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About the March Meeting

March 11, 2013

6:30 p.m. **Preview Party** / 7:00 p.m. **Auction**

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

Annual Orchid Auction

Bring your plants!

Members may bring up to five plants to auction off (NWOS takes a 20% commission) and as many as you wish for a 100% donation to the Society.

If you want to bring more than five plants in the 80/20% category, put them on a separate sheet and they will be auctioned after all the other plants are gone.

You will register when you arrive and get a bidding number to use during the auction. After the auction you will use the same number to pay for your purchases. This year we will be able to process VISA/Mastercard transactions along with cash and checks.

Please print the Auction Form attached [HERE](#). Complete both the left and right sides and bring it with you to the meeting, making sure to mark the fund of your choice.

There are five fund choices and you may choose any number of them:

The Library Fund is used to purchase items for the NWOS Library.

The Slipper Fund is used by the U.W. Botany Greenhouse to purchase Species Orchids.

The Zoo Fund is used by the Woodland Park Zoo Greenhouse to purchase Orchids.

The Scholarship Fund is used each year for a college student working on an Orchid related project.

The General Fund covers everything else, from the programs to the everyday working of your society.





This Auction is the only source of funding for the Library, Slipper and Zoo funds. The Scholarship Fund is funded by this Auction and the Raffles held at most meetings. The General Fund is funded by all sources of income including this Auction, Membership Dues, Plant Sales, NWF&G Show exhibit proceeds, etc.

Peter and Kelly Maunsell will again host the very popular wine and cheese preview party. It will start at 6:30 pm with the auction starting at 7:00 pm

Display Table: No display table this month.

Sales Table: Everything's on sale this month---at the auction!

Raffle: No Raffle this month.

Library: No Library this month.

March 18, 2013 Potting Clinic:



We will have a potting clinic on March 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the lower Douglas Classroom. Members can repot up to three average sized orchids for free. Non-members are invited to pay a fee based on pot size or become a member.

This clinic has always been popular. Our most experienced members show techniques for dividing and repotting, while offering advice on selecting the best potting media for your growing conditions and type of orchid.

The Douglas Classroom is southeast of our regular meeting building adjacent to the large parking lot.

President's Corner

Northwest Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale

Our Spring Show and Sale will be held at Sky Nursery 18528 Aurora Av N 98133 in Shoreline WA, the weekend of April 6th and 7th with a show theme of "SHOW BIZ".

This will be an American Orchid Society Judged Show, which means that we will have Orchid Judges that will be scouting all of the the Show Orchids for a possible AOS Quality Award.

The Saturday Show and Sale hours will be from 9am to 6pm. The Sunday hours will be 9am to 4:30pm, with breakdown between 4:30pm and 6pm.

The set up will be on Friday the 5th, starting at Noon. It will be a busy day with setting up the areas and helping with checking in all of the show plants. We will need all of your help to set up the Show and Sales tables and to help with installing the NWOS display.

This will also be the time to bring in Blooming Orchids for the NWOS display, your Orchid could receive one of the 14 'Best of Awards' or you could also receive an AOS Quality Award.

Our Show will have SUPER displays of Blooming Orchids from visiting Societies, the Vendors and the NWOS. There will also be a GREAT sales area with a surprise new vendor. If you work a shift and put a blooming orchid in our display, you can sell plants on the members table.

We also will need help for both Saturday and Sunday for Ribbon Judging, Cashiering, Sales help, Hosting and the Raffles. Then at 4:30pm on Sunday, we will again need your help to remove what we put up on Friday.

I encourage everyone to participate in this event; Look at the Fantastic work you all did for the Flower Show display, we need to repeat that effort over these three days for our Spring Show and Sale to be another success. Without your Help these events would not happen.....

The sign up sheets will be available for YOU at the March 11th meeting (auction); if you won't be there, send me a email so you won't be left without a fun and rewarding shift.

Thanks everyone,
Mike Foster, President
fosterpierce@comcast.net

Volunteer Zoo Position



The Woodland Park Zoo has an excellent opportunity for someone to help with their growing orchid collection. The zoo has over one thousand orchids in the collection with many different geniuses represented. They are starting to get a little overwhelmed with some of the basic cultural needs (cleaning, repotting, dividing, etc.). They'd like someone with enough experience with orchids that they could work independently with little supervision. Interested individuals are asked to be able to provide a minimum of 4 hours a week and be available the same days every week or a consistent alternating schedule. This would help to make them better able to plan accordingly. If you want to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Justin Schroeder (justin.schroeder@zoo.org).

2013 NW Flower & Garden Show



The 2013 NW Flower & Garden Show has come and gone for another year. Our garden "Lights, Camera, Orchids!" was a hit and we garnered a Silver Medal from the judges. This display would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers. Nor would it have been as eye-poppingly-dramatic without the 270 (!!!) orchids loaned to us by our members as well as contributions from Emerald City Orchids, SeattleOrchid.com, the UW Botany Greenhouse, Volunteer Park Conservatory, and the Zoo's Horticulture Greenhouse. Simply amazing.

How do I thank each and every one of you who contributed your time, your muscle, your expertise, your plants, and/or your help before, during, and after the Show? Breaking our previous records in building the garden's structures and again while dismantling them? Engaging the public and answering all of those questions? Gathering moss, milk crates, and movie props?

Joe Griener – It was a pleasure working with you on this effort. Thanks for allowing “the committee” to meet at Emerald City Orchids after hours, the brainstorming sessions and back-and-forth emails, all of those ceramic and metal containers used to disguise our orchid pots, and your off-the-wall humor that kept our spirits up and energized. Even some of your employees' time in building the garden and the extra orchids!

Cylvia Grantham – Not only do you and George grow and flower beautiful orchids, but your expertise in arranging foliage and orchids into a visual and dramatic extravaganza are second to none. Thank you!

George Grantham – Thanks for providing transport of staging materials, orchids, moss collection and delivery, behind the scenes support, and for keeping Cylvia happy.

Doug Ewing – I felt like a kid in an “orchid candy store” wandering through the UW Greenhouses on Monday before the Show, picking out a variety of blooming species orchids. Thank you for allowing us to display these interesting plants and their flowers in our garden each year!

Mike Pearson – Thank you for making our dreams of faux orchid “movie posters” a reality. They were stunning and informative. The wooden stands were helpful too.

Mike Cory – The laminated orchid culture summaries were most useful. They provided just enough information at a glance while providing a springboard for more details from our volunteers. Thank you for those and for gathering a sample of the Volunteer Park Conservatory orchids for the garden.

Katrina Lindahl – Thank you for allowing us to use the Zoo's foliage plants in the display. Every year you have allowed us to pick out plants, delivered them to the Show, and picked them up after Show's end. You have saved us time and time again. Thank you so much!

Peter Maunsell – What can I say to a fellow member who was there at the Show every day, every shift, misting and spraying water each morning to keep the moss, foliage, and our precious plants from drying, tirelessly answering questions, engaging the public, and providing reassuring council. You are awesome!

To everyone else, your contributions to the planning, building, staffing, dismantling, and stocking of our garden with colorful orchids were no less important. I would name each of you, but then I'd probably piss someone off by inadvertently missing their name. Plus I misplaced my notebook, containing the volunteer and plant contributor lists, after the Show's close. <blush> Suffice to say, this garden could not be created without you and your tireless efforts.

Please give your selves a round of applause and a standing ovation. Each of you deserves an Orchademy Award for Best Performer!

~ Joff Morgan

P.S. The dates for next year's 2014 Show will be February 5th through the 9th. The theme for has not yet been named, but it will have something to do with “art.”

And a few more words of thanks...



our silver medal

I'd like to put a mention in for Joff Morgan. The Garden at the NW Flower & Garden Show was a big hit. We won a silver medal!!! Joff, as usual, did the majority of the work. He had to make some tough decisions and demonstrated strong leadership skills. The NWOS is truly lucky to have him in the ranks. He deserves a lot of credit for making us look so good in front of tens of thousands of people. As a direct result, we should have some new members showing up at our meetings in the next couple months.

Many Thanks, Joe Griener, Emerald City Orchids

A Gallery of photos from this year's NW Flower and Garden Show:



one of the Orchademy awards



Mike Cory helps an interested visitor

Please come back to this site. Soon there will be an array of photos showing the fabulous work of our Orchid Society

Report from the February Meeting

Mike Foster lead the meeting and began by introducing people new to our group. Leanna Fox explained the new raffle system. Joff Morgan talked about our upcoming exhibit at the NW Flower & Garden Show. George Grantham also added that we need flowering plants from the members. He added that we will also need plants for the Mt. Baker Show coming up on March 9-10 where we will be putting up a display. Mike Cory announced that the membership roster came out today. He talked about how NWOS members could sponsor a Trophy at the upcoming AOS Show and Sale at Sky Nursery.

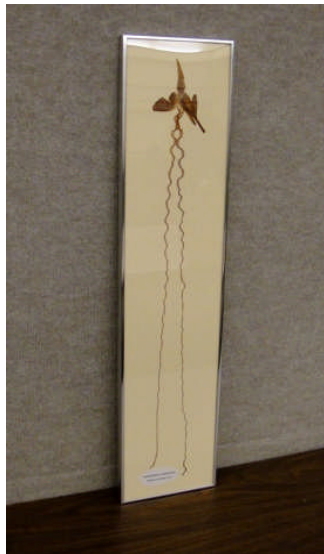


Our program was the very interesting and entertaining movie presentation The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief and the Black Orchid. Who knew that orchids could bring about such intense politics, intrigue and differing opinions!

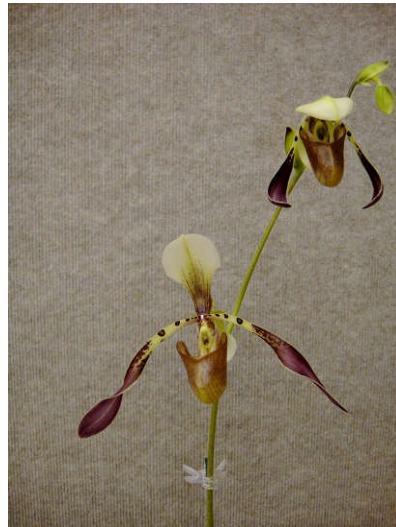
Abigail Chang reviewed the plant table. We had an interesting discussion about the culture of George and



Cylvia's Lycaste.



Dick Hanson shared this amazing pressed flower of *Paph. sanderianum* with its 29.5 inch petals



closeup of Paph. Toni Semple



Paph. Toni Semple (*Paph. haynaldianum* 'SVO7' x *Paph. lowii* 'SVO' AM/AOS), Diane Drisch



Paph. Earl of Chester,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph boxallii,
Dick Hanson



Paph. Pinocchio
(*Paph. glaucophyllum* x *primulinum* 'Radcliffe'),
Diane Drisch



Paph. insigne,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. San Francisco x
Green Mint, Mike Foster
& Donna Pierce



Phragmipedium Eric Young
(longifolium var. gracile
'Birchwood' AM-AOS x
besseae var. flava OZ),
Joe Griener



Phal. gibbosa,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Doritaenopsis Juihbao Fairy 'Angel',
Joe Griener



Phalaenopsis lobbii (parishii
var.),
Joe Griener



Pleurothallis gargantua, Andy Wright



Pleurothallis palliolata 'Eichenfels',
Andy Wright



Pleurothallis alvaroi, closeup



Pleurothallis alvaroi, Andy Wright



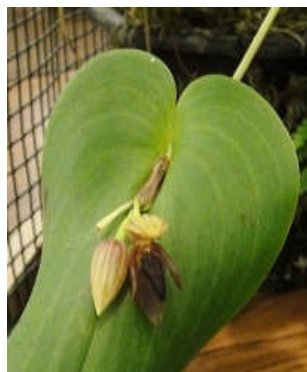
Pleurothallis niveoglobula,
Abigail Chang



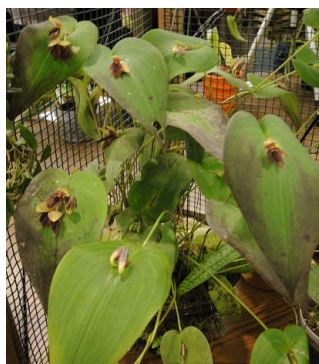
Trias picta, Andy Wright



Masdevallia limax, Andy Wright



another of Andy's Pleurothallis



Stelis lynniana, Andy Wright



another well-grown flower
from Andy Wright



Bulb. Wilmar Galaxy Star x
Bulb. facetum 'Gold Country',
George & Cylvia Grantham



Bulbo. Scabratum,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Ludisia discolor,
Joff Morgan



Ryn. gigantea, closeup



Ryn. gigantea,
Mike Foster & Donna
Pierce



Dendrochilum tenellum, flower closeup,
George Krasle

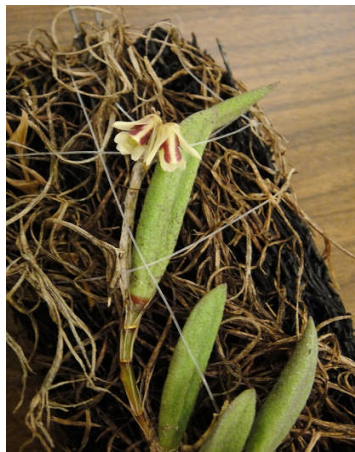


Dendrochilum tenellum showing it's
"grassy" plant form



Lycaste Absolutely Stunning
'Grantham's Glory' AM/AOS, George
& Cylvia Grantham

flower closeup



Dockrillia rigida,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



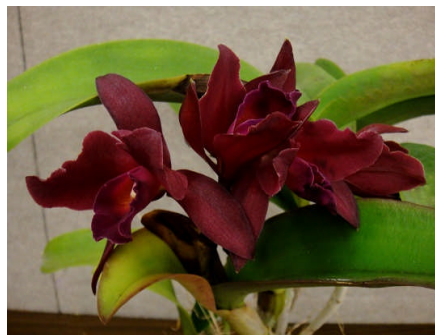
Coelogyne, Andy Wright



Coelogyne Intermedia
(Coel. cristata x massangeana),
Leanna Fox



Aerangis Rhodosticta var.
Luteo-Alba, Dick Hanson



Lc. Netrasiri 'Dark Prince',
George Krasle



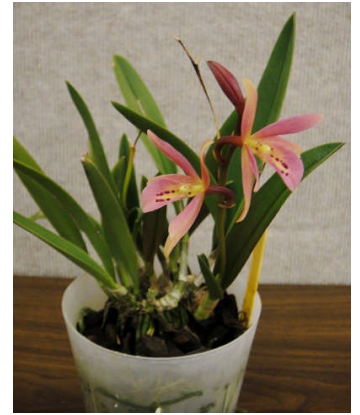
Cattleya Intermedia (alba x
Maria Faceira), Dick Hanson



Bc Maikai 'Mayumi',
Diane Drisch



Blc Good News 'Doris',
Abigail Chang



Bpl. Fiftieth Anniversary (Bl.
Richard Mueller x Epi.
conopseum), George Krasle



Pot. Firey Leopard 'SVO'
AM/AOS x Pot. Martha Clarke
'My Beauty', Joff Morgan



Sophronitis coccinea,
Dick Hanson



Pot. Rubescence,
Joff Morgan



Odcdm. Cherry Fudge
'Winter Garden',
George & Cylvia Grantham



Cptra. Sydney Smith 'Yuki',
Joff Morgan



Alcra Kauai's China Oka
AM/AOS, George & Cylvia
Grantham



Oeoniella polystachys, Andy Wright



Oncidium Twinkle, George Krasle



Den. Princess 'Asai', flower closeup



Dendrobium Princess 'Asai',
George & Cylvia Grantham



Dendrobium aberrans, Lillian Otani



Dendrobium delicatum, Allan & Michelle Kaas

Schedule of Upcoming Events

March 11, 2013 - Annual Orchid Auction

March 18, 2013 - Potting Clinic in the Douglas Classroom

April 6-7, 2013 - AOS Orchid Show and Sale at Sky Nursery with setup on the 5th.

April 8, 2013 - Speaker: Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids, California speaking about *Neofinetia falcata* and it's hybrids

May 13, 2013 - Speaker: Tom Etteridge, an AOS Judge from Oregon speaking on *Odontoglossums*

June 10, 2013 - Pot Luck Dinner, Gary Baker Service Award and a report from our Scholarship Award recipient, Erica Ash.

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

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 5/7/13. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emerald City Orchids is going to be clearing out 25% of their bench space. Out of flower Cymbidiums, Cattleyas, and a few other genera will be on sale in March. 1 gallon cymbidiums are \$7- \$10 and 4" cattleyas and mini catts (slc., blc. epi-catt, etc.) will be \$5-\$7. They're going to shove it all onto the patio and whatever people want, they can buy cheap. Everything left over in April will be composted. It's got to go to make room for some exciting new plugs they want to start growing.

For more information, contact Emerald City Orchids, 716 NW 65th St., Seattle, WA 98117 (206)-588-4183