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About the May Meeting

May 11, 2015

7:00 p.m.

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

Mary Gerritsen: Miniature Orchids

Our speaker this month is Mary Gerritsen, Ph.D. Mary is an independent biotechnology consultant who has been growing orchids (mostly species) on and off for more than 30 years. Since relocating to the San Francisco Bay area in 1887 she has started to collect small cool growing miniature species such as *Masdevallias*, *Porroglossums*, *Lepanthes* and other assorted tiny gems. She loves to see orchids growing in situ, and has made it her mission over the last few years to see as many as possible, with trips to see and photograph orchids (and other flora as well). These trips have taken her to Canada, USA, Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, Costa Rica, Panama, Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia, China, Germany, Rhodes and Crete, Australia and Borneo. She is the co-author with Ron Parsons of three botanical books: *Masdevallias*, *Gems of the Orchid World*, and *Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives*. Their newest is *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*. She will be talking to us about miniature orchids.

Mega Plant Raffle this month:

The plant raffle will be a MEGA raffle this month. We have an unusual number of raffle plants and the summer approaching, so we will have many more plants than usual on the raffle table. Bring your dollar bills!

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 price in the plant.

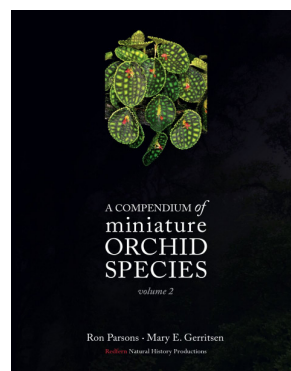
NWOS Library:

If you'd like to check out a book or tape from our Library, please contact our Librarian [Carolyn Mann](#) 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.

President's Corner

As this meeting year winds down, I want to THANK everyone that made it a success! The NWOS Board members did a great job with the day to day business of your society.

We also had many Special Events that required extra work and planning:



Peter and Kelley Maunsell hosted the August picnic.
Leanna Fox, Kathy Murray, Mike Cory, Pat Gossler and Chris Peterson did a fantastic job putting together the November Show at Swanson's Nursery.
Joe Griener, Joff Morgan and Allan Kaas worked endless hours for the Gold Metal winning February Flower Show display.
Peter and Kelley Maunsell hosted the wine and cheese preview party in March.
George and Sylvia Grantham organized and staged several orchid shows in and out of the state.
Leanna Fox, Chris Peterson and Peter Maunsell worked long and hard to finalize the audit. There were also many more members that assisted at all of these events.

Then there are the jobs that members do that we don't always realize are happening:
Pat Gossler is at every meeting to take money for plant sales, raffle tickets and keeps a tally of what happened.
Mary Nichol is also at every meeting to make coffee, put out treats, clean up afterwards and store the potluck supplies.
Leanna Fox has been the go-to person for the raffle plants.
Mike Pearson stores and sets up any needed computers and projectors.
Caroline Mann is the one who brings and organizes the library.
Allan Kaas makes arrangements for your Christmas free orchid and name tag orders.
You would not be reading this article without Diane Drisch taking her time to create a first class newsletter.
Mike Cory does a great job in keeping track of membership.
Kathy Murray manages and sends out the scholarship details.
Abigail Chang has kept us aware of what is happening at the monthly American Orchid Society judging.
Andy Wright has done a great job with the plant table reviews.

The next NWOS meeting cycle will start in July and we will have a new President, First Vice President and a few new Trustees.

If you aren't already, I encourage you to become active in your society by helping at every opportunity.

Mike Foster, President

Proposed Slate of Officers

Here are the Nominations for NWOS Officers to serve July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016:

President: Abigail Chang
First VP: Joe Griener
Second VP: George Grantham
Secretary: Michael Cory
Treasurer: Peter Maunsell
Past President: Mike Foster

Trustees (2 years) 2015-2017:

Chloe Angus-Tibbetts
Harvey Brenneise
Mary Margaret Cromarty
Diane Drisch
Ellen Macomber
Joff Morgan

The following Trustees have one year remaining on their 2 year Tenure (2014-2016):

Leanna Fox
Alycia Moncrieff
Mike Pearson
Barb Roberts

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

Report from the April Meeting

Our President, Mike Foster started our meeting by welcoming everyone and asking new people to introduce

themselves. Mike Cory announced a special NWOS Membership deal: Join now and your membership is good thru the end of next fiscal year. George Grantham reported on the orchid show that was held in Spokane, WA. Alycia Moncrieff read the list of proposed Officers and Board members. She asked for additional volunteers and nominations. Joe Griener discussed the theme for the next NWF&G Show which will honor our National Parks. We'll need to choose a Park (perhaps Volcano Nat'l Park in Hawaii) and submit it soon.

Vice President Carolyn Mann introduced our speaker, Larry Moskowitz whose presentation was about Bizarre species. He showed many interesting orchids including Stanhopeas with their short-lived but dramatic flowers that are pollinated by Euglossine bees, Coryanthes that drip liquid into their bucket-shaped lip, Catesetum, Cycnoches, Trichoseris that mimic flies, Telipogon, Cirrhopetalum, Peristeria elata, Gongora, Medicalcar, Bulbophyllum, Den. smilliae and many others.

Andy Wright reviewed our plant table.



Larry Moskowitz

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch.



Andy and the plant table



Bulbo trigonosepalum,
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Bulbophyllum lorentzianum closeup



Bulb. lorentzianum, Andy Wright



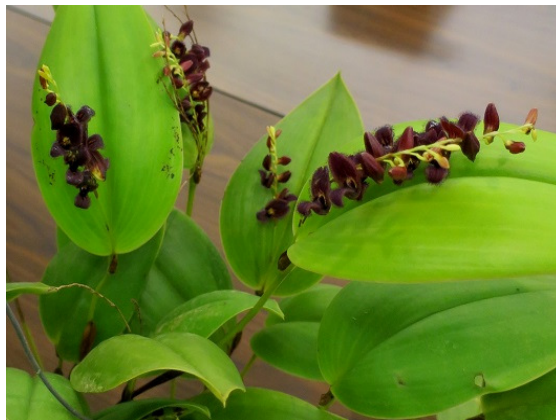
Pleurothallis cardiothallis,
Andy Wright



Pleuro grobii, Andy Wright



Pleuro crocodiliceps, Andy Wright



Pleuro tarantula, Andy Wright



Pleurothallis rubella, Allan & Michelle Kaas



Microterangis (Chamaengis) hariotiana,
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Microterangis (Chamaengis) hariotiana,
George & Sylvia Grantham



Lepanthes pubescens, Allan & Michelle Kaas



Restrepia trichoglossa, Allan & Michelle Kaas



Den. Andree Millar,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



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Epidendrum paniculatum
(*floribundum*), George Krasle



Dendrobium chrysotoxum closeup



Den. chrysotoxum, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



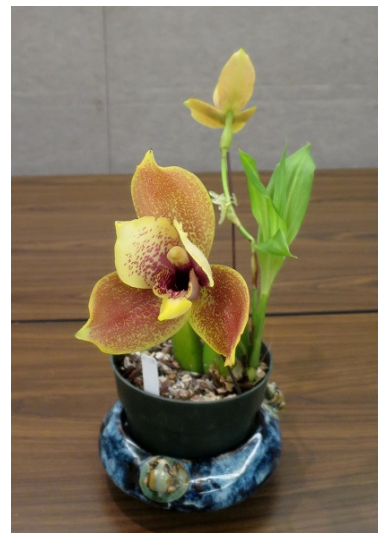
Den. trantuanii, Steve Dorsey



Coelogyne corymbosa, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Anguloa ruckeri, Joff Morgan



Angulocaste Jupiter 'Sunset',
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Lycaste aromatica, Allan & Michelle Kaas



Baptistonia echinata, George Krasle



Calanthe vestita,
George & Sylvia Grantham



Calanthe vestita closeup



Cattleya intermedia aquinii,
George Krasle



Prosthechea 'Green Hornet'
(*cochelatum* x *lanceifolium*),
George Krasle



Encyclia cordigera 'Pink',
Joff Morgan



Slc Jewel Box 'Dark Waters', Allan & Michelle Kaas



Sophronitis coccinea 4n, Minh Au



Oncidium Sharry Baby, Harvey Brenneise



Oncidium Sharry Baby closeup



Cymbidium, Erika Dyer



Cymbidium, Erika Dyer



Miltonia, Michael Sheeran



Phal. lueddemanniana 'Woodlawn', Andy Wright



Phalaenopsis, Michael Sheeran



Angraecum germinyanum,
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Neofinetia falcata 'Red' x *Aerides Oderata* 'Pink', Harvey
Brenneise



Sarcochilus hartmannii, Erika Dyer



Tuberolabium odoratissimum, Andy Wright



Trichoglottis rosea closeup



Trichoglottis rosea, George & Cylvia Grantham



Paph (Fair Fred 'Double Double' x primulinum fma. purpurasce 'Tall 50'). Jeanne McKinnie



Paph. Pink Fantasia, Harvey Brenneise



Paph. Delightfully Wood, George & Sylvia Grantham



Paph. Earl of Chester, George Krasle



Paph. Crouching Tiger, Harvey Brenneise

Schedule of Upcoming Events

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

June 8, 2015 - NWOS meeting, Pot Luck Dinner and Gary Baker Service Award

August ?, 2015 - NWOS Picnic, date and place still TBD

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 5/5/15. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

The transitional Board meeting for both current and new Board Members & Officers will be on July 7th at George & Cylvia Grantham's home. We'll start gathering at 6 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm, followed by the meeting. Cylvia will whip up her usual fabulous entrees and George will BBQ. There is no need or expectation to bring anything, but if you want to bring a beverage of your choice or dessert, then that would be o.k.

Special Announcements

No Special Announcements this month.