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## Proposed Change in the NWOS Bylaws



The Officers and Trustees met recently and reviewed our club's bylaws. A number of changes have been recommended. Please review the revised document by clicking on the bylaws book image.

We will review the changes at the May meeting and vote on them at the June, 2017 meeting.

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## About the May Meeting

**May 8, 2017**

7:00 p.m.

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

## Dick Van Ingen: Orchids of Indonesia or "How the Sultan of Jogjakarta and the Princess of Ubud Grow their Orchids"

Join us as Dick Van Ingen will be our guest lecturer offering a rare glimpse into Indonesian orchids. This program includes about 186 images. It's mostly about orchid culture and preservation in gardens on two densely populated islands in Indonesia (Java and Bali).

Dick has been growing orchids for decades and is an avid world traveler. His trips have included numerous orchid-centric tours. Dick has an inquiring mind and thinks outside of the box, so you can gain from his insights on orchids and orchid culture that are different than what you'd typically hear. Dick is currently serving as the president of the Oregon Orchid Society.



Dick Van Ingen

### Raffle:

We hope to have our usual raffle, but don't have plants at this time. Please bring any extra plants (healthy, of course) from your collection that you would be willing to contribute to our Raffle this month. The raffle benefits our Scholarship Fund.

### Display Table:

Bring your blooming Orchids so everyone can enjoy them.

**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 [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.

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**Proposed Slate of Officers and Board Members**

At the May meeting we will be voting for the Officers as well as for the Trustees whose term ends 6/30/19. They will be installed at the June meeting.

**Nominees for Officers, 1 year term from July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018:**

President: Abigail Chang  
 1st VP: Alan Kaas  
 2nd VP: George Grantham  
 Secretary: Mike Cory  
 Treasurer: Mary Margaret Cromarty  
 Treasurer: Chris Peterson  
 Past President: Mike Foster

**Trustees, 2 year term ending June 30, 2019:**

- Peter Maunsell
- Pat Gossler
- open position
- open position
- open position

**Trustees that have one year remaining on their term, ending June 30, 2018:**

- Diane Drisch
- Joe Grienauer
- Jeanne McKinnie
- Mike Pearson
- Christiane Ulness

As you can see from the above slate, we have several open Trustee positions. If you believe as we do that it is best to give back to the NWOS, you will seriously consider adding your name as these people are doing. The NWOS and our members need your input to help grow and govern our Society.

Next, you will notice that we have two people running for the Treasurer position this year. This has not happened in a long time. As a result, a paper ballot will be cast at the meeting where each membership may vote for the candidate of their choice for Treasurer, along with the usual Aye-Nay verbal vote for the rest of the nominees.

Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to serve.

*Joff Morgan, Allan Kaas and George Grantham, Nominating Committee*

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**NWOS Participation in Spokane and Oregon Orchid Society Shows**

**The Spokane Orchid Society Show and Sale** (April 1-2) was a bench show again this year. Plants were arranged on tables according to judging categories. There was an impressive number and variety of plants on display in the show area. The plants covered 4 large nursery tables plus a sizable area for cymbidiums. Attendance at the show was good. There were four orchid vendors and a vendor selling orchids and carnivorous garden perennials.

We took 34 plants to the show from three members. Mike Foster and Donna Pearce sent 10 plants and garnered eight blue and two red ribbons! Allan Kaas sent 6 plants, all species, and won an AOS Certificate of Cultural Merit for a spectacular *Bulbophyllum trigonosepalum*. Cylvia and I sent 18 plants and won an AOS Cert. of Botanical Recognition for a *Pelexia laxa*, an unusual terrestrial species from Columbia. The flowers of this terrestrial



Pelexia laxa

'Grantham's Mantis' CBR/AOS

species resemble a praying mantis and we named the plant "Grantham's Mantis." Our thanks to Mike and Donna and Allan for sending such exceptionally nice plants.



Bulbophyllum trigonosepalum CHM/AOS, AI and Shelley Kaas



photos: Diane Drisch

**The Oregon Orchid Society Show and Sale** (April 22-23) was held again this year at the Ambridge Event Center in Portland. The host society had a large display on three sides of a square exhibit area and our NWOS display was on the fourth side. Ribbon judging was informal and plants were not registered. The only other display was a gorgeous presentation of orchids and bromeliads by Oscar Allen, one of the vendors. There were half a dozen vendors who cashiered their own sales plus a very large area for vendors and society members who chose to have their sales cashiered by the society. Admission was charged at the door and attendance was excellent and sales brisk. Two or three of the vendors were nearly sold out by the end of the show.



NWOS Display at the Oregon Orchid Society Show

photo: George Grantham

The NWOS display consisted of 40 plants loaned by just three members. Fortunately we had an excellent range of plants leaning heavily toward species. Allan Kaas won a Certificate of Botanical Recognition for *Oberonia cavaleriei*. The flowers of this genus are so tiny that an article has been written in an AOS journal about viewing them with a microscope. Plants for our display were loaned by Allan Kaas, Mike Pearson and Abigail Chang, and by Sylvia and myself.

There are no more spring shows that NWOS plans to send displays to. We expect to participate in the Tri Cities (formerly the South Central Washington Society) Oct 7-8, 2017.

*George Grantham*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

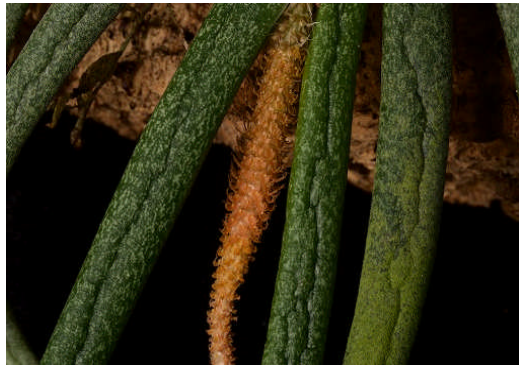
Photos below: Mike Pearson



Allan Kaas's *Oberonia cavaleriei* 'Mickey's Tail',  
 CBR/AOS (Certificate of Botanical Recognition)  
 (Provisional award, pending species identification)  
 Photo is of the entire plant which is about 13x19CM  
 (5.1x7.4 inches)



Joe Griener's *Phalaenopsis* Ever Spring Prince  
 'Pretty Cat', JC/AOS  
 (Judges Commendation, for having two  
 entirely different yet self-consistent  
 inflorescences on one plant)



Closer look at the flower spike.  
 This plant has approximately 70 flowers,  
 and about the same number of buds,  
 on a 6.5CM (about 2.5 inches) long inflorescence.



One set of *Phalaenopsis* flowers



Yes, there really ARE flowers there!  
 Extreme closeup. The inflorescence is approx.  
 .5CM (less than 1/4 inch) wide at this point



The other set of flowers

## News from the American Orchid Society



## Affiliated Societies Committee

As the Spring 2017 Members meeting draws near, we want to say thank you to all of our AOS Society Representatives. You are the link between Society Members and the AOS and we truly appreciate all that you do. Our NWOS rep. is Mike Pearson - thanks Mike!

Please remember: Registration is soon closing for the AOS Spring 2017 Members' Meeting being held at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, home of the AOS, in Coral Gables, Florida, on May 17-21, 2017.

Event and hotel reservation link : [American Orchid Society Spring 2017 Members Meeting](#) and on the AOS website. Note that it's being held in conjunction with Redland International Orchid Festival in Homestead, Florida, which is an event beloved by many orchid enthusiasts.

If you are planning to attend, check out this link: [Schedule of Events](#). Our Committee Meeting is being held Thursday morning at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, home of the AOS, in Coral Gables, Florida. We always value your opinions and welcome you to join us.

If you have an upcoming show, remember to check out the "[Guide to a Successful Orchid Show](#)" which can aid even the most experienced to stay organized and on-track while planning a show. Also, remember we have an updated List of Speakers to help you plan society meeting programs. You will now find the Affiliated Societies link on the home page under the "About Us" heading. Here's the link: [AOS.org](#)

**Reminder Note:** At its November 2016 meeting, the AOS Board of Trustees approved the following changes to award and show fees:

	<u>AOS Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Fee for AOS Award	\$36 to \$40	\$60
Show registration fee	\$50 to \$60	
Show trophy fee	\$60 to \$70	

These changes were effective with all show applications received and awards granted after December 31, 2016.

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

### Orchids Under Glass with Daniel Geiger

**Thursday, May 11, 2017 @ 3:30 PM EDT** *Members only*

Join Daniel Geiger, Ph.D., Curator of Malacology at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, California as he presents a fascinating talk on raising orchids in confined spaces, terrariums and aquariums.

**Register now using this link:** <http://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/webinars/member-only/orchid-aquarium-terrarium-culture.aspx>

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

**WHAT ARE WEBINARS?** Webinars are an Internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP.

**WANT TO LEARN, BUT CAN'T MAKE THE DATE?** The live webinars will be recorded and posted on the AOS website, where you will find a link allowing you to view the webinars at your convenience.



*Aganisia cyanea* Waterford' HCC/AOS; Photographer: Maurice Marietti

**THE MAY ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE** will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on:

- Genus of the Month - *Top Ten from the Medellin Show*
- Orchids Illustrated - *Aganisia*
- For the Novice - *Purely Organic Fertilizer*
- First Ladies and Their Cattleyas - *Cattleya* Michelle Obama
- Native Orchids of France
- *Isotria verticillata*
- *Lindleyana* – *Greenwoodiella deserticola*; A Desert-Jumping Orchid



*Cypripedium calceolus* v. *pubescens* 'Golden Gem' AM/AOS; Photographer: Unknown

**ALSO FEATURED IN ORCHIDS MAGAZINE!**

16-page award gallery of breathtaking pictures of recently awarded orchids.

**RECENT ORCHID AWARDS PICTURES ON THE AOS WEBSITE:**

See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new "[Latest Orchid Awards](#)" page on the AOS website to enjoy these stunning photographs! Click on the thumbnails to see them in larger format.

*Free to members and nonmembers.*



Cattleya Andria Kubo 'Yvonne Zetz' AM/AOS; Photographer: Ramon de los Santos

Let's grow together,  
*Denise Lucero*, Vice-Chair, AOS Membership and Affiliated Societies

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### Links from the Semi-Hydro Talk

For those interested in learning more about Semi-Hydroponics, from my talk last month:

- Do a search for the terms "semi-hydroponics" or "semi-hydro"
- [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) for a surprising number of videos on the subject
- [www.firstrays.com](http://www.firstrays.com), read through the "Semi-Hydroponics" section
- [www.orchidboard.com](http://www.orchidboard.com), the "Semi-Hydroponics Culture" section is a good resource
- [www.theorchidhouse.org](http://www.theorchidhouse.org), an orchid vendor who sells s/h-grown plants and supplies
- "No Longer A Killer" article by Charles Rhoades from AOS "Orchids" magazine Nov 2006. Here's a link to it: <http://firstrays.com/semi-hydroponic-culture/no-longer-a-killer-aos-article-by-charles-rhodes/>

**Scrubby Yarn** - And for those of you interested in that polyester, moss-like yarn that Alan Kaas showed last month, the product is named "Scrubby" yarn made by Red Heart. It is available at most any craft or fabric store and online that sells yarn. I've been cutting mine into short lengths and potting it with those orchids that don't like having their roots disturbed. I'll have more results at a later date.

I Hope this helps!  
~ Joff Morgan

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### Report from the April Meeting

Abigail Chang opened our meeting welcoming new members and guests. George Grantham reported on the recent show in Spokane (see article above). George also asked the membership to nominate candidates for the Gary Baker Award. Our AOS representative Mike Pearson announced that there are now 32 years worth of *Orchids* Magazine on line. Joff Morgan spoke for the nominating committee and read the proposed list of officers and trustees. Chris Peterson talked about why she would like to be our Treasurer.

We then heard about the new location of the AOS Judging Center. It's at the Phinney



Joff talks about Semi Hydroponics

Center, 6532 Phinney Ave. N. (63rd and Greenwood). Normally the AOS judging is on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. But in May, it will be on the 2nd Saturday (May 13th).

Abigail also announced that we could expect to be presented with some Bylaws changes at the May meeting.

After Andy reviewed the plant table and we had a break, the evening's presentation began. Joff Morgan gave a very informative talk about how to grow orchids using the semi-hydroponic method. He was very thorough and took us through much of the history of how it came about, the nature and forms of LECA (light expanded clay aggregate), and where we could obtain it. He also showed the potting method, and more importantly, the watering technique along with the 2 holes for drainage. He also stressed the proper timing of when to transfer your plant into semi-hydroponics which is when new roots are beginning to grow. Joff also gave ideas on which species typically do well in semi-hydroponic culture. Check out his article above for follow-up resources.

Harvey Brenneise was next to speak and added to the information provided by Joff. He gave additional helpful hints and observations. Andy Wright then took the floor to present some interesting growing aids focusing on the three most important growing principles: light, food and temperature. First, he showed us a thermometer gun (Hylogy Infrared Digital thermometer Model MD-84) for non-contact temperature readings. It great for checking all the many micro-climates within your growing areas.

Then he showed us a very simple light meter (Luximeter) which clips to a smartphone. And lastly, there was the AquaPro water quality tester. It's a great device which can tell you the PPM (parts per million) of the nutrients that you are giving your plants. All of these really helpful gadgets are easily available at places like Harbor Freight and Amazon for under \$30 each. If you use Amazon, and you enter using the <http://smile.amazon.com> link, the NWOS will receive a donation (see the article below).

Andy Wright reviewed the plant table.

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch.



Harvey Brenneise shares cultural information



Andy shows Al's 'Scrubby' yarn potting media while reviewing the plant table



Andy's toys

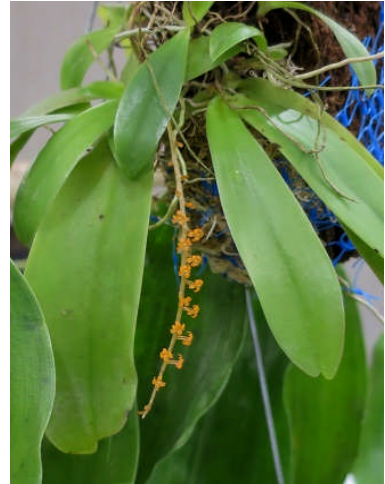


Andy Wright discusses the importance of measuring light, food and temperature

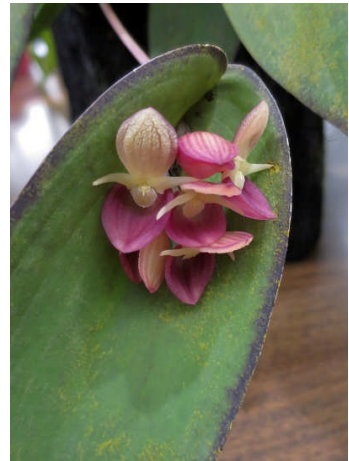
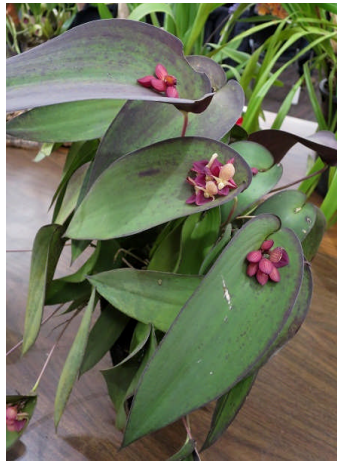
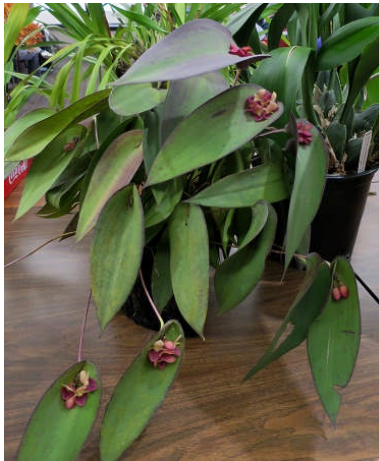




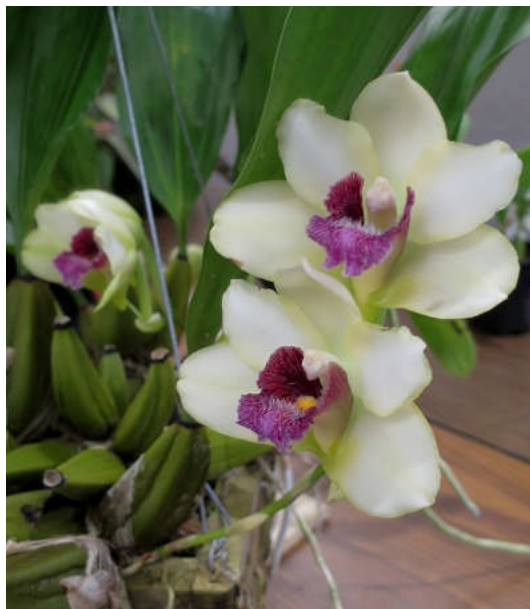
Barb and Ellen check out Al and Shelley's  
*Microterangis hariotiana* with a magnifying glass



*Microterangis hariotiana*,  
Al and Shelley Kaas



*Pleurothallis cyanea*, Andy Wright  
In addition to the wonderful flowers, notice the beautiful dark edging on the leaves



*Bifrenaria harrisonae*, Al and Shelley Kaas



Leptotes bicolor, Barb Roberts



Leptotes pohlitinocol, Barb Roberts



Laelia, George Krasle



Eplc. Magic Wand  
(Epc. Kyoguchi 'M. Sano' Mutation x Lc. Trick or Treat  
'Orange Beauty' HCC/AOS), Joff Morgan



Encyclia sima, Diane Drisch



(Bc. Bill Worsley x L. cinnabarina) 'D', Barb Roberts



Epidendrum stamfordianum,  
Ellen Macomber



Coelogyne 'Unchained Melody Grex',  
Pat Gossler



*Coelogyne tomentosa*, Steve Dorsey & Lori Lederman



*Onc. Speckled Spire 'Snow Flake'*,  
Al and Shelley Kaas



*Odontoglossum Rawdon Jester 'Adrienne'* AM/AOS  
(*Odont. pachecoi* 'Chestnut Clown' x *Odont. grande* 'Dallas'),  
Andy Wright



*Odontocidium Catatante 'Pacific Sun Spots'*,  
Al and Shelley Kaas



*Dendrobium tanii*,  
Al and Shelley Kaas



Den. jenkinsii, Alberto Alvarez



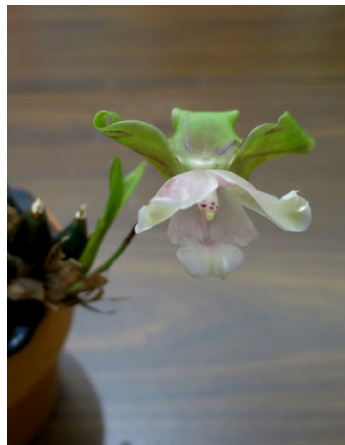
Dendrobium Micro Chip, Ellen Macomber



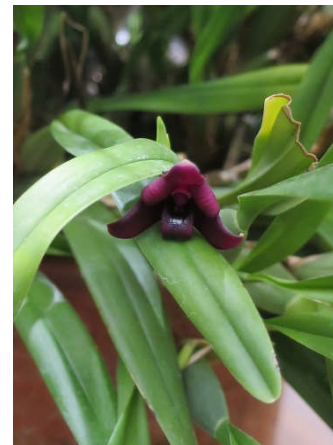
Cymbidium, Al and Shelley Kaas



Maxillaria tenuifolia, Al and Shelley Kaas



Lycaste brevispatha, Diane Drisch



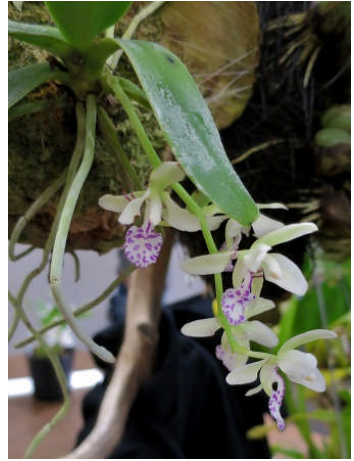
Maxillaria variabilis, black form, George Krasle



*Sarcochilus hartmanii*,  
Erika Dyer



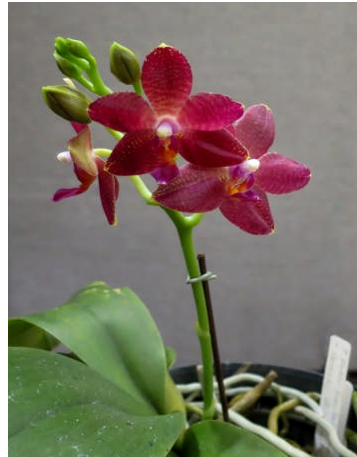
*Vandopsis parishii*,  
Al and Shelley Kaas



*Sedirea japonica*,  
Al and Shelley Kaas



*Phal equestris*, Diane Drisch  
The right petal never formed, but there is a bump on the column. The previous flower was normal.



*Phal. Ember 'Echo Valley'* AM/AOS  
x *Phal. Carmela's Brite Lites*  
'Chilli Pepper',  
George & Cylvia Grantham



*Phalaenopsis Bedford Laurent* (*Phal.*  
*Brother Lawrence 'Carmi'*  
x *Phal. Taida Lawrence*  
'El Nino' AM/AOS),  
George & Cylvia Grantham



*Stenorrhynchos speciosum*,  
Steve Dorsey & Lori Lederman



*Bulbophyllum falcatum* 'Standing Tall' AM/AOS,  
Al and Shelley Kaas



*Bulbophyllum falcatum*,  
Andy Wright



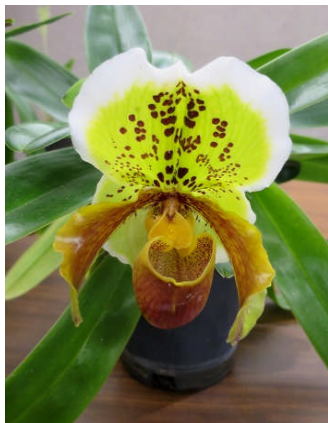
*Paph. gratixianum*,  
Ellen Macomber



*Paph. gratixianum*,  
Thuan V Nguyen



*Paph. villosum* var. *boxallii*,  
Thuan V Nguyen



*Paphiopedalum*,  
Ellen Macomber



*Paphiopedalum*,  
Ellen Macomber



*Paphiopedilum* Keyeshill  
(Carl Keys 'Surefire' HCC/AOS x  
Winston Churchill 'Redoubtable'  
FCC/AOS, Thuan V Nguyen



Phragmipedium Grande,  
Ellen Macomber



Thuan V Nguyen brought 2 blooming Clivias.  
They are not an orchid, but beautiful none the less



our Raffle Queen: Ellen



Joff, with his ginormous raffle win.  
So does this end up being about  
2 cents per pseudobulb?

## Schedule of Upcoming Events

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

**May 13, 2017** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 1 pm - Special Date, one week earlier than usual.

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

**June 17, 2017** - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 1 pm

## Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for this fiscal year is: 5/2/17. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike & Sheila 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](http://smile.amazon.com)' subdomain when you place the order, otherwise it will go through as a regular order.

## Special Announcements

No Special Announcements this month.