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## About the March Meeting

**March 13, 2017**  
7:00 p.m.  
University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture  
3501 NE 41st Street  
Seattle, WA 98105



## Annual Orchid Auction and Preview Party

The Northwest Orchid Society's biggest orchid selling and buying orgy outside of our show, this is a chance to find some select plants, sometimes at a great price. And even if it's not dirt cheap, it goes to a good cause. This is also a chance for those with burgeoning collections to winnow out the surplus, make a few bucks, and make room for new acquisitions.

**There's always some great plants that come up for bid**

### Bidding:

Register when you arrive and get a bidding number to use during the auction. Keep your paddle moving, and after the auction you will use the same number to pay for your winning bids. We can process VISA/Mastercard transactions along with cash and checks.

### Selling:

Members may bring up to five plants to auction off, with the NWOS taking a 20% commission. There is no limit on the number of plants you may auction at 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 at the end, after all the other plants are gone.



To register your plants, 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, to be kept with your plants. Make 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 for display in exhibits.

- The Scholarship Fund provides a grant 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 Program receives additional funding from the Raffles held at most meetings.

There will be refreshments, including a special selection of beverages, provided by the society. Non-members are welcome, but only members and their guests can be served alcoholic beverages.

**Silent Auction:** In addition to the regular auction, there will be a silent auction for the Redwood Arch that was on display in our NWF&G Show (min. bid \$75.00)

**NO Display Table, Sales Table or Raffle 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.



**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 and the party will start at 6:30 pm and the auction will start promptly at 7:00 pm**

**Hands ON Orchid Potting Clinic March 20, 2017**

Bring up to three average sized orchids to our Annual Potting Clinic in the lower Douglas Classroom. Admission is Free for NWOS members and \$10 for non members, which can be applied towards becoming a member.

This clinic has always been popular. Our most experienced members give expert advice on all aspects of re-potting your orchids:

- Determining whether and when your orchid needs to be repotted. This can vary by species and time of year.
- Diagnosing potting problems, such as root loss and decomposition of potting mixes, over-potting and under-potting.
- Choosing the right pot type and size.
- What's the best potting mix for your particular orchid.
- Can it be mounted?
- How your environment and watering habits can affect these choices.

Come with questions, get some answers. Bring up to three plants. Then add some hands-on experience, with guidance from our volunteer members. Potting media and some pots will be available on site.

All in all, a night of fun, and your orchids will thank you.

Be sure to head to the Lower Douglas Classroom for this event (adjacent to the greenhouse and the large parking lot.)



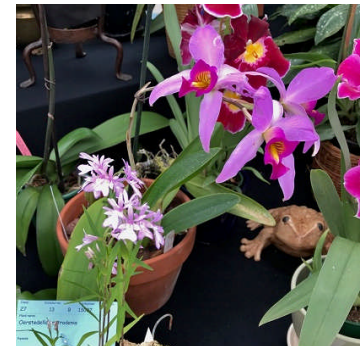
**We really get down and dirty at our clinic**

## **Orchid Shows Past and Future—Plants Needed!**

**The Mt. Baker Orchid Society Show and Sale** was held Feb. 18-19 at Skagit Valley Gardens. We mounted a display of about 50 plants loaned by 8 members. As there were no vendors there were just two displays, ours and the host society's. Nevertheless, there was a good variety of quality species and hybrids and the attendees did not seem at all disappointed by the small size of the show. The Mt. Baker Society purchased plants from several sources to sell at the show and sales were successful. Double thanks to all 8 NWOS members who loaned plants, as all allowed their plants to be displayed in the Flower and Garden Show as well. Roxanne Rosson won "Best Cattleya Alliance for a gorgeous plant, Blc Bill Worsley X L. cinnabarina (the check is in the mail! See photo below from our Feb. meeting). Others who sent plants were Mike Foster and Donna Pearce, George Krasle, Minh Au, Alan Kaas, Joff Morgan, Erika Dyer, and Cylvia and myself.



**NWOS Display**



**Mt. Baker show display close-ups**

**photos courtesy Michael Cory**

**The Spokane Orchid Society Show and Sale will be held April 1st and 2nd** at Vicki's Garden Center, 2100 S Inland Empire Way, Spokane. We will be gathering plants on Thursday evening, March 30 at our home, or by special arrangement (call or email us). Setup will be Friday afternoon and must be completed by 5 when the garden center closes. Spokane always brings a nice display to our shows so please lend your plants so we can reciprocate, and consider attending the show and visiting beautiful Spokane (yes, it really is). If you wish to help in any way please contact me.



**The Oregon Orchid Society Show and Sale is next up, April 22nd and 23rd**, at the conveniently located Ambridge Event Center in trendy and tourist friendly Portland. We will be collecting plants on Thursday April 20th. Why not plan a trip to Portland that weekend for one, two or three days, by car or by train?

*George Grantham, 2nd VP*

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## **NW Flower & Garden Show "Thank You"**

It still amazes me that our small army of volunteers spend close to 3 compressed days building our orchid garden, yet an even smaller group spend only 6 hours to completely dismantle it. The Flower Show is over for another year.

A huge round of applause and standing ovations to our members who contributed their orchids for this amazing and beautiful garden! We could not have done this production without your efforts and orchids. The public certainly appreciated viewing, oogling, Googling, and learning about your particular orchid gems.

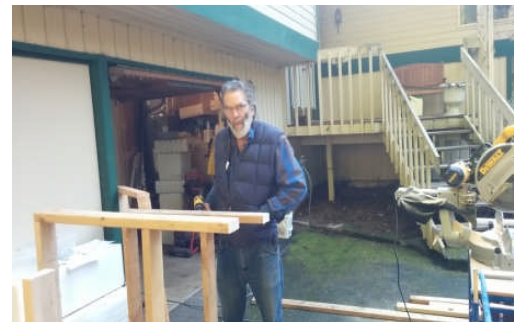
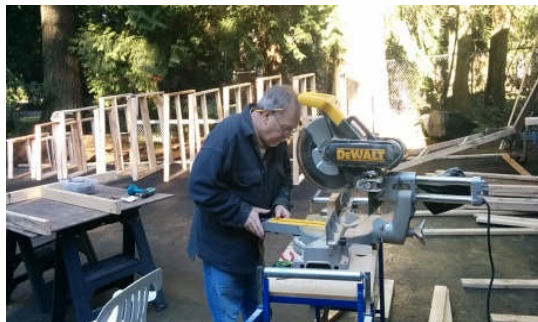
Another round of applause and ovations go to the UW Botany Greenhouse staff and volunteers (Mike C and Lillian O) who let us borrow 20 of their orchid specimens and provided transport to and from the Show. More applause and ovations to the Volunteer Park Conservatory for letting us borrow 15 of their orchids.

More applause and ovations go to Katrina L and staff of Woodland Park Zoo's Horticulture Department for allowing us to use their beautiful tropical foliage. They also provided much appreciated delivery and retrieval of these specimens on very cold days. As well as unending patience to navigate the Convention Center's loading dock. Thank you!

Thanks goes to members Alan K, Shelley K, and Don Z who spent a weekend in January to pre-build and label the wood structures of our garden. These structures provided the foundation for the slate walls in the back of our garden and the raised platform for the arbor in the front. This was all done in Alan & Shelley's driveway!



**Photos Courtesy Joff Morgan**

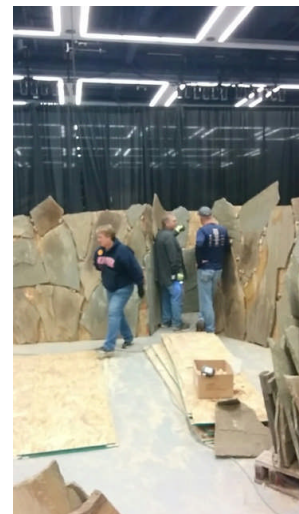


On Thursday before the Show, a small group of intrepid moss collectors (George & Cylvia G, Alba D & Tiffany L, Lillian O, and myself) ventured into the wilds of Sultan to fight boot sucking mud puddles, unusually large mosquitoes, and huge, dark rain clouds. We succeeded in filling my Odyssey van with tubs and tubs full of moss, along with a few woodland insects and spiders bent on relocating.



Alba even found a mossy shawl for her shoulders.

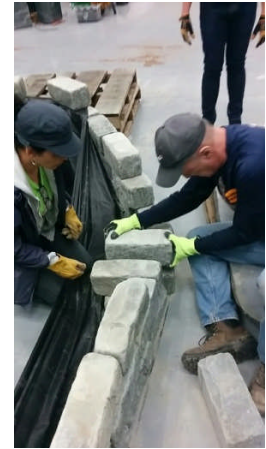
Setup began on Saturday before the Show and ran through Tuesday noon. Many hands and backs helped us layout the wood struts (A before B, 1 before 2) and Strandboard sheets that would become the walls for our slate pieces. Once the walls were going up, another group of us began work on building the front corner platform for the arbor. Several layers of tumbled granite bricks were laid to surround this platform and make a 3' wide planter at the front for terrestrial orchids.



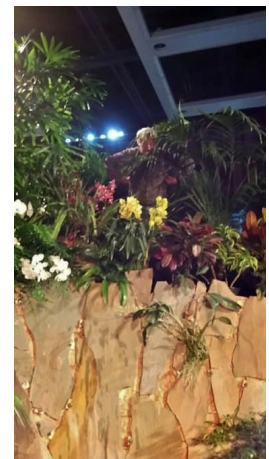
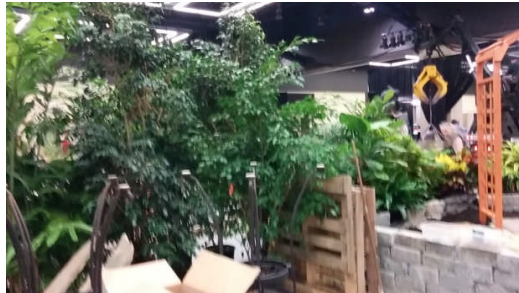
Thanks go to Rendell D, Chris P, Michael C, Al & Shelley K, Don Z, Stephanie S, Alba & Michael D, Tiffany L, Ellen M, Chris E, Mike & Donna F, Peter & Kelly M, Bruce & Christiane U, Barb R, Diane D, George & Cylvia G, myself, and anyone else I have (inadvertently) left



out. I am working off of the sign up sheets for this article, and I now realize that several people who were helping are not listed. Apologies.



Thanks to the army of volunteers we had, we were able to complete the arbor platform at the front, the granite brick wall surrounding it, the planter, and both walls of slate by Saturday at 6 pm. Not bad for starting at Noon .. okay, 1:30 pm. Even the basalt columns were placed this day. On Sunday, the foliage arrived from the Zoo and was placed into position. Next, the slate pavers were laid to create our patio. Finally the grass was unrolled and refolded to create the lawn at the front of our garden.



We completed Sunday's tasks in a record 6 hours as well. On Monday, the orchids began arriving and were placed throughout the garden. Labels were created by George G for those orchids that would be close to the public. Sylvia G worked on placing the orchids on the wall and trees, Mike & Donna F worked on placing groups of orchids and foliage along the path at the front, while Rohm G and others focused on the planting beds along the outside perimeter. It was definitely a group effort.

Alba & Michael D, Tiffany L and her friend Chris were instrumental in designing the arbor with white tulle, willow branches, miniature Phalaenopsis, and moss to make a truly beautiful spot for the nuptials. A great focal point for our garden.

Unfortunately, my camera went on the fritz during this time and I failed to get any pictures of this process. The only pictures I did manage to take were after all was pretty much done at 10 pm. The patio tables had all been dressed with white tablecloths, glassware, silverware, and dishware from George & Sylvia G. The Bridal table had glassware and

dishware with an orchid motif provided by Abigail C. Noriko M created a grande two tier "cake" adorned with ribbons and miniature Phalaenopsis. Hopefully, someone else got pictures of these details. ☺



Thank you all for lending your talents and expertise to the creation of our orchid garden!

I'd also like to acknowledge those people who helped staff our garden, provide security for our plants, and answer questions on orchids.

Again, I am going off of the sign-up sheets. For anyone I have missed acknowledging, I apologize and it's not on purpose.

Thanks go to Peter M, George & Cylvia G, Mike & Donna F. Erika D, Al M, Chris P, Don M and Alberto A, Mike P and Abigail C, Alba D and Tiffany L, Michael & Sheila C, Lorrie S, Steve D & Lori L, Pat & Dennis G, Greg S, Minh A, Ellen M, Kathleen N, Rohm G, Al & Shelley K, Jeanne McK, Lana H, Roxanne R, Diane D, Bruce and Christiane U, Noriko M, Joe G, and me.

Thank you everyone named and unnamed who contributed to the setup, contributed orchids, helped staff, and assisted in teardown and cleanup. You all get Gold Medals in my book.

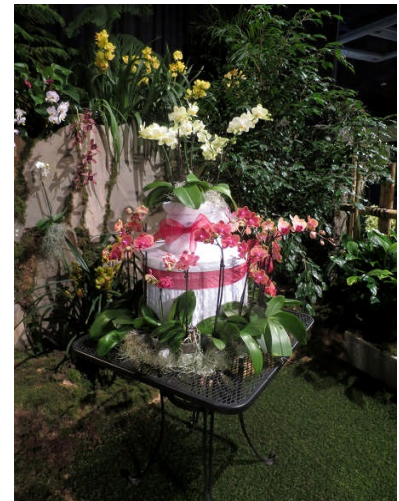
And it's not too late to begin thinking / scheming about next year's garden. The theme is "Celebration," in honor of the Flower Show's 30th Anniversary. Get those colored markers out and start drawing what an orchid-related celebration garden would look like.

~ Joff Morgan

Photos below are courtesy Diane Drisch



Wedding Tables

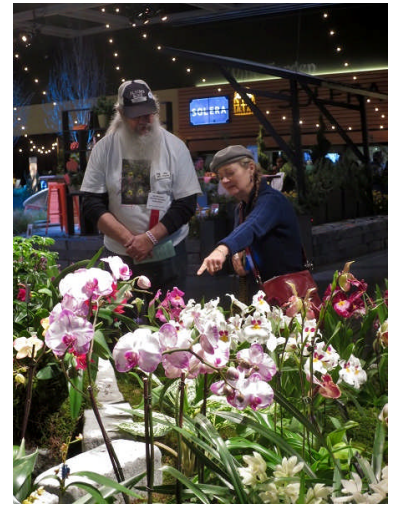


Wedding Cake





long shot outside



helping people

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## Your Society Needs You!

The NWOS has an election of Officers and Trustees coming up. Our "new year" begins this coming June. The slate of people running is presented at the April meeting along with any nominations from the floor and voted on at the May meeting.

The positions we are looking to fill are:

- **1st Vice-President**, this person is in-charge of the monthly meeting programs. Jake Burroughs, our present 1st VP, has done an outstanding job lining up interesting speakers this year. And he has scheduled more for next year. But Jake would like to pursue other opportunities and so his 1st VP position is open beginning June.

- **Trustee position** (2 year term from June 2017 through May 2019). The Trustee participates in the Board meetings (there are only 6 each year), helps with various committees, providing input and feedback where needed, and helping to guide the Society. There are currently 4 open Trustee positions.

If you are interested in any of these positions, have further questions, and/or you know of a member who might like to join the NWOS Board, please contact the Nominating Committee (Joff Morgan, Alan Kaas, or George Grantham).

We look forward to hearing from you!

~ Joff

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## Membership Renewal Reminder

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 most meetings by cash, check, or debit/credit card. You can mail (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 2017. 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.

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## News from the American Orchid Society



### UPCOMING WEBINARS

#### **American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton**

**March 14, 2017 @ 8:30 PM (EST)** Join Ron McHatton who will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on question submitted by attendees. Please send questions to [stillisch@cox.net](mailto:stillisch@cox.net) by March 12th.

Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7136953445473612291>

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

Let's grow together,

*Denise Lucero, Vice-Chair, AOS Membership and Affiliated Societies*

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### Report from the February Meeting

Abigail Chang opened our meeting by welcoming new members and visitors. Joff spoke about the NWF&G Show and put out signup sheets for volunteers. George G. announced the upcoming Mt. Baker Orchid Society Show at the Skagit Valley greenhouse. This is also where the AOS Judging Center will conduct its monthly session. Abigail introduced this year's Nominating Committee: Joff Morgan, George Grantham and Allan Kaas.

1st VP, Jake Burroughs, introduced our speaker, Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids, CA. We were treated to an excellent presentation about *Catasetums* in his very animated style. His great cultural information was peppered with personal stories, travel notes and personal observations. He showed amazing photos of *catasetums* growing in their natural habitat, savannahs. Here they amazingly sprouted out of the crooks of palm trees. But on occasion they can be seen on the tops of telephone poles and sides of buildings. He visited areas where 4 new species had recently been discovered.



**Fred Clarke**

Fred explained the sexual dimorphism in *catasetum* flowers with the males being more showy and the females like a green helmet. We got to see many species and some great hybrids.

Cultural information followed. Once the leaves yellow around Thanksgiving, don't water for 3 months. "Roots grow in anticipation of rainfall, Not Because of Rainfall." And we became familiar with his repeated phrase: "How long do the roots have to be before resuming watering? At least 3"-8" long." Then start watering like a monsoon with 1/2 tsp. of fertilizer nutrients per gallon.

Many members were inspired to try growing these cool orchids judging by how many visited his sales table after his presentation.

Andy Wright reviewed the plant table.



Photos courtesy Diane Drisch.



Enjoying a personal one-on-one with our speaker Fred Clarke.



Fred takes extra time, removes the pot and shows Catasetum roots to an interested young man

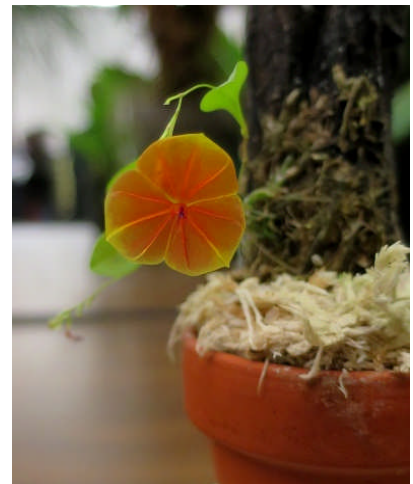


Fred Clarke is very generous in sharing information and answering questions next to his nice assortment of plants for sale.

Here Fred checks out our spectacular plant table. He praised our collective growing abilities.



Andy holds up the Lepantes that he grows inside a glass bell to maintain humidity



Lepanthes telipogoniflora, Andy Wright





*Lycaste aromatica*, Steve Kroiss



Andy shows off Steve's nice *Lycaste aromatica*



Blc. Bill Worsley x *L. cinnabarina*, Roxanne Rosson

This is the plant that won Best Cattleya Alliance at the Mt. Baker Show



*Sophronitis coccinea* 4N,  
Barb Roberts



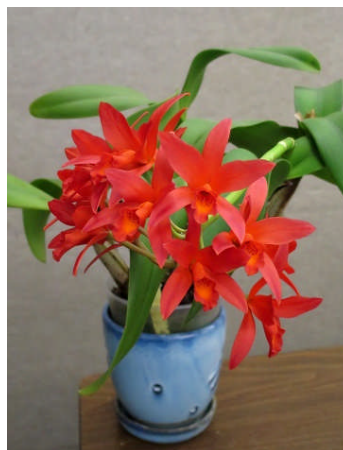
*Laelia anceps* 'Dark Visitor',  
George Krasle



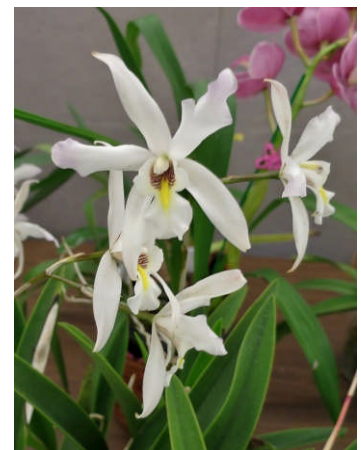
Lc. Trick or Treat 'Orange Beauty'  
HCC/AOS x Slc. Angel Eyes 'SVO'  
HCC/AOS, Joff Morgan



*Rhyncholaelia glauca*,  
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Lc. Cluster Fire 'Cinnabar',  
Nancy Wright



*Laelia finckeniana* (natural hybrid of *L. anceps* x *autumnalis*),  
George Krasle





Wilsonara Red Sun 'Rojo Fire',  
Nancy Wright



Ornithocephalus manabina,  
Alan & Michelle Kaas



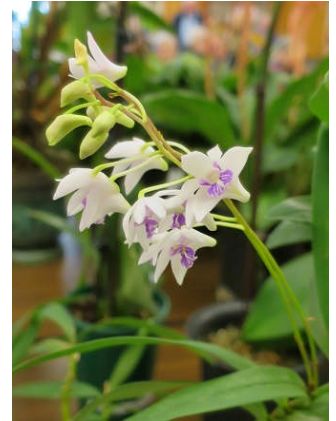
no id, Nancy Wright



Dendrobium Little Atrio 4N,  
Ellen Macomber



Dendrobium kingianum,  
Erica Dyer



Dendrobium kingianum,  
Erica Dyer



Vanda Khun Nok x  
Vanda Pine River,  
Joff Morgan



this Phalaenopsis grown by  
Nick Spaulding has  
spectacular live roots



two Phalaenopsis,  
Erica Dyer





*Steno. speciosum*,  
Diane Drisch



George Krasle's group with a large number  
of *Stenorrhynchos speciosum*



*Steno. speciosum*  
closeup



*Dendrochilum glumaceum* 'Stern', George Krasle



*Dendrochilum pangasinense*, George Krasle



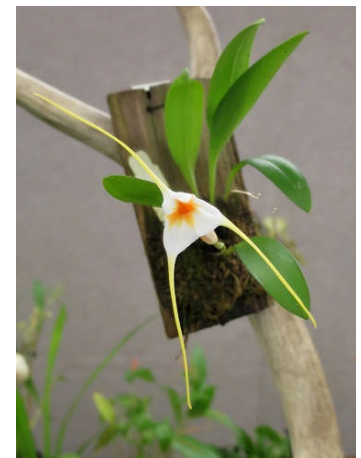
*Pleione formosana* 'Aunti Trudy', Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



*Dracula soliroi*,  
Mary Margaret Cromarty



*Masdevallia decumana*,  
Mary Margaret Cromarty



*Masdevallia constricta*,  
Alan and Michelle Kaas



*Bulbophyllum sanguineopunctatum*, Andy Wright



*Pleurothallis truncata*, Andy Wright



rPhrag. besseae var. flavum  
x Phrag. kovachii,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phragmipedium Cardinale,  
Ellen Macomber



Paph. vietnamense,  
Nick Spaulding



Paph. Harold Koopowitz 'Bakunawa' AM/AOS  
(Paph rothschildianum 'In Charm' x Paph. malipoense 'Fragrance'), Andy Wright





Paph. Norito Hasegawa  
(Paph. malipoense x Paph. armeniacum), Dick Hanson



Paphiopedalum,  
Nancy Wright



Paph. insigne 'HH',  
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



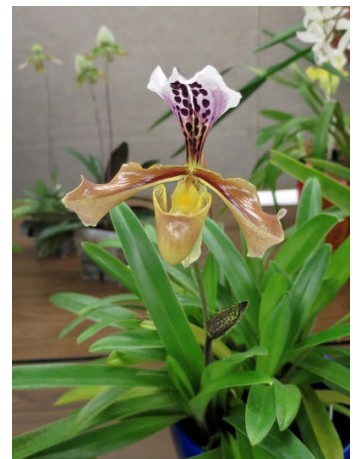
Paph. insigne 'Select',  
Dick Hanson



Paph. gratixianum 'Wideleaf',  
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Paph. gratixianum,  
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



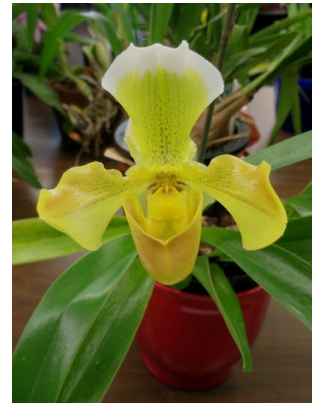
Paphiopedilum gratixianum,  
Ellen Macomber  
NWOS Christmas orchid Dec 2011



Paphiopedilum,  
George Krasle



Paph. Veiled Dreams,  
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



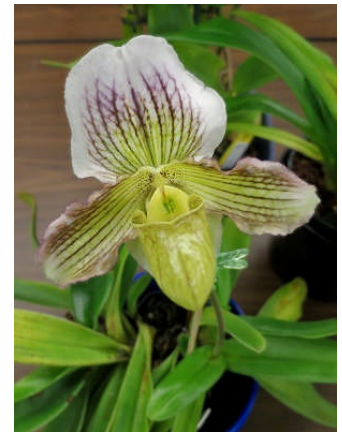
Paphiopedilum,  
Randy Erickson



Paph. venustum var. spectabile 'Jeanette'  
CHM/AOS,  
Dick Hanson



Paph. venustum,  
Diane Drisch



Paph. Fairre Helen  
(P. fairrianum x Pacific Shamrock),  
Ellen Macomber



Paphiopedilum Presidential Moon,  
Alan and Michelle Kaas



Paphiopedilum robinsonii,  
Dick Hanson



## **Schedule of Upcoming Events**

**March 13, 2017** - NWOS meeting - Annual Orchid Auction

**March 18, 2017** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

**March 20, 2017** - Hands ON Potting Clinic - Meet in the Lower Douglas Classroom

**April 10, 2017** - NWOS meeting - Culture Clinic, Speakers: Harvey Brenneise, Joff Morgan, and Andy Wright

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

**May 8, 2017** - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Dick Van Ingen, "Orchids of Indonesia"

**May 20, 2017** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

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

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

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## **Reminder for Officers & Board Members**

The schedule of Board Meetings for this fiscal year is: 3/7/17, 5/2/17. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike & Sheila Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

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## **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.

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## **Special Announcements**

No Special Announcements this month.