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About the January Meeting

January 14, 2019

7:00 p.m.

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



Orchid Basics

We will continue our series of **Orchid Basics**, short focused programs on a wide range of orchid cultural topics. This month's session will be 'An Overview of good quality Water and how to get it', presented by Michael Cory.

Speaker: Shawnee Luciani, "Orchid Insects; The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"

Shawnee began volunteering with the UW Biology Greenhouse in 2013. Here she soaked up plant knowledge like an epiphytic root, and in 2015 was offered a position working in the greenhouses. One Plant Biology bachelor's degree and a greenhouse relocation later, she is still hard at work making the world a greener and more floriferous place. After an exhaustive course in entomology, her interests broadened to include arthropods. Since then, she has taken control of the greenhouse's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program and is excited to discuss battle tactics at the January meeting.

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.

NWOS Library:

If you'd like to check out a book or tape from our Library, please contact our Librarian [Joe Grienauer](#) a minimum of 2 weeks before the next meeting. Besides email, you can give Joe your request at any meeting. For a list of library items Click on the Library link at the top left of this page or click [HERE](#).

Pre-Order Offer from our February Speaker

Our February Speaker, Ron Midgett is offering orchid plant pre-orders for NWOS members. Here are the details:

- Go to the New Earth Orchids web site, <https://newearthorchids.com> to see what is available.
- Select the plants to purchase and put them in your cart.
- Use the code SEA19 to receive your 15% discount. The code will only be active from January 1st to February 9th.
- When it comes to choosing "shipping" or "In person pickup"; choose "In person pickup". This will avoid the shipping charges.

Ron will also have plants for sale at the meeting, but without the discount.

Spring Show Season: Mark Your Calendar

It's time to start thinking about the Spring show season and to make plans to attend some of these events. There are two NWOS events this spring. First of course is our big display at the Seattle Flower and Garden Show Feb. 20-24. We'll need lots of plants to go in our display at the Convention Center on Monday, Feb. 18th. In addition, our Society will have a plant sale and small Spring show (not AOS judged) at the Volunteer Park Conservatory on April 6-7 and we will need plants for a display.

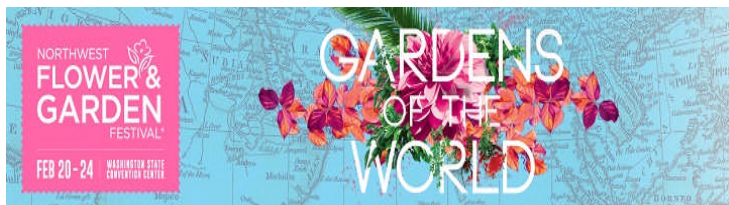
We are planning to take displays to three "away" shows this Spring. We will gather plants on the Thursday before each of these weekend shows. We recommend attending any of these shows, especially the Oregon Orchid Society show in Portland which always has outstanding displays as well as an excellent selection of vendors. Each of these is an AOS judged show:

- The Mt. Baker Orchid Society Show and Sale will be held at Skagit Valley Gardens March 9-10.
- The Spokane Orchid Show and Sale will be held March 30-31 at the Spokane Community College Student Lair.
- The Oregon Orchid Society Show and Sale will be held April 27-28 at the Aquinas Hall, 340 NE Clackamas St., Portland.

There will be more information later on about each of these shows, but it's not too soon to start planning!

George Grantham, 2nd Vice President

Northwest Flower & Garden Festival



This year's Show theme is "Gardens of the World".

And the title of our garden is "Orchids in Balance" as described here:

China's fabled Li River valley is known for its dramatic topography, including towering, near-vertical sandstone karsts. It is also home to innumerable varieties of orchids, and in this garden you'll find hundreds of flowering orchids grown by members of the Northwest Orchid Society.

Spotlighting the "yin-yang" balance and peacefulness orchids provide, festival-goers may stroll though and around this garden. The amazing array of orchids are grouped by color and variety against a backdrop of basalt columns representing the karsts of the Li River. Structures of sustainably-harvested, custom-made bamboo structures are symbolic of the villages in the valley.

The orchids on display range from common plants available in grocery stores to rare specimens that are only available for public viewing at the Northwest Flower & Garden Festival. It is a unique opportunity to see these plants in bloom.

Take-home ideas: orchid varieties grown here in the home or in a greenhouse; meet Northwest Orchid Society volunteers for growing tips.

Garden Creator: Northwest Orchid Society; Seattle, WA
Designed by: Joe Grienauer and Joff Morgan

Are you inspired by our design? Or curious how we'll construct this wondrous garden? Join us and be a part of this year's creation. Help is needed for all phases of the show. It's a little bit of work, with a sprinkle of creative energy and a whole lot of friendly camaraderie.

The Festival runs from February 20th through the 24th. Setup for the Festival is February 16th through the 19th. Teardown will be on the morning of February 25th.

Sign-ups to help with each facet of the Festival from setup to teardown are available at the January meeting. And it looks like we'll need additional members to help on the following days:

Setup:

Sat, Feb 16th - Hardscape materials define the garden and its planters
Sun, Feb 17th - Foliage and mulches go in this day
Mon, Feb 18th - Our orchids and moss are installed this day!
Tue, Feb 19th - Finishing touches added until noon

The Show:

Wed, Feb 20th - Need people 12-3pm, 3-6pm, 6-8pm
Thu, Feb 21st - Need people for all shifts
Fri, Feb 22nd - Really need help for all shifts
Sat, Feb 23rd - Need people 9-12pm, 3-6pm
Sun, Feb 24th - Need people 9-12pm, 12-3pm, and teardown 6pm - 9pm

Mon, Feb 25th - We clean it all up and move out! <sniff>

In addition, each of the Show days needs at least one person to help me water the foliage plants. This shift runs from about 7:30 am until 8:45 am.

Any questions, please see me at the meeting or look up my contact details in the Roster. Thanks much!

~ Joff Morgan

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, youth and dual 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.

News from the American Orchid Society

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

Best wishes for a Healthy and Happy 2019! It's a new year and a time that many of us reflect



and set new goals for ourselves

and our Societies. One goal that the Affiliated Societies Committee continues to have is to update and refresh existing resources, along with finding and sharing new information to help all Affiliated Societies thrive. To fulfill this goal our best resource is you, the Affiliated Societies Representatives (NWOS Rep. is Mike Pearson). We want to express our appreciation and say thank you for all that you do in support of your local Society and the AOS. We couldn't do it without you.

We also want to ask for your help. Our societies all have members with volumes of experience and knowledge that they freely and generously share with us, and we offer our support in return. These growers have hobbyist collections that are beautiful and well loved, and many have "Legacy Collections" that are important to the orchid world. Oftentimes, one person is the sole individual caring for these amazing plants and without the societies help they are neglected. We want to create a collection of ideas on how to support these members when they are unable to care for their collections. Whether it's an injury, a hospital stay or longer term care, we want to hear ideas we can all use to offer support. We're also looking for gardens or facilities you are aware of that have conservation programs that take donations of legacy plants. Together we can create a resource guide filled with useful ideas and methods to help each other. Please send us an e-mail to Affiliated_Societies@aos.org.

Thanks again for all the pics that you are sending in for the Instagram feed. Our Instagram Administrator, Candace Hollinger, sends her appreciation to you all. It's wonderful to see such a variety of everything orchid that's enjoyed around the globe. Please remind your members that we would love pics of how they grow, what's blooming now or anything they love about orchids. Please continue to send your photos and short videos to: americanorchidsociety@gmail.com. Be sure to send a short caption explaining your photo. Also, if you are bilingual and can include your caption in English plus your other language (s), it will help with our universal outreach.

Remember to check-in on our Facebook Group Page for Affiliated Societies of the American Orchid Society. The response has been great, many thanks to all of you who added pics of show banners. We can all learn from what has been successful for other societies. Let us know how your show went, and what was successful for you or what didn't quite make the mark. Our administrator, Chad Brinkerhuff, monitors the feed and is a great resource for all that the AOS has to offer. Keep us up to date on what's going on at your local society and let us know how we can help you.

UPCOMING WEBINARS



**Cattleya loddigesii 'Loretta' AM/AOS;
Photographer: Julie Rotramel**

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 AOS Corner.

Cattleya Species Culture with Bill Rogerson

Thursday, January 10th, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST *Open to all*

Please join Bill Rogerson, Accredited AOS Judge and renowned Cattleya species

expert as he discusses the foundation plants for cattleya breeding and how to grow them successfully.

Register using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6267544326951329539>

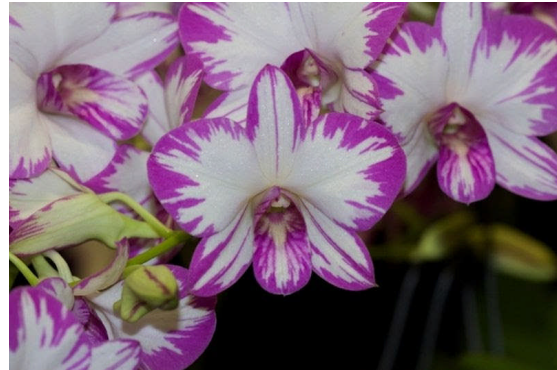
American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Dr. Ron McHatton

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 using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8715770793699735042>

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 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.



Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'Splashy' AM/AOS;
Photographer: Michael Blietz

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



Cypripedium guttatum 'Spot' CHM/AOS;
Photographer: Doug Savage

will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on:

- The New Refugium Botanicum - TBD
- For the Novice - Try New Things by Sue Bottom
- Orchids Illustrated - Epipactis by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins
- The Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival, Part 1: The Early Years by Clare and Johan Hermans with Munekazu Ejiri
- In Search of Maxillariacrispiloba by Pascal Sauvêtre
- Ecuador and My Orchid Obsession by Larry Sexton
- Cypripedium guttatum and Johann Ammans by Rudolf Jenny

If you become an American Orchid Society member, you have considerably more resources at your disposal making growing orchids even more enjoyable and successful.

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

And... Here's a link to check it all out - <http://www.aos.org/>

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



Phal. Samera 'Steve Mattana's Fascination' AM/AOS;
Photographer: Kay Clark

Report from the December Meeting

Abigail Chang, President, held a short business meeting and welcomed all members, their guests and those that are new to our club. She described the voting process for the evening's two awards.

We then had a wonderful pot luck dinner, followed by the distribution of our Holiday gift plants. The winners of the Schoenfeld and Northen contests were announced and congratulated on their outstanding plants and flowers.



Pot Luck Dinner

Photos: Diane Drisch, Allan Lee, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Deb White and her beautifully decorated cupcakes



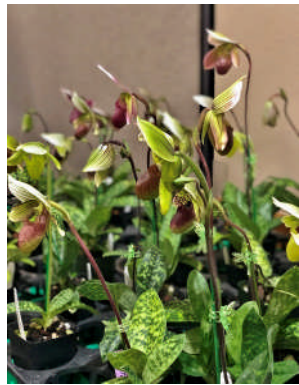
NWOS dinner



checking out Northen contestants



mix and mingle



gift paphs



NWOS dinner



Joe G and Diane D



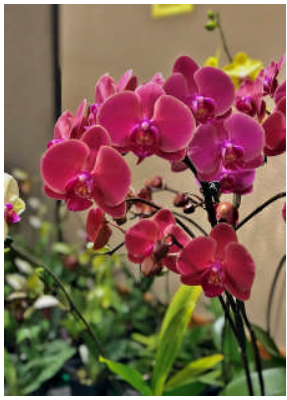
R Northern contestants, gift plants in background



choosing gift plants



Hand-made Edible Phalaenopsis top these cupcakes



gift phals



Schoenfeld contestants



Mike Foster with his entries



more Schoenfeld contestants

The Schoenfeld Trophy (awarded to the best blooming plant of any size)



Angraecum eburnam



Andy talks about Pleurothallid culture



Brassavola (Rhynocovola)
David Sander



Oncidium Twinkles 'red'



Odontoglossum
Midnight Miracles



Coelogyne massangeana



Acacalis cyanea



Brsdm Longlen
'Bill Switzer' AM/AOS



Dendrobium tetragonum
var. giganteum



Arpophyllum giganteum



Cymbidium Early Bird 'Pacific' AM/RHS



Dendrochilum williamsii



Paphiopedalum gratrixianum
'Olympic' x 'Foster'



Paphiopedilum Lo'ih



Paphiopedalum sukhakulii



Lycaste Nagai International



Phragmepedium
Fritz Shomburg



Pleurothallis restrepioides



And this year's winner is *Pleurothallis gargantua*, grown by Andy Wright



Pleurothallis gargantua



Schoenfeld winner Andy Wright and his *Pleuro gargantua*

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



Isabella pulchella



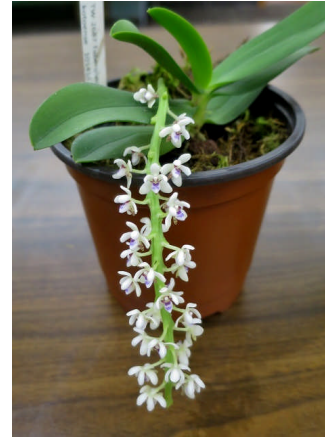
orchid in a glass



Den. Tiny Bubbles



Masd. caudata



Tuberolabium kotoense



Dryadella albicans tall



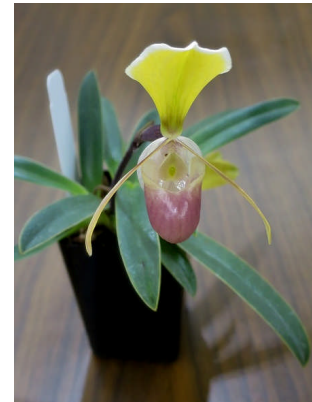
Capanemia micromera



Onc. Twinkle Star



Phal. Sapphire's Galah



Paphiopedilum helenae



Stenoglottis longifolia



Stenorrhynchos speciosum 'C.H.' x sib

**And this year's winner is Masdevallia glandulosa
grown by Ben Johnson**



Masdevallia glandulosa



Abigail presents the Rebecca T Northen
Miniature Trophy to winner Ben Johnson

In other News:



Mike Foster had a wonderful Christmas surprise. His Phrag. kovachii bloomed just in time for the holiday. It wasn't quite in bloom for the December meeting and was done before the January meeting. But at least we can enjoy these great photos.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

January 14, 2019 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Shawnee Luciani, "Orchid Insects; The Good, the Bad and the Ugly". Orchid Basics will be "An Overview of good quality Water and how to get it", presented by Michael Cory.

February 11, 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>) Orchid Basics will be "LED lights for your Orchids", presented by Steve Dorsey.

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, 2109 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Andy Wright, "Bulbophyllums"

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: 1/8/19, 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>
- 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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