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About the March Meeting

March 9, 2015

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.



**Bid on this and we'll see you
next week at the potting clinic!**

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.

New this year, we will have a short presentation before the auction starts. Kim Owen and her daughter are working on a children's picture book about orchids. Kim will share some of the pages of their book and talk about the reasons they chose orchids to illustrate the book's theme. It's a fascinating concept and we will be among the first to see the work as they prepare to launch their fund-raising campaign later this spring.

Another new addition this year will be a **Silent Auction** held in the back of the room for non-plant orchid-related items, such as equipment and decorative pieces.



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 16, 2015

Our Annual potting clinic will be held on Monday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the lower Douglas Classroom. Members can repot up to three average sized orchids for free. Non-members pay \$10 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

Last Saturday was the monthly regional orchid judging in Seattle. It is held in the Douglas classroom just east of our main meeting room every third Saturday, starting at 1pm. The American Orchid Society Judges are the group responsible for the awards that are given at the many orchid shows across the US and Canada. Our local group is the Pacific Northwest American Orchid Society Judging Center and it is made up of orchid society members that have studied all the different genera. In order to make the center a success, they need blooming orchids to judge and interested orchid growers to observe the judging process.

Without your help providing blooming orchids to judge or just attending, our center could close from lack of interest. Please consider spending a Saturday afternoon learning more about orchids.

Mike Foster, President

Orchid Show and Sale at Volunteer Park Conservatory

The NWOS, in collaboration with the Friends of the Conservatory and Conservatory staff, will be hosting an orchid show and sale at the Conservatory in Volunteer Park on Capitol Hill. The show will be from 10 AM until 4 PM on Saturday April 4th, 2015.

All NWOS members are requested to bring orchid plants for show or sale to this event. Plants for the show or sale can be brought to the Conservatory from 1:00 to 4:00PM on Friday, April 3. Sale plants should be labeled with the member's name and plant price. There will also be plants for sale from Emerald City Orchids & Olympic Orchids. Surplus plants from the Conservatory collection will also be for sale.

The Conservatory building is 102 years old and on the historic register of buildings in Seattle. In December of 2014 the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department finished a major three million dollar restoration of the east side of the building and rebuilt one of the production greenhouses. The show and sale will be in this new facility.

Saturday, April 4th is a free admission day at the Conservatory and at the Seattle Asian Art Museum just South of the Conservatory. Tours by docents from the Friends of the Conservatory will be at 11, 12, 1, and 3 during the show and sale. Web sites for the Friends of the Conservatory and Volunteer Park Conservatory are below.

<http://www.volunteerparkconservatory.org/>

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/parkspaces/volunteerpark/conservatory.htm>

Upcoming Orchid Shows

We are planning to send displays to the following spring shows:

The Spokane Show and Sale will be held March 28-29. It will be in a new location this year and also will feature a radically different format. There will not be separate displays for each society. Instead plants will be grouped together by type of plant. There will be ribbon and AOS judging. Since plants will be displayed individually it will be very important to groom and stake the plants and make sure they are stable. It is preferred that they be placed in a decorative pot but if not we can hide the pot in a basket or black cloth.. The show will be held at Vicki's Garden Center, 2100 S. Inland Empire Way, Spokane WA 99224. Spokane is great weekend getaway so I hope to see some other members at the show.

NWOS Orchid Sale and Display at the Volunteer Park Conservatory Saturday, April 4th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. We will have one large display that will accommodate plants brought in by members. Please bring in plants and most especially those unusual varieties that will amaze and astound the general public. You may bring plants on Friday between 1 and 4 p.m. If you are unable to bring in your plants at that time, you may call George Grantham or Joff Morgan on the eastside to make special arrangements.

The Oregon Orchid Society Show and Sale will be held April 11-12 at the usual venue, the Ambridge Event Center in Portland. We will be collecting plants as usual on the Thursday before. Bring them to my house in the evening or call to make special arrangements.

The Portland Orchid Society will be hosting a show in conjunction with the AOS spring meetings. Setup for the show will be Wed. April 29th. We will be collecting plants for the show on Tuesday, April 28th. The show lasts through Sunday May 3. There will be various lectures and program events Friday through Sunday. This is an important event that you may want to consider attending. For more information see: <http://www.portlandorchidsociety.org/calendar/2015AOS.php>

The South Central Washington Show and Sale will be held May 9-10 in Kennewick WA, Cylvia and I will not be able to take a display but NWOS will definitely send a display. Members have expressed a possible interest in taking plants but plans have not been finalized. If you are interested in assisting with this show please contact me.

George Grantham, 2nd Vice President

Wow, We Won a Gold Medal!



The 2015 NW Flower & Garden Show is over for another year. Well, okay, we have a "4 month break" before applying for next year's Show in June. After ten years of designing an orchid garden, we were awarded a Gold Medal. I think the difference this year was we produced a garden that, to me, looked and felt real. The grass with Sedum Tiles along the edges helped define our negative space, the plantings of foliage and orchids in small groupings looked established (like they had always been there), and I especially liked our rock cliff face and the winding stream bed behind it. One of the Show's owners commented that every time he and his staff walked by our garden, they would see something new that drew their eyes in for another look. I agree. I wanted to hike up the hill to find where that stream bed originated from.

Joe Griener of Emerald City Orchids, your design this year was stellar. I liked how the line of sight was deliberately blocked on the corner – forcing viewers to move to the right to see the cliff face or move to the left to view the stream bed. While peeking through the foliage “hinted and teased” at what treasures lay beyond. Thank you for patiently explaining your vision (many times) and dreaming up a wood foundation that lay beneath the garden. No more slinging of manure-laced sawdust! Joe was present every day helping us build the garden, laying the sod, and making design choices. He also produced a patio garden on the Sky Bridge and manned his Emerald City Orchids sales booth in the Garden Marketplace. Thank you, Joe!



Allan Kaas was instrumental in deciphering Joe's drawings, breaking them into their component parts, and designing the wood structure that gave our garden its height, cliff face backing, and firm footing. He tirelessly pre-built this structure in 8-foot square sections, in his upholstery shop in Lynnwood. As each section was built, it was labeled and then dismantled to make room for the next section's construction. Once at the Show, Allan and a group of impact driver volunteers proceeded to construct the sections and tie them all together. Thank you, Allan (and Michelle), this garden would not have happened without you and your skills.

You are my nominee for the Gary Baker Service Award.



About two weeks before the Show, George & Cylvia Grantham drove to Oxnard, CA to visit relatives and on their way back met up with Nenita Sorella (Sorella Orchids), who took them to various wholesalers to purchase orchids in bloom. They brought back 70 fully blooming plants in their Prius along with their luggage, a box of oranges, and a large cooler. Both were present for moss collection from their property near Monroe, George hand-printed name tags for our display during Setup, and Cylvia provided orchid arrangement on the rock cliff

face and other areas of our garden, and both were present every day of the Show to answer questions from the Public. George & Cylvia also drove around to various Lowe's and Costco stores on Monday 2/9 to purchase additional white Phalaenopsis and needed colorful Cymbidiums. Thank you both for your much desired time and talents!

Thank you to our intrepid moss collectors (George & Cylvia Grantham, Ellen Macomber, Lillian Otani, and myself) who braved rain and wet to collect moss and mossy tree limbs from the Grantham property near Monroe on Thursday 2/5.

Katrina Lindahl of the Woodland Park Zoo Horticulture Greenhouse provided the amazing foliage for our display. She not only delivered the foliage on Sunday setup 2/8 but also retrieved the plants on Monday teardown 2/16 (which was a Holiday). Thank you Katrina and Horticulture staff for allowing us to display your great looking plants!

Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Horticulture students Stephen Dyer, Martha Frye-Nelson, and Dan Weeks helped our other volunteers on Saturday setup build the two-foot tall, 60' wall of Pennsylvania Ashlar stones. Each of these stones measured 8" tall x 4" wide x 12" long to 40" long. The smaller stones weighed approximately 60 pounds while the longer stones were closer to 200 pounds. Sorry for the making the stone heavier each year. But the wall went up very quickly!

Others helping us build the wood structure and stone wall on Saturday 2/7 were Michael Cory, Mike Foster & Donna Pearce and their two friends Bob & Laura, Mike Pearson and Abigail Chang, Chris Peterson, Lisa Ellis, Collene Collins, Alycia Moncrieff and Sam Weigelt, and myself. Volunteers on Sunday 2/8 included myself, Collene Collins, Katie Ryan, Alycia & Sam, Barb Roberts, Ellen Macomber, Michael Cory, Diane Drisch, Allan Kaas, Lisa Ellis, and Christiane & Bruce Ulness.

Jeanette Milne and her staff at the UW Botany Greenhouse, who helped me extract and load orchids from the greenhouses into my car on Monday 2/9. Thank you for letting us display such beautiful and interesting specimens!



On Monday 2/9 setup, Horticulture students Richard Deskin and Beth Thonney helped us preen and place orchids into the display. I am certain that Beth's expert placement of the moss between the stones of our rock cliff face is what swayed the Judges. <grin>

Thank you to Beth Thonney and Stephen Dyer for continuing to check up on us during setup, offer encouragement and advice, and help us celebrate the Gold Medal during the

Show.

Other volunteers helping on Monday 2/9 were Ellen Macomber, Chris Peterson, Nancy Wright, Katie Ryan, Diane Drisch, Sylvia Danielson, Mike & Abby, Mary Margaret Cromarty, and Chloe Angus-Tibbetts. By the way, Collene Collins supplied the basket used in our picnic scene and Chloe created the "love letters" wrapped in ribbon. The orchid quilt and wine glasses came from Joe and his wife Michelle, and I supplied the unopened wine bottle. Thank you, everyone!

It is not my intention to leave people's names out of this, but unfortunately I did not make a list of everyone who contributed plants for our display, so I am going by memory. And even that might be faulty at this point. Please accept my thanks for those members (named and un-named) who allowed us to display their orchids (the real stars of our garden) – George & Cylvia Grantham, Michael Cory, Volunteer Park Conservatory, Chris Peterson, George Krasle, Minh Au, Allan & Michelle Kaas, Michael Sheeran, Collene Collins, Ellen Macomber, Lisa Ellis, Chloe Angus-Tibbetts, Harvey Brenneise, Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson, Mary Margaret Cromarty, Diane Drisch, Joe Grienaus, Alycia & Sam, Barb Roberts, Roxanne Rosson, Andy Wright, and anyone I forgot to include here. I'm sure you'll let me know. <laugh> Next year I'm going to make better lists! Or designate someone to keep track for me.

Peter Maunsell was not present during our setup days this year, but he was present every day of the Show and the teardown day as well. Like Peter, Rohm Gustafson worked each day of the Show answering questions from the Public and members alike. He also helped with design tips and advice on orchid placement at the base of the rock cliff face. Thank you, Peter and Rohm!

Wednesday's volunteers at the Show were Al Mysiewicz, Don Miller, Alberto Alvarel, Gordon Cromwell, Chris Peterson, Nancy Wright, Dino Taroco, Joey Tridente, Collene Collins,

Abigail and Mike, Chloe Angus-Tibbetts, Amy Stegmann (a customer from Seattle Orchid), and Erika Dyer.

Thursday's Show volunteers were Michael Cory, Lisa Ellis, Steve Dorsey & Lori Lederman, Greg Sliman, Susan Costa, Chloe Angus-Tibbetts, Collene Collins, Sylvia Danielson, Christiane & Bruce Ulness, and Erika Dyer.

Friday's helpers were Michael Cory, Leanna Fox, Kathleen Neely, Sue Brangwin, Bo Lee, Pat Gossler, Mike & Kathy Murray, Sylvia Danielson, Minh Au, Andy Wright, Bridget Lamp (Volunteer Park Conservatory), Jim & Ron (I forgot your last names), Peter de Jesus & Theresa Drake, and Ellen Macomber.

Saturday's Show helpers were Michael Cory, Mariana Johnson, Minh Au, Pat & Dennis Gossler, Jeanne McKinnie, Mike & Abby, Michael Sheeran (and parent), John & Barbara Gleisner, Peter de Jesus & Theresa Drake, and Sean He.



Sunday's Show volunteers were Lillian Otani, Roxanne Rosson, Diane Drisch, Jeanne McKinnie, Heather Richardson, Amy Stegmann, Harvey Brenneise, Christiane & Bruce Ulness, Sam Weigelt, Jacki Coburn, Abby & Mike, Peter de Jesus & Theresa Drake, and Ellen Macomber.

Teardown helpers included Collene Collins, Michael Cory, Diane Drisch, Chris Peterson, Allan Kaas, Ellen Macomber, Mary Margaret Cromarty, Mike & Abby, and even more people I forgot to write down.

Monday 2/16's teardown included Allan Kaas, myself, John Gleisner, Steve Dorsey, Lisa Ellis, Peter Maunsell, George & Cylvia Grantham, Mike Pearson, and I just know I'm forgetting someone else's name here.

Many thanks to George Krasle for agreeing to store the wood structure so we can use it again for next year's garden.

Thank you to each and every one of our volunteers, helpers, supporters, and orchid and plant contributors (named above and inadvertently un-named) in making a Gold Medal garden! We could not have done it without you.

Now, what are we going to do for next year's garden? <wink>

Joff Morgan

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.

NWOS Display at Mt. Baker Orchid Society Show

We had a very successful display in the Mt. Baker Society show in Mt. Vernon on Feb 28th to Mar 1st. Our display included 46 total plants loaned by 9 different members. Our plants garnered 34 total show ribbons including 14 blues. Special recognition included two AOS nominations, George Krasle's Dend. lingueforme and Andy Wright's Pleur. melanostricta 'AGE', both magnificent specimen plants. Lillian Otani won Best Orchid By a Beginner **and**

Members' Choice for a lovely Cym. Khai Loving Rabbit. This gorgeous huge Cymbidium weighs almost as much as Lillian. Many thanks to the above, and also to Mary Margaret Cromarty who assisted Cylvia and I with the display and finally to the following additional members who sent plants: Jamie Notman, Minh Au, Heather Richardson, Mike Corey, Allan Kaas and to Cylvia and myself.

George Grantham, 2nd VP



NWOS display at Mt. Baker Orchid Society Show

Report from the February Meeting

Mike Foster opened our meeting announcing that all the many sedum tiles as well as the large assortment of orchids from our show would be sold at very reasonable prices. Joe Griener and Joff Morgan joined him in speaking about our display garden at the NWF&G Show. They received a standing ovation from us and proudly displayed our first ever Gold Medal. They also thanked all those who helped make it such a great success.



Joe and Joff receive a standing ovation

Alycia Moncrief, chair of the Nominating committee, spoke about the upcoming elections. She and Mike had the officers and a Board member describe what the position entails. They encouraged everyone to consider the rewards of participating more in the running of our society.

George Grantham talked about upcoming shows at other Orchid Societies, and requested help and blooming orchids from our members.

Mike Cory updated us on the society's membership status. He and Chris Peterson then announced and gave details about the Orchid Show and Sale at the Volunteer Park Conservatory on April 4th.

We took a break to purchase our show orchids, sedum tiles and raffle tickets. After a bit of social time Andy Wright reviewed the plant table and we had our plant raffle. We then had an informative Q&A discussion about Basic Orchid care led by Joe Griener, Mike Foster, Mike Pearson, George Grantham and others.

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch.



Joe and Joff enjoy reviewing our recent success at the NWF&G show



Pleione formosana 'Aunti Trudy',
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Promenaea colmaniana,
Ron Goodfellow



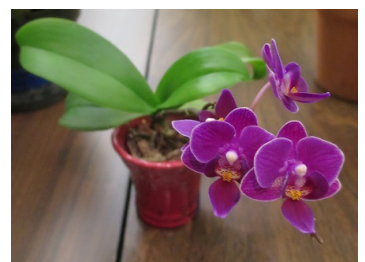
Andy reviews the plant table



Phal. equestris, Chloe Angus-Tibbets



Phal. hybrid, Elaine Mikelsen



Phal. kuntrarti rarashati x peppermint,
Alycia Moncrief & Sam Weigelt



Phal. Yushan Little Amar,
Elaine Mikelsen



Phalaenopsis hybrid,
Heather Richardson

Rynch. Gigantea Spots, Chloe Angus-Tibbets



Stenorrhynchos speciosum, George Krasle



Schoenorchis gemmata,
George Krasle

Masdevallia decumana,
Kathy Murray

Lycaste species, Andy Wright



Laelia species,
discovered by Ron Parsons,
Dick Hanson

Cattleya hybrid, Susan Costa

Coelogyne species,
Andy Wright



Zygopetalum,
Heather Richardson



Wils. Calico Gem,
Elaine Mikelsen



Galeottia negrensis,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Mtdm. Ruffles 'Scent of a Woman',
Heather Richardson



Encyclia cordigera 'Pink',
Joff Morgan



Bllra. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream',
AM/AOS, George Krasle



Lepanthes tigrina,
Andy Wright



Eria globeifera,
Andy Wright



Dendrobium tenellum, Allan Kaas



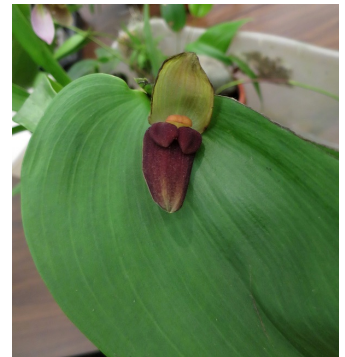
Den. Laevifolium, Chloe Angus-Tibbets



Den. speciosum curv. 'DayLight Moon'
FCC/AOS x speciosum var. grandis
'PHGna's Gold',
George Krasle



Den. kingianum,
Erica Dyer



Bulbophyllum gargantua,
Andy Wright



Bulb. maximum,
full leaf, unfortunately slug eaten



Bulbophyllum maximum var. platyrhachis,
one open flower and several buds in succession,
Andy Wright



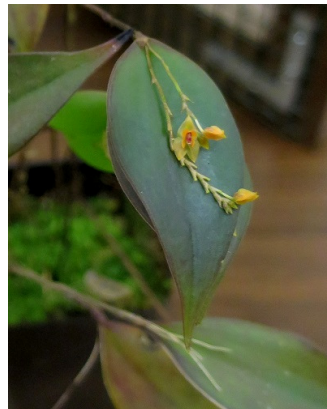
Pleuro melanosticta, with hundreds of buds
Andy Wright



Pleuro melanosticta, just one flower open



Pleurothallis adeleae,
Andy Wright



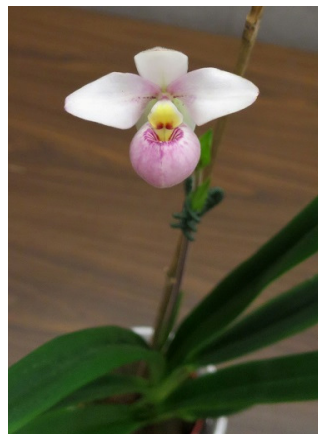
Pleurothallis species,
Andy Wright



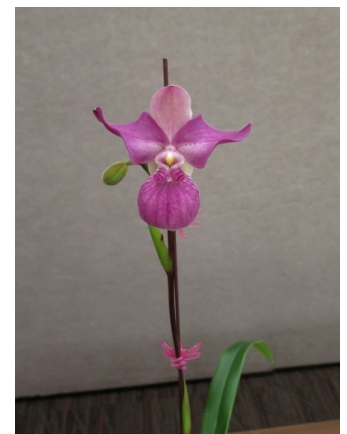
Pleurothallis species,
Andy Wright



Phrag. Peruffora's Cirila Alca
(dalessandroi x kovachii),
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phrag. schlimii,
Alycia Moncrief & Sam Weigelt



Phrag. Eumelia Arias
(schlimii x kovachii),
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. micranthum var.
eburneum x sib, Dick Hanson



Paph. Conco-bellatulum,
Dick Hanson



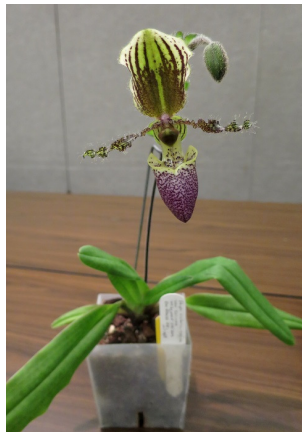
Paph. lowii,
Alycia Moncrief & Sam Weigelt



Paph. esquirolei, Dick Hanson



Paph. tranlienianum, Dick Hanson



Paph. victoria-regina var. Kalinae
'Wedgwood' AM/AOS, Dick Hanson



Paph. phillippinense var. roebelenii,
Alycia Moncrief & Sam Weigelt



Paph wilhelminiae,
Dick Hanson



Paph. Fairly Stoned,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. hybrid,
George Krasle

Schedule of Upcoming Events

March 9, 2015 - NWOS Meeting - Annual Orchid Auction

March 16, 2015 - Hands **ON** Orchid Potting Clinic - Meet in the Lower Douglas Classroom

April 4, 2015 - Orchid Show and Sale, Volunteer Park Conservatory, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

April 13, 2015 - NWOS meeting - Larry Moscovitz: Bizarre Orchid Species

May 11, 2015 - NWOS meeting - Mary Gerritson: Miniature Orchids

June 8, 2015 - 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: 3/3/15, 5/5/15. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

Special Announcements

No special announcements this month.