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About the November Meeting

November 12, 2012

7:00 P.M.

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

Fred Clarke: Mini Cattleyas

The November meeting will feature Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids in California talking about mini Cattleyas. His talk will include latest developments in the breeding and growing of mini and compact cattleyas. Fred Clarke started Sunset Valley Orchids in 1995 after being a hobby grower for 25 years. The nursery concentrates on breeding new and interesting hybrids and the overwhelming majority of their plant offerings are plants they have bred themselves.

He will be bringing plants for sale and you can pre-order plants for delivery at the meeting at a 10% discount from his on-line catalog at <http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com/>.



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 cost.

Raffle:

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

Next Month:

The December meeting will be our Annual Pot-Luck Dinner with Trophy voting and a gift plant for all members whose dues are paid in full.

Message from the President

November will be a busy month for the NWOS: we will have our annual sale at Swanson's Nursery, the NWOS meeting and then the AOS meeting in Portland. I'm sure that there are still empty spots on the sign up sheets for the Swanson's sale.

We will need help for set up on Friday the 9th and all day Saturday and Sunday, please e-mail Leanna Fox @ l_fox@comcast.net to add your name to the shifts.

There will also be a display table to show folks the variety of Orchids and what they can grow and bloom, e-mail George Grantham @ georgegrantham@hotmail.com to let him know that you will have plants for the display.

The next week is the AOS meeting in Portland Oregon and we will need plants for our display, there will be more on that in the newsletter and at the meeting.

Since the Swanson Sale is the weekend before the meeting, this is the last notice to sign up and to bring plants on Friday for the display table.

Have a great Orchid November and remember that without your help these events would not happen.

Mike Foster

NWOS Fall Sale at Swanson's Nursery—November 10 and 11

The society's annual fall sale is a great time to meet vendors, pick up a few unusual orchids, and to see what's in bloom in November. To make the event a success, we need your help. Please sign up to work a shift and bring blooming plants for the display on Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning. Volunteers are also needed to help set up on Friday (Nov. 9), beginning at 1 p.m.

Swanson's is located in north Ballard: 9701 15th Avenue N.W. For a map to Swanson's click [HERE](#).



Sale and Set up Hours

Friday: Set up beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday sale: 9–6 Sunday sale: 9–4

Sign up at the October meeting or phone or email the sale co-chairs: Kathy Murray, 425-257-0583 (Everett), kandmmurray@frontier.com or Leanna Fox, 206-363-7742, l_fox@comcast.net to add your name to the list.

The sale is an excellent place to find specialty orchids that are usually available only by mail order. To date, four vendors have committed to sell: Sorella Orchids, Emerald City Orchids, SeattleOrchid.com, Out on a Limb Orchids and Olympic Orchids. Andy's Orchids in California is expected to send a box of unique orchids (many mounted), which Andy Wright will sell.

There will also be a society sales table on which members can sell orchids. The requirements for selling are: (1) sign up to work a shift, (2) provide at least one blooming orchid for the display, (3) be a current NWOS member, and (4) sign the sales sheet on the table when you bring your sale plants. Be sure to have a removable tag with your sales ID and a price so that you are paid. The society charges a 20 percent commission for this service.



NWOS TO DISPLAY AT MAJOR AOS SHOW IN PORTLAND

Your orchids are needed!

The AOS 2012 Member Meeting Show and Sale is being hosted by the Portland Orchid Society this year. This is an outstanding opportunity for NWOS members to attend a major show and sale. This will be the biggest orchid event held in the Pacific Northwest for many years. The program includes many lectures by leading orchid experts. It is well worth the drive to Portland. The show opens on Thursday Evening, 11-15 and runs through Sunday, 11-18. If you have not been to one of these major shows in the past you will be amazed. See the Portland Orchid Society website for details:

<http://www.portlandorchidsociety.org/>

NWOS will be mounting a display for the show. Peter Maunsell will be gathering orchids at our Monday meeting. He will store them in his heated garage until Wednesday morning when he goes to Portland for the setup. Allan and Michelle Kaas will be bringing plants back on Sunday. If you are attending the show on Sunday you can assist with the teardown and bring your own plants back.

Please scour your windowsills and greenhouses for plants for this show. This is a long show, but your plants will be in good hands. Bring your plants to the meeting. If you cannot make it to Monday's meeting you can make other arrangements with Peter or me. Be sure to stake and groom your plants and you may wish to place them in a larger, heavier pot if they are tipsy.

George Grantham, 2nd Vice President
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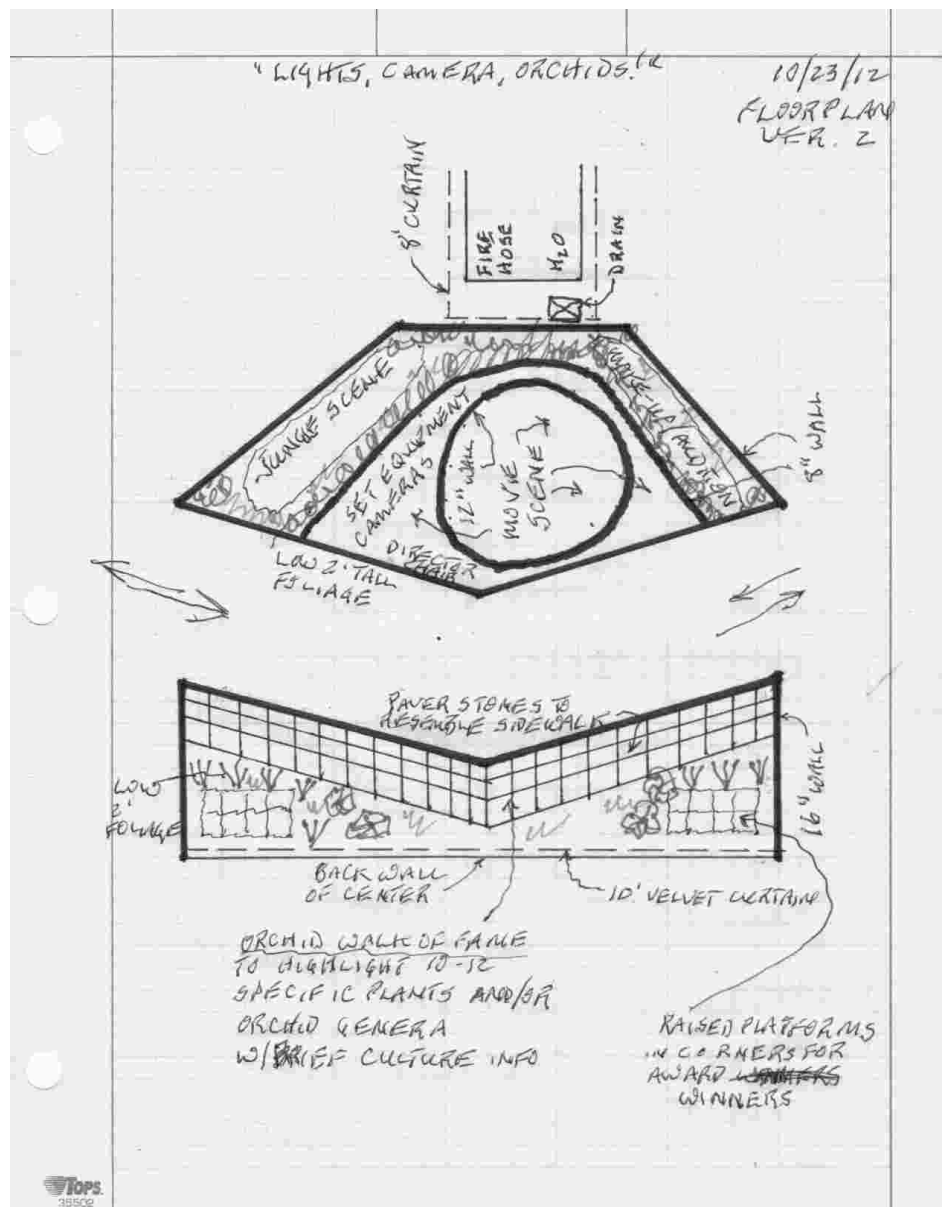
"Lights, Camera, Orchids!"

.. is the title of our 600+ square foot display at the 2013 NW Flower & Garden Show. The Show opens to the public on Wednesday, February 20th and runs through Sunday, February 24th. Setup begins Saturday, February 16th and runs through Tuesday noon, February 19th.

The overall Show theme this year is "The Silver Screen Takes Root, Gardens Go Hollywood." Joe Griener and I have been tossing ideas around since this last June, when the initial paperwork was due. What if orchids could make their own movies? Would there be a search for the best performing orchid star? An open audition or casting call for orchid talent? Best windowsill bloomer? Easiest to take care of genera? Best plant for growing in cool and shady conditions? Perhaps there would be an orchid "walk of fame?" Even some outstanding orchid performers over the years who might be granted an "Orchidemy" award? <grin>

This will be a walk-through display with one wide aisle to allow the public close inspection of the orchids. The proposed layout for our garden is below.

Joff Morgan



****REMINDER: NWOS Membership Dues Notice****

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

The NWOS fiscal year is July 1 through June 30 so unless you joined recently, it's time to renew. You can either pay at the November meeting or mail it with your check (payable to NWOS) to PO Box 51021, Seattle, WA 98115-1021. New members should complete the [Membership Form](#).

Dues are \$25 for one person or \$30 for two people at the same address. Members who joined at or after the Flower & Garden Show in February are paid through June 2013. Dues are kept low to encourage membership but they cover only a small portion of the society's expenses.

Bits and Pieces from the American Orchid Society

Gordon W. Dillon - Richard C. Peterson Memorial Essay Contest.

The deadline for submissions to his annual contest is November 30, 2012. The theme for the 2012 essay is: **The Orchids I Want But Can't Really Find (Real or Imagined)**. More information on essay submissions and rules may be found on the AOS website.

A bit of history on the award (from the AOS website): The contest was established in 1985 by the AOS Northeast Judging Center to honor the memory of two former editors of the AOS Bulletin (now *Orchids*). Gordon Dillon served as editor from 1943 through 1968 and again from 1970 through 1973. Richard Peterson's name first appeared on the masthead of the AOS Bulletin in April 1971 as associate editor. In 1973, he was named editor and, upon Dillon's retirement in 1977, he became the executive director, retaining his position of editor through 1984.

Orchids or Apple Pie?

Cinnamon (*Cinnamomum zeylanicum*), one of the oldest spices known, is derived from the bark of a small Southeast Asian evergreen tree and is available as an oil, an extract, or a dried powder. It's closely related to cassia (*C. cassia*) and contains many of the same components. Due to its' demand, it became one of the first commodities traded regularly between the Near East and Europe. Ceylon cinnamon is produced in Sri Lanka, India, Madagascar, Brazil and the Caribbean, while cassia is mainly produced in China, Vietnam and Indonesia.



Cinnamon has a long history both as a spice and a medicine. It was mentioned in the Bible and was used in ancient Egypt not only as a beverage flavoring and medicine, but also as an embalming agent. Cinnamon's unique healing abilities come from three active components found in the essential oils contained in its bark: cinnamic aldehyde, cinnamyl acetate, and cinnamyl alcohol.

One famous anecdote involving the use of cinnamon involves the story of Four Thieves in Toulouse, France in 1628-1631 who were caught and convicted of going to the houses of plague victims, strangling them in their beds and then looting their dwellings. For this they were condemned to be burned at the stake.

Given the virulence and deadliness of the plague, authorities were astonished by the indifference of the thieves to the contagion. In order to have their sentence mitigated, the thieves revealed their secret preservative, a blend of herbs and essential oils including cinnamon and cloves. After this, sponges soaked in cinnamon and cloves were placed in the rooms of the ill and infirm.

Cinnamon has recently been studied for its ability to help stop the growth of bacteria as well as fungi, including the commonly problematic yeast *Candida*. In laboratory tests, growth of yeasts that were resistant to the commonly used anti-fungal medication fluconazole was often stopped by cinnamon extract. Researchers at the Institute of Food Technologists' 1999 Annual Meeting presented findings that revealed cinnamon to be a lethal weapon against *E. coli*. In apple juice samples inoculated with about one million *E. coli* bacteria, about one teaspoon of cinnamon killed 99.5 percent of the bacteria in three days at room temperature. Research at the University of Illinois at Chicago's College of Dentistry determined in 2004 that chewing a stick of gum would knock out offensive oral bacteria. Although many extracts showed promise, few proved as potent as oily cinnamic aldehyde, the principal flavor compound in cinnamon.

What does all this have to do with orchids? Cinnamon's anti-microbial nature makes it the perfect natural preventative for common minor orchid ailments. Dust powdered cinnamon on newly cut or damaged leaf surfaces to help heal the cut. Cinnamon has been effective in arresting the development of minor cases of *Erwinia* (bacterial rot) in some plants. Remove any affected areas of the plant until you reach healthy green tissue, and then dust with cinnamon. However, because of its desiccating nature, using cinnamon on the roots of orchids may not be the best idea. Informal experiments involving the use of cinnamon on healthy root tips have resulted in the roots drying out and shrinking excessively.

Heather Gaillot

Report from the October Meeting

The meeting was lead by President Mike Foster who called for reports from various people and committees.

Kathy Murray reported about the upcoming show and sale at Swanson's Nursery.

Joe Grienaus spoke about the rather poor response to the call for blooming plants for the Seaside show. He encouraged everyone to make plants available for the upcoming show in Portland in conjunction with the AOS meeting.

Joe also encouraged everyone to go to Orchidaceae for the Phalaenopsis Conference. It should be excellent.

NWF&G Show: we have a great spot near the entrance and need lots of plants.

He enjoyed hosting the party at Emerald City Orchids and hopes to have it again next year.

Mike Cory reminded people to pay their dues. He also reviewed a letter to the city council regarding funding for the Conservatory staff.

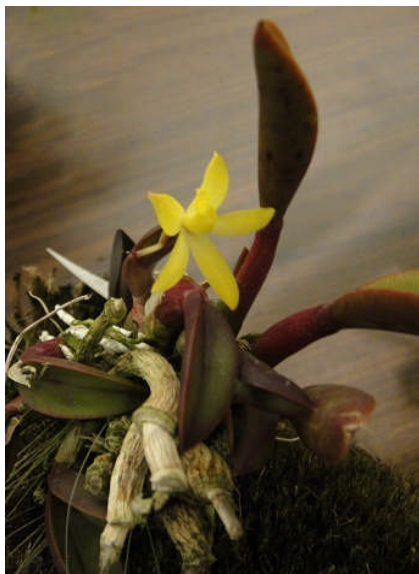




Our speaker, Lucinda Win of J&L Orchids, Connecticut spoke about the vast variety of miniature orchids from both the Old World and New World. She had beautiful photos.

She also had a table with tons of wonderful little treasures. She is shown here helping to make a selection.

Abigail Chang reviewed the plant table.



Laelia Bradei, George Krasle



Abby holds up George's Laelia bradei mounted on a piece of coco fiber doormat.



Potinara Buran Beauty
'Burana' AM/RHT,
Michael Cory



Holcoglossum wangii, Mike
Foster & Donna Pierce



Brassolaeliocattleya Toshi Aoki
'Starburst', Michael Cory



Bc. Mahia Yahiro 'Mishima'
AM/AOS, Diane Drisch



Bc. Ronald's Canyon
'Koko Head' AM/AOS,
Diane Drisch



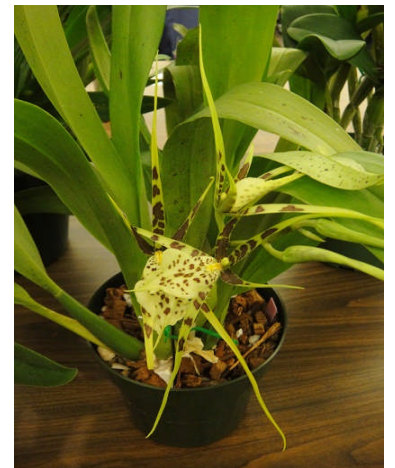
Dgmra. Winter Wonderland
'White Fairy', George Krasle



Eplc. Volcano Trick
'Orange Fire', George and
Cylvia Grantham



Epi cochleatum,
Al and Shelley Kaas



Brassia Eternal Wind,
Michael Cory



Cischweinfia horichii,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



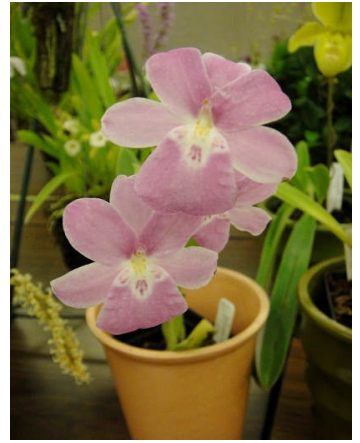
Oncidium Sharry Baby, Michael Cory



Burr. Nellie Isler,
Emerald City Orchids



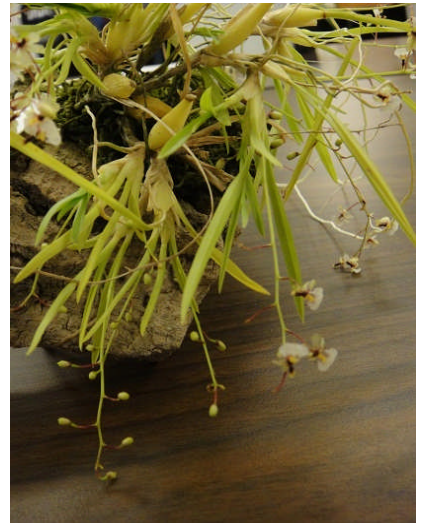
Phalaenopsis hybrid, Alison Buren



Miltonia bismarkii, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Sigmatostalix cuculligera, Roxanne Rosson



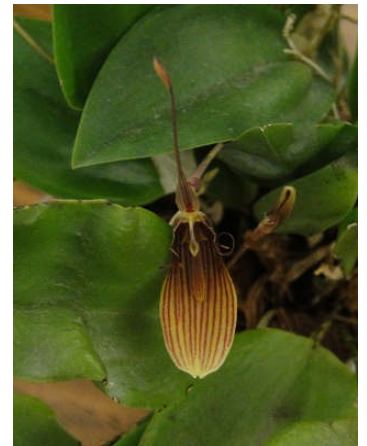
Sigmatostalix radicans, Kathy Murray



Scaphosepalum species,
George Krasl



Restrepia antenifera 'Red Form', Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Restrepia striata,
Roxanne Rosson



Stenoglottis longifolia,
Diane Drisch



Stenoglottis longifolia,
George Krasl

These 2 *Stenoglottis* are both SLO 1.1 from Wally Orchard. One was grown in high light (on the right) and the flowers are more compactly arranged on the stem. The other (on the left) was grown in lower light and the blooms are more widely spaced. In addition, the leaves on the high light one were yellowed while the leaves on the lower light one were still green.



Isochilus linearis, George Krasl



Dendrochilum cootesii,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Den. Woo Leng's Short,
Al and Michelle Kaas



Bulb. lilacinum 'Cherokee' CBM/AOS,
Mike Pearson



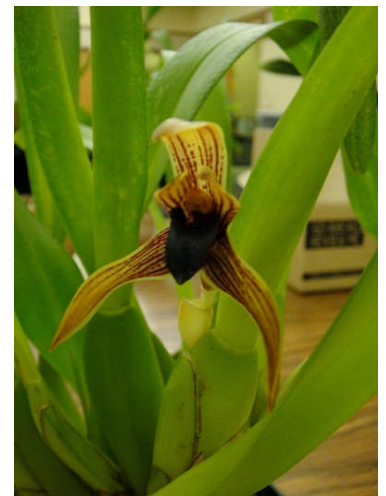
closeup



Masdevallia Angel Tang,
Leanna Fox



Masdevallia Angel Tang,
Kathy Murray



Maxillaria praestans
'Sheppard', Jerry Hoffmeister



Masdevallia Ruby Slippers, Leanna Fox



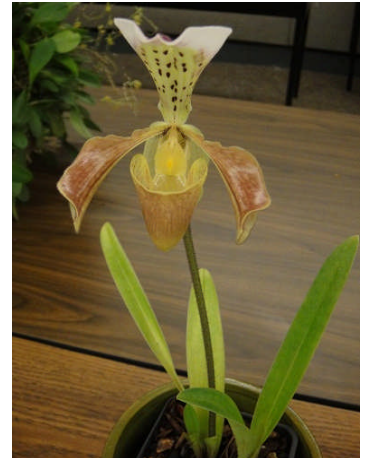
Masdevallia imposter, Kathy Murray



Paph. Helenae x San Francisco,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Mike and Donna's group



Paph. gratixianum, Mike
Foster and Donna Pierce



Paph Lynleigh Koopowitz
(delenatii x maliopoense),
Emerald City Orchids, Joe Griener



Paph. Earl of Chester,
Al and Michelle Kaas

Schedule of Upcoming Events

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December 10, 2012 - Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner and Plant giveaway for each member who's dues are paid in full. We will also have two trophies to award: The Schoenfeld Trophy as well as the Rebecca Northen Miniature Orchid Trophy.

February 20-24, 2013 - NW Flower & Garden Show - "Lights, Camera, Orchids!"

April 6-7, 2013 - AOS Orchid Show and Sale at Sky Nursery

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 11/6/12, 1/8/13 and 3/5/13 and 5/7/13. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are no announcements this month.