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About the June Meeting

June 12, 2017

7:00 p.m.

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

Annual Meeting, Potluck Dinner, Introduction of the new Officers, NWOS Scholarship Speaker, and Gary Baker Service Award



June is our **Annual Business Meeting** and where we traditionally have a **Potluck Dinner** before our society goes on its two month summer hiatus. We will welcome our new officers and board members and thank those who are retiring. We will also vote on proposed Bylaws changes.

Join us for what promises to be a fascinating talk by Mr. Ryo Okubo on "**Orchid Pollination by Arctic Aedes Mosquitoes.**" Mr. Okubo was awarded the NWOS Yearly Scholarship for studies involving orchids and he will present his findings at this meeting. The aims of his study involved testing the specificity of chemical signaling between *Platanthera obtusata* and *Aedes* mosquitoes as well as testing the involvement in pollination between males and females.

A highlight of the evening will be the announcement of 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. This special honor goes to a recipient who 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?

To kick off the festivities the society will provide a nice cut of meat or poultry. It will also provide plates, utensils and napkins, but if you're feeling green, bring your own. There's a kitchen for quick cleanup afterwards. Members can bring additional food: a main dish, side dishes, salad, drinks or dessert to share for our Potluck Party. For reference and to help decide what delicious food to bring, you could use the handy list. If your name starts with:

- A - I = bring a salad or vegetable dish
- J - R = bring a main dish
- S - Z = bring dessert or beverage

Consider this a guideline only. If you have a dish you are known for, or just want to share something special with others, please bring that instead.

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 NOT be held this month.

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 link at the top of this page.

Orchid Bark Survey

Steuber Supply in Snohomish has been the place to purchase the 2 cubic foot bags of Rexius Orchid Bark. They are not planning to restock the small sized orchid bark and we don't know what their plan is when they run out of the medium sized bark.

I would like to know how many folks would purchase one or more bags and which size, the cost would be around \$15.00 per bag. We need to have a 30 bag order for the Rexius folks to process and ship from Eugene.

Let me know ASAP at the potluck or by email: fosterpierce@comcast.net

Mike Foster, Past President

News from the American Orchid Society



AFFILIATED SOCIETIES COMMITTEE

We've just attended the AOS Spring 2017 Members Meeting, which was held in conjunction with the renowned Redland International Orchid Festival in Homestead, Florida. It's always exciting to get together with others who share your passion in an environment that promotes all things orchid and the shopping doesn't get much better.

We visited the home of the AOS at the incredible Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. We viewed the AOS Library Collection now housed in its new location and had the opportunity to view the beautifully curated art collection, "Orchids Through the Artists' Eyes". The semi-annual committee meetings were energy filled with an exchange of ideas on how to fulfill our current goals and how we can provide more support to the Affiliated Societies and strengthen Member Programs. The auction held at the Gala, "Orchids Under the Stars", was very successful. We raised more than \$20,000, to be earmarked for Orchid Conservation. All in all, it was a great event. Remember, all AOS members are encouraged to attend. We'll let you know as soon as we have details on the Fall meeting and we'd love you to join us.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

Tuesday, June 13, 2017@ 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM EDT *Everyone invited*

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education and Science Officer, who will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on question submitted by attendees. Please send your questions to stillisch@cox.net by Sunday, June 11th.

Register now using this link:

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/2368118630129673219>



Vanilla imperialis 'Denver Botanic Gardens' HCC/AOS; Photographer: Unknown

Vanilla: Growing, Harvesting & Curing with Jim Reddekopp
Thursday, June 22, 2017 @ 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM EDT *Members only*

There's nothing vanilla about Jim Reddekopp other than everything he lives and breathes, of course. Join Jim, the owner of the first commercial vanilla operation on the 'Big Island' of Hawaii, as he shares his failures and victories of growing, harvesting, and curing the world's most delicate orchid blossom.

Register now using this link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5538096413604700930>

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton
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Register now using this link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7631180625618853635>

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

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.



Angraecum sesquipedale 'Max' HCC/AOS; Photographer: Lowell McCabe

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

- Genus of the Month - *Top Ten Angraecums*
- Orchids Illustrated - *Bifrenaria*
- For the Novice - *Growing Cattleyas, Part 1*
- The 2016 Dillon/Peterson Essay Contest Winner
- Collector's Item - *Campylocentrum ornithorrhynchum*
- *Lindleyana* - Some Angraecum Conundrums
- *Isotria verticillata*
- Spotted Blue Cattleyas



Cattleya amethystoglossa f. coerulea 'Corn Flower Blue' AM/AOS Photographer: Fred Rindlisbacher

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.*



Dendrobium Aridang Blue 'XOXO Joyce' AM/AOS; Photographer: Ernie Walters

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

Report from the May Meeting

Abigail Chang welcomed guests and new members. George Grantham gave a report about the Oregon Orchid society show that was held on 4/22-23. Abigail then reviewed the bylaws changes that had been proposed by the Board. Discussion followed.

Abigail then conducted the election of Officers and Board members for the upcoming year. The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee was accepted with a verbal Aye vote of those present. The position of Treasurer had two candidates (Mary Margaret Cromarty and Chris Peterson) so that part of the election was held by paper ballot. After the ballots were counted, it was announced that Chris Peterson will be our next Treasurer.



Dick Van Ingren

Jake Burroughs introduced our speaker, Dick Van Ingren who spoke about Indonesia, a land of approx. 8000 islands. He showed us how the Sultan plants his orchids in coconut husks attached to trees, an orchid nursery, temples and a volcano along with the wild nature of the land below the volcano. He also visited the Princess of Ubud and her garden. Throughout his talk he showed us "Roots, roots, roots" and how these roots grow in the wild. He recommend that we let the plant teach us how they want to grow naturally, not just in a pot on a coffee table.

We would like to thank all the people who stepped up to our request and donated many raffle plants. We had a nice selection which enabled us to add to our Scholarship Fund.

George Krasle reviewed the plant table.

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch.



George Krasle points out Joff's *Vascostylis* growing inside a large jar as he reviews the plant table

Vascostylis Pine Rivers, Joff Morgan



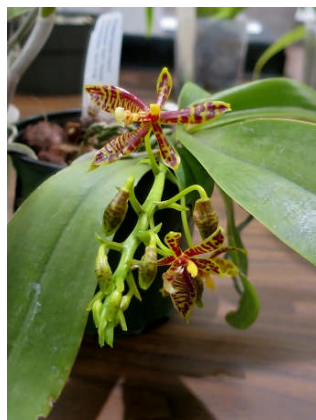
Vanda Joan Warne x *Vanda cristata*, Allan & Michelle Kaas



Renanthera citrina, Allan & Michelle Kaas



Sarcochilus Elizabeth, Erika Dyer



Phalaenopsis mannii, George Krasle



Phalaenopsis hybrid, George Krasle



Dendrobium chrysotoxum, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Dendrobium, Kathy Murray



Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Dendrobium cariniferum,
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Dendrobium Yellow Song 'Canary',
Kathy Murray



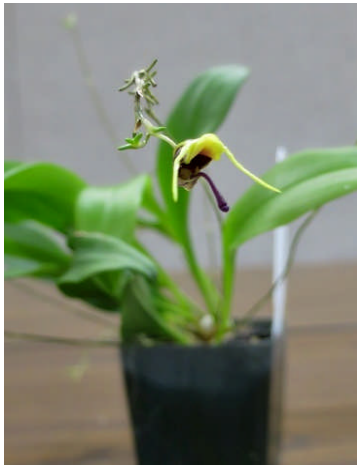
Dendrobium Dream 'Ace', Joff Morgan



Bulbophyllum falcatum 'Standing Tall' AM/AOS, George & Cylvia Grantham



Bulb. falcatum closeup



Scaphosepalum breve, Abigail Chang



Masdevallia decumana, Kathy Murray



Porroglossum sergioi, Abigail Chang



Pleurothallis racemifera, George & Cylvia Grantham



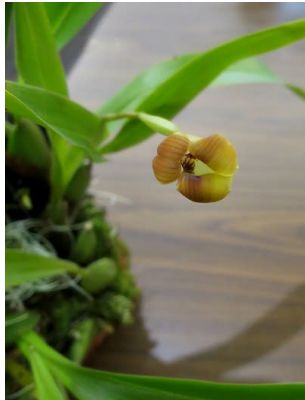
Pleurothallis tarantula, George & Cylvia Grantham



Bifrenaria harrisoniae, George Krasle



Cymbidium lowianum, Diane Drisch



Trigonidium latifolium, Allan & Michelle Kaas



Angulocaste Jupiter Sunset, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Lycaste Dainty (campbellii 'Shan' x candida), Abigail Chang



Brsdm. Longlen 'Bill Switzer' AM/AOS, Mary Nichol



Epicat. Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower' HCC/AOS, George Krasle



Encyclia atropurpurea, George Krasle



Cattleya alliance,
Mary Nichol



Iwanagaara Appleblossom 'Fantasy',
Diane Drisch



Phrag. Paul Eugene Conroy
(*longifolium* x *walissii*),
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Cypripedium henryi,
Dick Hanson



Paph. St. Swithin,
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Paph. (Ichiro Suzuki 'Red Pepper' x bellatulum 'New Red Moon'), Dick Hanson



Paph. wenshanense, Dick Hanson



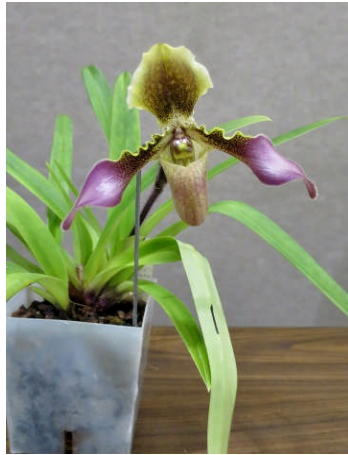
Paph. Fairly Dreamy, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. callosum v. thailandense, Abigail Chang



Paph. armeniacum 'Wedgwood' AM/AOS, Dick Hanson



Paph. hirsutissimum var. nagaland, Dick Hanson



Paph. hirsutissimum, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. hirsutissimum var. album 'Gleneurie' AM/AOS, Dick Hanson



Paph. esquirolei, Dick Hanson

Schedule of Upcoming Events

June 12, 2017 - NWOS meeting - Annual Meeting, Potluck Dinner, Scholarship Presentation and Gary Baker Service Award

June 17, 2017 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

July 15, 2017 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

August ?, 2017 - NWOS Annual Pot Luck Picnic - Details will be emailed to all NWOS Members in good standing.

August 19, 2017 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

Sept. 11, 2017 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Alexey Tretyakov, "Orchid Nutritional Requirements"

October 9, 2017 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Sam Tsui, "Growing the group Brachypetalum"

November 13, 2017 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Eve Rickenbaker, "UW Hyde Herbarium"

December 11, 2017 - NWOS meeting - Potluck dinner, Christmas Plant giveaway, Schoenfeld and Northen Trophy contests

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The transitional Board meeting will announced at a later date. This dinner meeting of both the outgoing and incoming Board members will be hosted at the home of George and Sylvia Grantham. Check your email for more details.

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

Special FLASH SALE!

Decorative Framed Planter Boxes

Unique custom made indoor black framed planter boxes made from MDF wood. Can be hung like a picture frame on a wall and placed with decorative indoor plants. Comes in two sizes with limited supply:

1. Height: 28" x Width: 23"
2. Height: 21" x Width: 25"

Price: \$25/box, to purchase please email: contact@graceorchids.com, attn: Grace

