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About the May Meeting

May 12, 2014

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

Ronald Hanko: Wardian Cases

Our speaker this month is Ron Hanko, who will be talking about growing orchids in a Wardian case. Ron built his first wardian case in 1988 to help him grow cool-growing miniatures in Houston. When a move forced him to leave the first case behind, he built a second one, incorporating what he had learned from experience with the first case. His success with growing orchids in a wardian case can be measured by the fact that he has won nearly 20 AOS awards from plants grown in his orchidarium. He has grown as many as 250 orchids of approximately 65 different genera in his wardian case. He will be discussing his experience as well as sharing his wonderful photographs with us.

For those who are not familiar with Ron's blogs they are well worth checking out: <http://ronaldhanko-orchidhunter.blogspot.com> and <http://orchidsinbloom-ron.blogspot.com>. Both contain stunning photos of orchids, both those Ron grows and those that he has found in his hikes around the Puget Sound area.

Display Table:

We will have our regular display table, so bring your blooming plants to share.

Sales Table:

Members may bring up to 10 plants to sell. Include an extra tag with your name and the cost.

Raffle:

The raffle will be held as usual. Win a new orchid for your collection while supporting the Scholarship Fund.

President's Corner

Spring is here and there may be some sunshine in Seattle.....

Even though the NWOS program year is winding down, we still have some great events on the horizon.

Planning for the Fall Show & Sale at Swanson's Nursery, in November, has begun. We will have a



Ron's Wardian Case at our 2013 Show

sign up sheet for the show committee at the May meeting and June potluck. This show will only be a success if you help to put it together. It's like the preverbal iceberg; the planning is 2/3 of the process and it is not the part that most folks see.

You do not need to be an orchid expert to help, so consider becoming involved in the process....

Most, especially the newer members, do not realize that we have a fantastic August picnic. It has always been a summer high point for the whole family and a great event to meet and eat....

Watch your email for the picnic notice.

Mike Foster, President

Orchid Shows Past and Future

The Oregon Orchid Society Show and Sale was held in Portland April 26-27. Mike Pearson and Abigail Chang took our display down and set it up and Cylvia and I brought it back on Sunday. It was a very nice show that included an outstanding display by the Cherry City Society (Salem Oregon) as well as an excellent selection from the home society including a striking group of hardy *Cypripediums*.

Our own display included 41 plants. Up against stiff competition, we received 4 blue ribbons, 7 reds and 4 whites. Mike and Donna received two blues and one red for their three plants and their *Phrag Grande* was AOS nominated. Mike and Abby's *Pleur. cocornaensis* and George Krasle's *Stenosarcos Vanguard* were best of their respective classes.



NWOS display at the Oregon Orchid Society Show in Portland. It is hard to get good photos of these long wall displays but they are great for show attendees to have a good look at the plants.



This paph with incredible color and substance displayed by Orchidaceae won an AOS award at the South Central Show.

The last show of the Spring Season was the **Washington South Central Orchid Society Show and Sale** held in Kennewick May 3-4. This was a small show with a friendly atmosphere and some very nice quality plants including a stunning display by Orchidaceae. Most of the 48 plants in our exhibit were veterans of the Oregon show. Ribbons were scarce as they utilize a reduced number of judging classes, but still we received 11 show ribbons. Besides those contributors previously mentioned to these two shows, thanks to Jeanne McKinnie and Diane Drisch for sending plants. And Thanks to everyone who sent plants to all of our shows this season.



NWOS display at the Washington South Central Show in Kennewick, front view. Our 41 plants filled the round table well.



NWOS display at the South Central Show, back view, included a nice selection of slabs and small species.



We are hoping that Sunset Empire Orchid Society will have their show again this year at Seaside Oregon. It is normally held the first weekend in October. That would be the only show prior to our own show, Nov. 7-9 at Swanson's Nursery.

Cylvia and I really liked the sandwich board signs advertising the South Central show. Are there any artistic types in our society up to the challenge of a project like this for our own shows?

George Grantham, 2nd Vice President

Photos Courtesy George & Cylvia Grantham

Proposed Slate of Officers

Here are the Nominations for NWOS Officers to serve July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015:

President: Mike Foster
First VP: Caroline Mann
Second VP: George Grantham
Secretary: Mike Cory
Treasurer: Peter Maunsell
Past President: Jamie Notman

Trustees (2 years) 2014-2014

Mike Pearson
Barb Roberts
Leanna Fox
Alycia Moncrieff
Christa Divis

The election will be held at our May meeting with installation at the June meeting.

The following Trustees have one year remaining on their 2 year Tenure (2013-2015)

Joff Morgan
Ellen Macomber
Jeanne McKinnie
Diane Drisch
Chris Peterson

NW Flower & Garden Show News

I am waiting to hear your orchid garden ideas for the 2014 NW Flower & Garden Show's "Romance Blossoms" theme. Next year's Show doesn't happen until February 11 - 14, 2015, but the planning for that Show begins now.

In fact, we have to submit our written garden plan by June 1 this year, if we want to have our same garden space. Or by July 1 if we don't mind that NWFGS moves us to a different spot. So, sharpen those pencils, break out the crayons, and begin drawing out your orchid garden ideas. Please don't just tell me at the meeting, I need a drawing of your proposed gardens and a detailed written description of them as well.

What shape will the garden be? Is it against a wall with viewing from three sides like previous years? Is the garden to be an island with viewing from all sides? Will it be a walk-through where people can get up close and personal with the orchids? If a walk-through, will it use the Convention Center's existing concrete floor or will it use something else? What structures will the garden contain? Does it have a water feature? What does that look like? What plant materials will the garden use? How does the garden follow the theme? How will orchids be arranged? Show how varying heights and visual breaks are used? What are the key focal points? Is there a message you're trying to convey?

Any and all ideas are welcome. You've read the Judges' comments from the 2014 garden, what can we do to knock their (and the Public's) socks off and get a Gold Medal in 2015? The Flower Show Committee looks forward to reviewing your garden ideas.

Thank you!

Joff Morgan, rastur@eacw.org

Native Orchid Organizations

If you're interested in a particular kind of orchid, the Internet is a great place to find groups of people with similar interests.

I joined my first native orchid group 16 years ago, a national organization that has since been superseded by an organization called The Native Orchid Conference. This group publishes a quarterly journal, sponsors research, and has an annual meeting that moves around.

Last year my husband, Mike, and I attended the meeting in northern California. There were two days of talks and two days of field trips to places you'd likely never find on your own. In fact, our leaders often had a difficult time finding the orchids we were seeking and they had pre-scouted the locations. This year's conference is in mid-July at Lake Itasca, Minnesota, the location of the first native orchid conference that we attended in 1998.

For people interested in Washington's native orchids, I recommend the Washington Native Orchid Society. A few of us met in Anacortes the first Saturday of May and were overjoyed to find numerous orchids in Washington Park. There were lots of corral roots. The calypsos (*Calypso bulbosa*) were mostly past and smaller than I've seen elsewhere. The highlight of the day was one small clump of a brilliant yellow coralroot that I believe to be *Corallorhiza trifida*; however, native orchids have considerable variation and the plants we saw don't look like photos I've seen elsewhere.



Kathy Murray's photo of *Corallorhiza trifida*

A friend went to China last year on a trip sponsored by the Orchid Conservation Alliance. That organization raises funds to conserve orchid habitat and has several upcoming trips posted on its web site.

Here is some information on native orchid organizations and their web sites:

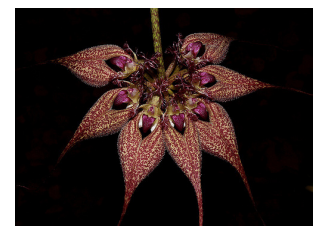
- **Washington Native Orchid Society:** <http://www.wanativeorchids.com/aboutus.html>
- **Native Orchid Conference** (annual meeting with fieldtrips; quarterly journal; on line forum).
July 2014 Conference, Lake Itasca, Minnesota:
<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/nativeorchidconference/info>
- **Orchid Conservation Alliance:**
http://www.orchidconservationalliance.org/OCA/OCA_Enter.html
Fall 2014, Madagascar, South Africa, and World Orchid Conference
Spring 2015, Reserva Serra Bonita, Brazil

Kathy Murray

Editor's Note: This month's speaker, Ron Hanko, also has a photographic Blog entitled Native Orchids of the Pacific Northwest and the Canadian Rockies. Visit the following website to see his gorgeous pictures: <http://nativeorchidsofthepacificnorthwest.blogspot.com/>

Report from our Volunteer Day at Woodland Park Zoo

Pam and I would like to thank the sixteen members who volunteered their time and expertise to work on the Woodland Park Zoo's orchid collection on April 26. Everyone had lots of fun dividing, repotting, mounting, and doing pest control all of which was a huge help to us. One group tackled several large Cymbidiums and Dedrochilums and the other group tackled some large hanging Dendrobium, Vanda and Bulbophyllums. Many people were excited to take a piece of Bulbophyllum rothschildianum 'Haverhill' home with them.



Bulbophyllum rothschildianum
'Haverhill'

We get so busy with exhibit projects that orchid work often falls to the wayside so we were so happy to have 32 experienced hands working for several hours to get so much done. Our goal of downsizing our Cymbidiums and getting all of our hanging orchids on to plaques was met! Hurray!!! It would have taken us months to do all of this work!

We hope all of the volunteers had a great time touring the zoo afterwards. I heard that a few people had arranged to meet family for a picnic. The weather was perfect for this.

By request, we plan to organize another NWOS Volunteer day in the fall of 2014. Again, volunteers will be able to tour the zoo after working on the collection and hopefully there will be lots of divisions to take home for those who want them.

Thanks for the great day!

Katrina Lindahl, Woodland Park Zoo

Thank you NWOS Volunteers: Collene Collins, Heather Richardson, Sam Weigelt, Alycia Moncrieff, Ellen Macomber, Joff Morgan, Steve Dorsey, Lori Lederman, Kathy Murray, Kathryn Ryan, Julian Lemoine, Rohm Gustafson, Michael Sheeran, Leanna Fox, Jeanne McKinnie, Chloe Angus-Tibbetts.

Report from the April Meeting

1st Vice President Caroline Mann lead the meeting in Mike Foster's absence. She welcomed new members and guests. Katrina Lindahl invited us to work on the Zoo's Orchid collection, Allan Kaas, Nomination Committee Chair, read the proposed Slate of Officers which will be voted on at the May meeting. Other reports were given by Kathy Murray (other Orchid Societies), Mike Pearson (the Auction), and George Grantham (other Orchid Society Shows). George also requested nominations for this year's Gary Baker Award. George welcomed NWOS past president Pam Kolb who was back from So. Carolina for a visit. Good to see you Pam!



Kathy Murray and Caroline Mann

Our featured speaker Harvey Brenneise spoke on Charles Robert Darwin. He gave Darwin's life history and travels as shown by the books, illustrations, and writings from Darwin himself, his wife Emma and botanist friends. Darwin was fascinated with Catesetums and their different flower forms. He was a curious man who observed many things including fragrances at different times of day and the various mechanical adaptations for ensuring pollination by differing species. He theory of co-evolution correctly predicted the existence of *Zanthopan morgani*, the moth with a proboscis large enough to pollinate the long nectary spur on *Angraecum sesquipedale*. Darwin felt that slow evolution over time led to the many ways by which orchids are fertilized.



Caroline and Katrina Lindahl

Andy Wright reviewed the plant table. Photos courtesy Diane Drisch



Harvey Brenneise



a full plant table



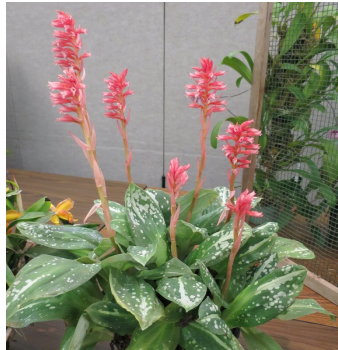
NWOS Past Pres, Pam Kolb



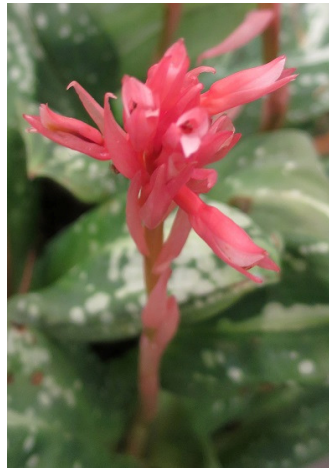
packed room and Andy at the plant table



Sarcochilus hartmannii,
Erika Dyer



Stenorhynchos speciosus,
George Krasle



Stenorhynchos closeup



Angraecum germinyanum,
Allan Kaas



Ascofenetia Cherry Blossom, Diane Drisch



Cattleya hybrid, George Krasle



Ceratostylis subulata closeup



Ceratostylis subulata, Allan Kaas



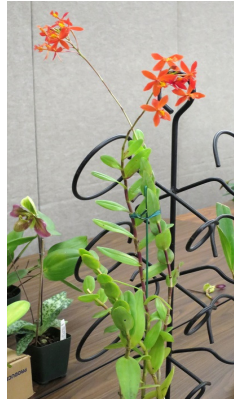
Brassavola nodosa, Christa Divis



Epidendrum porpax, Diane Drisch



Prosthechea cochleata,
Steve Dorsey



Epi. ibaguense,
George & Cylvia
Grantham



Epidendrum embreei,
Allan Kaas



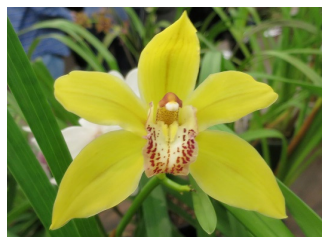
Odbrs. Fangtastic Bob Henley
(Brs rex x Odbrs Kenneth
Bivens), Joff Morgan



Odceda. Chaculatum 'Golden
Pacific', Jeanne McKinney



Odcedm. Tiger Crow
'Golden Gate' HCC/AOS,
Joff Morgan



Cymbidium, Erika Dyer



Cym. Edith McDade 'New
Horizon', Diane Drisch



Cymbidium, Erika Dyer



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Cymbidium, Erika Dyer



Phal. I-Lan Happy Look,
Betty Lyons



Phalaenopsis hybrid,
Chloe Angus



Chloe allowed her phal's roots
to roam inside a glass vessel



Phal. Triprince, Chloe Angus



Paph delatanii alba ('Ken') x self,
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Paph gratixianum,
Ellen Macomber



Paph. druryi, Dick Hanson



Paph wilhelminiae 'Fox River' HCC/AOS, Dick Hanson



Paph. hybrid (Hawaii Wings 'Kenia' x Dugesclin 'Louise'), Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Paph. rothschildianum, Joe Griener



Paph. Pinocchio, Diane Drisch



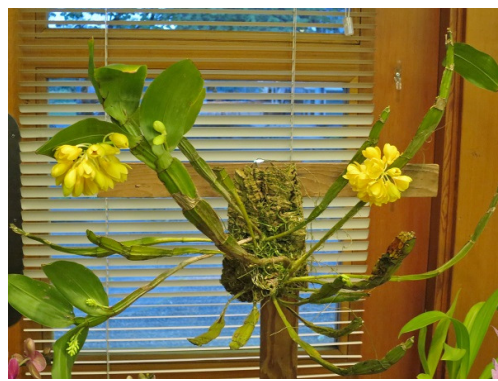
Paph esquirelei 'Brashear', Dick Hanson



Paph hirsutissimum 'Traumeral' JC/AOS, Dick Hanson



Dendrobium sulcatum, Allan Kaas



one of Harry Mar's large Dendrobiums was put up for silent auction and won by Joe Griener



Dendrobium jenkensii,
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Dendrobium tuananhii,
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



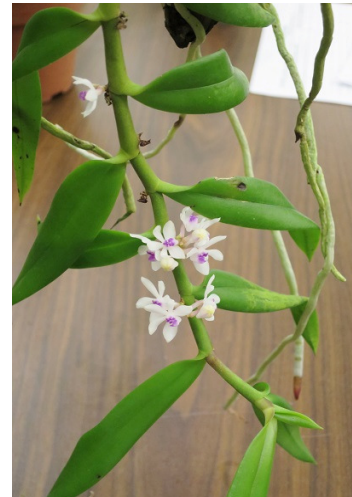
Masdevallia bonplandii, Andy Wright



two of *Masdevallia* Pixie Lavender 'Fine' x
Falcon Sunrise 'Scarlet', Abigail Chang & Mike
Pearson



Dendrochilum propinquum,
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Trichoglottis rosea,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Scaphosepalum breve,
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Trisetella hoejerei,
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



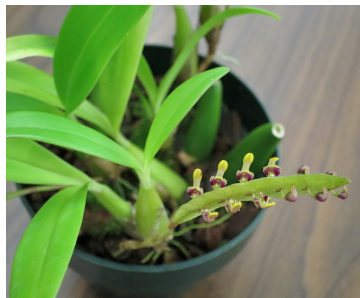
Trias picta, Andy Wright



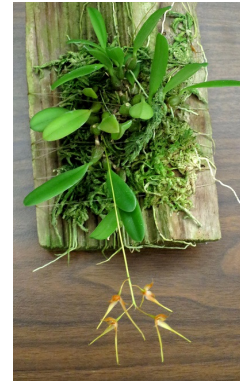
Porroglossum meridionale, Andy Wright



Lepanthopsis species closeup,
Andy Wright



Bulbophyllum fulcatum,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Bulbophyllum species,
George & Cylvia
Grantham



Bulbophyllum loherianum,
Andy Wright



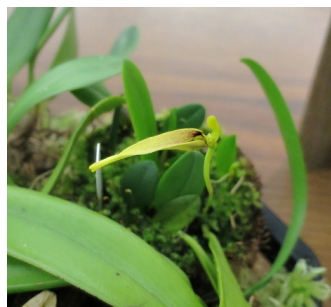
Bulbophyllum Fraudulentum,
Andy Wright



Bulbophyllum eberhardtii,
Andy Wright



Bulbophyllum maximum,
Andy Wright



Bulbophyllum restrepia,
Andy Wright



Bulbophyllum plumatum,
Andy Wright



Pleurothallis cocornaensis,
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Pleurothallis tarantula, Andy Wright



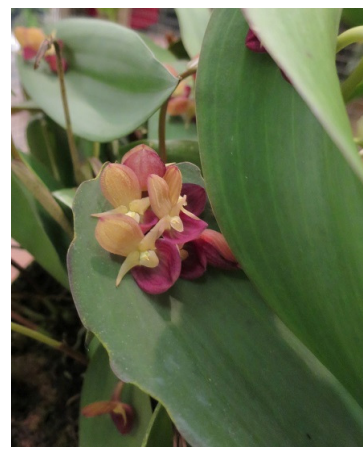
Pleurothallis grobyi, George Krasle



Pleurothallis schiedei, George Krasle



Pleurothallis cyanea, Andy Wright



Pleurothallis cyanea closeup



Pleurothallis cyanea buds



We all enjoy our meetings right to the very
end when Leanna does the raffle

Schedule of Upcoming Events

May 12, 2014 - Speaker: Ronald Hanko talking about Wardian Cases

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

August 23, 2014 - NWOS Picnic

Sept. 2014 - tentative date for NWOS Volunteer Day at the Zoo. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Help tend to the Zoo's extensive orchid collection and see the zoo for free when we're done.

Nov. 8-9, 2014 - AOS Judged Orchid Show and Sale at Swanson's Nursery with setup and Preview Party on the 7th.

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The transitional Board meeting for both current and new Board Members and Officers will be on July 8th at George & Cylvia Grantham's home at 6 pm. There we will be treated to George's BBQ and Cylvia's fabulous cuisine. There is no need or expectation to bring anything, but if you want you bring drinks or a few hors d'oeuvres or dessert, then that's o.k.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are no special announcements this month.