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About the February Meeting

February 11, 2019 7:00 p.m.

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

NWOS Monthly Meeting has been Canceled

The UW has announced: Due to continued snow and icy conditions, normal operations are suspended on the UW Seattle campus on Monday. Classes, activities and other events are canceled.

Our previously scheduled speaker, Ron Midgett, has been rescheduled for April 8th (see Schedule of Upcoming Events below).

The March Auction and Potting Clinic

Start getting your Orchid plants and pocket books ready for the March Auction. This annual event is a great way to purchase Orchids and sell a few extra plants.

We will also have the annual Potting Clinic the Monday after the auction. Watch for more details on both of these events in the March newsletter.

Volunteer Park Conservatory Orchid Show and Sale - April 6-7, 2019

We will be having a Show and Sale at Volunteer Park Conservatory, on the first weekend of April. It will run from 10am-3pm, with free admission on Saturday and \$4 admission on Sunday.

There will be sign up sheets at the February and March meetings for helping with the show. If you would like to be added to the show committee or want to be involved, please email Mike Foster, fosterpierce@comcast.net

NW Flower & Garden Festival

When: Wednesday Feb 20 through Sunday Feb 24
9:00 am to 8:00 pm Wed through Sat
9:00 am to 6:00 pm Sun

Where: Washington State Convention Center
705 Pike St, between Pine & Union and 7th and 9th Ave
in downtown Seattle



From I-5 Southbound (to primary entrance on 8th Ave):

- Take the Stewart St Exit (Exit 166)
- Left on Boren Ave
- Right on Seneca St
- Right on 8th Ave

From I-5 Northbound & I-90 Westbound (to primary entrance on 8th Ave):

- Madison St Exit (Exit 164A)
- Right on Madison St
- Left on 8th Ave

The NW Flower & Garden Festival is upon us once again! We are creating a 1000 square foot orchid garden in the shape of a circular yin-yang symbol. Our garden is titled "**Orchids in Balance**" and it will be a walk-through. We plan to organize the orchids (YOUR ORCHIDS!) by color and then put the cool-colors on one side and the warm-colors on the other. Our garden is definitely more "artistic" this year rather than telling a story like we did with last year's "Vanilla Farm".

Looking over the Volunteer Sign-ups, I see some coverage holes remaining where we could definitely use a few more helpers. My hope is to have at least 4 volunteers for each 3-hour shift. This will allow for periodic breaks to get away, put your feet up, enjoy the Show, window shop the plant and ORCHID vendors, grab a coffee or other beverage and rejuvenate your batteries a bit to answer more orchid questions.

If you would rather act as "security" for the plants and not talk to the Public, that is certainly allowed too. Just point the Public to one of the more knowledgeable members in our group for fielding those questions.

Here are the days and times we could use more helpers:

Wednesday Feb 20 - Opening Day, busy but not as busy as Saturday

- 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, at least one more helper
- 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, two needed
- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, two needed

Thursday Feb 21 - this is a slower day, less people than the first day

- 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, at least two more helpers needed
- 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, one more needed
- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, one more needed

Friday Feb 22 - this is a slower day too, will pick up a bit at 3pm

- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, one more please
- 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, two more needed
- 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, two to three more needed
- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, two needed

Saturday Feb 23 - this day is busy, loads of people esp. if it's sunny

- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, two more please
- 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, one more please
- 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, two to three more needed
- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, one more needed

Sunday Feb 24 - lightest day by far, loads of bargain hunters

- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, two more needed
- 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, three more needed
- 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, one more please

In addition, we could always use more helpers during our garden's Setup:

Saturday, Feb 16 from Noon to 5:00 pm or a bit later

- We install stone benches, build our 24 to 30-inch tall wall of bricks around the entire garden and along the walkway through its middle. The planters at the front of each teardrop will go in, along with the columns and raised greenhouse benches. A fun, noisy time!

Sunday, Feb 17 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

- The Zoo delivers their gorgeous foliage plants and we need help unloading them, then installing them into the garden. The bamboo fence pieces I ordered will be delivered and installed too. More sawdust and mulch will be added to all garden areas. Less noisy but certainly high on fun!

Monday, Feb 18 from Noon until probably 11:00 pm or later

- This is the day YOUR ORCHIDS are installed into the garden. We'll need help with creating readable plant name signs, grouping orchids by color, and then installing them (in small groupings) into the garden. Later, once we are near completion, the entire garden gets a layer of moss. No pots can show!

WATERING

This is a very important job. I will be at the Show each morning from 7:30 am to 9:00 am applying water to our foliage plants and spraying water onto the moss to keep it fresh.

I need one or two people each day to help with this, if possible. It involves using a 4-gallon backpack sprayer to mist the entire garden or using a 1-quart container to dip into a 5-gallon bucket of water to lightly water the foliage plants.

Waterers needed on the following days:

- Wednesday, Feb 20
- Thursday, Feb 21
- Friday, Feb 22
- Sunday, Feb 24

I already have two volunteers signed up for watering on Saturday morning. Thank you, Inga and Allan!

SIGN-UPS

You may sign up for any of these volunteer shifts at the February Meeting. You can also send me an email or call me to sign up. My contact information is in your Roster.

I will have the wristbands and passes needed to get into the Show at the February Meeting too. If you won't be at that Meeting, don't fret as I will mail you the wristbands or passes that you need -- provided you signed up earlier.

Thanks much!

~ Joff Morgan

Your ORCHIDS Are Needed

Your orchids are needed to help populate our 1000-square foot garden at the NW Flower & Garden Festival.

The orchids are needed on Monday, February 18th at the Washington State Convention Center in downtown Seattle. Someone will be at our garden from Noon until 11:00 pm. But we ask that you deliver your orchids **before 7:00 pm** if possible. Or contact me beforehand to arrange a later time. My contact details are in your Roster.

Delivering Orchids to our Garden:

The Convention Center runs a hand-carried freight elevator within the 8th Avenue Parking Garage. Parking is FREE if you are in and out within ONE HOUR and you get your ticket validated with the Freight Elevator attendant. The Frt. Elevator runs that day until 9:00 pm.

NOTE: Vehicle height limit is 6'-5", no full size vans or trailers. If you go over the one hour your parking fee is calculated on the entire time you were parked.

Click [HERE](#) for a PDF map with detailed instructions on how to get there.

- Get your parking ticket validated with the Freight Elevator attendant
- Take the Freight Elevator to the 4th Floor
- Head straight into the Convention Center
- Walk up the aisle marked "500-600" to reach our garden
- You may also look for the huge floor-to-ceiling columns, we are at the second column from the right.

Make sure that:

- Each plant pot has your name affixed on it (address labels work)
- You've included a printed list of all of your plants
- And note whether you will be picking up the plants on Sunday Feb 24 or what you want us to do with them at Show's end

Another Option for Delivery:

Make use of a member drop point. **You will need to do this BEFORE Monday the 18th**, as both members running these will be at our garden on that day.

- Each plant pot must have your name on it (address labels work)
- Include a printed list of all of your plants
- And write down when you plan to pick them up from the drop point

Joff Morgan (me) and George Grantham will be the drop points. We are both located in North Seattle. I am in Shoreline. George is in Lake Forest Park. Our contact details are in your Roster. Please call or send an email if you wish to avail yourself of a drop point.

Be sure to read through "**Prepping Your Plants**" for details on staking, cleaning, and preparing your orchids for this Show.

~ Joff

Prepping Your Orchids for the NW Flower & Garden Festival

Here's what to do to prepare your orchids for the Flower Show. Or any show for that matter.

Check for Pests and Diseases

Check both sides of the leaves, look into the crevices of leaves and pseudobulbs, the front and back of flowers, underneath the pseudobulb sheathing, and in and around the pot or mount. No one wants extra hitch-hikers (slugs, snails, aphids, mites, scale or worse!) to

return with our precious babies. The same goes for any bacterial, fungal, or viral diseases.

If you are in doubt, don't send it. If there are any questionable items found on your plants during Setup, they will not be displayed.

Clean Your Plants

Gently run a soft, damp cloth over and under the leaves. Trim any burned leaf tips. Trim the dried sheathing. Just generally make the plant look healthy and pretty.

Water Thoroughly

We will be misting the plants and the surrounding mosses that blanket the garden in the morning of each Show day to help keep them fresh. However, the Convention Center environment is very drying and is hard on many flowering ornamentals including our orchids.

And people too, so keep hydrated when volunteering.

Stake any wobbly flower stalks

Any rambling, wobbly, or long inflorescences should be staked to prevent damage during transport to the Show.

Label the Pots and back of Mounts

Put your name on a piece of blue Painters tape (it doesn't peel off when it gets wet) or use those address labels that various charities send you, and put your name on the side or bottom of the orchid pot (or both). With the printed list (see below), these labels help us identify the orchid as belonging to you when we dismantle the Show on Sunday evening.

If your orchid has to be in a cache pot, then be sure to label that pot as well.

Otherwise, *don't send the cache pot*. All orchid pots within our garden will be disguised with "live" moss. One of the Flower Show rules is -- no pots can be visible. We have to create the illusion of an established garden, without visible pots.

Make a Printed List

- Include your name, address, phone, and email
- List each plant name on its own line
- Specify whether you will be picking up the plants at Show's end on Sunday, Feb 24? Or do they go home with someone else and you'll pick them up later?

Keep in mind if you opt for picking your plants up later, our next meeting (the Auction) is two weeks after this Show ends.

Label Your Boxes and Trays

We want to be sure that any boxes or trays you used for delivery actually go back home to you. So label these items in **BOLD** with a permanent marker or plaster them with address labels.

~ Joff

Flower Show Vendors

Speaking of vendors, be sure to pay a visit to the vendors who helped build our garden:

- Emerald City Orchids (Booth #2228)
- Andy's Orchids (Booth #2233)
- American Bamboo Company, Mark Meenan (Booth #2326)

~ Joff

Membership Renewal Reminder

It's time to renew your NWOS membership for 2019. Our membership period now goes by calendar year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31). You can pay at most meetings by cash, check, or debit/credit card. Click [HERE](#) to pay online using Paypal on our Membership page. 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, etc.).

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

Moths, Bees, Birds... and Perhaps People?

By Tony Lombardino

Originally published in *Orchid News*, Deep Cut Orchid Society, New Jersey

Orchids have populated the earth for over 300 million years, first appearing when all the continents of our current world were fused into one huge land mass. As the continents drifted apart, eventually taking their current positions, orchids travelled with them and, as a result, populate every continent except Antarctica. During their travels through space and time incredible environmental changes must have presented these amazing plants with unimaginable challenges to their survival. Yet despite these challenges, orchids were able to evolve and thrive.

Much of their survival has been due to their amazing ability not only to attract pollinators, but to co-evolve with those pollinators so that the pollinators themselves cannot survive without the very orchids they pollinate. Take, for example, the male euglossine bees that harvest scent molecules from certain orchids in order to attract the females necessary for mating. Or the Darwin moth, who so depends on orchid nectar that it has evolved a tongue ten inches long so it can traverse the nectary of the angraecum that it pollinates. It can be said that the success of orchid survival has depended to a great extent on their ability to seduce other organisms into assisting them in their ability to reproduce.

However, in today's world this delicate dance of survival is being disrupted by rapid environmental changes, many of them caused by human incursion into natural orchid habitats. Deforestation, insecticides, human plundering and even climate change are threatening orchids far faster than natural evolution can mitigate. If left to their ancient survival mechanisms, it's likely that entire families of orchids may well become extinct.

But although we humans have disrupted the ancient rhythms of the natural world, is it also possible that we have been, like moths and bees and birds, seduced into helping orchids survive? Have these plants, with their beauty, complexity, and almost infinite variety, now found an avenue of escape from extinction by attracting the attention and affection of us humans?

In recent decades, orchidists have learned to propagate orchids far faster and in exponentially higher numbers than ever occurs in nature. We now create hybrids that are stronger and more resilient than their parents. Our interests have moved from genera with big, fragrant flowers to those subtler but no less interesting groups such as miniatures, those with insignificant flowers and even those whose fragrance can be nauseating. In addition, those of us who love these amazing plants are spending time, energy and money on conservation programs to preserve as many of their natural habitats as we can.

In our human-centric ways of thinking, we tend to believe that we are always the ones in control. We are attracted to orchids, so we buy them, learn their needs, help them thrive, fill greenhouses with them, propagate them. All for our enjoyment, we think. But from the point of view those orchids we're obsessed with, is it possible that we are just the latest in a long line of conquests to assist them in their struggle to survive?

News from the American Orchid Society

It's time to ask you to join us at the AOS Spring 2019 Members' Meeting. The meeting is being held March 20th - 24th, 2019 in conjunction with the San Diego County Orchid Society Spring Show in beautiful San Diego, California. With its great weather, miles of sandy beaches, and major attractions, you won't regret adding a few days onto your trip to enjoy this laid back oceanside destination. The Schedule of Events isn't listed on the website just yet, but the link for hotel reservations is. To get the Event Rate of \$139 you'll need to book by February 18th, 2019. Regular room rate is \$177 but the AOS rate of \$139 is available from March 16th through March 28th. Meeting activities will be held at the Hilton Mission Valley and the show will be at the Scottish Rites Center. Book your room now: <http://www.aos.org/news-and-events/members-meetings/accommodations.aspx>. We'll make sure you receive notice once the full schedule is available.



AOS President Susan Wedegaertner's message in February's issue of ORCHIDS magazine includes an introduction of the current AOS Finance Committee to us. The committee consists of Graham Wood, Treasurer; Doris Asher, Assistant Treasurer; and Nancy Mountford, the former Assistant Treasurer. Former Treasurer, Sue Wedegaertner, is now our President and the committee's staff liaison is Ron McHatton. Although small in number, these dedicated and knowledgeable members of the Finance Committee are vital in providing financial oversight and ensuring our financial needs are monitored. They make recommendations directly to the Board to ensure we maintain necessary resources to fulfill our mission, vision and objectives. We appreciate these individuals and the guidance they provide.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

It's easy to find the scheduled webinars and to register on the AOS website. You'll find the link under the All About Orchids tab. If you check there, you will find any webinars that have been scheduled after the production of the monthly Corner.

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Dr. Ron McHatton

Tuesday, January 29th, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST

Open to all

Please join Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Science Officer, as he answers your questions about all things orchid. He will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on questions submitted by attendees. Please send your questions and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at greenhousechat@aos.org by Tuesday, January 22nd. Remember to include pictures. Register now using this link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8715770793699735042>

Cultural Techniques for Growing Cymbidiums with George Hatfield

Wednesday, February 13th, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST

Members Only

Please join George Hatfield of Hatfield Orchids, premier hybridizer and grower of Cymbidiums. He will share tips on getting them to flower with lots of flowers and cultural techniques for growing award-winning Cymbidiums! Register now using this link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8443419564208111107>

American Orchid Society:
Greenhouse Chat with Dr. Ron
McHatton

Tuesday, February 26th, 2018 @
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST *Open to*
all

Please join Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Science Officer, as he answers your questions about all things orchid. He will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on questions submitted by attendees. Please send your questions and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at greenhousechat@aos.org by Sunday, February 24th. Remember to include pictures. Register now using this link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2314157910598154753>

Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the seminar.

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? Webinars are an Internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his/her 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.



Paphiopedilum Saiun 'Forest Park' AM/AOS
Photographer: Nile Dusdieker

- The Care and Feeding of Orchid Society Speakers by Sue Bottom
- The Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival, Part 2: The Later Years by Clare and Johan Hermans
- Remaking *Cattleya* Prince John by Arthur E. Chadwick
- Southern California Orchid Road Trip by Heidi Kirkpatrick and Gayle Brodie

Join AOS today! If you become an American Orchid Society member, you have considerably more resources at your disposal--making growing orchids even more enjoyable and successful. Including:

Digital Access to Over 350+ past issues of Orchids magazine extending back to 1932!



Cym. Whitney Houston 'I Will Always Love You' HCC/AOS
Photographer: Larry Vierheilig

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

- The New Refugium Botanicum - *Phalaenopsis* (Sedirea) japonica by Franco Pupulin
- Form and Function: Fringe Festival Fascination, Part 2 by Thomas Miranda
- For the Novice: A pair of articles on orchid shows and displaying your plants for the first time.
- Judges' Corner: Organizing a Judging Project by Jean Allen-Ikeson
- Orchids Illustrated - *Dendrobium* by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins

ALSO FEATURED IN ORCHIDS MAGAZINE!

16-page award gallery of breath taking 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 non-members.



Cattleya Pink Pat 'Davis Doll' HCC/AOS
Photographer: Ramon de los Santos

Let's grow together, Denise Lucero, Vice-Chair, American Orchid Society Affiliated Societies Committee ([Affiliated Societies@AOS.org](mailto:Affiliated_Societies@AOS.org))

Report from the January Meeting

Michael Cory gave a great Orchid Basics talk about Water Quality and Orchids. It included the various sources of our water supplies, terms for understanding our water quality reports (like TDS) and different 'waters' such as distilled, RO and tap. We gained a new understanding about this important area of orchid care.

Abigail Chang, President, welcomed new members and visitors. Since January is now the beginning of our fiscal year, she introduced the Officers and Board of Directors that were voted in last November. George Grantham reported on outside shows. Joff Morgan discussed the NW Flower & Garden Festival. Mike Foster announced the upcoming Show and Sale at the Volunteer Park

Conservatory and asked for suggestions for future Orchid Basics talks. During the plant table review by George Krasl, Joff talked about his new growing media, terra cotta chips, that he now uses instead of his previous semi-hydroponic pellets.

After the break Mike Foster introduced our speaker Shawnee Luciani, from the UW Botany Greenhouse. She talked about their Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program which is an interesting approach to pest control. The four main management approaches include Biological, Cultural, Mechanical and Chemical controls and uses the principle of 'Grow a Healthy Crop' to withstand attacks by pests. Introducing predatory insects can also help. Oftentimes using simple means of control like blasting with a jet of water and using alcohol and/or safe hand soaps kills a lot of insects and brings their numbers down to reasonable levels. She also showed the life cycles of a number of common pests so we could better understand how and when to deal with them.

George Krasl reviewed the plant table.

Photos: Diane Drisch, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Mike Cory helps us understand how to have good water for our plants



George Krasl discusses Ben's Dendrochilum during the plant table review



Joff's new semi-hydro growing medium,
1-4 in. fired terracotta



Diane's busy taking photographs
for the newsletter



Shawnee, Donna and Deb
check out the plant table



Paph Norito Hasagawa,
Gordon Cromwell



Paph. NoID,
Nancy Wright



Paph Keyeshii,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Paph. (Cruella x Spotglen),
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



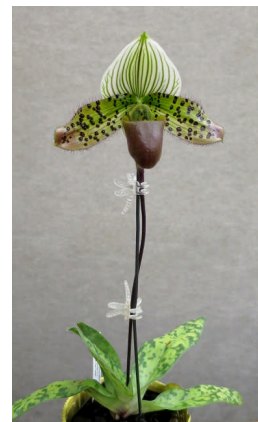
Paph. Voodoo Kitty x Lorraine's
Pride, Joff Morgan



Paph. Fred's Style,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



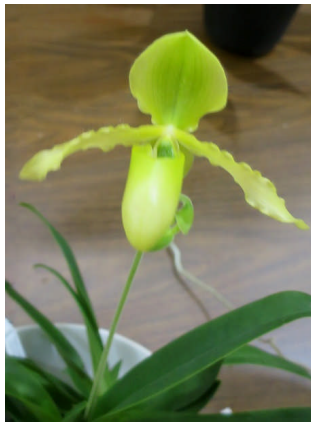
Paph. Blushing Petula,
Deb White



Paph. Wonderfully Wood,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Paph. gratrixianum,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Paph. Henrietta in the Mist,
Thuan Nguyen



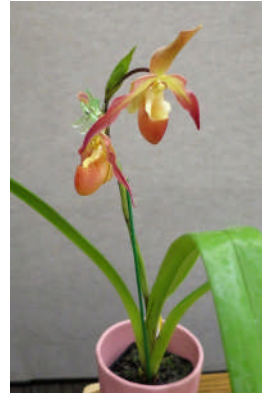
Paph. appletonianum x sib.,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Phrag. NoID,
Gordon Cromwell



Phrag. longifolium var. album,
Joff Morgan



Phragmipedium Saint Peter,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Maxillaria, Don Bilbrey
(poss. variabilis, tenuifolia, ferdinandiana)



Angraecum Crestwood 'Tomorrow Star',
Gordon Cromwell



Oda. (Prism 'Glow' x Crystal Palace 'Arabian Queen'),
Robert A Culver



Odm. (Nicky Strauss 'Stoneburst' x Laura Hetty Tordais
'Tims'), Robert A Culver



Phal. schilleriana,
Inga Lajauskiene



Cym. sinense,
Gordon Cromwell



Osmoglossum pulchellum,
Robert A Culver



Zygonisia Murasakikomachi 'Blue Hawaii',
Ron Webb



Rossioglossum Pacifica,
Robert A Culver



Zygonisia NoID,
Ron Webb



Oncda. Pacific Pagan 'Kilauea',
Diane Drisch



Onc. Sweet Sugar,
Inga Lajauskiene



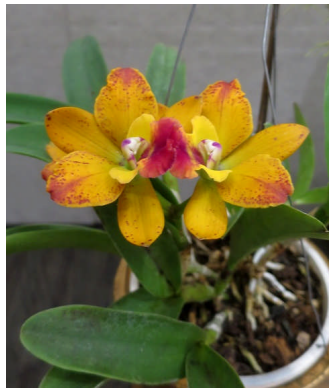
Mtdm. Red Brick Road 'Arbec',
Nancy Wright



Colmonara, poss Wildcat,
George Krasle,



Bnfd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze',
Diane Drisch



Blc. Vermillion Sunset 'Copper Nugget'
x Slc. Katherine Clarkson 'SVO',
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Lc. Cluster Fire 'Cinnabar',
Nancy Wright



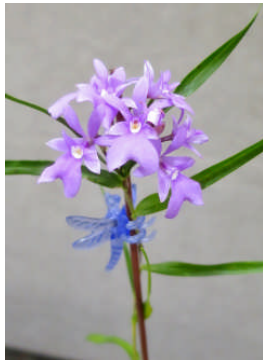
Cattleya Tokyo Life,
Joff Morgan



Bllra. Pacific Pastel 'Mauna Loa',
Diane Drisch



Bellara Peggy Ruth Carpenter,
Gordon Cromwell



Oerstedella centradenia,
Joff Morgan



Isabella pulchella,
George Krasle



Masdevallia strobelli,
Robert A Culver



Dendrochilum wenzelii, Ben Johnson



Dinema polybulbon, Ben Johnson

Ben says it really started growing wonderfully after he mounted it on this forked Pieris branch



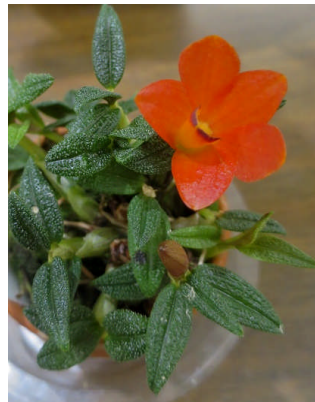
Bulbophyllum lindleyanum,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



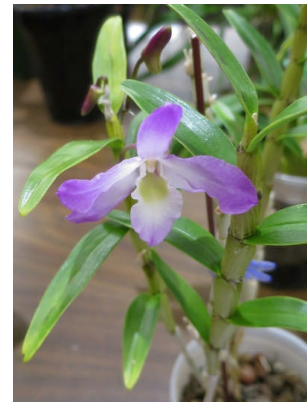
Dendrochilum NoID,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Den Yukidaruma 'King' AM/AOS,
Steve Dorsey



Den. cuthbertsonii 'Giant Pink'
HCC/AOS x bicolor, Ron Webb



Den. Kokomo 'MBE',
Joff Morgan



Den. Microchip,
Don Bilbrey



Den. Frosty Dawn,
Diane Drisch



Den. kingianum hybrid,
John Coleisner

Schedule of Upcoming Events

February 11, 2019 - NWOS meeting - Canceled due to severe winter weather conditions

NW Flower & Garden Festival

February 16-19 - Garden Setup at Convention Center

February 20-24 - Show is open to the Public

March 9-10, 2019 - Mount Baker Orchid Society Orchid Show and Sale, Skagit Valley Gardens, Mt. Vernon, WA (<https://www.facebook.com/mountbakerorchidsociety/>)

March 11, 2019 - NWOS meeting - Annual Orchid Auction and preview party. Orchid Basics will be "Attaching Orchids to hanging mounts", presented by Abigail Chang.

March 18, 2019 - Hands-On Potting Clinic, meet in the lower Douglas classroom.

March 30-31, 2019 - The Spokane Orchid Show and Sale, Spokane Community College Student Lair

April 6-7, 2019 - NWOS Show and Sale at Volunteer Park Conservatory, 10am-3pm, free admission on Saturday, \$4 on Sunday

April 8, 2019 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Ron Midgett, "Oncidinae Intergeneric Hybrids - What Are They and How Do I Grow Them?". There will be plant pre-sales as well as meeting sales. (<http://www.newearthorchids.com>)

April 27-28, 2019 - The Oregon Orchid Society Show and Sale, Aquinas Hall, 340 NE Clackamas St., Portland

May 13, 2019 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Norman Fang, topic to come. There will be pre-sales only. (<http://www.orchids.com>)

June 10, 2019 - NWOS Annual Meeting, Gary Baker Service Award, Potluck Dinner and Scholarship presentation.

August ???, 2019 - NWOS Annual Picnic

September 9, 2019 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Alan Koch, topic to come. There will be plant pre-sales as well as meeting sales. (<http://www.goldcountryorchids.com>)

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for this membership year is: 3/5/19, 5/7/19. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike & Sheila 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.

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://newsletter.nwos.org/archives/index.htm>
- Show Information: <http://newsletter.nwos.org/ShowTime>
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/nworchidsociety>

Special Announcements

No Special Announcements this month.

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