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About the March Meeting

March 14, 2016

7:00 p.m.

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

Annual Orchid Auction & Preview Party

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.



Mike Cory auctions some lovely Phals



Please print the Auction Form by clicking on the picture. 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.



**For NWOS Members & their guests Only:
We will again have our very popular
wine and cheese preview party, hosted
by Peter and Kelley Maunsell.**

**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.

Hands ON Orchid Potting Clinic March 21, 2016

Our Annual potting clinic will be held on Monday, March 21st 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.



Mike and Chris show how to mount an orchid on a hanging stick.

Erika and Leanna first wrestle a large cymbidium apart. They then prepare it to fit in a smaller pot...er, many smaller pots.



Volunteer Park Conservatory Visit and Tours - April 2nd

Northwest Orchid Society will be hosting an orchid table clinic at the Volunteer Park Conservatory on Saturday April 2nd from 11 AM until 3PM. This is the first Saturday of the month and both the Conservatory and the Seattle Asian Art Museum will be open and have free admission. There will be an Orchid expert at the table so bring your orchid questions. Come visit Volunteer Park on Capitol Hill, stroll the garden and enjoy this jewel of Seattle.

The Friends of the Conservatory will be giving docent tours of the growing greenhouses at 12:00 and 1:00 PM (limit 12 people). This event is outreach and thank you for the support of orchids for our garden at the Flower and Garden show. Both the Friends of the Conservatory and the staff gardeners are much appreciated for their help.

Michael Cory

Pre-Order Orchids from April Speaker

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleyas. He'll be speaking at our April meeting on: **Species Habitat and Hybrid Culture**. The program teaches novice and advanced growers to link how a species grows in the wild with how to grow it and the hybrids from it in your collection. It's strong on orchid culture and will help everyone to be a better orchid grower.

Alan is taking Pre-Orders for plants he will bring to our meeting. Click on the file names below for the discount information along with two additional lists of plants. It is best for members to email or call in their orders because several things on the limited list are very limited. His contact information is on the Discount Information sheet. By pre-ordering, NWOS members will receive free freight and 20% off. Alan will also have plants for sale at the meeting, but without the discount.

[Gold Country Orchids Discount Information](#)

[Gold Country Orchids Limited Availability](#)

[Gold Country Orchids Two Inch Availability](#)

Membership Renewal Reminder

With the Potting Clinic just a short time away, now is a good time to make sure your dues are paid up. You can repot up to 3 plants for free.

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 meeting by cash, check, 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 2016. 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.

Mt. Baker Society Show a Success-- Spokane Show is Next

The Mt. Baker Orchid Society Show and Sale held Feb. 26-27 was a small show this year, limited to three displays, but still a resounding success. Our own presence was especially noteworthy. Our display garnered the coveted AOS show trophy, an honor not bestowed on any display at several recent shows. In the words of the judges, it was an "attractive 60 sq. ft. display of over 50 [orchids of diverse varieties] pleasingly arranged with nice color flow." Our plants received 16 blue ribbons, 15 reds and 7 whites and included 5 plants nominated by the AOS judges. There was one award, a lovely variegated-leaf *Cymbidium sinense* 'Hong Jin Da Fu Gui'. It was given a special award, the Judges

Commendation, for the outstanding variegation. Au Min brought this and two other plants all the way from his home in Toutle, WA to Seattle for display in the Mt. Baker show. Among other notable plants, my own 2015 Christmas gift plant, Paph. Fairly Dreamy, was nominated and also was judged Best Paph in Show. My Lycaste Absolutely Stunning 'Grantham's Glory' AM/AOS was selected "Best Plant in Show." Best Specimen Plant went to Allan and Michelle Kaas for a lovely Dendrochilum tenellum. Another remarkable plant was Diane Drisch's Catasetum Kelberbarb, a primary hybrid with a stunningly unusual and fragrant flower (see photo). This was also an AOS nominated plant. Besides the abovementioned member's, plants were also sent to the show by Mike Foster and Donna Pearce, Harvey Brenneise, Joff Morgan and George Krasle. Thanks much to all who sent plants and to those who helped with setup and teardown!

Lucky Girl was the only commercial vendor at the show and as usual she had a wonderful selection of plants that sold well. There also were some nice plants offered by Mt. Baker members. Finally, NWOS was invited to sell plants from our Flower and Garden Show display and we were able to sell a considerable portion of the plants thanks to the efforts of Joff Morgan and Cylvia Grantham. Through sales to our own members and the Mt. Baker sales we have been able to recover much of the cost of the plants that were purchased for the display. Additional plants from the Flower and Garden Show will be offered at the March Auction.

We were glad to see several NWOS members attending the show and everyone seemed to enjoy the orchids in the ambiance of the nursery and the quality offerings of the Garden Café.

The Spokane Orchid Society will have their show April 2-3. I will be collecting plants at my house on Thurs, Mar 31. If you are not able to bring them to my house special arrangements can be made. Please consider sending plants to Spokane. Spokane is an underrated tourist destination well worth a weekend so plan to attend the show if you can.

George Grantham, 2nd Vice President

Photos courtesy Mike Foster, Donna Pierce, George & Cylvia Grantham and Joff Morgan



Transporting all the show plants is a task in itself.
Two vans' back, side and front seats are crammed full.





working on the exhibit



viewing the blooms in the sales area



George Krasle's *Steorrhynchos speciosum* provided a nice backdrop for the display



Our display won the special AOS Show Trophy



Cylvia at our display



Mt. Baker Orchid Society's display



Catesetum Kelberbarb, AOS nominated



Cymbidium sinense 'Hong Jin Da Fu Gui',
Judges Commendation award



Dendrochilum tenellum, Best Specimen Plant



Lycaste Absolutely Stunning 'Grantham's Glory' AM/AOS,
Best Plant in Show

Many Hands Contributed to "An Eruption of Orchids"

The 2016 NW Flower & Garden Show and our garden "An Eruption of Orchids" was a dramatic success! The Judges granted us a SILVER MEDAL, even though we all know our efforts in constructing and designing the garden was GOLD worthy. This year's garden was our largest yet at 995 square feet. If you didn't get to see the Show, you missed a spectacular display of varied gardens and one really cool "steaming" volcano!

I was amazed and satisfied to see a long line of people, each day of the Show, queuing up to walk through our garden and discover the hidden garden within. I heard nothing but positive comments.

Many hands, tools, minds, volunteer time and efforts went into designing, constructing, staffing, and even tearing down our display. I hesitate listing a bunch of names because I'll most likely leave someone out. Just know that this memory loss is not on purpose and I appreciate everyone who contributed to the success of our garden! You all know who you are. I did not catch who all donated orchids to our display, so hopefully someone else will be writing an article about that.

Moss Collectors - Lillian Otani, Ellen Macomber, George & Sylvia Grantham, and myself

Lake Washington Institute of Technology Horticulture helpers - (Saturday setup) Curtis Chittenden, Austin Gates, Max Cooper, Clay McCall, and Taylor Delile; (Sunday setup) Steven Dyer; (Monday setup) Jayla Olsen, Jasmyn Olsen, Hannah Hedglin; (Tuesday setup) Clay McCall and Tiffany Lopez

Wood Structure Builder, Decipherer of our arcane drawings, and infinite patience through multiple meetings - Alan Kaas

Foliage Suppliers - Katrina Lindahl and Horticulture Staff of the Woodland Park Zoo Horticulture Department. Thank you for delivering and picking up the foliage! Your foliage made our garden a lush, inviting display.

Mark Meenan of American Bamboo Co for the beautiful bamboo fence panels that adorned our garden.

Garden Co-Designers, Lava Flow and Mist Installers - Joe Griener and Joff Morgan

Update: Somewhere between the end of Show and now, I have misplaced my list of volunteers. I was planning to list everyone's name who helped setup, staff, and teardown. Oh well. :)

Instead, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for everyone who helped us setup, staff, teardown, provide logistical and moral support, transport plants, balance on the mountain while placing plants, design, and have fun in the process. Thank you! We could not have done this garden without you.

~ Joff Morgan



volcano



Orchids as lava



outer side of the volcano



pathway



garden left



garden right



exit



"lava"

There's more to the story - please check back later
See how we all pitched in to create our garden and more...

Some Orchid Show Plants Have Names

Did you purchase any of the NWOS labelled plants at the end of the NW Flower & Garden Show? How about any of those same plants at the Mt Baker Show?

If so, read further as we have been able to identify some of the plants. We're pretty certain that every orchid we purchased from California's wholesale plant market was a mericlone. So on those orchids below that are missing clonal names, they most likely have one.

Each of the NWOS plants were labeled with a "Nxx" (where xx = a number from 01 to 49) on the pot.

- N01 - Phal Chiada Stacy 'Sweetheart' HCC/AOS
- N07 - Phal Jewelry Smile 'Sweetheart Pink'
- N15 - Phal Chien Xen Violin
- N18 - Phal Kaoda Twinkle 'Chocolate Drops'
- N21 - Phal Tying Shin Forever Love
- N33 - Onc Sharry Baby
- N35 - Odontonia Pacific Paranoid 'Otherside of Cool'
- N36 - Oncidioda Jimbo 'Swarm'
- N37 - Burreagara Stefan Isler 'Ember'
- N38 - Burreagara Living Fire
- N41 - Odontocidium Catatante 'Pacific Sunspots'
- N42 - Dend Red Emperor 'Prince'
- N43 - Dend Spring Dream 'Apollon'
- N44 - Dend Angel Moon 'Love Letter'



Phal. Kaoda Twinkle 'Chocolate Drops'

Hope this helps! Meanwhile, I will continue searching Google images and other web sources for matches to the other "Nxx" orchids not named above. If you recognize one of the unnamed "Nxx" orchids and/or its flower colors and pattern, please contact me to help narrow the search.

~ Joff Morgan

Report from the February Meeting

Abigail Chang opened our meeting having Joff and Joe talk about the upcoming NW Flower and Garden Show. Then George talked about the Mt. Baker Orchid Society Show to be held in Mt. Vernon Feb. 26-28 and asked for volunteers and plants to make a great showing. New Members and Visitors were introduced. Andy Wright reviewed the plant table.

Speaker Patricia A. Harding gave a spirited talk about orchid nomenclature. She started by showing us the very first orchid name and a history of many of the naming conventions. The controversy then starts from there. It's a complex and difficult task with no final authority...which in itself was a surprise to many.



Speaker Patricia Harding and Mike Foster enjoying time together at her sales table.

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch.



Andy talks about his very special Bulb. comosum



Patricia Harding takes questions from the group



Andy reviews the plant table to a very interested audience



Bulbophyllum comosum, Andy Wright



Galeottia negrensis,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Bulbophyllum ambrosia,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Bulb. Rothchildianum 'Red Chimney' AM/AOS, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Cirrhopetalum helenae, George & Cylvia Grantham



Cirr. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry', George & Cylvia Grantham



Cirrhopetalum Elizabeth Ann 'Jean', Andy Wright



Cirrhopetalum Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry', George & Cylvia Grantham



Holcoglossum subulifolium, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Pleurothallis secunda, Andy Wright



Pleurothallis secunda closeup



Restrepia sanguinea, George Krasle who thinks it looks like a cockroach



Chloe always presents a beautiful display



Doritaenopsis Liu's Triprince 'Montclair',
Chloe Angus-Tibbets



Doritaenopsis Liu's Triprince, Chloe Angus-Tibbets



Phal. Zuma's Pixie (Red Coral x Fourth of July), Minh Au



Phalaenopsis, Daniel Cura



Rhynchostylis gigantea var. Spots,
Chloe Angus-Tibbets



Rhynchostylis gigantea,
Chloe Angus-Tibbets



Vanda Kulwadee, Allan & Michelle Kaas



Vanda tricolor, Allan & Michelle Kaas



Schoenorchis gemmata, Andy Wright



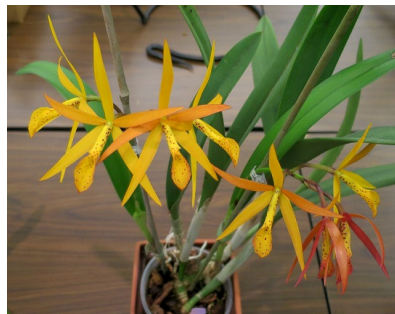
Sedirea japonica, Loren Weigand



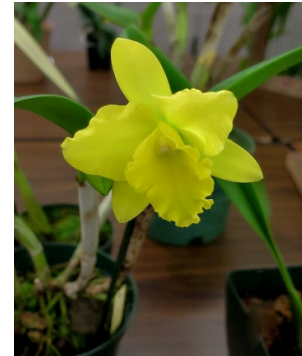
Brassavola Little Star, Allan & Michelle Kaas



Blc Jester's Gold 'Rare Spice',
George & Cylvia Grantham



Blc Bill Worsley x L. cinnabarina,
Roxanne Rosson



Pot. Free Spriti 'Miami Sun',
George & Cylvia Grantham



Cattleya percivaliana 'Ch Primavera' x Cattleya
percivaliana 'Summit', Michael Cory



Cattleya Michelle Stewart, Michael Cory



Blc. Love Sound 'Dagashima' x Blc Circle of Life
'Heartfelt', George & Cylvia Grantham



Slc Rajah's Ruby 'Sweetheart', Joff Morgan



Dendrobium, Mike Foster & Donna
Pierce



Den. nobile, Loren Weigand



Den. pendulum, Diane Drisch



Stenorrhynchos speciosum 'C.H.' x sib, Joff Morgan



Stenorrhynchos speciosum, George Krasle



Cym. sinense Huang Jin Wan Dai Fu,
Minh Au - there is a flower spike
but the variegated foliage is special



Dendrochilum tenellum closeup,
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Paph (Via Figueroa x Rolling
Thunder) 'Modest' x Paph (Weitz
World x Provocation) 'Oscelot',
Joe Griener



Paph. Hagrid 'Modest' x
Paph. Hellas 'Westonbirt'
FCC/RHS/AOS,
Joe Griener



Paph. Earl of Chester,
George Krasle



Paph Moquetteanum 'Big Boy' x
Lynleigh Koopowitz, Joe Griener



Paph emersonii x sib,
Dick Hanson



Paph. Nori's Song,
Joe Griener



Paph. gardineri,
Dick Hanson



Paph. spicerianum,
Joff Morgan



Paph. Temptation,
Joe Griener



Paph. wardii, Joe Griener



Paph. Mele Moon, Harvey Brenneise



Paph. affine, syn. P. gratixianum,
Dick Hanson



Paph. wolterianum,
Dick Hanson



Paph. dayanum,
Dick Hanson



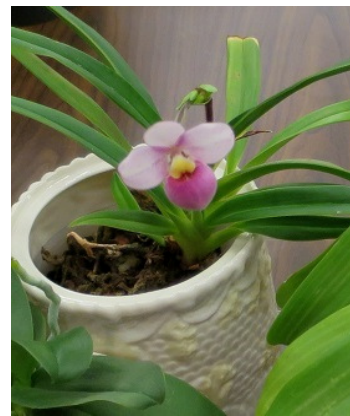
Phragmipedium Eric Young,
Al Mysiewicz



Phragmipedium Cape Sunset,
Harvey Brenneise



Phragmipedium Peruflora's Cirila Alca,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phragmipedium schlimii,
Chloe Angus-Tibbets

Schedule of Upcoming Events

March 14, 2016 - [NWOS Meeting](#) - Annual Orchid Auction

March 19, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

March 21, 2016 - [Hands ON Orchid Potting Clinic](#) - Meet in the Lower Douglas Classroom

April 2, 2016 - Volunteer Park Conservatory, Seattle - Open House and Table Clinic 11-3
FREE Admission Day

April 11, 2016 - [NWOS meeting](#) - Speaker: Alan Koch - Species Habitat and Hybrid Culture

April 16, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

May 9, 2016 - [NWOS meeting](#) - Speaker: Helen Hirsch - Paphiopedilums & Phragmepediums

May 21, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

June 13, 2016 - [NWOS meeting](#), Pot Luck Dinner and Gary Baker Service Award

June 18, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

July 16, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

August 20, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for this fiscal year is: 3/8/16, 5/3/16. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

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

Wardian Case for Sale \$400 for a NWOS member



I had this case custom built for growing orchids under lights. The solid birch case is a beautiful piece of furniture by itself. It is two separate solid pieces. The top case is 53"W x 44"H x 24"D and the book shelf below is 55"W x 30"H x 26"D. The center light fixture is a 250 watt Hydrofarm Metal Halide light and the two smaller lights are 70 watt high pressure sodium lights. There are ventilation slats and spaces for internal fans. This case can be used for many things including growing orchids, exotic houseplants, or housing reptiles. I'm willing to let it go for a fraction of what I invested in it. It does need some TLC, mostly wood conditioning. My only restriction in selling it is that whoever buys it needs to be prepared for carrying a heavy piece of furniture down several flights of stairs (all outdoors and no turns.) It probably would require 2 or 3 strong people and a truck!

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