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NWOS Annual Auction

at the

**Center for Urban
Horticulture**

**3501 NE 41st
Seattle, WA 98195**

7:00 pm sharp

(doors open at 6:00 for viewing)

This auction is open to the public!

*Note: There will not be a Regular Meeting,
Zoom session, Display or Raffle Table.*

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for additional information**

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From Ryan Russell

Hey there NWOS!

As we enter the vibrant month of May, I am thrilled to highlight three key pieces of Society news: Our annual auction is right around the corner (more info can be found in that section of the newsletter), and as our annual tax-free event, I like to think of this as an instant 10% off of the incredible deals you'll find!

Additionally, I am delighted to announce the commencement of nominations for the prestigious Gary Baker Service Award, recognizing those who embody dedication and passion for our society. More instructions for nominations can be found here in the newsletter as well.

Moreover, I am proud to announce the launch of our new website, a testament to the diligent efforts of our Technology Committee. Their commitment to enhancing our digital presence ensures seamless access to resources and fosters connectivity among our members. With these exciting developments, I'm thrilled to see our Society continue to nurture our shared love for orchids and cultivate a blossoming environment of growth and connections within our community.

Warm regards,

Ryan Russell, President
Northwest Orchid Society

2024 Board of Officers

President	Ryan Russell
1st VP (education)	Christian Martin
2nd VP (events)	Ben Johnson
Treasurer	Nora Hightower
Treasurer Assis-	Bill Leicht
Secretary	Susan Treiber
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2024 Committee Chairs

Fall and Garden Show	Nora Hightower Joe Grienaus
Indoor Plants Festival	Ben Johnson
Auction	Christian Martin
Repotting Clinic	Board
Fall Plant Show and Sale	Ben Johnson
Technology Committee	Heather Harrington
Refreshments	Mary Nichol
Plant, Sales, Raffle Table	Bill Leicht
Library	Joe Grienaus
Membership	
Newsletter	Susan Treiber
Social Media Sales Mkt	Julian Branbury, Ben Johnson, Robert Culver

May

- 7 NWOS Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 13 **NWOS Members Meeting 7:00 pm**, Center for Urban Horticulture & Zoom
Annual Auction, doors open at 6:00 pm (no display table/raffle)
- 24-26 ECO Spring Plant Party, Emerald City Orchids, Tacoma

June

- 10 **NWOS Members Meeting 7:00 pm**, Center for Urban Horticulture & Zoom
Speaker: Andy Wright “Pleurothallid Care, Culture and Variety”
Repotting Clinic and Gary Baker Awards (display table, raffle, and plant sales)

July - August (no Members Meeting in July/August)

- 2 NWOS Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- TBD **NWOS Picnic**

September

- 3 NWOS Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 9 **NWOS Members Meeting 7:00 pm**, Center for Urban Horticulture & Zoom

October

- 5-6 **NWOS Fall Show & Sale - Volunteer Park Conservatory**
- 14 **NWOS Members Meeting 7:00 pm**, Center for Urban Horticulture & Zoom

November:

- 5 NWOS Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 11 **NWOS Members Meeting 7:00 pm**, Center for Urban Horticulture & Zoom

December:

- 9 **NWOS Members Meeting 7:00 pm**, Center for Urban Horticulture & Zoom
Annual Holiday Celebration
The Schoenfeld trophy award for best flowered plant
The Rebecca Northen best miniature

NWOS Annual Orchid Auction
May 13th at 7:00 pm
Center for Urban Horticulture
(doors open at 6:00 pm for viewing)

This is a chance to find some select plants, sometimes at a great price and it goes to a good cause. This is also a chance for those with burgeoning collections to winnow out the surplus, earn a few bucks, and make room for new acquisitions. All sales at this event are TAX FREE!

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

How it works: Current 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, list them in the donation section of the auction sheet and they will be auctioned after all the other plants are gone. *If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2024, please arrive early to this event and get registered as a member.*

Photos: If you have digital photos of the flowers for the plants that you are selling, they could be projected on the screen behind the auctioneers. This will help the bidders better visualize what the plant will look like. Send the images to photos@nwos.org.

Auction Form: To register your plants, please print the Auction Form on the next page (or you may download it from our website). Complete both the left and right sides, and bring it with you to the meeting and keep it with your plants.

Mark one fund to donate your society commission to: There are five fund choices and you may choose ONE of them:

1. **Library Fund:** is used to purchase items for the NWOS Library.
2. **UW Greenhouse Fund:** is used by the U.W. Botany Greenhouse to purchase Species Orchids.
3. **Zoo Fund:** is used by the Woodland Park Zoo Greenhouse to purchase Orchids for display in exhibits.
4. **Scholarship Fund:** is used each year for a college student working on an Orchid related project.
5. **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, UW Greenhouse Fund, and Zoo funds. The Scholarship Program receives additional funding from the Raffles held at most meetings. The General Fund is funded by all sources of income including the Auction, Membership Dues, Plant Sales, NWF&G Festival exhibit proceeds, etc.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you select more than one fund or fail to select a fund, the proceeds will default to the General Fund.

Christian Martin & NWOS Board

Northwest Orchid Society Auction Form

Complete all blanks on this side of the form, then copy the names to the other side.

Member's Name: _____

Plants you want to SELL (20% to NWOS)

Plant name or cross	Flower color(s)	Beginner Intermed... Advanced
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

Plants you want to DONATE (100% to NWOS)

Plant name or cross	Flower color(s)	Beginner Intermed... Advanced
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____

IMPORTANT: Copy your name and all plant names to this side

of the form. Choose **ONE** fund where you want the NWOS portion to be donated.

Member's Name: _____

Sell Plants

Plant name or cross	Price	Bidder
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

Donated Plants

Plant name or cross	Price	Bidder
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____

General Fund Zoo Fund Subtotal _____
 Library Fund Scholarship Fund -20% to NWOS _____
 UW Greenhouse Fund Choose Only 1 Fund Net to seller _____

General Fund Zoo Fund
 Library Fund Scholarship Fund
 UW Greenhouse Fund Choose Only 1 Fund Total Donation _____

Repotting Clinic

June 9th, 7:00 pm

Center for Urban Horticulture

(after our meeting)

Admission to the potting event is free to the public. The cost per repot is \$5 per plant (limit 3 average-sized orchids), which includes a nursery pot and media. The repotting fee can be applied to membership for new members joining that evening.

Our most experienced members will give expert advice on all aspects of repotting your orchids:

- Determine whether and when your orchid needs to be repotted. This can vary by species and time of year.
- Diagnose 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, and some hands-on experience, with guidance from our volunteer members.

Gary Baker Service Award Nomination

Gary Baker was a long term member of the Northwest Orchid Society. As with another member of our society, Rebeca Northen, Gary has contributed significantly to the orchid world. Gary was a hybridizer with the Beall Orchid Company for decades where he produced many famous crosses, some of which are foundations of orchids still in production today.

This award is given annually to the person who has contributed the most to the overall goals of the society in the prior year. The recipient is selected by the board from nominations made by the general membership. Honorees are presented with a crystal perpetual trophy engraved with their name. At this time the society solicits nominations from the general membership. If you have someone that you would like to nominate for service during the past year, please fill out one of the following forms and return it to our [second vice president](#).



Gary Baker Service Award (Nomination Form)

This award is given annually at the June Meeting to the person who has contributed the most to the overall goals of the society in the prior year. Please send your nominations to [Ben Johnson](#) or bring them to a meeting. They must be received by May 1.

Person to be Nominated: _____

Why should they receive the award (feel free to continue on the back side): _____

Person making the Nomination: _____

Contact info: _____



Fall Conservatory Show Volunteer Park Conservatory October 5-6, 2024

More details to come about how to display and have your plant judged by the American Orchid Society who is planned to help us judge plants at this event.

Indoor Plant Festival Lynnwood Events Center March 22-23, 2025



Planning is currently in process for the 2025 Indoor Plant Festival. In addition to the wonderful atmosphere and displays that will return to the Lynnwood Event Center, we anticipate expanded vendor selections and numerous classes to round out this event.

We are looking for volunteers to help plan this event. You don't need to be a great plant grower, only help design a vision and plan and take charge of your lane. Jobs we are looking for help with include:

- ◆ A volunteer coordinator
- ◆ A display coordinator
- ◆ An educational content planner

If you would like help plan this event, please let us know: email nwos@nwos.org



NW Flower & Garden Show Seattle Convention Center February 19-23, 2025

By Ben Johnson

Its been a busy few weeks for away shows. We visited both the Spokane Orchid Society and Oregon Orchid Society in Portland for their spring events and put up some nice displays. Bringing plants to these shows is a rewarding experience, and I encourage anyone with time and interest to talk with me to see how you might be able to do this next year! These are important regional connections that have helped me learn a tremendous amount about hosting a good show, and are really great partnerships that we should nurture.

Spokane OS: On the weekend of April 6 and 7, Spokane typically did what is referred to as a "bench show" - located at Spokane Community College. A "bench show" means that there are no displays installed, and instead, plants are grouped by like-classes for easy comparison during judging. They really give you a nice sense of variety within different plant families as well as variety among even the same hybrid or species. You can't meet a nicer group of people and they put on an excellent show. Pictures shown: Yoshi browsing the bench of exhibited plants, Scott Rettunmunds (SOS) amazing little *Microterangis* (*hildebrantii* I think).



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Other Show Reports (continued)

Oregon OS: On April 20-21, the NWOS took a few plants down to Portland for the OOS annual Spring show. This is a wonderful and well attended event, this year located at the Oak Parks Dance Pavilion.

Along with our display were displays by OOS who made an amazing Paph table and a wall of Cattleya, the Portland Orchid Society, and by (I believe) Craig Williams who made a nice display & showcase of different Neofinetia types in a traditional Japanese styled display.

We put in an excellent display, with plant awards given both from the OOS as well as from the AOS. Andy Wright won best in show, as well as best dendrobium with his *Den. thyrsoflorum*, and Robert Culver won an AOS award HCM on his *Odont. hybrid Odm Chrysoflorum*. Special thanks go to the people who helped make these plant displays possible: Robert Culver, Andy Wright, George & Sylvia Grantham.



New Website is Online!

Heather Harrington

The tech committee (Heather, Nora, Sean, Abigail, Ben, Ryan, and Robert) are excited to announce the launch of our new website!!!! The following was written up by Ben and can also be found under Announcements on the new site. Please take a look at the site. Look around and see if you can find all the information you want. If you have any feedback, please let Heather know. The site can be found at: <https://www.nwos.org/>

As a collective team, we have tried to do the best we can with:

- Providing the features our club members are most interested in
- Limiting technical complexity - which will help us utilize this platform for YEARS to come.
- This includes making updating this site simple enough for members who are willing to spend an hour to learn how will be able to help manage site content.
- Coming up with a simple way to migrate members on to the new site. This was not cleanly possible. See below for how we are managing member rosters, and knowing who are the current members in our society.
- Getting better communication to our members thru avoiding spam folders, promotion folders and other annoyances in the way our previous technology had worked in the past.

FAQ:

Maybe you are asking, I'm already a member!, but I cannot access the membership tab without buying a new membership?

Unfortunately, the migration to this website would not allow us to easily setup existing members. In order to get access to the "Member" content - you will have to renew your membership. However! There are no exclusive perks being offered in the membership part of the website (not at the time of launch at least). For now, the membership feature is simply a way to set up an annual "membership" where we can track membership, automate billing and the collection of member contact info. In the future however, there may be web content, discounts, products we can offer exclusively to members and this website feature enables those.

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So what kind of content is on the “Member” tab then?

Most of the benefits of being a member in our society are tangible real-world things (a free plant, access to sell plants at meetings, access to our auction.) There is no content on this website that is private for members other with the exception of:

- The membership roster
- The Zoom link

If you are a member, just not yet on the website, and are interested in either the zoom link or our roster, please ask. Send an email to nwos@nwos.org to have us send you either of those tools.

How will the roster stay up to date when you have an old AND a new list to keep track of?

The old roster will continue to live until every member on our old system has lapsed and paid to renew their membership on the new website. Society administrators will have to manage a combined list of members who signed up prior to this website and those who signed up on the new website.

Those lists will be combined and managed regularly - on a monthly cadence. The roster will be posted in the members area of the website.

Can you tell us more about how we renew memberships?

When your existing membership plan is about to expire, you will receive an email from us telling you its time to renew. You will login, and click the “Members” tab, where you will see which membership products you can sign up for. You simply buy one, and are then a member on the new site with access to the member tab.

Note that after signing up, this site will automatically enroll you on an annual automated billing using the payment option you’ve selected. If you aren’t sure you want to be a member for longer than a year, you can immediately remove your payment information from the “Account” menu (top right). Even if you remove your payment method (or even if you cancel), you *will* remain a member until the membership you just purchased has expired. You are able to see the term of your membership from your account profile as well as your next scheduled billing date.

Are there other things to know?

If you are a regular volunteer, regularly show plants at our shows, or are otherwise involved in the workings of the society, we request that during your membership purchase process you fill out your phone number so we can produce a roster with the contact information you are willing to share. From the “Account” menu, select the “Address” section and fill out the information you are comfortable in sharing.