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About the March Meeting

March 10, 2014

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

Annual Orchid Auction

Bring your plants! We have the full room this month for this big event.

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. 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.





NWOS Members Only: We will again have our very popular wine and cheese preview party.

The room will open at 6 pm for setup, the party will start at 6:30 pm and the auction will start promptly 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.

Orchid Potting Clinic March 17, 2014



Left: A selection of orchid potting media. Clockwise from one-o-clock: tree fern, lava rock, Aliflor, sphagnum moss, osmunda, rockwool and fir bark in the center.



Cork Bark slabs for mounting



Orchid pots come in a variety of materials and styles.



Our Annual potting clinic will be held on Monday, March 17th 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

A great Thank You for everyone that worked to make the Flower Show display a huge success.....

March is the annual auction which is the main source of funding for many of our causes that NWOS supports.

This month also brings the popular potting clinic where members get to repot three plants for free!

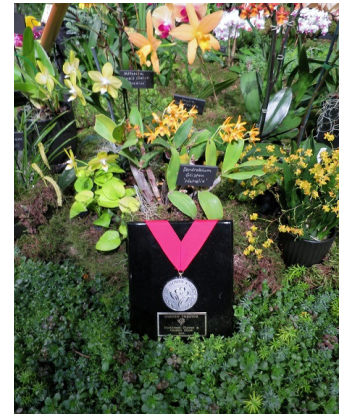
Join us for both of these great events.

Later,
Mike Foster, President

"50 Shades of Orchids" at the 2014 Northwest

Flower & Garden Show

The 2014 NW Flower & Garden Show has come and gone for another year. Our garden "50 Shades of 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.



I would like to thank the following people (and organizations) for their contributions in building and staffing our garden at the NW Flower & Garden Show. A spectacular effort produced an amazing garden of orchid color that was a hit with the public!

George & Cylvia Grantham	Collene Collins	Ellen Macomber
Christa Divis	Lucille	Bruce & Christine Ulness
Al Mysiewicz	Bob (Mike's friend)	Mike Foster & Donna Pierce
Leanna Fox	Michael Cory	Alycia Moncrieff & Sam Weigelt
Elise Greve	Sandy Kurack	Pat & Diane Dunn (MBOS)
Lisa Ellis	Kathleen Neely	Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson
Peter Maunsell	Darrow Chan	Pat & Dennis Gossler
Stephen Lacy	Erika Dyer	Alberto Alvarez
Al & Shelley Kaas	Laddie Wiedow	Arthur Ortiz
Susan Costa	Greg Sliman	Patti Henschen
Sylvia Danielson	Stephen Dorsey	Bo Lee
Harvey Brenneise	Jeanne McKinnie	Lori Lederman
Heather Richardson	Gina Short	Peggy Shuer
Roxanne Rosson	Barb Roberts	Minh Au
Kate MacMillan	Diane Drisch	Caroline Mann
Don Miller	Andy Wright	Kevin Keo
Chris Peterson (and her two glass	orchid flowers)	and anyone I inadvertently left out

Joe Grienaus (Emerald City Orchids) for all of the support, the black ceramic pots, and orchids
 Kate MacMillan & Al Bryant (Spiritline Pottery) for the Raku orchid pots on our picture frames
 Katrina Lindahl (Woodland Park Zoo) & crew for the foliage, delivery and retrieval
 Robyn Cannon (Etera) for the Sedum Tiles
 Diane Drisch (Wild Birds Unlimited) for use of the Advanced Pole System connectors
 Our orchid vendors Emerald City Orchids, SeattleOrchid, and Andy's Orchids
 Marenakos Rock Center for the "Tenino Sandstone" & Sawdust Supply for the dark mulch

Thanks to Don Marshall and Cindy Funes of LWIT Environmental Horticulture Program, for loaning us some of your students in constructing and arranging our garden. Thank you to students Curtis Sienkewich, Haley Hunter, Dylan Coulter, Shawna Brown, and Logan Holstine.

A “huge” thanks goes to those people who contributed orchids for our garden:

Mike Foster & Donna Pierce
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson
Volunteer Park Conservatory
George & Cylvia Grantham
Joe Grienuer (Emerald City Orchids)
Doug Ewing (UW Botany Greenhouse)

Minh Au
Ellen Macomber
Roxanne Rosson
Diane Drisch
Joff Morgan
Bruce & Christine Ulness

George Krasle
Bo Lee
Allan Kaas
Mike Cory
Andy Wright
Dan Kerr

A monumental effort this year! And the most fun I have had putting a garden together. I can't wait to begin working with you on planning our Gold Medal garden for the 2015 Show.

Joff Morgan



Our display in the shape of an artist's palette



garden - right side



picture frames left



picture frames right



flower detail



Many, Many Thanks to Joff Morgan for all of his hard work coordinating our Garden along with the help of all the other volunteers. And Joff, thanks also for ordering all those Do Not Sit signs for our rock walls!

Newsletter Editor's Note: There were so many fine photos of our garden as well as the process of creating and dismantling it that I have created a separate photo essay page [HERE](#). In addition, I have put a link on the upper left side of this page under the NWOS Contacts.

Photos Courtesy Joff Morgan, Diane Drisch, Mike Foster, Donna Pierce, Kate MacMillan, and Mike Cory.

Orchid Shows Past and Future

The Mt. Baker Orchid Society Show and Sale was held at Mt. Vernon on March 1-2. It was a good show. Besides our own display, highlights included a stunning collection of Ron Hanko's miniature orchids in his wardian case, a generous selection of Dave Edgley's wonderful Phalaenopsis, and some fabulous Dendrochilums in Out on a Limb's exhibit. Our NWOS display consisted of 58 plants loaned by 7 members. We picked up 11 blue show ribbons, 13 reds and 9 whites for a total of 33 ribbons. Mike Foster and Donna Pearce received "Member's Choice" trophy for their large pot crowded with blooms of *Plione formosana* 'Aunt Trudy' CCM/AOS and Cylvia and I won the "Best Plant in Show" trophy for our *Lycaste Absolutely Stunning* "Grantham's Glory" AM/AOS. Thanks very much to the following members, besides Mike and Donna and ourselves, who sent plants: George Krasle, Minh Au, Mike Cory, and Allan Kaas. By the way, Allan is king of the reds. He sent 6 plants and got 5 red ribbons.



Top: overview of the NWOS display at the Mt. Baker Orchid Show.



Top Right: *Lycaste Absolutely Stunning* 'Grantham's Glory' AM/AOS stands out amidst all the other blooms

Bottom Right: *Pleione formosana* 'Aunt Trudy' CCM/AOS.



Photos Courtesy George & Cylvia Grantham

The Spokane Orchid Society Show and Sale will be held March 29-30. We will be collecting plants for the show on Thursday, March 27th. They have been sending superb displays to our shows in recent years and we hope to do the same for them. This is always an excellent show with vendors that we don't see in Seattle and it is a highly recommended show to attend. Spokane is a pleasant drive, lodging is very reasonable if you wish to stay over and contrary to popular opinion there are some little-known but very worthwhile things to see in Spokane including the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture and a great little conservatory at Manito Park. For a special treat dine at Anthony's at Spokane Falls.

The Oregon Orchid Society Show and Sale will be held April 26-7. We hope to send a display to this show as our societies have supported each other over the years. Cylvia and I will be unable to take a display down to this show because of a conflicting obligation. We might be able to go down on Sunday and bring the plants back but we will be unable to set up. If you would like to help with this show please let me know.

George Grantham, 2nd Vice President

Report from the February Meeting

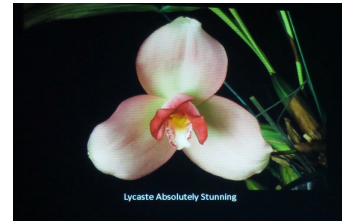
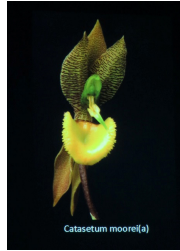
Mike Foster introduced new members and visitors. He gave big thanks to Joff Morgan and also to Joe Griener for their help organizing our exhibit for the NW Flower and Garden Show. He also thanked all those whose hard work created our beautiful display as well as everyone who lent their plants for the show.

Joff then thanked all those that helped make our exhibit at the NW Flower & Garden show a Silver Award winner. George Grantham spoke about our participation in other Orchid Society shows. Mike reviewed plans for the March Auction and Potting Clinic and reminded us about the different funds that the Auction supports.



AOS Judge Abigail Chang

Abigail Chang was our featured speaker. She presented the recent AOS Awards from the NW Regional Judging centers (Silverton, Seattle and Richmond). She organized her slides by type of award. Starting with awards for species plants only, she showed the CBR (Cert. of Botanical Recognition) and the CHM (Certificate of Horticultural Merit) awards.



She followed this with the Flower Quality Awards: HCC (High Class Certificate) 75-79 points, AM (Award of Merit) 80-89 points, and FCC (First Class Certificate) 90-100 points. During her presentation, Abby also reviewed the awards that are given to the grower: CCM (Cert. of Cultural Merit) 80-89 points and CCE (Cert of Cultural Excellence) 90+ points.

It was a beautiful, informative presentation, especially timely after we were privy to the judging process at the January meeting.

George Krasle reviewed the plant table. Photos courtesy Diane Drisch



George discusses the difference between male and female flowers and how culture can influence which ones the plant produces.

Some of the Catasetinae (Cycnoches and Catasetum) exhibit this floral dimorphism.



Female flowers on Fredclarkara After Dark 'Morning After' x Catasetum pileatum 'Green Gold', Diane Drisch



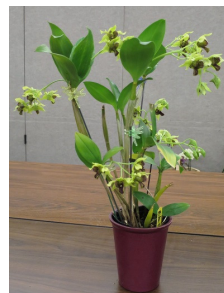
Dendrobium kingianum, Erika Dyer



Den. kingianum flower closeup



Den. Andree Millar flower closeup



Dendrobium Andree Millar,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Cymbidium Nut 'Red Beauty', Minh Au



Cymbidium Joan Taylor 'Million Kiss',
Diane Drisch



Cymbidium sinense Yu Shi Zi,
Minh Au



Cym. sinense flower closeup



Cymbidium Goeringii
Golden Da Fu Quai,
Minh Au



Masdevallia veitchiana ('Gary Baker' x 'Blaze'),
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce

Masd. veitchiana flower closeup,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce

Phaius pauciflorus f. punctatus,
George Krasle



Epidendrum parkinsonianum,
Minh Au



Scaphosepalum species,
George Krasle



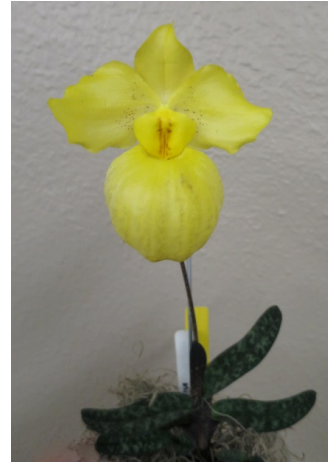
(Paph Red Phantom x Jim Iverson) x
Paph Edward Marshall Boehm,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Wallula Magic
(Hagrid 'Modest' x Straight Flush 'Oscelot'),
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Fanaticum (malipoense x micranthum),
Minh Au



Paph. armeniacum, Minh Au



Paph. Sunbeam, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phrag. Barbara Leann x kovachii, MinhAu



Laelia anceps, George Krasle



Angraecum sesquipedale, silent auction

Schedule of Upcoming Events

March 10, 2014 - Annual Orchid Auction

March 17, 2014 - Orchid Potting Clinic - Meet in the Lower Douglas Classroom

April 14, 2014 - NWOS meeting

April 26, 2014 (Saturday) - NWOS Volunteer Day at the Zoo, 9:45 until 1, or maybe 2 or 3 p.m.
Meet promptly at the South Gate.

May 12, 2014 - NWOS meeting

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

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 3/4/14 and 5/6/14. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



March 2014

From the Desk of Sandra Tillisch Svoboda

Join us for an AOS members-only Webinar on March 17

From 8-9pm EDT, Ron McHatton will present a talk on the various kinds of pests that can affect our orchid collections and how to manage them.

No orchid grower is completely immune from the introduction of pests and diseases to their collection. This means that sooner or later we are all going to be faced with having to go to battle on some level with the forces of nature that have decided to feast on our plants. Effective pest management isn't easy and it isn't fast and most of us try our hardest to get it over quickly. The result is often expressed by that phrase "scale (or mealybug or ?) are impossible to control." The keys to effective pest management is to understand the pest you are fighting and to even better understand the pest management scheme you have decided to use. This presentation to look into the life cycle of our common pests, how pesticides work and how they should be used for effective management.

Space is limited. Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/864561042>

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

System Requirements

For PC-based attendees use Windows® 8, 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server. Mac®-based attendees can use Mac OS® X 10.6 or newer and mobile attendees can use their iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet

Mark your calendars for Monday April 21. Ron will be presenting another webinar on growing dendrobiums.

There's still time to register for our Members Meeting

Our spring members meeting and election will be held in conjunction with the Minnesota Orchid Society's Show at the end of April. There's still time to register but time is rapidly running out. The meeting hotel is filling up rapidly and the room block hold ends on April 8. For more information see <http://mnorchid.wix.com/osm2014sam>

Orchids: A Growing Obsession

The Orchid Society of Minnesota is proud to host your
**Spring 2014 AOS Members' Meeting and Show in Minneapolis,
 Minnesota April 30th through May 4th.**

Sharing this experience with us will be meetings & events of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, the Slipper Orchid Alliance, International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Pleurothallid Alliance and the Angraecoid Alliance.

Keynote address will be by Chris Purver, Curator of the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, England.
 "The Foundation was established in 1958 by the late Eric Young who had developed one of the finest orchid collections anywhere in the world."

Speakers:

- Alan Koch "Sarcochilus, A Whole New Look"
- Russ Vernon "Odontoglossums: A Brief History and Their Culture or...How to Grow Killer Odonts and Not Get Frostbite!"
- Chris Purver "Reviving Interest in Calanthes and hybrids within the Oncidiinae"
- Harry Phillips, Andy's Orchids "Mounted Orchids Fact and Fantasy"
- Carlos Fighetti "Phalaenopsis Species"
- Jerry Fischer "The Wonderful World of Cattleya Species"
- Jason Fischer "Growing and Breeding with Phragmipedium kovachii"
- Kathy Creger "Botanical Illustration"
- Cordelia Head "Micro-minis in the Pleurothallid World"



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Our April showers will bring thousands of May orchids on display and for sale. Check out www.orchidsagrowingobsession.com for more information. Reduced hotel rates at the DoubleTree by Hilton at I-494 @ Hwy 100 in Bloomington, MN are available until 4/8/14 or until they are gone. All events are at the show hotel which offers free airport shuttle service.

