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NWF&G SHOW 2015

**About the January Meeting**

Fall AOS SHOW 2015

**January 11, 2016**

7:00 p.m.

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

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## Live AOS Orchid Judging

The January meeting will be an open judging by our regional AOS Judges. We are asking all members with plants having beautiful flowers to bring in their plants for the judges' consideration. In past years there have been awards given, including two years ago when a Miltoniopsis and a Lycaste were honored.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn what judges look for in a superior orchid plant. Make sure to read more about it in the article below.



**AOS Nominated show ribbon**

### Display Table:

Bring all your blooming Orchids so everyone can enjoy them and also to possibly be considered for an AOS Award.

### 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 [Caroline 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.

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## Northwest Judging Center

The American Orchid Society Judging takes place on the third Saturday of each month, in the Douglas Classroom, which is southeast and down the hill from the CUH meeting rooms. Judging begins at 1:00, and the room opens around 12:30 for people to bring in their plants and register them. While the judges do not discuss plants with the exhibitors prior to judging, visitors are invited to sit in on the process with the judging team, so long as the team is not assessing your plant. This is a great opportunity to see first-hand what is involved, and how the AOS judges decide when and how to grant awards. You might even

be interested enough to become a student.

When the judging is done, there's a recap, and each of the plants is discussed with the group. You can ask questions about any of the plants - what they liked or did not like, what could be done to improve a plant's appearance, etc. The discussion can also cover topics like new hybrids and species, or how to grow particular types of plants. After all, the judges are just like you and me -- orchid nuts.

At the January NWOS meeting, the AOS will be bringing the judging to the society, as the program. It will be run in basically the same manner as a regular judging session: anything brought in for the plant table will be considered, so if you have something that you think is special, make sure it's clean and presented well, and bring it in. But don't let the judging scare you into leaving a plant at home, just because you "don't think it's good enough," as you just might be surprised. The last time we had the judges come, in 2014, they awarded two plants from the members table, and one of them went on to garner the Ben Berliner Annual Award, as the best Maxillaria Tribe award for that year.

*Abigail Chang, President and Mike Foster, Past President*

Photos Courtesy Mike Foster



Paphiopedilum ready for Judges review



AOS Judging team scoring a plant



Orchids at the AOS judging



AOS award show ribbon



Abigail checking a plant



Another plant for review

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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 the meeting by cash, check, 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 2016. 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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## Report from the December Meeting

Our President Abigail Chang welcomed everyone to our Holiday meeting and asked new people to introduce themselves. She invited all of us to review all the plants presented for our two awards and to vote for one in each category. Joff spoke about the upcoming NWF&G Show and set out sign-up sheets for us to volunteer for shifts.

We enjoyed a lovely Pot Luck dinner, voted for our favorite plants, had plenty of time to socialize with each other and previewed the gift plants. The decorations were beautiful and Mike Pearson set up a wonderful slide show of orchid blooms as a backdrop to the festivities.

In a separate area, a number of people set out their Legion of Bloom plants. During the course of the evening, members discussed how well some of them were coming along and compared notes.

Members then lined up to receive their Holiday Gift plants and finished voting for the Awards.

The votes were tallied and the winners were announced. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a wonderful evening and Congratulations to the Trophy Winners!



Abby leads the meeting





Abby



George discusses the trophies



Joff talks about the upcoming NWF&G show



Lots of visiting amongst the members



Chatting and checking out the Legion of Bloom plants



Flower talk



Pot luck dinner



Who can resist this wonderful spread?





Enjoying dinner and good company



Nice crowd



It's nice to see a full room of interested orchid enthusiasts



Legion of Bloom plants



Comparing the same LOB plants and how they are growing under different peoples' conditions



Lining up for our gift plants



Choosing a Holiday plant



Selecting the perfect gift plant



Trophy contenders



Trophy voting



Abby explains the trophies and how to vote



Scrutinizing all the blooms





Looking for the best



You have to look closely at the little ones

**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:**



*Bulbophyllum macroleum*



*Paph. fairrieianum 'A' x Paph. spicerianum 'Bostock's'*



*Ascocentrum pusillum* - 3rd Place Winner



Ancistrochilus rothschildianus - Tied for 2nd Place



Oberonia japonica - Tied for 2nd Place



Northern Trophy with Winner

And the Winner is:



Phalaenopsis Kaoda Twinkle 'K506'



Steve Dorsey & Lori Lederman  
with their winning plant

**Entries for the Schoenfeld Trophy which is awarded to the best blooming plant of any size:**





Phrag. QF Naukana Kealoaha  
(longifolium var. gracile x Incan Treasure)



Ludisia discolor



Paph. Odette's Fantasy



Pleurothallis restripiodes closeup



Pleuro restripiodes



Den. glomeratum - 3rd Place Winner

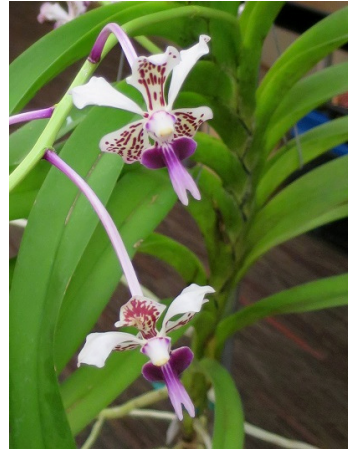


Dendrobium glomeratum closeup



Angraecum sesquipedale - 2nd Place Winner

And the Winner is:



Vanda tricolor closeup



Vanda tricolor



Allan & Michelle Kaas.

Note that their Vanda has no pot.

It is simply twist-tied to a pole.

Way to grow AI!

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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

**Jan. 11, 2016** - NWOS meeting - Live AOS Orchid Judging

**Jan. 16, 2016** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**Feb. 8, 2016** - NWOS meeting - one week early because of the NWF&G Show Setup schedule

**Feb. 17 - 21, 2016** - Northwest Flower & Garden Show, with setup starting Sunday, 2/14



**Feb. 20, 2016** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**March 14, 2016** - [NWOS Meeting](#) - Annual Orchid Auction

**March 19, 2016** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**March 21, 2016** - Hands ON Orchid Potting Clinic - Meet in the Lower Douglas Classroom

**April 11, 2016** - [NWOS meeting](#)

**April 16, 2016** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**May 9, 2016** - [NWOS meeting](#)

**May 21, 2016** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**June 13, 2016** - [NWOS meeting](#), Pot Luck Dinner and Gary Baker Service Award

**June 18, 2016** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**July 16, 2016** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**August 20, 2016** - 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: 1/5/16, 3/8/16, 5/3/16. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike 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.