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About the January Meeting

January 9, 2017

7:00 p.m.

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

Ron Burch: "Introduction to Growing Temperate Terrestrial Orchids in Your Garden"

Ron Burch has enjoyed native orchids for 50 years, beginning when he lived in coastal South Carolina during Junior High School through college. There you can see moist fields filled with literally millions of blooming *Spiranthes*, *Calopogon*, and *Platanthera*. When he and his wife, Barbara, moved to Connecticut in 1995 for work, they saw their first blooming *Cypripedium* at the New York Botanical Garden, which led to *Cypripedium* fanaticism.

Ron began to grow *Cypripedium* from seed in 2004 and has registered approximately 20 new *Cypripedium* hybrids. Gardens at Post Hill, in Litchfield County Connecticut, was formed in 2006, which offers mail order *Cypripedium* in the Spring and Fall. Ron has also propagated several other terrestrial orchid genera and offers them for sale from time to time.

In 2016, Ron and Barb added a home in Seabeck WA, in order to see their grandson often (and to enjoy magnificent views of the Olympic Mountains). They look forward to adding additional orchid genera such as *Calanthe* and *Bletilla*, which do not survive Connecticut winters. Visit their website at: <http://www.gardensatposthill.com>.

Ron will be bringing plants for sale but it would be best to pre-order from the attached PDF list by clicking [HERE](#).

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.



Dactylorhiza Foliorella

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 NWOS Library link at the top left side of this page.

Pre-orders for Fred Clarke's visit on Feb. 13

Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids will be giving a talk on the "Culture of Catasetums".

Folks attending his talk can preorder plants from www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com for a 10% savings. In addition they will 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.

Jake Burroughs, 1st Vice President

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.

News from the American Orchid Society



UPCOMING WEBINARS

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton
Tuesday, January 10, 2017 @ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST *Everyone invited*

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education, for a Q&A session on how to grow and care for your orchids. If you have a question, please submit your questions by Sunday, January 8th to stillisch@cox.net.

Register now using this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2881490500871631874>

Novelty Cattleyas with Fred Clarke

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 @ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST *Members Only*

Learn about what used to be called "Novelty Cattleyas". Fred Clarke will explain what parents are best used to create fanciful spotted and splash-petal Cattleya hybrids.

Register now using this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5799193038419534850>

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



Cattleya intermedia (aquinii)
'SVO Star Burst' AM/AOS;
Photographer: Arthur Pinkers

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

- Genus of the Month – Laelia
- Orchids Illustrated – Sobralia
- For the Novice - Words of Advice
- Phil Spence writes about his favorite grastidium and diplocaulobiums
- Lindleyana - A New Species of Andinia
- Smaller Brazilian Bifoliate Cattleyas



Sobralia xantholeuca 'Ohsuka' HCC/AOS;
Photographer: Chaunie Langland



Cattleya aclandiae 'Waldor's Big Tom' AM/AOS;
Photographer: Maurice Maretti

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.



Paphiopedilum Hsinying Agogo 'Annie Hikes'
HCC/AOS; Photographer: Larry Vierheilg

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

Report from the December Meeting

President Abigail Chang opened our meeting welcoming new members and visitors. After general announcements, Joff Morgan talked about the upcoming NWF&G Show and put out sign-up sheets. Members brought in plants to compete for 2 Trophies. All those present checked out the anonymous entries and voted throughout the evening. We had a delicious pot luck dinner surrounded by Mary Nichol's festive holiday decor. Our Holiday Gift plants were randomly placed in bags with our names on them. 1st VP Jake Burroughs acquired wonderful plants, mostly in bud or bloom for this year's gifts. Throughout the very social evening, people visited, exchanged orchid questions and stories, and traded gift plants to suit their collections and growing conditions.



Our President and Trophy Winners

The highlight of the evening came with the presentation of our two Trophies. In a rare occurrence, both were won by Allan and Michelle Kaas. It just goes to show what great growers they are. And thank you both for always bringing a nice display to our meetings.

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch, Mike Foster and Donna Pierce.



Dinner begins



Lots to choose from



Delicious choices



Hungry crowd



Plenty for everyone



Full House



Lively Group



Den. abberans, one of our Legion of Bloom plants



Discussing the merits



Gift plants, visiting & voting

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



taking a closer look at all the candidates



Denrobium Illusion 'Red Type'



Sophronitis cernua 'Bahia'



Epidendrum porpax



Epidendrum porpax



Eria multiflora



Paphiopedalum wardii v. *album*



Mediocalcar decorata



Cadetia taylorii



Paph. leucochilum



and this year's winner is



Masdevallia constricta with trophy



Masdevallia constricta
grown by Allan & Michelle Kaas

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



Schoenfeld table of contestants



Angreacum eburneum



Paph. Fairly Sauced



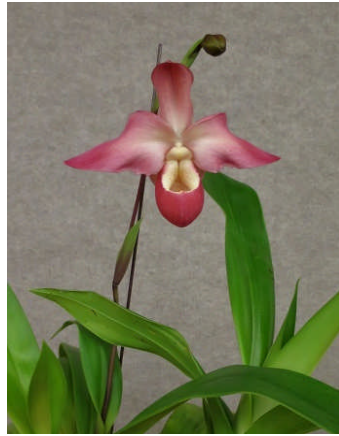
Paph. (Icy Icy Wind 'White Satin'
x Pacific Shamrock 'Imagination')



Paphiopedalum



Paph. fairrianum



Phrag. Eric Young 'Rocket Fire 4N'
x kovachii



Paph. A de Lairesse
'Hidden Dragon'



Cymbidium elegans



Cymbidium, pink



Ellen announces our winner



Renanthera closeup



Al and Shelley Kaas with their 2 Trophies and both winning plants



Renanthera imschootiana with trophy

On a lighter side, we have Mary Margaret joking about the bounty of funds she's collected by selling the extra plants at the end of the evening.



Whoo Hoo!
Girl's gonna have fun!



Oh darn, what was I thinking?



As your treasurer, I'll be depositing this in the society's account tomorrow.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Jan. 9, 2017 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Ron Burch, "Introduction to Growing Temperate Terrestrial Orchids in Your Garden"

Jan. 11, 2017 - NWF&G Show Committee Meeting - contact Joff Morgan for details

Jan. 21, 2017 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

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. Hear him discuss a new topic just one day after our meeting. Details to follow.

Feb. 18, 2017 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

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

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for this fiscal year is: 1/5/17, 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.

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.

Special Announcements

No Special Announcements this month.