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About the January Meeting

January 12, 2015

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.



Abigail Chang

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 the price in each 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 [Carolyn Mann](#) 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.

President's Corner

I hope that everyone had a great holiday season and that we are ready for 2015...

The December potluck was a success with over 60 folks enjoying the evening. Thanks to everyone that helped with set up and getting stuff cleared and cleaned up afterwards. The next potluck will be in June at the wrap up meeting.

Before that, you will have a chance to sign up for a Flower Show shift at the January meeting. The Flower Show display will be our main income for 2105 and we need to make it great.

Another item to ponder is volunteering to be part of the NWOS board or becoming one of the officers. All of these positions are vital for the society to function and are a chance to learn how the society works. Grab me at the meeting or send an email fosterpierce@comcast.net if you want to learn more.

See Ya at the meeting,
Mike Foster, President

2015 NW Flower & Garden Show

In about 30 days, we will begin constructing our 680 square foot orchid garden at the NW Flower & Garden Show. The theme this year is "Romance Blossoms" and Joe Griener's design is ambitious. Allan Kaas is busy pre-building the wood super-structure that will provide a stable footing beneath the garden and give us some much needed height. We are going to need loads of volunteers to help setup, power-drive screws into pre-drilled holes, help build a two-foot tall retaining wall along two sides of the garden, label and place **your blooming orchids**, install moss and Sedum tiles, and make this an award-winning orchid garden!

Setup & Show Dates

Saturday, February 7th (setup, all day) – If you have a battery-powered screwdriver/drill, we could use it and you to help piece together the wood sections that make up our garden's structure. A power saw or two might help as well. Building the wood structure will probably take most of the day. If there's time and we have enough extra people, we can begin work laying a two-foot tall stone retaining wall on two sides of the garden.

Sunday, February 8th (setup, all day) -- Dark mulch is deposited between the retaining wall and the wood structure, foliage plants are installed, plastic is laid out and rocks are set to form a winding dry-stream bed, stone tiles are screwed/attached to the near vertical wall.

Monday, February 9th (setup, all day) – Orchids are labeled and placed, sod arrives and is placed on plastic, moss and Sedum tiles are placed. Finishes touches added later in the evening. We will need more help in the afternoon and evening hours. In years past, we've worked until 10 pm on this day! The more there are to help, the faster it goes and we can all get out of there earlier.

Tuesday, February 10th (setup, 8 am – 12 pm) – Finishing touches are added in the last few hours, and there are always last minute items to adjust.

Wednesday, February 11th – Volunteers needed for all work shifts, 9 am - 12 pm, 12 pm - 3 pm, 3 pm - 6 pm, and 6 pm - 8 pm.

Thursday, February 12th – Volunteers needed for all work shifts, 9 am - 12 pm, 12 pm - 3 pm, 3 pm - 6 pm, 6 pm - 8 pm.

Friday, February 13th – Volunteers needed for all work shifts, 9 am – 12 pm, 12 pm – 3 pm, 3 pm – 6 pm, 6 pm – 8 pm.

Saturday, February 14th – Volunteers needed for work shifts 9 am – 12 pm, 3 pm – 6 pm, and the extended Valentine's Day shift 6 pm – 10 pm. I have two signed up for this last shift, it would be great to have more so we can trade off for needed breaks.

Sunday, February 15th – volunteers needed for all work shifts, 9 am – 12 pm, 12 pm – 3 pm, 3 pm – 6 pm. Teardown after 6 pm will entail removing the orchids from the garden, grouping them by owner, and boxing them up for transport. If there's time and people, the stone retaining wall, vertical stone tiles, and dry stream bed rocks will be removed and placed on pallets.

Monday, February 16th (teardown, all day until 6 pm) – We could use those power drills and helpers again to remove the screws from the wood super-structure. Help load the wood pieces into Allan's trailer. Our February Meeting is tonight at 7 pm!

Tuesday, February 17th (teardown, 8 am – 12 pm) – This half-day might not be needed, if we get enough volunteers to help us dismantle the garden structure on Monday 2/16.

Moss Collection

A group of us will be collecting moss from George & Cylvia's property out by Monroe/Sultan on (probably) Thursday, February 5th. We will meet at the Grantham's house in Lake Forest Park around 10 am, drive to Monroe, collect moss and fallen tree limbs, and return around 3 pm. The more people we have, the faster the collection goes. Bring gloves and be prepared to get soaked. The moss collected will be used to hide pots and make our garden floor edges green and fluffy.

If you'd like to help, there will be a sign-up sheet for this at the January meeting. Or contact Joff.

Your Orchids

To make this event a success, we need your blooming orchids to adorn our garden. We'll be ready to place orchids into the garden display on Monday, February 9th from 11 am to 9 pm. Our display is located one garden to the left and up from where we were last year. If you get lost, give me a ring or ask someone in a NWFGS polo.

The easiest is to bring your orchids to the Hand-Carried Freight Elevator beneath the Washington State Convention Center. A handy map is provided showing how to access the parking garage and this freight elevator by clicking [HERE](#). Parking is free if you get your ticket validated at the elevator and are out within one hour.

If you are unable to deliver your orchids to the Convention Center on Monday 2/9, then please avail yourself of a drop point before then. You may deliver your orchids to George Grantham's house (Lake Forest Park) or Joff Morgan's place (Totem Lake, Kirkland), our addresses and phone numbers/email are in your Roster. Should you choose this method, please alert us before you show up, we might be at the Convention Center.

Vendors

As of this writing, there are two orchid vendors scheduled to be plying their wares at the Show – Emerald City Orchids and SeattleOrchid.com.

Volunteering

If you are interested in signing up for one or more work shifts, you may sign up at the January meeting and/or contact **Joff** at rastur@eacw.org or **425-269-8383** with your day and shift preferences. I hope to have the wristbands and work passes to hand out at the meeting, but in the event you are not there or I don't have them, these will be mailed to the address you have listed in the Roster.

This is YOUR orchid garden. Please help us with your time and orchids to make it an award-winning success! Any questions can be directed to me. Thanks much!

~ Joff Morgan

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 the September meeting by check, cash, or debit/credit card. 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 \$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 2015. 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.

Report from the December Meeting

Mike Foster orchestrated the evening. He started with several announcements, then reminded us to vote for both Trophies and had us proceed to the pot luck dinner. Throughout the evening, people socialized and took turns looking at all the entries for our two trophies. We also made sure to scope out the Holiday Gift Plants.

After dinner George Grantham gave a brief presentation about the FloraHolland flower auction in Aalsmeer, Holland. It's an amazing operation and it's difficult to grasp the enormity of it, even with George's excellent photos.

Later we selected our Holiday Gift Plants with a drawing by last name. The evening ended with the announcement of the outcome of the Trophy voting. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all those who took the time to bring their blooming plants. It was a tough competition with fantastic plants and flowers.

Thanks to Alycia Moncrief for coordinating the wonderful slide show that played throughout our party, with a technical assist from Mike Pearson. And thanks to Alycia, Mike Cory and Diane Drisch for providing the photos.

Mary Nichol outdid herself this year with the beautiful decorations. Every part of the room was festooned with holiday cheer. We also appreciated everyone's delicious pot luck food and drink contributions.

With a full crowd of over 75 people, we had a great time visiting, seeing and talking about orchids. It turned out to be a lovely evening.

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch.



George Grantham talks FloraHolland



It was lovely to have the time to just visit



Having a chat about orchids



Wonderful food selection



Pot luck dinner



Some are eating, some are in the food line and some are voting for their favorites



Very festive decorations



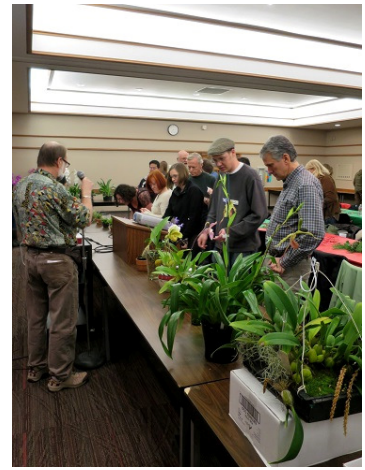
Large gathering



Enjoying the camaraderie of our club members



Mike shows 2015 Calendar



Voting for Trophies



Scoping out the gift plant possibilities



Mike and Mike pull letters for the orchid giveaway



So many gift plant choices made picking a tough job



Choosing a gift plant



One can't help but be mesmerized by those incredibly huge phalaenopsis flowers



Giving our new gift plants a good look in the foreground, still making our selections in the back

A highlight of the evening are the contests for the Schoenfeld Trophy and the Rebecca T. Northern Miniature Orchid Trophy. The winners will keep the trophy until next year's meeting when they'll have to compete to keep it for another year. Everyone at the party had the opportunity to cast a vote for each trophy.

First up are the entries for the Schoenfeld Trophy which is awarded to the best blooming plant of any size:



Schoenfeld contestants



Aerides lawrenceae x *Vandachostylis Sasicha*



Paph. Maudiae type



Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy'



Bc. Chunyeah 'Tzeng-Wen'



Bulbophyllum lilacinum 'Cherokee'
CBM/AOS x self



spike closeup



flower closeup



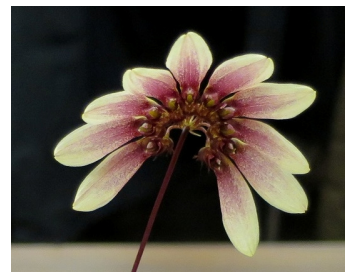
a great way to display this Bulbophyllum,
a pot supported by another pot



Bulbophyllum orthosepalum



Cirrhopetalum



Cirrhopetalum flower looks great from both sides



#11, called the 'Ghost Orchid' by Mike Foster, actually received 3 votes



Den. bracteosum (white form)



Dendrobium closeup



Monnierara Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft' AM/AOS



Paphiopedalum Satinstone



Paph. Gina Short 'White Queen' x Paph. rothschildianum 'Dominant'



Phragmipedium (formerly from the Woodland park Zoo collection)

And the winner is:



Angreacum eburneum

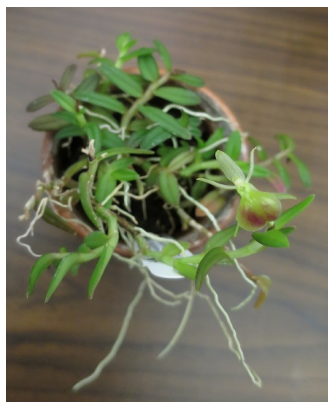


Angreacum eburneum with Trophy



Winners of the Schoenfeld Trophy,
George and Cylvia Grantham

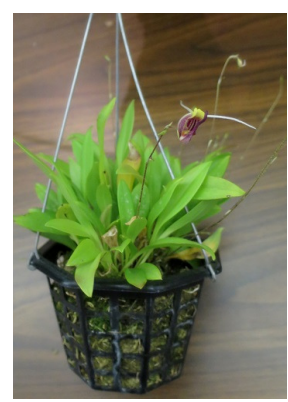
Next we have the entries for the Rebecca T. Northen Miniature Orchid Trophy which is awarded to the best blooming plant that is 6 inches or less in height, excluding the bloom spike:



Epidendrum porpax



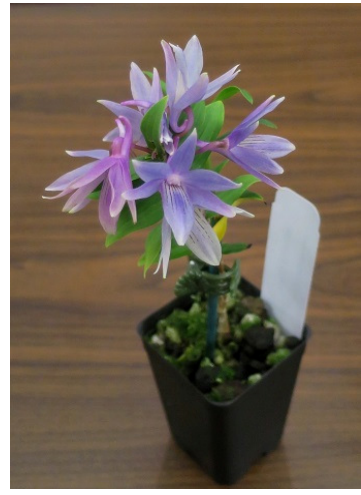
Bulbophyllum macroleum



Scaphosepalum species



Lepanthes saltatrix



Dendrobium ceraula



Platystele stenostachya



Platystele closeup



Pleurothallis megalops



Neolauchea pulchella



Neolauchea closeup

And the winner is:



Angraecum distichum



Winners of the Rebecca T. Northen Trophy,
Allan and Michelle Kaas



Angraecum distichum with Trophy

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Jan. 12, 2015 - NWOS Meeting - Abigail Chang: Recent Orchid Award Winners

Feb. 11-15, 2015 - Northwest Flower & Garden Show. Setup days are Feb. 7-9 and part of the 10th. Show runs from Feb. 11th - 15th. Teardown Feb. 15-17th.

Feb. 16, 2015 - NWOS Meeting, one week later than normal because of the NWF&G Show setup on our regular meeting date.

March 9, 2015 - NWOS Meeting - Annual Orchid Auction

March 16, 2015 - Hands **ON** Orchid Potting Clinic - Meet in the Lower Douglas Classroom

April 13, 2015 - NWOS meeting - Larry Muscovitz, topic TBD

May 11, 2015 - NWOS meeting - Mary Gerritson: Miniature Orchids

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 1/6/15, 3/3/15, 5/5/15.
Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

Special Announcements

No special announcements this month.