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## About the November Meeting

**November 10, 2014**

7:00 p.m.

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



## Ron Parsons: The Orchids of Sichuan China

Ron Parsons has been growing orchids for going on 40 years and has been interested in and has grown species orchids for most of that time. He loves to photograph orchids and other flowers whenever he can, whether it be in collections or trips to see them in nature. Ron has approximately 40,000 digital images, most of which are orchids, and has a slide library of flower photographs that exceeds 100,000 images. He has about 2500 published photos that have appeared in magazines, periodicals, journals, and books. Ron has co-authored three books, all with Mary Gerritsen. The first two are called '*Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World*' and '*Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives*' and a third book has just been published in January of 2014, a two-volume set called '*A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*'. The last book has nearly 1200 pages, 1800 photographs, and features more than 500 species.

Ron will be speaking on his orchid trip to the province of Sichuan in western China (known to most Americans as Szechwan). In 2013 Ron made his second trip to Sichuan. "In 2012 I went with my co-author, Mary Gerritsen on a tour led by slipper orchid specialist Holger Perner and his wife, Wenqing, to see various Cypripedium species (the temperate species of slipper orchids, found only in the northern hemisphere, and generally in colder climates) from June 09-23. I enjoyed that so immensely, so we signed up again for the 2013 tour, from June 17- July 01 to see these amazing orchids at different sites this time. We saw a good number of orchids as well as numerous other beautiful flowers and amazing scenery. This talk will feature the beauty of China seen on this trip."

Check out Ron's beautiful website: <http://www.flowershots.net/>

### 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.

**Raffle:**

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

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**President's Corner**

The big show is a few days away and there are still many shifts that are vacant. If you didn't sign up to work, please consider spending a few hours helping to make this event a success.

I want to again thank all of the folks who have signed up to work, the societies and vendors, the speakers and the ribbon judging award sponsors.

This is your society and it will only function with your help.

Here's to a GREAT Show and Sale.....

*Mike Foster, President*

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**Fall Into Orchids: our AOS Judged Show and Sale, Nov. 8–9**

It's time for the NWOS's big fall show. We'll pack the north greenhouse at Swanson's Nursery with orchid displays and vendors selling wonderful, rare, and exotic plants. AOS judging will be conducted. Awards and Ribbons will be given. We will also have talks by members and a repotting service. To make this event a success, we need you to bring orchids for the NWOS display, to work a shift, and to support the vendors.

We still need help on Saturday and Sunday mornings (9 to noon). Please email or phone [Kathy Murray](mailto:Kathy Murray) (425-257-0583) to volunteer.

Member sales. Members who work a shift may also sell orchids on the member sales table. If you are selling, you need to (1) work a show shift, (2) sign up at the member sales area, and (3) double-tag your plants so that you get paid (NWOS will take a 15 percent commission). The tags need the plant's price and your identification. One will be removed to track your sales.

**EVENT DETAILS**

**Location:** Swanson's Nursery, 9701 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, Seattle 98117 (north Ballard)

**Days and hours:**

- Friday, set up (11 am to 4 pm but plants accepted until 5 pm), special sale for NWOS members and visiting societies, 4 to 6 pm.
- Saturday and Sunday, 9 am to 5 pm, show and sale

**Orchid drop off and registration:**

We need everyone's blooming orchids for our display. They will be considered for AOS awards and for ribbons. Advance orchid plant registration is encouraged. Forms can be downloaded from the NWOS website (<http://www.nwos.org/events/13>). You may email plant registration information to the show registrar ([show\\_plants@nwos.org](mailto:show_plants@nwos.org)) before the show (through Thursday November 6th). Or bring the information on a flash drive along with a print out.

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If you can't get your orchids to Swanson's, you may drop them off on Thursday on the Eastside or Lake Forest Park/Shoreline. Contact [Joff Morgan](#) (Eastside) or [George Grantham](#) (Lake Forest Park) to arrange a time.

### Vendors

We are delighted to welcome five orchid specialty vendors to the show: Ecuagenera, SeattleOrchid.com, Lucky Girl, Emerald City Orchids, and Olympic Orchids.

### For more Information:

Go to our Events Page on our Website (<http://www.nwos.org/events/13>). Here you will learn more about our show and get a map or directions to Swanson's Nursery. This page also lists our Show Talks and Links to Plant Entry Forms (both email submission and print submission). There is a more detailed description of all of our vendors. You can also click on their names for a direct link to their websites.

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### NWOS Members-Only Preview Party

On Friday 11/7, there will be a special sneak peek and sale for NWOS members and visiting societies from 4 to 6 pm. After dropping off your plants, stay and get first pick of all the wonderful plants our vendors have for sale. Check out the displays and have plenty of time to socialize with your fellow orchid enthusiasts.

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### 2014 Fall into Orchids Show Talks

NWOS members are presenting a series of talks, discussions and demonstrations according to the schedule below. They are free and open to the public. Attend one or all.

Sat. 2 p.m.	George Grantham	Orchid pests and diseases
Sat. 3 p.m.	Chris Peterson	Three Tips to Be a Better Beginning Orchid Grower
Sat. 4 p.m.	Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson	How to attach and grow orchids on mounts
Sun. 11 a.m.	Michael Cory	What is an orchid?
Sun. Noon	George Grantham	Building and heating a greenhouse
Sun. 1 p.m.	Diane Drisch	Successful orchid growing without a greenhouse
Sun. 2 p.m.	Joff Morgan	Growing orchids under lights
Sun. 3 p.m.	Mike Foster	Basic Paphiopedalum culture
Sun. 4 p.m.	Kathy Murray	Cymbidium culture in the Pacific Northwest

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### Membership Renewal Reminder

The NWOS fiscal year is July 1 through June 30 so unless you joined recently, it's time to renew. Click [HERE](#) to pay by PayPal on our Membership page. You can also pay at the September meeting by check, cash, or debit/credit card. 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 \$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 2015. Dues are kept low to encourage membership but they cover only a small portion of the society's expenses.

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

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## Report from the October Meeting

NWOS President Mike Foster opened the meeting with several announcements and introduced new members and visitors. Diane Drisch talked about the Washington State Fair orchid exhibit. Chloe Tibbets spoke about her experience taking a show down to Seaside, Oregon for the Sunset Empire Orchid Society. Allan Kaas told how you can order very nice name tags from him. Mike Cory discussed membership dues. Bridget Lamp announced an Orchid Sale at the Conservatory in Volunteer Park on Oct. 18th. Kathy Murray, along with Leanna Fox and Chris Peterson updated us on the upcoming AOS judged show at Swanson's Nursery. Sign up sheets are available on the side table so people can volunteer for a variety of shifts. Kathy also reminded us that tomorrow is the deadline for Ecuagenera pre-orders. Joe Griener spoke about the NW Flower & Garden Show. He also asked that people help by writing Love Letters to Orchids (our exhibit theme). Joff reminded everyone to share blooming plants for the show at Swanson's and the he and the Granthams would be drop-off locations if you can't bring your plants directly to the show. Katrina Lindahl thanked everyone who helped pot and mount the Zoo's collection of orchids.



Dick Hanson

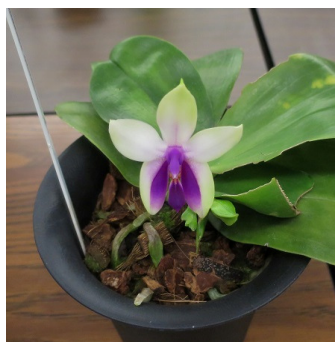
After the plant table, a break and the first half of our monthly raffle, Caroline Mann introduced our speaker, NWOS member Dick Hanson. Dick has impressed us all with his beautiful pots of Cypripediums each spring.

Dick related an interesting story about how he helped a fellow Boeing coworker with his orchid exhibit back in 1978. He was given some free orchids for his help which was the beginning of his collection. He grew mostly paphs in the garden windows of his basement until 1984 when a fortuitous scratch ticket win allowed him to put up a greenhouse for his expanding orchid collection.

Dick grows his Cypripediums on shelves on the north side of his garage in wide shallow pans since they grow out, not down. He prefers to water himself rather than rely on nature. Dick gave a detailed formula for potting medium, showed beautiful photos of Cyps and listed sources to purchase them. During the presentation he discussed the relative ease or difficulty in growing the many species and hybrids.

It was a most interesting and enjoyable presentation. Dick gave thanks to Scott Ware and Mike Pearson for their help with his talk.

Andy Wright reviewed the plant table. Photos courtesy Diane Drisch and Peter de Jesus.



Phal. violacea, Joe Griener



a colorful plant table



Paph. Satin Stone,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. (Fair Fred 'Double Double' x  
primulinum fma purpurascens 'Tall 50'),  
Heather Richardson



Paph. Maudiae 'Magnifico',  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. henryanum,  
Harvey Brenneise



Paph. (tonsum 'David' x henryanum 'Gandalf'),  
Alberto Alvarez



Paph. spicerianum  
( 'St. Albans' x 'Green Martian'),  
Minh Au



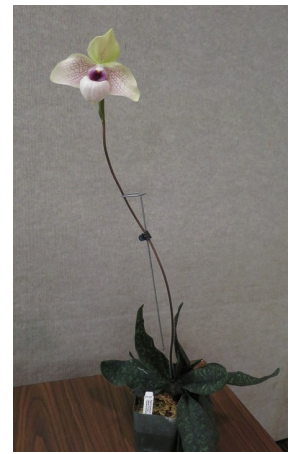
Paph. Phillip's Moon, Allan Kaas



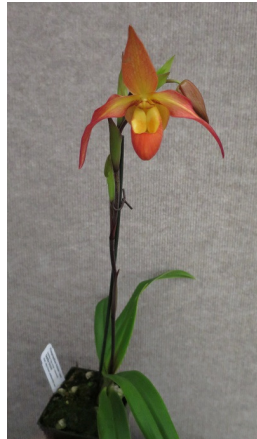
Paph. Phillip's Moon closeup



Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz, Allan Kaas



Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz, Allan Kaas



Phrag. Nichole Tower (longifolium 'Black as Night' x dalessandroi), Harvey Brenneise



Phrag. Inca Embers (Andean Fire x longifolium), Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phrag. Sedenii (schlimii x longifolium), Allan Kaas



Phrag. wallisii x conchiferum 'Kays', Harvey Brenneise



Phrag. Peruflores Cirila Al (dalessandroi x kovachii), Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



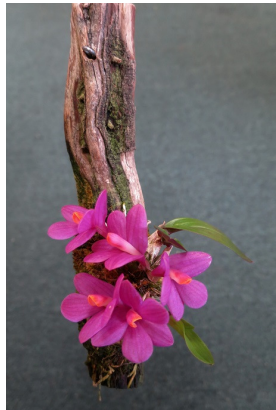
Phrag. Cardinale (Sedenii x schlimii), Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Dendrobium Peng Seng (tobaense x cruentum) closeup



Den. Peng Seng, another group of flowers on the same plant, Heather Richardson



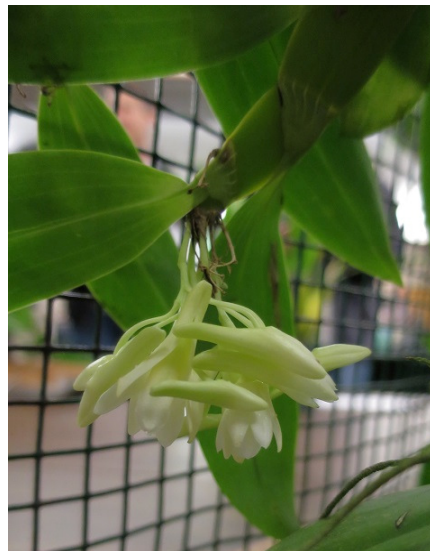
Dendrobium laevifolium,  
Diane Drisch



Dendrobium species,  
Andy Wright



Dendrobium bracteosum (white form),  
Joe Griener



Dendrobium platycaulon closeup



Dendrobium platycaulon, Andy Wright



Den crocatum, Joff Morgan



Dendrobium crocatum closeup



Epigeneium nakaharae, Joe Griener



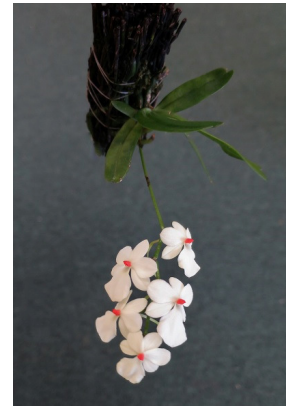
Prosthecia cochleata, George Krasle



Aerangis biloba closeup



Aerangis biloba, Andy Wright



Aerangis luteo-alba var. rhodosticta, Diane Drisch



Angraecum didieri,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Neofinetia falcata x sib, Allan Kaas





poss. *Baptistonia* hybrid, Lisa Ellis



*Burrageara* Nelly Isler,  
Alberto Alvarez



*Cattleya bicolor* 'Select' x self,  
George Krasle



*Onc. chrysomorphum*,  
Joe Griener



*Miltassia* Pelican Lake,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



*Oncidium* hybrid, Susan Costa



*Onc. Gower Ramsey* 'Lemon Drop', Joff Morgan



*Oncidium Sharry Baby* 'Sweet Pea', Ron Goodfellow



*Habenaria rhodocheile*,  
Joff Morgan



*Stenoglottis longifolia*,  
Diane Drisch



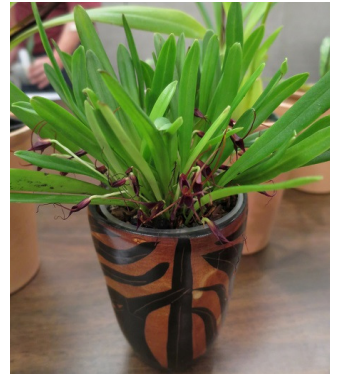
*Renanthera bella* x sib,  
Harvey Brenneise



*Maxillaria pulla* (*daistromii*),  
Joe Griener



*Masdevallia veitchiana*,  
Joe Griener



*Masdevallia herradurae*,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



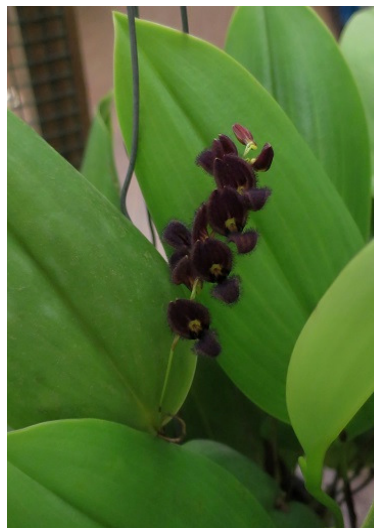
*Lepanthopsis* species, Andy Wright



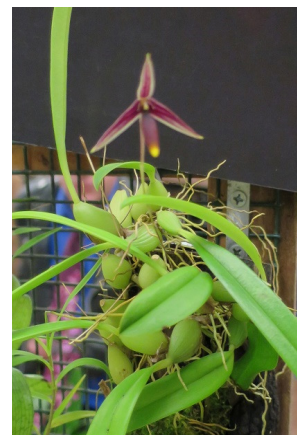
*Scaphosepalum ovulare*,  
Andy Wright



*Pleuro tarantula* with *Lepanthopsis* sp. at  
bottom, Andy Wright



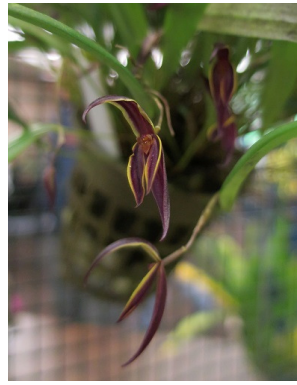
*Pleuro tarantula*, Andy Wright



*Hapalochilus* sp., Andy Wright



Pleurothallis allenii, Andy Wright



Pleuro. allenii closeup



Zootrophion trivalve, Andy Wright

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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

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

**Nov. 10, 2014** - NWOS Meeting - Ron Parsons: The Orchids of Sichuan China

**Dec. 8, 2014** - 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.

**Jan. 12, 2015** - NWOS Meeting - Abigail Chang - 2013 Orchid Awards

**Feb. 11-15, 2015** - Northwest Flower & Garden Show. Setup days are Feb. 7-9 and part of the 10th.

**Feb. 16, 2015** - NWOS Meeting, one week later than normal because of the NWF&G Show setup on our regular meeting date.

**March 9, 2015** - NWOS Meeting

**March 16, 2015** - Hands **ON** Orchid Potting Clinic - Meet in the Lower Douglas Classroom

**April 13, 2015** - NWOS meeting - Larry Muscovitz, topic TBD

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

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

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## Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 11/4/14, 1/6/15, 3/3/15, 5/5/15. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

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## Special Announcements

No special announcements this month.