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About the May Meeting

May 11, 2020

We plan on having our first ever Virtual Meeting on Monday, May 11th on ZOOM. The presenter will be our president Joe Griener. He will conduct the meeting and then give a tour of his greenhouse. You'll be able to ask questions and make comments.



All those who are up-to-date with their membership dues will get an invitation to participate. The meeting will also be recorded and placed on our website. That way, those of you who missed it, can still view our meeting.

Board member Susan Burgess has sent your invitation via email and will be the meeting administrator. Just follow her instructions to enter the meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. It's easy: just click on the link that she provides and it will take you to the meeting. If clicking doesn't work you can copy the link and paste it in your browser.

We're very excited to try this new way of getting together during this time of social distancing. And we're looking forward to seeing all of you after a few months of not being able to have our traditional meetings.

A Letter from the President

Dear NWOS Members,

The past few months have been challenging for all of us in many ways. Hopefully, you and your loved ones are keeping healthy and safe.

The Northwest Orchid Society has not been able to meet under these circumstances as a safety precaution to protect the health of our members. While this is regrettable, it is also temporary. We shall be meeting together again someday soon, but until it is safe, the board of directors for our fine group has been networking to find new and innovative ways for us to connect and share our love of orchids with one another.

In the coming months, we will be using technology to meet virtually and want to encourage our members to participate. We appreciate your patience as we figure out some of the details.

While all of this is going on, it's important that we stay connected as a community. If you are feeling isolated or having trouble, please reach out to your fellow members. Our group meets to enjoy orchids, but we are more than just a plant club. We are friends, family, and neighbors to one another, supporting each other in so many ways.

This is a difficult time for us all, but we will soon be on the other side of it. Please continue to grow orchids and share your love of these plants with the people around you. When the situation is safer, we will come together again as a group. It may be a little different than it was before, but the fundamental aspect of sharing our orchid knowledge with each other will remain the same.

In the meantime, stay healthy and be safe.
There is a light that shines in all of us.
May it be bright and diffused.

Joe Griener, NWOS President

Membership Renewal Reminder

It's time to renew your NWOS membership for 2020. Our membership period now goes by calendar year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31). You can pay at most meetings by cash, check, or debit/credit card. Click [HERE](#) to pay online using Paypal on our Membership page. You can mail a check (payable to NWOS) to PO Box 51021, Seattle, WA 98115-1021. New members should complete the [Membership Form](#).

Dues are \$30 for one person or \$40 for two people at the same address. We also have a Youth membership of \$15 for one person aged 22 or under. Dues are kept low to encourage membership but they cover only a small portion of the society's expenses.

Each single, dual and youth membership person will be considered an individual full-fledged member entitled to all privileges and benefits of the society (voting, Christmas plants, sell plants at meetings/shows/auction, members-only summer BBQ, etc.).

Please contact [Mike Cory](#) for questions about your dues.

News from the American Orchid Society

MAY Focus: Coping with Coronavirus Isolation

There is no doubt that many people have been affected by the social isolation of the coronavirus quarantine. Orchid shows and sales have been cancelled left and right. American Orchid Society official monthly judging has been cancelled.

So how do we stay connected in a disconnected world? The American Orchid Society is doing their part to engage members and non-members alike.

Did you play along with **ORCHID MADNESS** on the American Orchid Society Facebook group page? The bracket style tournament tipped-off March 25. For 24 days in a row, AOS and Facebook group members were encouraged to vote their favorite from an original pool of 64 AM/AOS award-winning orchids. Posts were shared on Instagram and throughout Facebook. Membership on the AOS group page grew by nearly 3000 new members in a little over three weeks. The winner of each round was featured on a parallel AOS website page. The website encouraged viewers to see more awarded orchids in OrchidPro.

<http://www.aos.org/madness>



The American Orchid Society also opened up all AOS webinars to non-members through the month of April. The goal was to connect non-AOS members with the AOS and ultimately, with our Affiliated Societies through new memberships.

FOR YOUR SOCIETY MEMBERS

What else can we do while we wait this out? Spend intimate time with our orchid collection. Enjoy the proliferation of blooms this time of year brings. Share your blooms on Instagram, Facebook and your society websites.

Remember to check in with us on Facebook and Instagram!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AffiliatedSocietiesOfTheAOS/>
<https://instagram.com/americanorchidsociety?igshid=16ixfciczky01>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/52597049839/>

What else can we do while we wait this out? Support orchid vendors with mail order purchases and gift card purchases, if offered. We want to see them come through all of this to keep us happy in our passion for orchids. The **Orchid Source Directory** is a good place to start. <http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-source-directory.aspx>

What else can we do while we wait this out? Comb through the AOS website . Contained therein is more information that anyone can digest at one sitting. Choose from a multitude of drop down menus for early dining. Have questions? Here are some answers. <http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-question-answer.aspx>
<http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z.aspx>

What else can we do while we wait this out? Read orchid tales. There are a few good orchid themed books to distract you. I suggest *The Scent of Scandal: Greed, Betrayal and the World's Most Beautiful Orchid*, written by an author local to my area, Craig Pittman. It is a story about the discovery of *Phragmipedium kovachii*. Another engaging read might be *Deadly Slipper: A Novel of Death on the Dordogne* (one in a series of four) by Michelle Wan. There is always *The Orchid Thief: A True Story of Beauty and Obsession* by Susan Orlean, and *Orchid Fever: A Horticultural Tale of Love, Lust and Lunacy*, by Eric Hansen. For a little orchid history and the obsessive hold orchids have over us, you might consider *Orchid: A Cultural History* by Jim Endersby.

Webinars-Coming Attractions!






When	May 12, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	May 21, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	June 16, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	June 23, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Australian Dendrobiums	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Growing Coelogyne
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Fred Clarke AOS Judge, Orchid Hybridizer & Greenhouse Owner	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Charles Wilson AOS Judge, Committee Member Education and Conservation

To view, REGISTRATION is REQUIRED: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

ALL webinars are recorded and available to view at your leisure.
 GREENHOUSE CHAT Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing. Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

2020 updated membership rates and membership material NOW on the AOS website!
<http://www.aos.org/about-us/aos-membership.aspx>

MEMBERS can VIEW the beauty and diversity of awarded orchids in every issue of ORCHIDS magazine. Exhibits are also included in the latest awards gallery. Members also have access to Orchid Pro, the premier tool for studying awarded orchids.
<https://secure.aos.org/orchid-awards.aspx>



Cattleya Pole-Star 'Mirtha Isabel'
(*Cattleya coccinea* x *Cattleya briegeri*)
AM/AOS (81 points)
Exhibitor: Ben Oliveros and Orchid Eros

Photographer: Glen Barfield



Phalaenopsis schilleriana 'Jane' AM/AOS (83 points)
Exhibitor: David A. Edgley
Photographer: Mike Pearson

AOS members have access to over 2,050 articles published between the years 2003 - 2009 and 2011 - 2018 through the digital archives.

<http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>



American Orchid Society Silver Certificate
'It Was Supposed To Be a Tabletop' SC/AOS (87 points)

Exhibitor: Sarah Hurdel

Photographer: Julie Rotramel

Worth the Read - ORCHIDS May Preview

- The Rest of the Story - Conservation and the new USPS native orchid stamps by Tom Miranda
- For the Novice: Making Orchids Bloom by Ray Barkalow
- Orchids Illustrated - Cuban Orchids by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins
- The Hybrid Genus *Fredclarkeara* by Fred Clarke
- Small-Flowered *Phalaenopsis*, Part 2 by Andrew Coghill-Behrends
- Affordable Benches and Flexible Growing Spaces by A'na Sa'tara

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!
Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor
American Orchid Society, PO Box 565477, Miami, FL 33256-5477

Virtual Plant Table

The April meeting was cancelled so we missed out on a great speaker and beautiful plant table. Rather than miss out completely, we are presenting a virtual Plant table. In this way we can still see the wonderful blooms that our members have so carefully cultivated. Photos are provided by each grower. Enjoy.



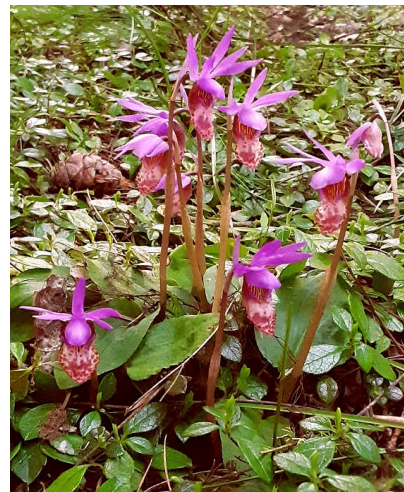
Blooming Orchid Display,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phalaenopsis collage created
with several blooming raffle plants
won over the years. Lovely display
at a small price, Steve Dorsey



Calanthe Kojima Orange, Michael Cory

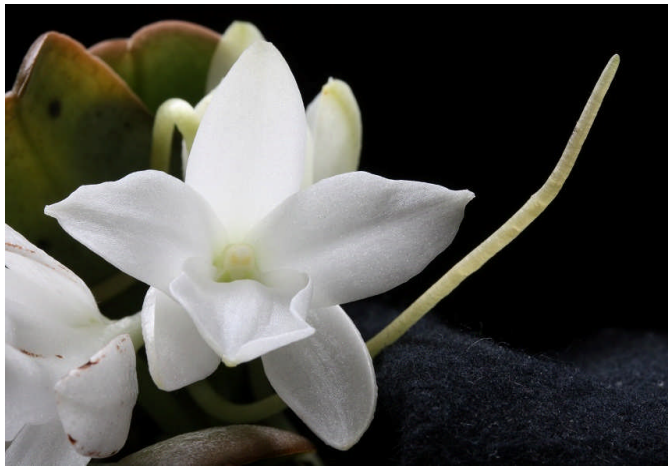


Calypso bulbosa Calypso bulbosa, Steve Dorsey

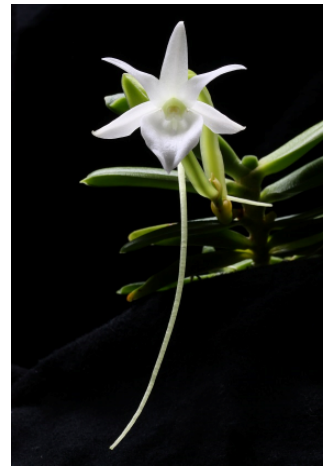
Wow! Outdoor garden orchids



Vanda Somsri Glory 'Blue', Ron Webb



Aerangis fastuosa, Susan O'Connell



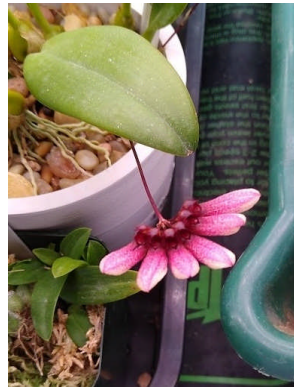
Angraecum equitans, Susan O'Connell



Ascocentrum ampullaceum, Steve Dorsey



Stanhopea species, Steve Dorsey



Bulbophyllum lepidum,
Joff Morgan



Bulbo. falcatum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Bulbophyllum ambrosia,
Michael Cory



Bulbophyllum masdevalliae
Bernadette Salada



Masdevallia decumana,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Masdevallia Golden Monarch 'Solar Place' AM/AOS
Robert Culver



Masdevallia triangularis,
Robert Culver



Slc Jilian Lee, Steve Dorsey
First bloom on small plant
from Alan at Gold Country.



Slc Lucky Chance (Lc Tokyo Magic '6-1' AM/AOS
x Sc Beaufort 'Luna Rouse'),
Steve Dorsey



Cattleya luteola 4N, Jeannie Nadeau



Cattlianthe Fairyland, Jeannie Nadeau



Slc Kagaribi Dawn x Trick or Treat,
Steve Dorsey



Guarianthe aurantiaca 'Marigold' x self,
Steve Dorsey
Basis for many hybrids of Cattleya
alliance with orange in them.



Lc Love Knot, Steve Dorsey
Great lemony scent. Easy vigorous
grower and blooms twice a year. I have
one plant in semi-hydro and one in
bark. Both have done well and grow
rapidly and compact with 4" flowers.
Usually two flowers per spike. This is a
new division and first bloom on it.



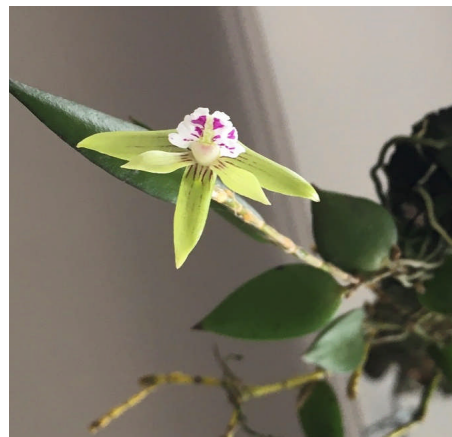
Lc Gold Digger, Steve Dorsey



Laelia anceps, Ron Webb
Pink Perfection strain



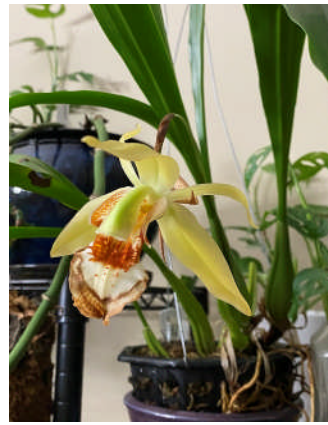
Dialelaelia Snowflake 'Northland' CCM/AOS,
Steve Dorsey



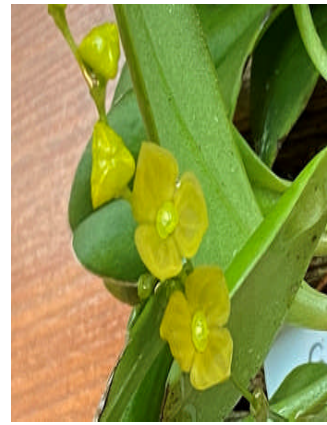
Dockrillia pugioniformis, Kelly Jin
The flower only lasted less than a week,
with no detectable fragrance, but I found
it pretty spectacular none the less



Chytroglossa aurata,
Don Bilbrey



Coelogyne lawrenceana,
Yoshitaka Nagamatsu



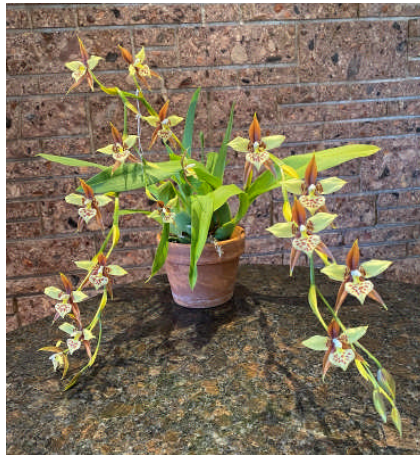
Stelis hallii,
Michael Cory



Scaphyglottis mesocopsis, Michael Cory



Leptotes bicolor. Gordon Cromwell



Lemboglossum maculatum,
Robert Culver

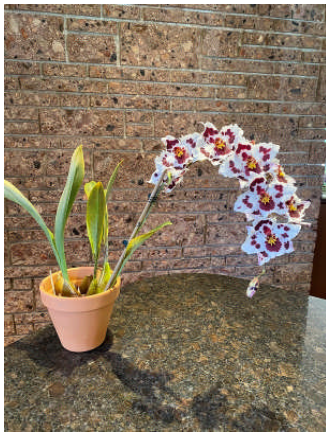


Vuylstekeara Celtic Sun 'Maya',
Robert Culver



Odontoglossum ramosissimum, Robert Culver

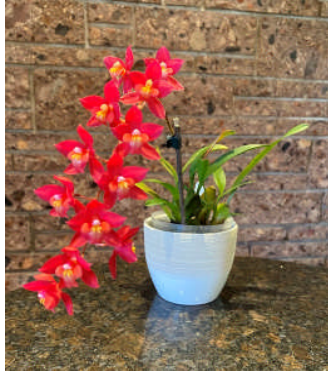




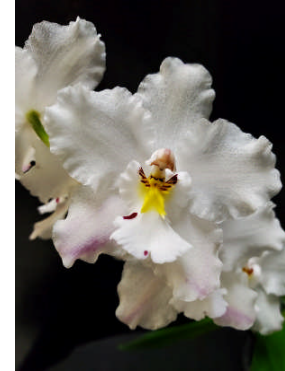
Odm (Nicky Strauss 'Stonehurst' x Laura Hetty Tordais 'Tms'), Robert Culver



Odm crispum (jungle collected), Robert Culver



Cda (symglsm sanguineum x Cochlioda noezliana), Robert Culver



Odontoglossum nobile, Ron Webb



Oncidium 'Tiger Crow', Gordon Cromwell



Onc alliance, Steve Dorsey
The label just said "purple". That narrows it down considerably. Ha!



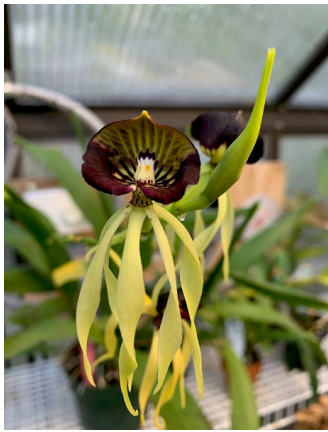
Bratonia Shelob 'Tolkien', (syn. Miltassia), Don Bilbrey (Brat. Olmec x Brs. Edvah Loo)



Oncidioida Pacific Pagan, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



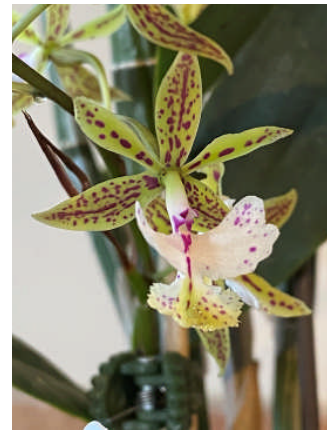
Oncidioida Pacific Pagan 'Kilauea', Steve Dorsey
This was one of the "Legion of Bloom" plants from Joe. It blooms reliably every year with similar amount of blooms.



Epidendrum cochleatum,
Gordon Cromwell



Tolumnia Orchidom Joy Time x (Tolu.
Alameda Joy x Rrm.
Orchidom Dancer), Joff Morgan



Epidendrum stamfordianum,
Michael Cory



Meiracyllium trinasutum var. album, Lynne Shandley
It smells just like cinnamon esp. on warm days. The flowers spread
about 12" across, on a small plant with interesting round leaves.



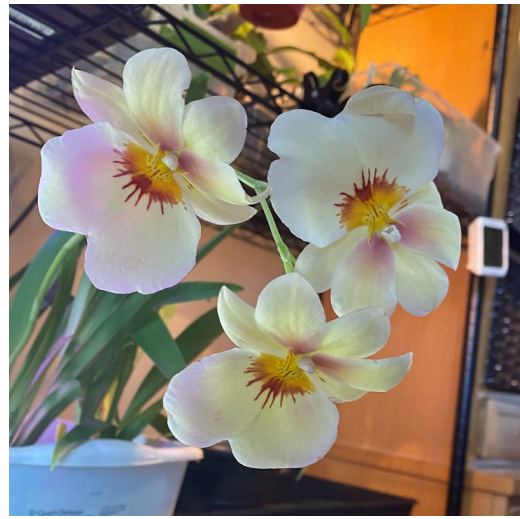
Miltoniopsis.hybrid, April Scally
I've had it since the Oct 4
NWOS sale at Volunteer park



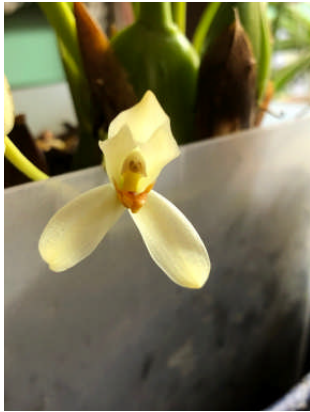
Miltoniopsis hybrid, Steve Dorsey
I was given one pseudobulb and one leaf a couple
of years ago by a woman at one of our meetings.
I put it in sphagnum and Viola! It grew fine.
It now has a second spike forming.



Miltonia Sunset,
Yoshitaka Nagamatsu



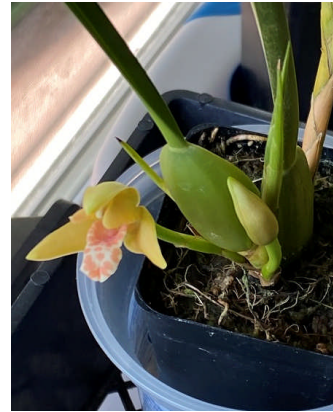
Miltoniopsis Andrea West 'HOF',
Yoshitaka Nagamatsu



Max. hedwigiae,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Zygopetalum hybrid,
Steve Dorsey
Easy grower with nice scented flowers.
A gift from Molbak's years ago, no label. I
grow Zygos in Promix soiless mix with a
little fine bark mixed in.



Maxillaria tenuifolia (Yellow)
'Yamada' AM/AOS,
Yoshitaka Nagamatsu



Cym. Claude Pepper 'Purple Splendor', Ron Webb



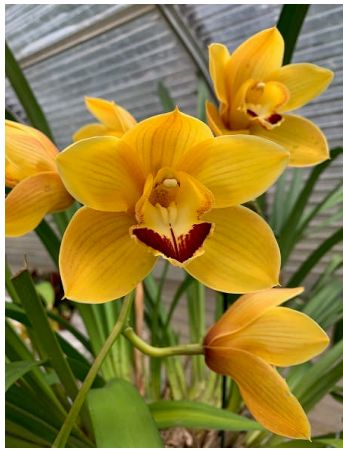
Cym. (Karen x Via Ambarino), Ron Webb



Cym. Showgirl 'Lily Langtry', Ron Webb



Cym. Mae West 'Jerry', Ron Webb



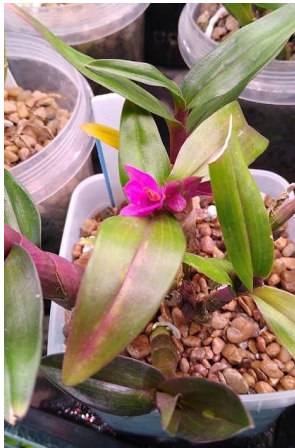
Cymbidium (unkn),
Gordon Cromwell



Dendrobium trinervium,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



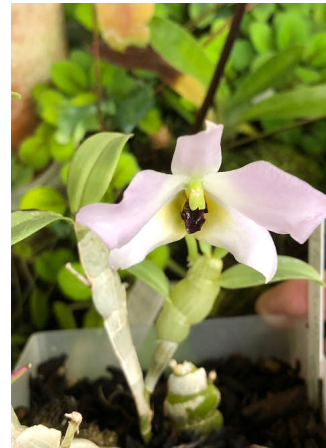
Dendrobium unicum,
Don Bilbrey



Dendrobium Hibiki,
Joff Morgan



Dend. victoriae-reginae 4N,
Robert Culver



Dend. trantuanii,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Dend. Angel Baby 'Little Darling',
Don Bilbrey



Dendrobium jenkinsii, Steve Dorsey

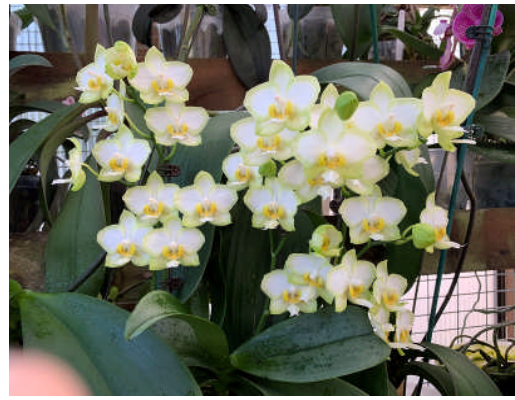


Dendrobium lindley,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce

For years I had trouble blooming this one. I stopped watering in November as instructed and then waited to water in the spring until after I saw some growth. It didn't bloom. So then last year I started watering it at the end of February - no growth or buds present. Within a couple of weeks, buds formed and it bloomed nicely. I did the same again this year and again it bloomed. So go ahead and water and then the buds will appear. I give it a good amount of light during the winter without water by hanging it up high with nothing above it.



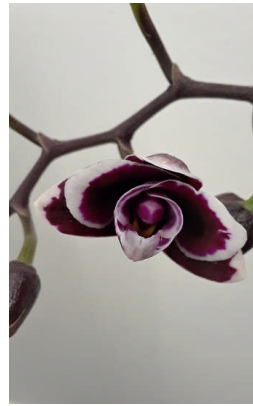
Phalaenopsis LD's Bear King YK-10.
Jeannie Nadeau



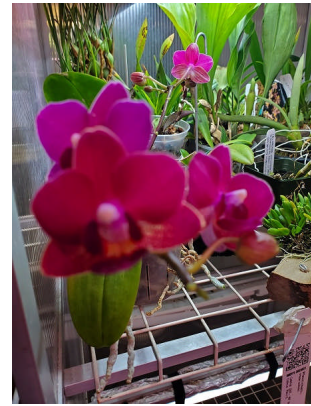
Phalaenopsis Philippine Jade,
David Edgley



Phalaenopsis,
Michael Sheeran



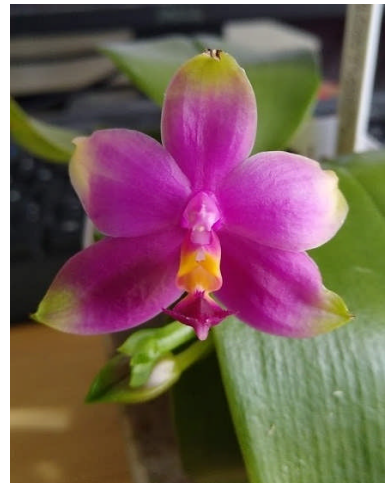
Phalaenopsis,
Chona Horton



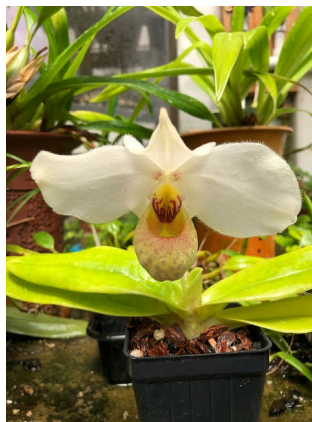
mini Phalaenopsis,
Don Bilbrey



Phalaenopsis, Michael Sheeran



Phal Yaphon All Friends, Joff Morgan



Paph emersonii,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Honey,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Shin-yi-Williams,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phrag Urgandiae, Steve Dorsey
(Longifolium 'Woodstream' AM/AOS
x Lindelyanum 'Labadie')

This Serial bloomer has nice sized blooms almost continuously. Doesn't care what light it has. I grow it semi-hydro and it has massive root structure.



Phrag. Cahaba Dragonfly,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce

Schedule of Upcoming Events

May 11, 2020 - NWOS meeting - via Zoom: Joe Griener - Greenhouse Tour

June 8, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Annual midyear Potluck

June 25-29, 2020 - National Native Orchid Symposium, Port Angeles, WA. - **Cancelled** - rescheduled for the same week one year later in June 2021

Summer, 2020 - NWOS Annual Potluck Picnic: More info will be posted in the August newsletter and details will be emailed to all NWOS Members in good standing closer to the date.

September 14, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Sam Tsui, Orchid Inn, topic TBA.

October 3&4, 2020 - Fall Show and Sale at VPC.

October 12, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, topic TBA.

November 9, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Mary Gerritsen, topic TBA.

December 14, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Holiday Potluck, Introduction of new Officers, and Orchid Awards

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for this membership year is: 7/??/20, 9/8/20, 11/4/20 (Wednesday). 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' 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.

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