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## June 2013

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### About the June Meeting

June 10, 2013

7:00 p.m.

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

### Special Presentation by Erica Ash, Annual Potluck, Gary Baker Service Award, and Introduction of the new Officers

Our speaker this month is Erica Ash, who received a NWOS scholarship last year. She is a Senior at Portland State University, getting her Degree in Science. She hopes to eventually get both her Masters Degree and a PhD before she finishes her education. She hopes to make a career both teaching and researching.

She will be presenting a report on her study, the purpose of which is to identify the mycorrhizal diversity and level of specificity exhibited of the photosynthetic, *G.oblongifolia*, and the non-photosynthetic *C.maculata*. The fungi needed by the orchids may differ among environments and geographic ranges; thus far, the mycorrhizae associated with the orchids species stated above, have yet to be identified in the Oregon Cascades. This study will sample the fungal diversity of these two orchids in the old growth coniferous forest within Mt. Hood National Forest.

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?

The society will provide plates and utensils. We always appreciate a main dish, or you could bring an item based on your last name:

- A - H dessert or beverage
- I - R salad or vegetable dish
- S - Z main dish

**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 cost.

**Raffle:**

The raffle will be held as usual. The Scholarship Fund, which allows us to support projects like Erica's, is supported mainly by money generated by our monthly raffle.

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**President's Corner**

As we come to the close of the meeting cycle, I want to thank everyone for their contributions. The June Potluck is a great event for good eats and time to socialize. We also have a few items to announce and a year end wrap up of what the society has in the money department. The scholarship recipient will be presenting their project, which is always interesting.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the potluck.

Mike Foster, President

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**Report from the May Meeting**

Mike Foster began the meeting welcoming new people to the meeting. Katrina spoke about the upcoming volunteer day at the zoo.

George Grantham and Joff Morgan gave reports on recent orchid shows and thanked the membership for sharing their plants to go to the shows.

Andy Wright spoke about how great it would be if we could get a group to go to the celebration at Orchidaceae in Walla Walla in October. (see Special Announcements below)

A silent auction for Harry Mar's awarded Lycaste was held.

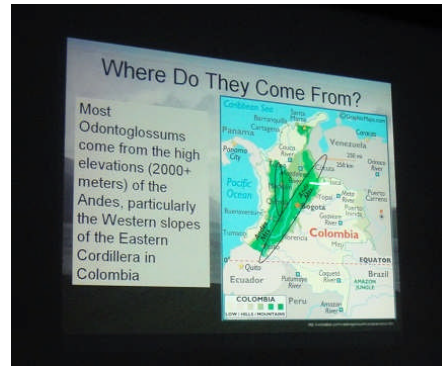
Tom Etheridge gave a most informative and interesting talk about *Odontoglossums* with splendid photos. He spoke about where they grow naturally and the conditions in that region including the coca trade, making it dangerous to explore for orchids. After reviewing the splendid white odonts, which are not fragrant, he then discussed the smelly brown and yellow ones. It was helpful that Tom gave us detailed culture notes, greenhouse cultural tips, recommendations for potting mixes, when to repot, as well as pests and diseases.



Silent auction for the awarded Angulocaste Jupiter 'Sunset',



After his presentation, Tom discusses the finer points with a member



The areas in green mark the natural habitat of Odontoglossums in Colombia, So. America



Andy reviewed the plant table. Here he stops by Dick Hanson's array of cyripediums.



Cyripedium flavum, Dick Hanson



flower closeup



Cyripedium x Andrewsii (C. candidum x C. parviflorum var. pubescens, Dick Hanson



Cyripedium 'Gisela' Wedgwood,  
Dick Hanson

flower closeup



Cyripedium parviflorum var.  
parviflorum, Dick Hanson



Cyripedium parviflorum var. pubescens,  
Dick Hanson



Cyripedium debile, Dick Hanson



George checks out the Cyps



Phrag. Inca Embers,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Valime 'Val' x Pinnochio 'Dresden',  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Rosy Dawn,  
Diane Drisch



Paph. Bellatrix x godefroyae, Mike  
Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Moonstone, Mike  
Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Petula in Pink (Petula's Ruby  
'Blushing' x Raisin Magic 'Pink Skies'),  
Al & Michelle Kaas



Paph. hirsutissimum, Lillian Otani



Paph. ecuadorensis,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Lyro-Blackhawk,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Philip's Moon (Lunar Light Glow  
'Clearescence' x phillippinense alba  
'Heart Break'), Al & Michelle Kaas



Phal. Corona 'Lemon Bomb' (cornu-cervi  
x amboinensis), Joff Morgan



Phaius Microburst 'Wild Thing', Diane Drisch



Ponerorchis graminifolia, Al Mysiewicz



*Barkeria spectabilis*, George Krasle



*Barkeria spectabilis*, Joe Griener



*Coel. massangeana*,  
George Krasle



flower closeup



*Coelogyne ochracea* var. *alba*,  
Joe Griener



*Brassidia Bert Field*,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



*Cochlioda vulcanica*,  
Diane Drisch



*Brassidium Pisgah Recluse*,  
Michael Cory



*Epidendrum radicans*  
(color variety),  
Michael Cory



*Odontoglossum praestans*,  
Joe Grienuer



*Grammatophyllum*  
*scriptum* var. *Kiilani*,  
Diane Drisch



*Encyclia cordigera* var. *rosa*,  
Michael Cory



*Encyclia cordigera* var.  
*rosea* x *randii*, Joff  
Morgan



*Encyclia sima*, Diane Drisch



*Odontoglossum praestans*,  
Joe Grienuer



*Trichocentrum pumilum*,  
George & Cylvia Grantham





*Oncidium leucochilum*



*Psycopsis*, Susan Costa



*Oncidium ampliatum*,  
Andy Wright



*Oncidium concolor*, Joff Morgan



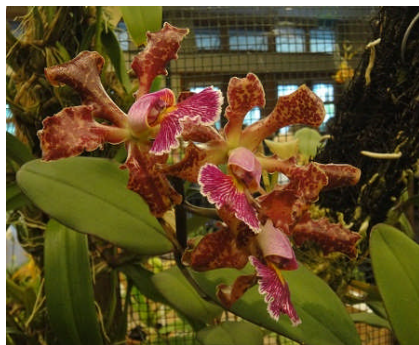
*Oncidium Jiuhubo Gold*,  
Barb Roberts



*Renanthera citrina*, Andy Wright



*Renanthera monachica*, Andy Wright



*Cattleya shilleriana*, Andy Wright



*Laelia purpurata 'alba'*, GKrasle



Cattleya skinneri (Guarianthe),  
Michael Cory

flower closeup



Slc. Sierra Doll 'El Dorado' x Slc. Bright  
Angel 'Auburn', Diane Drisch



Potinara William Farrell x Cattleya Horace  
'Watermelon Perfume', Michael Cory



Slc Jewel Box 'Sheherazade', George Krasle

flower closeup



*Bulbophyllum eberhardtii* closeup



*Bulbophyllum eberhardtii*, Andy Wright



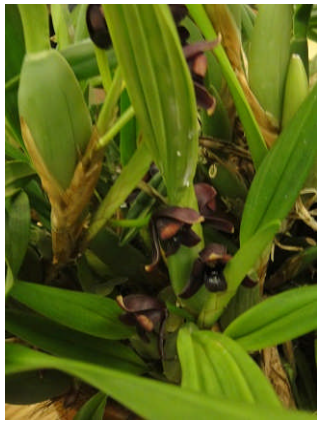
*Bulbophyllum fraudulentum*,  
Andy Wright



*Bulbophyllum yasnae*,  
yellow form, George &  
Cylvia Grantham



*Bulbophyllum*  
*tricanaliferum*, Joe  
Grienauer



*Maxillaria variabilis*, black form,  
George Krasle



*Pleurothallis rubella* (*modesta*),  
Al & Michelle Kaas



Dendrobium miyakei (goldschmidtianum),  
Joe Griener



Dendrobium, cucumerinum,  
George Krasle



Miltonia phalaenopsis 'Norma' x  
'Brad & Judy', Mike Foster &  
Donna Pierce



Phal. Corona 'Lemon  
Bomb' (cornu-cervi x  
amboinensis),  
Joff Morgan



Sedirea japonica 'Minmaru',  
Al Mysiewicz



Angulocaste Jupiter 'Sunset', Harry Mar



some good orchid talk at the display table

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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

**June 10, 2013** - Report from our Scholarship Award recipient, Erica Ash, Pot Luck Dinner, Gary Baker Service Award.

**August ??, 2013** - The Annual Picnic. Details will be in a special August announcement.

**September 9, 2013** - Speaker: Marni Turkel from San Francisco, who will give a talk on the Lesser Known Oncidiniiae.

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## **Reminder for Officers & Board Members**

The transitional Board meeting for both current and new Board Members and Officers will be on

**July 23rd** and George & Cylvia Grantham's home at 6 pm. There we will be treated to George's BBQ and Cylvia's fabulous cuisine. There is no need or expectation to bring anything, but if you want you bring drinks or a few hors d'oeuvres or dessert, then that's o.k.

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## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Orchidaceae - 10 years in Walla Walla celebration**

Jason Fischer, from Orchids Ltd. will talk about how to grow fantastic Phragmipediums. He'll talk about all aspects of Phrag culture and some of their new breeding trends. He's planning to bring a terrific selection of plants to sell.

October 12th, 10 a.m. and Orchidaceae's greenhouse.

Mark your calendars and save the date. Complete details will follow.

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### **The SIXTH "Regional Orchid Society Get-together"**

will be held on June 29 at Botanica Ltd. in Missoula Montana at noon. In previous years, in addition to local Five Valleys Orchid Society members, we've had attendees from the Sacajawea Orchid Society in Bozeman, the Great Divide Orchid Society in Helena, the Spokane Orchid Society, Treasure Valley Orchid Society in Boise, and Jim and Lois Huffman of Jolah Orchids from Ontario, Oregon.

ANYONE with an interest in orchids is invited and encouraged to attend! you do not need to be a society member.

This year we are delighted to have Marion Allen as our guest speaker. Marion is currently the Chair of the Rocky Mountain Judging Center for the American Orchid Society which serves Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Utah and New Mexico. We've asked her to talk to us about orchid shows, how we should prepare our orchids for them, and what judges look for when judging plants and flowers. Marion, originally from Great Britain, is one of the most exceptional and charismatic orchid judges we've ever met (and we've met many). What sets her apart is her dedication and attitude towards learning. She will give a novice clerk at a show as much of her time as a co-judge; an attitude not often found in the judging community. Marion began growing orchids about 35 years ago and has grown them in a variety of settings and locations. In the eighties she became active with the Denver Orchid Society, serving as the President, show chair, membership chair and newsletter editor over the years. Also in the 80s she decided she needed some more formal education so took a BA in Biology at DU, graduating in 1989. Her husband, John, calls her "the kid I hadn't planned to put through college". In the mid-eighties Marion also became active with the American Orchid Society, serving on the Special Funding Committee and the Affiliated Societies Committee, ending as its chair. She then became a trustee and finished her service as the Secretary on the Executive Committee. She taught orchid classes at the Denver Botanic Gardens for several years. She joined the AOS judging program in 1991 and after six years of training became an AOS accredited judge.

Travelers should begin arriving between noon and 1:00. We'll have a BBQ around 1:00. Bring lawn chairs (we have some, but not enough) and food to share (meat for the barbecue, buns if needed, a salad, side dish, dessert or beverage). Botanica Ltd. will provide condiments for burgers and hot dogs, lemonade, iced tea, dishes, cups, silverware, napkins.

This is a FANTASTIC opportunity to meet lots of other orchid growers in the region, learn more about orchids and orchid shows and maybe even add to your orchid collection!

We look forward to seeing you all.

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