m.

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

### Fred Clarke: "Culture of Catasetums"

Fred Clarke started Sunset Valley Orchids in 1995 as a natural outgrowth of a hobby that began almost 30 years earlier. Sunset Valley Orchids is a "boutique" style nursery dedicated to providing excellent customer service and breeding superior orchid hybrids for the orchid enthusiast. Backed by over 28 years of experience in the horticultural industry as a professional grower and manager, Fred applies these skills to produce well grown and healthy orchid plants.



Fred Clarke when he visited us in 2012

Fred is a plant breeder of award quality orchids, focused on the development of new and interesting lines. He provides unique hybrids and species in several genera and orchid families including Cattleya, Catasetinae, Paphiopedilum, Australian Native Dendrobium, and a few others in limited numbers like Sarcophilus, Zygopetalum and Stanhopea.

All plant offerings are produced in Sunset Valley's laboratory and grown from seed at the nursery. The lab processes over 200 new hybrids annually resulting in 2000 replate flasks. Plants are selected on strict criteria of robust growth and ease to flower. This is accomplished by selecting the most vigorous growing plants throughout the growing processes of flasking, community trays, and growing in pots. This grading results in the strongest and best plants for customers and future breeding.

Fred is a popular speaker on many orchid subjects and travels extensively around the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Latin and South America. Fred is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. Orchids from Sunset Valley Orchid have received hundreds of AOS awards, including 8 that have received the highest honor, the First Class Certificate. [www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com)

**Orchid Plant Pre-Orders** - Folks attending his talk can preorder plants from Fred Clarke at [www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com) for a 10% savings. In addition you'll be saving on the shipping since Fred will be bringing the plants with him. Those placing a pre-order should simply email him with 'Seattle' in the subject line along with their order.

### Display Table:

Bring your blooming Orchids so everyone can enjoy them.

**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:**

The raffle will be held as usual. Win a new orchid for your collection while supporting the Scholarship Fund.

**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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**Calling All Orchids**

The 2017 NW Flower & Garden Show is upon us! The time to show off your best, longest lasting blossoms is now! Stake those flower stems, polish those leaves, and label those pots. We need your blooming orchids to show off their stuff in the "**Orchid Garden Wedding Banquet**", our NWOS orchid garden designed by Joe Griener, Joff Morgan, and Noriko Marshall.

Here's what the [www.gardenshow.com](http://www.gardenshow.com) website has to say about our display:

You don't have to imagine a serene, subtropical setting for a spectacular wedding banquet. This garden is a feast for the eyes, with rare orchid specimens on loan from very exclusive collections.

The sun is beginning to set, and soon members of the wedding party and guests will dine amidst a spectacular display of orchid flowers and other tropical and sub-tropical plants. Created by an army of enthusiastic members of the Northwest Orchid Society, this garden is the most impressive display of rare, flowering orchids in the State of Washington each year.

The specimens curated for this garden have been carefully arranged so that each may be considered individually as well as part of the complete display.

***"Take-home ideas" for your own garden:*** Learn about the care and cultivation of these tropical beauties from knowledgeable volunteers.

All blooming orchids (and even some of your non-bloomers) are needed to help fill this 936 square foot garden. NWOS volunteers will be busy laying the garden's wood foundation and building a two-foot wall of stone bricks around the arbor feature at the front corner on Saturday 2/18. Pennsylvania Blue slate stone pieces will be affixed to two long walls and the Zoo's luscious foliage plants will be placed on Sunday 2/19. The most important piece of this garden goes in on **Monday 2/20** – YOUR ORCHIDS!

**PREP YOUR PLANTS**

1. *Water your blooming orchids well.* The Convention Center is a very drying environment and very hard on blooming plants. We do make every effort to keep your plants misted throughout the Show.
2. *Stake those bloom spikes.* If any of your bloom spikes or blossoms bounce when you move them about, it's best to stake them, especially for the car trip to/from the Convention Center.
3. *Wipe down the leaves, check for pests.* We want your orchids looking their best for this Show and that includes the leaves. None of your orchid's neighbors want to come away with uninvited guests, so check those leaf undersides and other crevices where bugs love to hide.
4. *Label your plants.* Each orchid should have a clearly written tag with its name and your name. In addition, put your name on a piece of blue Painters Tape (we'll have some at the garden) or use an address label and affix this to the side and bottom of the pot. If you are using a cover pot, be sure the cover pot is also labeled with your name.

We want to make sure that your plants (and cover pots) come back to you!

5. *Make a list.* To help our volunteers keep track of your orchids when dismantling the garden on Sunday 2/26, it helps to have a Master List with your name, contact information, and each plant that you brought to display. (Please print!)

6. Will you be picking up your plants from the Show or from a member's house? On this same Master List (#5), please indicate if you will be picking up the plants on Sunday 2/26 teardown? Or will you be picking up the plants from one of the orchid drop spots? Teardown begins at 6 pm on Sunday 2/26 and will probably run to 9 pm.

#### DELIVER YOUR PLANTS

There are two options for delivering your plants – deliver them to our garden at the Convention Center on **Monday 2/20**. Or make use of one of the Member Drop Spots a day or three earlier. Someone will be at the garden from 12:00 pm until at least 10:00 pm.

Attached to this article is a map ([WSCC South HCF.pdf](#)) to the Convention Center and its Hand-Carried Freight Elevator. Follow the instructions to the elevator, get your parking ticket validated, get a "Work Pass" sticker to wear, and bring your plants to the 4th Floor. Once off the elevator, walk straight ahead towards the gardens. We are located in the center of the gardens but closer to the merchant booths just before the Skybridge. Also attached to this article is a map ([2017 Floorplan](#)) of the gardens and where we are located on the 4th floor.

Member Drop Spots can also be used to deliver your plants **before** Monday 2/20. There are two locations this year – the Grantham's in Lake Forest Park and my place in Shoreline. If you decide to avail yourself of a drop spot, please contact either George Grantham or Joff Morgan before arriving.

#### PICK UP YOUR PLANTS

The Show ends at 6:00 pm on Sunday, 2/26. At that time, the orchids are removed from our garden, grouped using that handy printed "Master List" you were so kind to make, and are ready for pick up.

Be sure to wear your "Work Pass" or "Sunday Wristband" to get onto the Convention floor. The Hand-Carried Freight Elevator mentioned previously will be running from 6:00 pm to well past 10:00 pm. But we hope to be out of there by 9:00 pm, so plan to come a bit earlier and help us dismantle the garden.

If you are unable to pick up your plants from the Convention Center, you may opt to get them at a Member Drop Spot. Again, be sure to mark your choice for pick up on your Master List of plants so we know. We've never left any plants behind, but we have had a few plants go home with the wrong owner because someone did not label them.

#### LET'S GO FOR THE GOLD

With your help and your blooming orchids, we can make an award-winning orchid garden this year. Let's wow the Judges and the Public with a vast array of colorful, interesting blossoms. And get that elusive GOLD medal!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [rastur@eacw.org](mailto:rastur@eacw.org) or by phone/text at 425-269-8383. With your help we are going to create an amazing garden!

~ Joff Morgan

click images to enlarge



2017 floorplan

map to WA State  
Convention Center

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### Calling All Volunteers!

First, I want to thank everyone who has already signed up to work a shift (or more) setting up, working at, and/or tearing down our garden at the 2017 NW Flower & Garden Show. We would not be able to do this without your help!

Second, I'd like to encourage the rest of you, those NWOS members who have yet to sign up, to step forward to claim a 2 or 3 hour shift and help your Society. You will get to see the Show for free, help answer orchid-related and Society questions, talk with fellow orchid members, and help provide security for our babies .. er, orchids!

Here are the work shifts that could use more helpers:

- SAT, 2/18 Need of a member with a full size bed pickup truck to help transport wood

structures from Woodinville to the garden on Saturday morning around 11:00 am. For the rest of you coming on Saturday morning to help setup, bring gloves.

- SUN, 2/19 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, placing last of stone and arranging the foliage, bring gloves

- MON, 2/20 12:00 pm – 10:00 pm, help us label and place the orchids

- WED, 2/22 9:00 am – 12:00 pm 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- THU, 2/23 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- FRI, 2/24 9:00 am – 12:00 pm 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- SAT, 2/25 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- SUN, 2/26 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

- MON, 2/27 10:00 am until we finish, dismantle the garden and cleanup, bring gloves

A person with a full size bed pickup truck is needed to help transport wood structures from the Convention Center at 2:00 pm back to Woodinville.

My plan is to have at least 3 people for each work shift during the Show and the lighter 6 pm – 8 pm shifts will get by with just 2 people. This allows for frequent breaks, rotation of duties, and even a trip to the plant vendors.

#### WHAT ARE THE DUTIES

There are mainly two jobs that our volunteers are being asked to fulfill – security and answering questions. Security politely asks people not to sit on the wall and not to touch the flowers. The other job entails helping to answer orchid and Society related questions from the Public. These questions can be as simple as *when do we meet and where*, to the more complex *how do I get my orchid to bloom* and the perennial favorite *can I water with ice cubes*. If you don't know the answer or are the least bit squeamish talking to the Public, there will be more knowledgeable members nearby that you can point to.

#### HOW DO I SIGN-UP?

If you are interested in signing up for a shift and/or helping with setup or teardown, please contact Joff at [rastur@eacw.org](mailto:rastur@eacw.org) or by phone/text at 425-269-8383 with your shift requests. **Please state your preferred shift and any alternates.** Wristbands and Setup Stickers will be available at the February 13th General Meeting. If you are not going to be at that meeting, I will mail your items to you. Or we can arrange to meet outside the Show's entrance on the 4th floor of the Convention Center.

Thanks much!

~ Joff Morgan

Speaking of orchid vendors, there are two this year – Emerald City Orchids (Booth #2326) and Keeping It Green Nursery (Booth #2334).

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### Orchids Needed for Mt. Baker Show and the Flower & Garden Show

The Mt. Baker Orchid Society Show and Sale will be held Sat. and Sun. Feb 18-19. We will be collecting plants for Mt. Baker at our house on Wednesday, Feb. 15 th . We plan to send a nice display to this show as we wish to support our neighbors up north as they support us with their displays in our shows. It is held in Skagit Valley Gardens in a pleasant greenhouse that also houses a café that serves a nice lunch. If your plants are expected to stay fresh through the following week, please consider letting me take them to the Convention Center on Monday Feb. 20th . Setup for Mt. Baker will be Friday afternoon and teardown will be Sunday at 4PM. If you would like to help with either please let me know.

Please also be sure to bring whatever you can to the Convention Center Monday, Feb. 20th for inclusion in our display at the Flower and Garden Show. Be sure your plants are groomed, staked and not tipsy. See elsewhere in the newsletter for detailed information.

George Grantham, 2nd Vice President

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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 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.

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## News from the American Orchid Society



The New Year has begun, many beautiful orchids are coming into bloom and exciting things are happening at the AOS. The AOS has a mission to promote and support the passion for orchids through education, conservation and research. At the Fall Planning Session, the Board of Trustees set a path into the future to provide societies and members with access to the wealth of "everything orchid" they hold in their treasure troves. So as technology moves forward, they will make things more available electronically.

Along with the ever popular culture sheets, you can already see many recorded webinars, take a look at pages of exquisite AOS awarded orchids and the scanning continues of Orchids Magazine where you can already view 29+ years that are now on the website, with more to come.

Just in case you weren't aware... Candace Hollinger of the Affiliated Societies Committee, is doing a wonderful job as our Instagram account administrator. If you use Instagram the AOS would love you to find and follow us at: [americanorchidsociety](#). In the short time our Instagram site has been up we have gained over 1200 followers--and each time we post we get new followers! Amazingly, most of our followers appear to be international—which proves that orchids speak a universal language!

To keep this momentum going, we need your help. Please send your photos and short videos to: [americanorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:americanorchidsociety@gmail.com). Award photos (with credits) from judging centers are very popular. Candid shots and videos taken with a smartphone are great for IG posts. Of particular interest to IG followers are photos that show: repotting activities, unusual mounted orchids, species found in situ, shots of your growing area, orchids under lights, large specimen orchids, illustrated orchid growing tips, greenhouse tours, or a society activity. Be sure to send a short caption explaining your photo. Also, if you are bilingual and can include your caption in English plus your other language(s)—it will help with our universal outreach.

Remember, the date has been set for the **AOS Spring Member's Meeting**. It's being held at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, home of the AOS, in Coral Gables, Florida, on May 17-21, 2017. Also, note that it's being held in conjunction with **Redland International Orchid Festival in Homestead, Florida**, which is an event beloved by many orchid enthusiasts. Special hotel rates are being made available and quantities are limited so book now before it's too late. [Hotel registration](#) information is now listed in AOS events on the website. We'll let you know as soon as the meeting agenda is firmed up and registration is available. Please put it in your calendar and let your members know that all AOS members are welcome to join us.

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

### **The Dunes and the Mist: Sanctuary and Ledges: Orchids of Southern Brazil**

**Thursday, February 9, 2017** @ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST *Members Only*

Join Nile Dusdieker as he chronicles a tour through Southern Brazil looking for orchids, with Francisco Miranda and 8 of his closest orchid friends.

Register now using this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2263227416717337859>



Cattleya intermedia 'Memoria Luiz Carlo Pasa' AM/AOS; Photographer: Luiz Filipe Klein Varella

### **American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017** @ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST *Everyone invited*

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education, who will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on questions submitted by attendees. Please send your questions by Sunday, February 19th to [stillisch@cox.net](mailto:stillisch@cox.net).

Register now using this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9087761951054886147>

### **American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton**

**March 14, 2017** @ 8:30 PM (EST) Join Ron McHatton who will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on question submitted by attendees. Please send questions to [stillisch@cox.net](mailto:stillisch@cox.net) by March 12th.

Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7136953445473612291>

Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**WHAT ARE WEBINARS?** Webinars are an Internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP.

**WANT TO LEARN, BUT CAN'T MAKE THE DATE?** The live webinars will be recorded and posted on the AOS website, where you will find a link allowing you to view the webinars at your convenience.

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

- Genus of the Month - Tom Miranda's Top 10 Bulbophyllums
- Orchids Illustrated - W.H. de Vriese, Botanical Illustrator
- For the Novice - Choosing Your Fertilizer
- Cattleya Constance Wigan
- The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show
- Native Orchids of California, Part I



Epipactis gigantea 'Linda' HCC/AOS; Photographer: Ramon de los Santos

**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.*



Miltoniopsis Bleuana 'Shawnee' AM/AOS; Photographer: Arnold Gum

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

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**Report from the January Meeting**

Abigail Chang, our president, opened our meeting with greetings to all our new members and guests. Joff reported on the NWF&G Show and set out signup sheets. George G. talked about the upcoming Mr. Baker Orchid Society Show in mid February. See articles about both of these shows above. Jake presented a Library report. Abigail then spoke about orchid events and how people should send information to webmaster at [nwos.org](http://nwos.org). She then introduced this year's Nominating Committee: Joff Morgan, George Grantam and Allan Kaas and encouraged everyone to talk to them. They will announce the new slate of officers and Board members in April and we will vote in May.



**Abigail presents the AOS Award**

George Grantham, 2nd VP, was presented with the Award that our Society received from the AOS for our exhibit at our November show and sale. George thanked all those who worked so hard and brought their creativity to our beautiful orchid display.

We then had an update on the new location for the AOS Judging Center that takes place on the 3rd Saturday of each month. It will be at the Phinney Neighborhood Center, room 3 of the main building at 6532 Phinney Ave. No., Seattle. We encourage everyone to support the NW Judging Center of the AOS by bringing plants in bloom to one of the monthly judging sessions.

It was nice to see Erika Dyer training to be a cashier with Pat Gossler. It just goes to show that we can all help our society in ways that suit each

of our interests and with whatever time that we're able to contribute.

Jake introduced our speaker, Ron Burch of the Gardens at Post Hill. He gave a wonderful talk about terrestrial orchids especially cypripediums. He gave us a lot of information about the various species, where and how they grow. To grow them well you have to know each one's specific growing conditions. Some prefer alkaline soils, others more acid. Some prefer wet conditions, others don't. Luckily deer or rabbits don't seem to like them because of their bitter taste. They can be grown in pots, don't care for sun or heat and are mainly pollinated by bumble bees. Many grow well in our climate. He also told us about other species that grow well with cyps. such as Calanthe, Dactylorhiza and Bletilla to name a few. Ron graciously stayed to answer many questions from our members.



**Ron Burch**

George Krasle reviewed the plant table.

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch.



Ron answers questions



Abby & George share a lighthearted moment



Our speaker inspired us to give growing some cyps a try



A full house enjoys the plant table review



George Krasle reviewing the plant table



Ron shares his expertise





Phalaenopsis pallens, Alberto Alvarez



Vanda Khun Nok x Vanda Pine River, Joff Morgan



Aerangis luteoalba closeup



Aerangis luteoalba syn. rhodosticta ('What-a-lip' x 'Prolific'), Al Mysiewicz



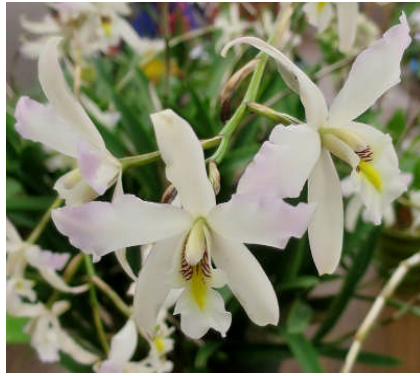
Laelia anceps, Roxanne Rosson



Brassavola David Sanders, Steve Dorsey



Laelia gouldiana, dark form, George Krasle



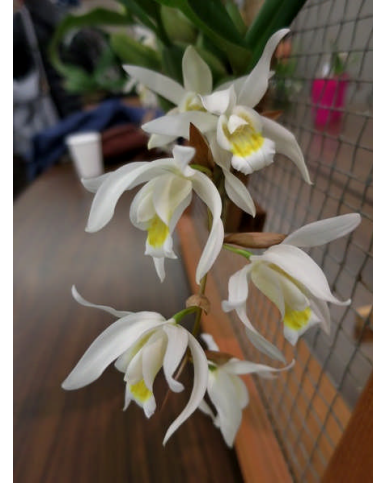
*L. finckeniana* closeup



*Laelia Finckeniana*  
(natural hybrid of *L. anceps* x *albida*),  
George Krasle



*Coelogyne* plant, Steve Dorsey



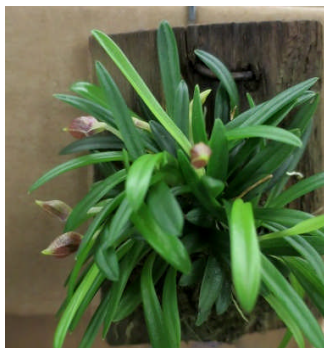
*Coelogyne* closeup



*Oncidium*, George Krasle



*Oncostele Masai Red*, (syn. *Colmanara*)  
Steve Dorsey



*Dryadella cristata*,  
Stephanie Sanchez



*Tolumnia*,  
Jeanne McKinnie



*Phaiocalanthe Kryponite* 'Chariots of Fire', Alberto  
Alvarez



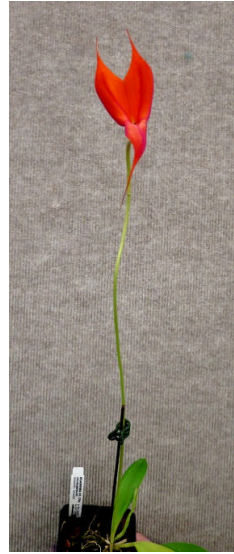
Masdevallia atropurpurea,  
Stephanie Sanchez



Masdevallia Copper Angel 'Tyler',  
Diane Drisch



Ludisia discolor,  
George & Sylvia Grantham



Masdevallia veitchiana,  
Joe Griener



Cranichis sylvatica,  
Al Mysiewicz



Cym. Red Hatfield,  
George Krasle



Dendrochilum saccolabium  
'Stony Point', Al Mysiewicz



Dendrochilum saccolabium closeup



Dendrochilum pangasinanense,  
George Krasle



Dendrobium,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Den. Moniliforme Yamatomishiki (variegated),  
Diane Drisch



Den. victoria reginae,  
George & Cylvia Grantham



Dendrobium Kokomo 'MBF',  
Joff Morgan



Fdk. After Dark 'Sunset Valley Orchids' FCC/AOS,  
Joff Morgan



Phrag. cardinale (selenii x schlimii),  
George & Cylvia Grantham



Phrag. calurum 'Bert Fields' closeup



Phrag. calurum 'Bert Fields', Roxanne Rosson



Paph. Leaping Leopard 'Lula Cat'  
x Paph. (Gridlock x Churchill Bay) 'Bubba',  
Joe Griener



Paph Wallula Tiger,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. villosum,  
Thuen V Nguyen



Paph. Great Warrior,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



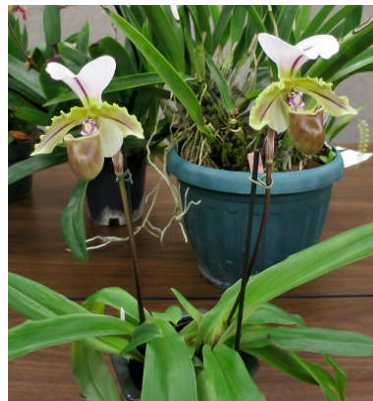
Paph. gratixianum,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. gratixianum,  
Thuan V Nguyen



Paph. spicerianum,  
Diane Drisch



Paph. spicerianum,  
George & Cylvia Grantham



Paph. spicerianum,  
Joe Griener



Paphiopedalum,  
George Krasle



Paph. Veiled Dreams,  
Alberto Alvarez

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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

**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, so you'll want to hear him discuss a new topic just one day after our meeting.

**Feb. 18, 2017** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm. at it's new location in the Phinney Neighborhood Center

**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: TBD

**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: 2/7/17, 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.