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### About the January Meeting

January 14, 2013

7:00 P.M.

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

### Abigail Chang: Recent Orchid Award Winners

This month, Abigail Chang will give her annual talk on recent NWOS regional award winning plants, along with photos of the award winners. As an AOS Judge herself, Abby is able to give us insight into the judges' decision making and explain what qualities impressed the judges and made them award the plant.



#### Display Table:

We will have our regular display table, so bring your blooming plants to share.

#### Sales Table:

Members may bring up to 10 plants to sell. Include an extra tag with your name and cost.

#### Raffle:

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

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### President's Corner

Happy New Year and welcome to the 2013 NWOS events and programs:

Thanks to everyone that made the 2012 events a success through their hard work and willingness to volunteer their time and talent.

We have a very interesting and fun Spring to look forward to, along with the monthly meeting there is the February Flower Show and the April Orchid Show.

As we all know, these events are important to the financial part of the Society that pays the rent and makes the Christmas plants possible.

Don't be hesitant to sign up to help at these events, without you the Society won't be able continue with these fantastic opportunities.

Congratulations go to Joff Morgan and Diane Drisch and their great plants that took home the trophies from the December Potluck.

I hope that everyone is enjoying their free Christmas orchid; thanks go to Emerald City Orchids and SeattleOrchid for bringing the plants. Thanks also to Alan Kaas for arranging all the details. The food brought for potluck was also a hit with a great variety of dishes to enjoy, and satisfy our stomachs.

The January meeting will have two sign up sheets; one for the Flower Show shifts and the other for the April Show Committee, both of these events need your help and enthusiasm.

See you all then,  
Mike Foster  
President

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## **Bits and Pieces from the American Orchid Society**

AOS has gone digital. Starting with the January issue, Orchids is available for download to your computer, smart phone, pad or tablet. All you need is a valid email address connected to your membership and your personal login. If you have explored the members only section of the AOS website, you are all set! If not, there are instructions on the site how to set up your own account.

The Spring Trustees and members' meeting (including the annual elections) will be held in tandem with the San Diego Orchid Show in San Diego, California, March 21-23 at the Scottish Rite Temple. Meeting will be held between the Sheraton Mission Valley Hotel and the Show. More information and registration will be available on the AOS website soon.

The AOS proxy card for the annual elections was included in the January issue of Orchids. If you are not planning to attend the meeting in San Diego in March, please return your vote to AOS Headquarters at your earliest convenience so your vote may be counted at that meeting. An important part of membership is the privilege of voting.

The Affiliated Societies Committee would like your tips, suggestions and/or ideas on how you grow your societies' membership and methods you have to keep your society's members active and engaged. Please send them to the [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org) email address and we will organize and catalogue them on the Affiliated Societies section of the AOS website so we can all share your successes.

Best wishes and happy growing for 2013.

Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

## Report from the December Meeting

The December meeting was a festive social gathering. The evening started with a delicious pot luck dinner.

Pres. Mike Foster conducted the meeting. Betty Lyons then gave a presentation about her mother, Rebecca T. Northen. She gave us a better understanding of the Miniature Orchid Trophy named after her mom. Betty also made a nice display with her mother's book on miniature orchids, a photo of Rebecca Northen and a blooming orchid plant named after her. It is a piece of one that was lost in their home fire. Wayne from Santa Barbara Orchid Estate sent Betty her mother's namesake plant, ***Laelia anceps* 'Rebecca Northen'** HCC/AOS, shown here to the right.



Betty speaks about her mother and the award named in her honor.



During breaks, members reviewed the contestants for the Schoenfeld and Northen Trophies. Each person voted for their favorite orchid in both categories.



Taking a close look at the contestants before voting.



Are we predicting the winner?

The Schoenfeld Trophy is awarded to the best blooming plant of any size.

The Rebecca Northen Miniature Orchid Trophy is awarded to the best blooming plant that is 6 inches or less in height, excluding the bloom spike.

'Best' is defined by each member's personal aesthetic.

Once the awards were made, each member selected their gift of an orchid plant and our lovely social evening came to a close.



Contestants for both trophies

Checking out the Christmas gift plants.

Members entered really quality plants into the contests. Any of them could have taken the awards.

And now here are the contestants for the Schoenfeld Trophy:



*Laelia Finckeniana* with graceful cascading inflorescences.



*Oncidium Chaculatum* 'Golden Pacific' with colors that can only be described as delicious.



two images of the tough-to-photograph *Scaphosepalum gibberosum*, a wonderfully unique and striking flower.



Paph. Juno

Deep royal purple exhibited in these two fine Paphiopedalums.



Paph. Earl of Chester



Paph. Norito Hasegawa, well-grown and beautifully presented.



Luscious color on Phrag. Fritz Schomburg (kovachii x besseae) on another well-grown plant.



Fredclarkeara After Dark  
'SVO Black Pearl' FCC/AOS



Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Apricot Glow' AM-CCM/AOS

And the winner is:



Joff Morgan and his  
Fredclarkeara After Dark  
'SVO Black Pearl' FCC/AOS



Joff grew this cross between Mormodes Painted Desert x Catasetum Donna Wise under lights and trained the spikes to go upright. The hybrid genus Fredclarkeara is named after their creator, Fred Clarke, who was our speaker last month.

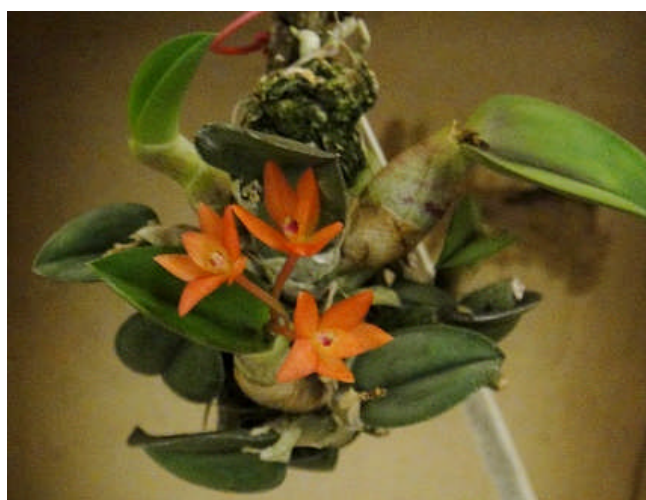
Here are the contestants for the Rebecca T. Northen Trophy:



*Leptotes harrypeperomia*, delightful pink and white flowers on needle-like leaves.



*Epidendrum peperomia*, cute green and red flowers on a mat of green foliage.



*Sophronitis cernua*

Two charming flaming orange beauties

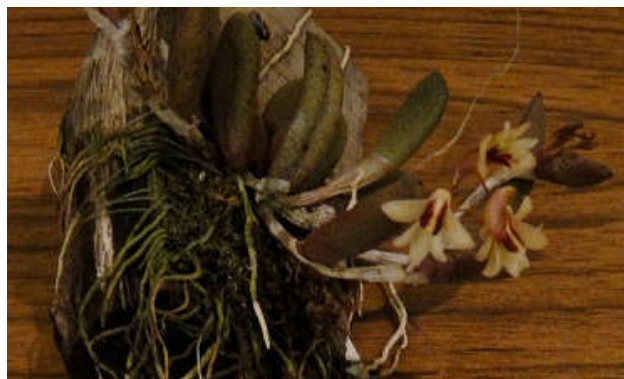


*Cattleychea Orange Stardust 'Masumi'*





Paph. Cahaba Venus  
with beautiful markings.



Dendrobium rigidum with it's striking cream colored  
flowers with dark orange and yellow markings.



Pleurothallis rubella (modesta)



Pleurothallis pacnyglossa

Perfect little examples of Pleurothallis

And the winner is:



*Aerangis luteo-alba* var. *rhodosticta*



Diane Drisch holding her  
*Aerangis luteo-alba* var. *rhodosticta*



Diane grew her *Aerangis* mounted on a piece of tree fern. She improvised a greenhouse-like space high up in her shower under a bright skylight.

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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

**January 14, 2013** - Abigail Chang: Recent Orchid Award Winners

**February 11, 2013** - Monthly NWOS meeting - speaker/topic to be determined

**February 20-24, 2013** - NW Flower & Garden Show

**April 6-7, 2013** - AOS Orchid Show and Sale at Sky Nursery

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

The schedule of meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 1/8/13 and 3/5/13 and 5/7/13.  
Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

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## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No special announcements this month.