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About the June Meeting

June 9, 2014

7:00 p.m.
University of Washington
Center for Urban Horticulture
3501 NE 41st Street
Seattle, WA 98105

Annual Potluck, Gary Baker Service Award, and Introduction of the new Officers



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 and a main dish. We always appreciate additional main dishes or your special recipe. Instead, you could bring an item based on your last name:

A - H: salad or vegetable dish

I - R: main dish

S - Z: dessert or beverage

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. Win a new orchid for your collection while supporting the Scholarship Fund.

President's Corner

The NWOS Board is composed of members just like you. We meet every other month to decide on the business part of your society. Your Officers are elected for a one year term and the trustees are elected for a two year term.

Since the society operates on a July 1st to June 30th operating year, it may be confusing to some members.

I want to thank Katrina Lindahl and Allan Kaas, the two departing board members, for their valuable two years of service.

As we begin another society year; we will have returning and new board members. The newly elected members for July 2014 to June 2016 will be: Mike Pearson, Barb Roberts, Leanna Fox, Alycia Moncrieff and Christa Divis. The returning members are Joff Morgan, Ellen Macomber, Jeanne McKinnie, Diane Drisch and Chris Peterson

Mike Foster, President

Insecticide use on Orchids

Many orchid growers have been using Bayer Rose and Flower insecticide spray to kill mealy bugs and scale insects. Although the label for this mixture does not specifically mention orchids it does specify "flowers". Commercial orchid vendors advertise Bayer Rose and Flower and it is available from most big box and garden stores.

Bayer Rose and Flower contains two ingredients B-cyfluthrin a pyrethrin analog. Pyrethrins are insecticidal compounds isolated from the genus *Chrysanthemum* and biodegrade in the environment. The second ingredient, imidacloprid is a neonicotinoid compound, effectively an insect neurotoxin.

In recent years Colony Collapse Disease (CCD) has been affecting bee populations around the world. The disease leads to complete loss of worker bees from affected colonies and the death of the colony. Up to 30% of bee colonies in the US may show this effect during each winter. CCD is a serious problem because bees are used to pollinate about 25% of commercial food products, including fruit, nut and vegetable crops.

In recent widely reported research reports (1,2) imidacloprid has been held responsible for CCD. Other research reports suggest that CCD could be caused by a virus, parasitic mites, pesticides, or bacterial diseases (3). Imidacloprid is still available in the US but must be viewed with suspicion as a possible toxic agent toward bees. Orchid growers should be aware of the possible environmental effect of the agents that they use.

Michael Cory

References

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 2. Sub-lethal exposure to neonicotinoids impaired honey bees winterization before proceeding to colony collapse disorder," Chensheng Lu, Kenneth M. Warchol, Richard A. Callahan, *Bulletin of Insectology*, online Friday, May 9, 2014.
 3. National Honey Bee Health Stakeholder Conference Steering Committee on October 15 -17, 2012 in Alexandria, VA. US Department of Agriculture.
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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 June meeting by check, cash, 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 2015. 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.

Report from the May Meeting

Mike Foster opened the meeting with several announcements and introduced new members and visitors. George Grantham talked about our exhibits in other Orchid Society shows. Allan Kaas conducted the election of officers and board members. Caroline Mann made an announcement about our future meetings including the June Pot Luck and the August Picnic. She also discussed the Society's library. Joff Morgan put in a request for ideas for the next NWF&G show. Mike Cory reminded us that our dues are due on July 1 and gave payment options. Katrina Lindahl gave thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the Zoo repotting volunteer day and proposed the next chance to help out, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 20th.

Our speaker, Ron Hanko, gave a great talk about how he and his son built his Wardian Case. To see pictures and revisit his wonderful creation, go to his blog [HERE](#). By sticking to several rules he has developed a very successful orchid growing area: stay small, be selective, know your conditions, read the literature, watch carefully, and fertilize lightly. His stunning photographs and display of live plants were fantastic.



Ron Hanko's orchid display



Ron takes questions from the group



Al takes a closer look at Ron's flowers



Inspired by our speaker's topic, Abby brought her plant cloche

Mike Cory reviewed the plant table. Photos courtesy Diane Drisch



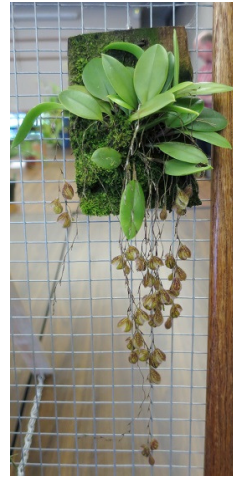
Mike points out George's Pleurothallis



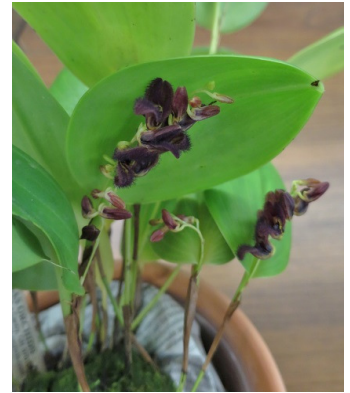
Pleurothallis grobyi, George Krasle



Pleurothallis talpinaria (purple),
Mike Cory



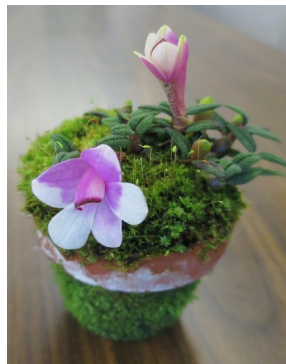
Pleurothallis
cypripedioides, Ron
Hanko



Pleurothallis tarantula,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Dendrobium Mountain Magic
(Den. pseudoglomeratum x
cuthbertsonii), Ron Hanko



Dendrobium
cuthbertsonii,
Ron Hanko



Dendrobium Illusion
(Den. cuthbertsonii x lawesii),
Ron Hanko



Dendrobium agathodaemonis,
Ron Hanko



Dendrobium vexillarius,
Ron Hanko



Dendrobium Illusion,
Dick Hanson



Dendrobium cucumerinum,
George Krasle



Dendrobium limpidum,
Ron Hanko



Dendrobium unicum,
Dick Hanson



Lepanthes calodictyon,
Ron Hanko



Dendrobium jenkinsii,
Alberto Alvarez



Dendrobium aggregatum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce

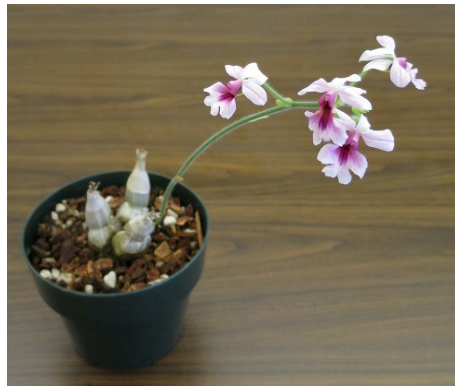


Masdevallia hirtzii, Ron Hanko



Masdevallia coccinea
(Dwarf Pink HCC/AOS),
Kathy Murray

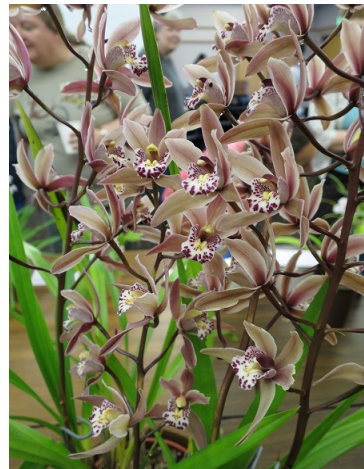
Masdevallia ...irce,
Kathy Murray



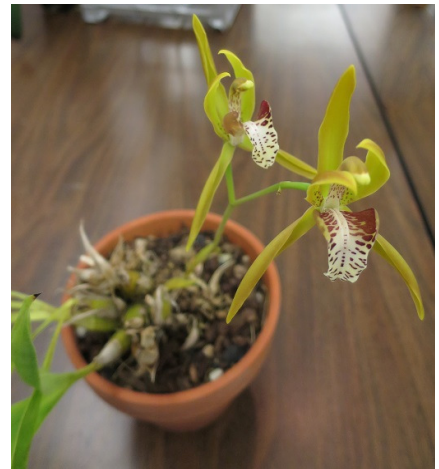
Calanthe rosea, Diane Drisch
with an assist from Kathy Murray



Mike discusses the deciduous Calanthe



Cymbidium hybrid, Kathy Murray



Cymbidium tigrinum, Abigail Chang



Darwinara Rainbow Stars,
Chloe Angus



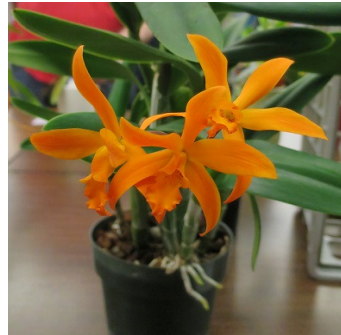
Did you look closely and notice
this special fella under Chloe's
Darwinara?



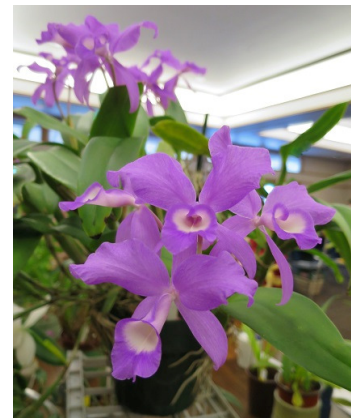
Dryadella edwallii,
Alberto Alvarez



Cattleya Jose Marti 'Mother's
Favorite', Mike Cory



Sophranthe (laeliocattleya)
Tropical Treat, Mike Cory



Cattleya skinneri, Mike Cory



Maxillaria tenuifolia,
Mike Foster & Donna
Pierce



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Sanyo
Butterfly 'Parkside' AM/AOS,
Mike Cory



Phalaenopsis wilsonii,
George Krasle



Encyclia chacaoensis,
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Encyclia Cindy 'Sunshine' x
Encyclia tampensis var. alba,
Joff Morgan



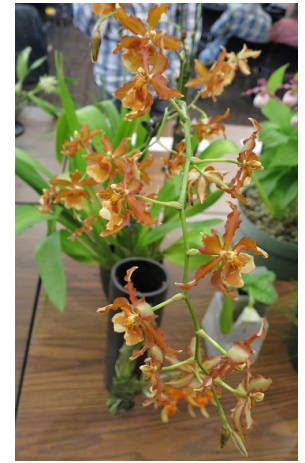
Encyclia mooreana,
Joff Morgan



Miltassia Kauai's Choice,
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Onc. Mendenhall Hildos,
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Onc. Pacific Command,
Joe Griener



Dactylorhiza fuschii,
Alycia Moncrief



Paph. villosum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



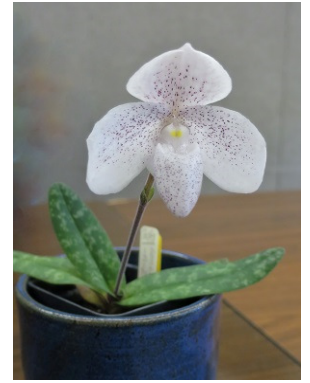
Stenoglottis Longwood,
George & Sylvia Grantham



Paph. bellatulum var. *album*,
Dick Hanson



Paph. godefroyae, Minh Au



Paph. concolor, Mike
Foster & Donna Pierce



Phrag Grande x *wallsii*, Mike
Foster & Donna Pierce



Phrag Grande 'Maybrook',
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. lowii, Mike Foster &
Donna Pierce



Cypripedium passerinum,
Dick Hanson



Cypripedium x *Andrewsii* 'Gunter Preusse' HCC/AOS
(*Cyp. parviflorum* var. *pubescens* x *candidum*),
Dick Hanson



Dick Hanson and Ron Hanko
enjoy a chat



Cypripedium Gisela 'Wedgwood' HCC/AOS, CCM/AOS
(Cyp. macranthos x parviflorum), Dick Hanson



Cypripedium parviflorum var. pubescens,
Dick Hanson



Cypripedium parviflorum var. parviflorum
var. makasin, Dick Hanson



Disa Glasgow Orchid
Conference, Harvey Brenneise



Disa Kewdior 'Christine',
Harvey Brenneise



Disa Kewensis,
Harvey Brenneise



Disa Auratkeu closeup



Disa Auratkeu, Harvey Brenneise

Schedule of Upcoming Events

June 9, 2014 - NWOS meeting, Pot Luck Dinner and Gary Baker Service Award

August 23, 2014 - NWOS Picnic - Hosted by Peter & Kelly Maunsell. You'll get details in a email before the event.

September 8, 2014 - NWOS Meeting

Sept. 20, 2014 - tentative date for NWOS Volunteer Day at the Zoo. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Help tend to the Zoo's extensive orchid collection and see the zoo for free when we're done.

October 13, 2014 - Dick Hanson: Cyrtopodiums

Nov. 8-9, 2014 - AOS Judged Orchid Show and Sale at Swanson's Nursery with setup and Preview Party on the 7th.

Nov. 10, 2014 - NWOS Meeting

Dec. 8, 2014 - Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner and Plant giveaway for each member who's dues are paid in full. We will also have two trophies to award: The Schoenfeld Trophy as well as the Rebecca Northen Miniature Orchid Trophy.

Jan. 12, 2015 - NWOS Meeting

Feb. 11-15, 2015 - Northwest Flower & Garden Show. Setup days are Feb. 7-9 and part of the 10th.

Feb. 16, 2015 - NWOS Meeting, one week later than normal because of the NWF&G Show setup on our regular meeting date.

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The transitional Board meeting for both current and new Board Members and Officers will be on July 8th at 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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are no special announcements this month.