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### About the June Meeting

**June 11, 2012**

7:00 P.M.

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

### Annual Potluck, Gary Baker Service Award, Introducing the new Officers and Silent Auction

June is traditionally a potluck to welcome the new board members and thank those who are retiring.

We will also announce the winner of the Gary Baker Service Award. This award is given annually to the person who has contributed the most to the overall goals of the society in the prior year. The recipient is selected by the board from nominations made by the general membership. Honorees are presented with a crystal perpetual trophy engraved with their name.

#### What should you bring?

This year, due to budget constraints, the society will not be providing a main dish or drinks, but we will have plates and utensils.

We are always short on the main dish, but if you want to bring an item based on your last name:

A - H main dish.

I - R dessert or beverage.

S - Z salad or vegetable dish.

The main event will be a Silent Auction of items that were donated by Frank and Judy Vincenzi. There will be Nine separate auction items:

1. Small Painted German Plate
2. Cattleya Pin
3. Small Painted Pitcher
4. Orchid Mug
5. Covered Orchid Mug
6. Covered Orchid Mug
7. Franklin Mint Orchid Plate
8. Set of Five Orchid Plates
9. Orchid Dinner Set: 32 pieces including plates, saucers, cups, bowls, platter, cream & sugar

The auction rules and instructions will be on each sheet.

**Display Table:**

Bring your blooming Orchids so everyone can enjoy them.

**Sales Table:**

Members may bring up to 10 plants to sell. Include a tag with your name and the price in the plant.

**Raffle:**

We will have the raffle as usual. Win a new orchid for your collection while supporting our Scholarship Fund.

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**ORCHIDbabies Special Offer**

The folks at Orchidbabies are planning on retiring soon. Earl Bailey spoke at our meeting back in May of 2011. His daughter, Susan Mattison will be at our meeting to present a special offer to members of the NWOS.

Her parents have prepared a special selection of plants that they will offer to the NW Orchid Society at 50% off (wholesale prices), based on a combined \$1000.00 (\$500.00 wholesale) order from NWOS. The information is provided below.

The conditions of special are as follows:

- 1) A 50% discount will be offered for the plants listed below, based on a \$1000.00 retail (\$500.00 wholesale) order being placed by NWOS.
- 2) Plants may be selected from the General price list (per attachment), to achieve the *total* retail value. But, plants on the general price list will adhere to the discounts/or no discount, as indicated on the price sheet (i.e. Older phrags, 25% discount w/ \$1000 retail purchase; Awarded phrags, no discount).
- 3) One order must be placed by NWOS with one "bill to" and "ship to" address. Shipping costs will be added to the order.
- 4) The order must be placed by June 18<sup>th</sup>, and will ship by USPS Priority Mail.

She plans on bringing copies of the inventory lists, several copies of the special, and a sign up list. If members would like to take a chance to go online to the ORCHIDbabies website to look at photos of the plants, the website is <http://www.orchidbabies.com>

The General Price Lists may be viewed [HERE](#).

The following is a list of the plants that will be offered at 50% off the price shown:

<b>Paphs</b>	<b>Phrags</b>
P604 Paph Gloria Naugle \$35.00	8036 Phrag Cahaba Sunrise \$30.00
PA6240 Paph Gloria Naugle \$35.00	8038 Phrag Cahaba Katie Rose \$40.00
PA6243 Paph. rothschildianum x esquirolei \$25.00	8047 Phrag Jim Bailey \$40.00
6009 Paph. Lawless Zauberflotte \$30.00	8051 Phrag Cahaba Whirlpool \$35.00
6015 Paph. Vanguard x rothchildianum \$35.00	8059 Phrag Franz Glanz \$30.00
6053 Paph. Pinocchio \$25.00	8067 Phrag Woosen \$35.00
6060 Paph Dollgoldi \$25.00	8064 Phrag Prince Caspian \$35.00
6068 Paph. Memoria Heini Christ \$25.00	8096 Phrag. Phyllis Bailey \$90.00
6072 Paph. Booth's Honey-Phil \$25.00	8103 Phrag. Eric Young \$25.00
6117 Paph. Harbinger's Dark Ages \$20.00	OB8072 Phrag Eric Young \$25.00
6097 Paph. NEW CROSS charlesworthii x [Red Sky x Flame Arrow] \$30.00	8105 Phrag Will Chantry \$40.00
6011, 6029 NEW CROSS Paph [Golden Chalice x Pittsburg] x Maudia Magnificum FCC/RHS \$30.00	8106 Phrag. Hummingbird \$40.00
OB6202 Paph Mauven \$25.00	8107 Phrag Cherokee Sunset \$50.00
OB6204 Paph Transdoll \$25.00	8143 Phrag Sorcerer's Apprentice \$30.00
OB6205 Paph Villeneuve \$25.00	OB8071 Phrag Cahaba Gracile \$30.00
PA6238 Paph Honey \$25.00	
PA6245 Paph Cahaba Freckles \$25.00	

## **Volunteers are needed to make our meetings successful**

Now is the time to ease the work load of our 1st VP. We need to have you step up and take over one or more of the different tasks that are needed to make the meetings run smoothly.

Not only does the 1st VP organize the speakers, they are responsible for most of the small parts that we have all taken for granted.

The tasks that still need to be distributed to the members are:

**Monthly Raffle:** We have come to expect a raffle at every meeting and it is a highlight of the evening. The raffle person gathers plants for each meeting and conducts the raffle.

**New Member Orchid:** Each new member receives an Orchid when they initially join the society. The new member person gathers plants and distributes them to the new members.

**Potluck:** Twice in the program year we have a potluck. The potluck person stores the potluck supplies and sets up the potluck table. They also decide who will bring what and puts that information in the newsletter.

**A/V Equipment:** Every speaker needs to use the computer and projector so we can enjoy the program. The A/V person stores the equipment and brings it to the meetings. They also set up the equipment.

**Culture Clinic:** Our September meeting has been the culture clinic. The culture clinic person makes sure that experienced members will attend and leads the culture discussions. They also put that information in the newsletter.

Several people have already stepped up and the tasks that have been allocated are:

**Potting Clinic:** In March we all look forward to the potting clinic and we also enjoy the potting offered at the Fall and Spring shows. The potting clinic person stores and updates the potting mixes. They also coordinate the potting clinic and put that information in the newsletter. Mike Cory will be the Potting Clinic person.

**Auction:** Once in the program year we have an auction. The auction person organizes the form for the newsletter and makes sure that the support staff (Auctioneer(s) and Talliers) will be on hand. Kathy Murray will be the Auction person.

**Members' Christmas Orchids:** At the December meeting each membership receives a blooming Orchid. The Christmas orchid person coordinates with local vendors to bring plants. They also put that information in the newsletter. Alan Kaas will be the Christmas Orchid person.

If we want to continue having great and enjoyable meetings, we need to have all of these tasks spoken for by September.

Let me know which of these will work for you.....

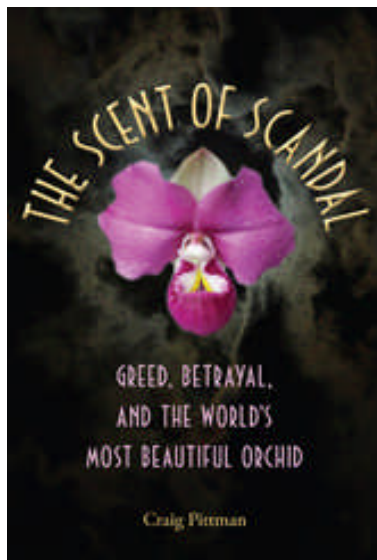
Your current 1st VP and soon to be President,

Mike Foster

[fosterpeirce@comcast.net](mailto:fosterpeirce@comcast.net)

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**Review of a new orchid book "The Scent of Scandal: Greed, Betrayal, and the World's Most Beautiful Orchid" by Craig Pittman, University Press of Florida, Gainesville FL, 2012.**



Craig Pittman, a reporter and investigative journalist for the St. Petersburg Times writes on environmental concerns. He has extensive experience, and publications, covering environmental issues in Florida. He has included in the book the legal issues and personalities surrounding the discovery of *Phragmipedium kovachii*. It is apparent that considerable work has been done to review public data and to interview people involved with the scandal. This is the first book I have ever seen that is classified as “true crime/gardening”.

In 2002 A Virginia orchid collector and dealer, Michael Kovach, was probably the first American to see the plant that would eventually be named after him. He saw a new purple *Phragmipedium* larger than any so far discovered. Purchasing the plant in the mountains of Peru, he smuggled it into the United States, through Miami, and presented it to the, well known and respected, Orchid Identification Center (OIC) at The Marie Selby Botanic Gardens in Sarasota Florida.

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) is an international treaty, signed by 175 countries, designed to protect against the decimation of natural species by specifying how international trade can be properly done. It is designed to cover a vast range of organisms, from elephants to tiny *Pleurothallids*. The CITES rules forbid importation of native species into a country, without proper documentation from the native country. Kovach carried the orchid into Florida and did not obtain any documentation from the Peruvian government.

In the academic taxonomic world of publish or perish the scientists at the OIC decided to publish a description of the new plant. They found out that another Florida taxonomist, Eric Christianson, working with scientists in Peru, photographs, and descriptions of the new *Phragmipedium*, had already submitted a proper taxonomic description of the plant to the Bulletin of the American Orchid Society. This description was in press and would be published in two months. Christianson's proposed name was *Phragmipedium peruvianum*. The scientists at the OIC decided to bring out a special edition of their own journal, *Selbyana*, in order to beat the competition. They also decided to honor Michael Kovach by naming the new plant *Phragmipedium kovachii*.

The compounding of the smuggling crime with the publication, of the new plant in *Selbyana*, by the OIC, led to criminal investigation by a grand jury, criminal trials, fines and convictions. It severely damaged the reputation and financial stability of Selby Gardens and resulted in the loss of significant contributions.

Pittman tells this story sequentially including all of the legal issues that followed on from the original crime. With this story being a decade old, now, many orchid enthusiasts are unaware of the story behind *Phragmipedium kovachii*. Recently many plants of *Phragmipedium kovachii* and its new hybrids have been offered for sale. I think the book covers the events and issues surrounding this plant. It is particularly helpful that all of the opinions and facts have been gathered together where one can see the events unfolding.

Mike Cory

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## Great deal on Plant Benches

As most of you know, former member Michael Corn is no longer growing orchids. He'll be keeping the green house for other uses but wants to make most of the plant benches available to us.

There are about 60 of the 2' x 4' shelves with high quality plastic bench tops (about 500 square feet of bench tops). The legs are all good and they are very easy to reassemble with screws and a cordless drill. The bench tops all have metal brackets so when they are reassembled they are quite stable. The



legs he has are for 1 shelf, 2 shelf and about 3 shelf-units, but they could be reconfigured. The wood was originally treated and the legs all have plastic feet on the bottom. Nothing has rotted, so they are in good shape. He has removed the legs from all of them.

Here is a picture of one of them assembled.

He would like to find someone who is interested in taking all of them. (You can see them stacked in the background.) Because they have been partially disassembled, they will be easy to transport. They are very easy to configure or reconfigure and reassembly is very fast (probably about 5 minutes for each bench).

The materials and labor to build all of these were initially a fair amount (about \$1,700 plus considerable labor), but he would make a very good deal for the entire lot. He's thinking about \$500/OBO.

He will do a Craig's List posting fairly soon if he doesn't hear from anyone. You can contact him at the following:

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(206) 616-2585 (Work)  
[michaelcorn@comcast.net](mailto:michaelcorn@comcast.net) (personal email)  
[mcorn@u.washington.edu](mailto:mcorn@u.washington.edu) (work email)

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**\*\*REMINDER: NWOS Membership Dues Notice\*\***

Please contact [Mike Cory](#) for questions about your dues.

The NWOS fiscal year is July 1 through June 30 so unless you joined recently, please complete the [Membership Form](#) and either send it in with your check (payable to NWOS) or pay at the June meeting. Dues are \$25 for one person or \$30 for two people at the same address. If you pay now, your check will not be cashed until after July 1. Members who joined at or after the Flower & Garden Show in February are paid through June 2013. Dues are kept low to encourage membership but they cover only a small portion of the society's expenses.

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## **Report from the May Meeting**

The very well attended meeting was lead by Jamie Notman. New members and guests were welcomed.

Joff Morgan gave a report on the NWF&G show. The theme is "Gardens Go Hollywood". Ideas are due by June 18<sup>th</sup>. He also read Judges comments from last February's show.

George Grantham reported on recent shows and thanked Mike & Abby for making a small, but beautifully designed exhibit in Kennewick. He would like help for the June Tacoma show (see announcement poster at the end of this newsletter).

Mike Cory created new name tags for everyone. As an incentive to wearing them, he will collect them from each member at the end of the meeting. A door prize will then be awarded to one lucky member.

Alan Kaas from the Nominating Committee then read the proposed Slate of Officers and Board Members. The list was accepted and voted upon. The people taking office on July 1 are:

President: Mike Foster  
First Vice President: Caroline Mann  
Second Vice President: George Grantham  
Secretary: Mike Cory  
Treasurer: Peter Maunsell  
Past President: Jamie Notman



Trustees for the 2 year term 2012-2014:

1. Al Kaas
2. Mike Pearson
3. Katrina Lindahl
4. Barb Roberts

Trustees (2011-2013) are:

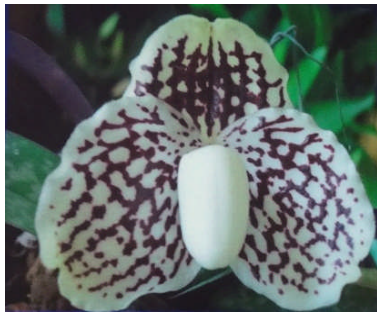
1. Diane Drisch
2. Chris Peterson
3. Jeanne McKinnie
4. Ellen Macomber

Jamie gave a very Special Thanks to SeattleOrchid.com for donating enough plants so that each member could take one home as a gift, plus several more that went on the raffle table.

Sam Tsui gave a very informative presentation on the Brachypetalum and Parvisepalum sections of Paphiopedilums. In addition to beautiful flower slides he included maps with their natural distribution and climatic conditions. He reviewed every species within each section. Once we were familiar with all the species, he concluded by showing many of the hybrids. He discussed both his own preferences as well as what judges look for.



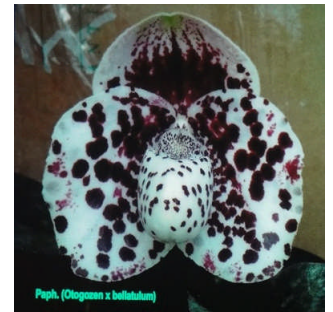
Some of Sam's gorgeous slides:



Paph godefroyae var.  
leucochilum 'Red Sunset'



Paph. Fanaticum AQ/AOS



Paph. (Otogozen x  
bellatulum)



George Krasle reviewed the plant table.

The highlight was a magnificent display of *Cypripediums* grown by Dick Hanson. He is shown here sitting to the right of the aisle talking about how he grew and bloomed these beauties.

A couple of them were awarded at the AOS judging the following weekend.



*Cyripedium* 'Gisela'  
(*C. macranthos* x *C. parviflorum*)



*Cyripedium formosanum*



*Cyripedium flavum*



*Cyripedium parviflorum* var.  
*pubescens*

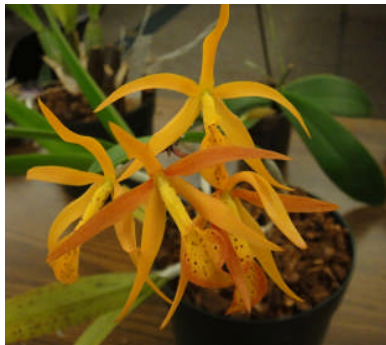




the *Cypripediums* continued to spark a lot of interest during the break



members couldn't resist talking further to Dick about his *Cypripediums*



(Bc. Bill Worsley x *L. cinnabarina*) 'D', Barb Roberts



Bc. Toshie's Magic 'Doris', Joe Griener



Lc. [Prism Palette x (Gaiety Flambeau x Mary Ellen Carter) x *C. walkeriana*], George Krasle



*Laelia crispata* (flava)



Lc. Schilleriana 'Paradise Blue', Joe Griener



L. anceps x Pot. Love Passion, George Krasle





Barkeria spectabilis, George Krasle



Cischweinfia rostrata,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Onc. Rosy Sunset 'Pacific Satin', Joff Morgan



Brassidium Fly Away 'Miami',  
Barb Roberts



Trichocentrum pumilum, George  
and Cylvia Grantham



Encyclia bractescens,  
Diane Drisch



Miltonia, Joff Morgan



Encyclia bractescens,  
Joff Morgan





Phalaenopsis, Barb Roberts



Stenoglottis Longwood,  
George & Cylvia Grantham



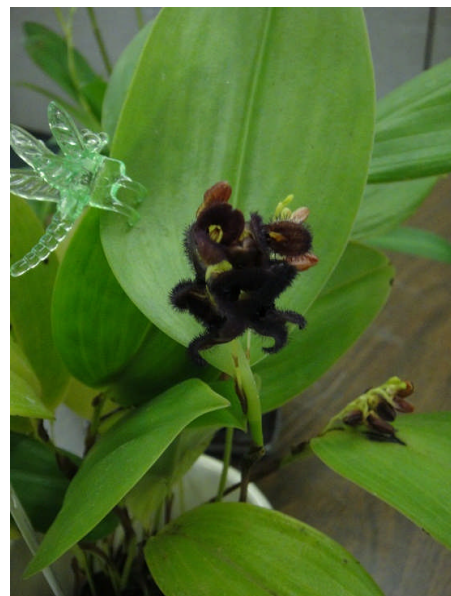
Pleurothallis racemifera,  
George and Cylvia Grantham



Pleurothallis grobyi,  
George Krasle



Lycaste aromatica,  
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Pleurothallis tarantula,  
George and Cylvia Grantham



During the plant table discussion George holds up the *Euchile citrina* that he has proudly bloomed after many years



*Euchile citrina*, formerly *Encyclia*, or *Cattleya*, George Krasle



Paph. (California Queen x Keyeshill) x bellattum, Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Paph. *gratrixianum*, Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



*Paphiopedilum* (Popcorn 'Frills' x philippenense var. alba 'Sterling'), Joe Griener

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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

August - The Annual Picnic plus plant swap, give away and sale. Details will be in a special August announcement.

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