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Want something printed in the newsletter? E-mail it to nwos_news@nwos.org no later than the 25th of the month.

About the November Meeting

November 9, 2015

7:00 p.m.

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

Regular Monthly Meeting

We will have a regular meeting, but the speaker and topic will be announced later. An email will be sent and this site will be updated once the details have been finalized.

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.

Raffle:

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

NWOS Library:

If you'd like to check out a book or tape from our Library, please contact our Librarian [Caroline 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.

NWOS AOS-Judged Show and Sale, Nov. 6-8

Here are a few reminders about our upcoming orchid show at Swansons Nursery (9701 15th Ave NW, Seattle - [MAP](#)):

- Setup is on Friday, November 6 beginning at noon. Please come and help set up if you can. WE NEED YOUR PLANTS. If you can't get them there before 1 pm on Friday, please contact [Joff Morgan](#) (425-269-8383) or [Mike Pearson](#) (206-789-7116) to arrange a time to drop off your plants prior to the show.
- Come to our special "Members Only" orchid sale from 4-6 on Friday. We must be out before 6:30.
- Judging begins at 9 on Saturday, November 7. There are 8 AOS judges, plus society ribbon judges. Please be prompt. The show on Saturday is open from 9 to 5. We are trying a different way of ribbon judging this year which we hope will make for a more efficient and simpler process. When you drop off your plants, please have a paper list

of the plant names along with your name and address. Please also put your names on each of them (masking tape on the pot usually works great).

- We need all the assistance we can get in staffing our various activities at the show. Please volunteer. If your name is not already on my list, please call or send an e-mail so that I can know when to plan for you to help out. Vendors will handle their own sales this year, and the society will have a "hotel" where customers can park plants while they buy more from another vendor.
- If you have any extra paper bags and cardboard boxes, please bring them so that customers can use them to safely transport their new plants home.
- We have 4 vendors and 1 other society coming to the show. Please support our vendors with your business. They are:
 - **Emerald City Orchids**
 - **Lucky Girl Orchids**
 - **Olympic Orchids**
 - **Seattle Orchid**

 - **Mt. Baker Orchid Society**
- Talks will be given at the following times:

Saturday:

1:00 Chris Peterson: **"3 Tips to Be a Better Beginning Orchid Grower"**

2:00 Harvey Brenneise: **Repotting demonstration**

3:00 Jake Burroughs: **"ABCs of Keeping Orchids: Basic Essentials & Necessities"**

Sunday:

12:00 Harvey Brenneise: **Repotting demonstration**

1:00 Diane Drisch: **"Successful Orchid Growing Without a Greenhouse"**

2:00 Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson: **"How to Attach and Grow Orchids on Mounts"**

3:00 Mike Foster: **"Basic Paphiopedilum Culture"**

- Hours on Sunday, November 8th are 10 to 4, with teardown immediately following. Please pick up your plants or arrange to have them brought to the meeting the following Monday night.
- Come, enjoy the show. We have worked hard to increase our electronic marketing (particularly in social media) and hope for a big turnout.

[Harvey Brenneise](#), show chair
909-786-6419

NWOS Show Trophies

The NWOS Show is fast approaching! Each of the Show Trophies detailed in the October newsletter have found sponsors. But there is still time to add your sponsorship to the "Best of Show" Trophy and help increase the available prize pool. Currently, that cash prize is \$150 !!

Our Ribbon Judges (on Saturday morning) will sift through each of the orchid categories awarding many 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. Then each group will decide upon the best

1st place ribbon holder in each category -- that plant is then awarded its category's Trophy.

The "Best of Show" Trophy could be any one of the orchids entered for ribbon judging. All will be decided by the Ribbon Judges.

Many thanks to all of our generous Sponsors. Here are each of the Show Trophies and their sponsors:

Cattleya Alliance (\$25) - [Mike Foster & Donna Pierce](#)

Cypripedium Alliance (\$25) - [Mary Margaret Cromarty](#)

Vanda/Phalaenopsis Alliance (\$25) - [Barb Roberts](#)

Oncidium Alliance (\$25) - [Diane Drisch](#)

Dendrobium Alliance (\$25) - [Peter & Kelly Maunsell](#)

Miscellaneous Genera (\$25), - [Randy Nguyen](#)

New Orchid Growers, two years or less (\$25) - [Mike Pearson & Abigail Chang](#)

Best of Show (\$150) - [Emerald City Orchids](#), [Kathy Murray](#), and [Dan Carmichael](#).

Will one or more of your blooming orchids be among the Trophy winners at our Annual NWOS Show? Come help setup on Friday, November 6, and enter your plants for ribbon judging.

I will be available during Setup on Friday, November 6, to take any additional Trophy sponsorship payments. See you at the Show!

~ [Joff Morgan](#)

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 meeting by cash, check, 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 2016. 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.

News from the American Orchid Society



A webinar just for AOS Members:
Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EDT

Odontoglossum: The Lost Genus

Join Tom Etheridge, accredited AOS judge, who will give an overview of the former genus *Odontoglossum* and its close relatives, their history, discuss the current nomenclature and talk about culture. Tom began growing orchids roughly 35 years ago. He lives in Oregon and his passion is for *odontoglossums*, *masdevallias* and *draculas*.

Click [Here](#) to Register.

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.

If you cannot make the actual presentation, there will be a link on the website where you can view the webinar at your convenience.

Report from the October Meeting

Abigail Chang opened our meeting, welcomed newcomers and turned the floor over to Mike Pearson who reported on several recent outside shows including Portland, OR, the Washington State Fair in Puyallup and the most recent exhibit in Kennewick with the South Central Washington Orchid Society. Mary Margaret Cromarty, who gathered all the plants and drove them to the show, gave a more detailed report. Mike Cory reminded people to pay their dues. Joe Griener gave an update on the status of our upcoming exhibit at the NW Flower & Garden Show (yes, this year we will have a Volcano!).



Joe G talks

Ellen Macomber brought in the first casualty from our Legion of Bloom plants. Her *Den. aberrans* died of an unknown fast-acting ailment, possibly a fungus or bacteria.

Joe gave stirring talk and slide show recollecting the various exploits and adventures of the the early explorers and orchid collectors. Some of them made great contributions to science and our understanding of orchids. But some of their methods and actions were quite unsavory and in some cases downright dangerous since orchids were worth a lot of money back in the early days. Since then, we have learned to treat the native environment with more respect and care. People were not the only ones with negative actions. Joe showed how many orchid flowers 'trick' insects into pollinating them with methods such as mimicking females during mating season, nectar in exchange for pollination, and even looking like rival bees so that real bees will butt heads with them and exchange pollen.



RIP: *Dendrobium aberrans*

Joe also reviewed our plant table.

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch



Joe talks about the very unique
Cleisostoma racemiferum



Cleisostoma racemiferum,
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Ctsm. Chuck Taylor 'Wow' x Ctsm. kleberianum 'SVO', Joff Morgan



Joe review's Joff's Catasetum



Catasetum decked out with with 3 ribbons from the SCWOS show in Kennewick, WA



Allan & Michelle Kaas Display



Epicyclia Serena O'Neill
(Epicyclia Mabel Kanda x Encyclia cordigera),
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Epicyclia Serena O'Neill closeup



Encyclia radiata,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Epigenium nakaharae,
Diane Drisch



Epigeneium cacuminis,
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Psychopsis Kalihi alba 'Green Valley',
Ellen Macomber



psychopsis closeup

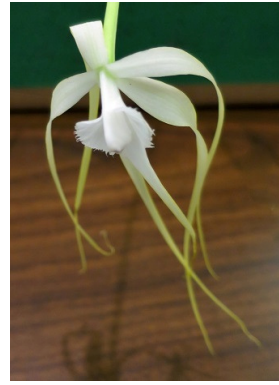


Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS,
Joff Morgan

Look closely at Joff's *Psychopsis* with broken spike. We know that we should leave the spike after flowering and it will bloom progressively from the tip of the spike. This one was accidentally broken, but then luckily branched out with 2 new spikes. Not a recommended technique.



Angraecum calceolus, Allan & Michelle Kaas



Brassavola cuculata, Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Dendrobium, Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Wilsonara Calico Gem, Ellen Macomber



Prosthecia 'Green Hornet',
George Krasle



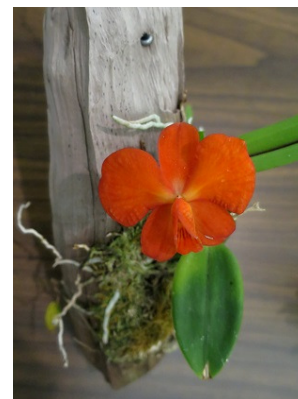
Oncidium,
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Oncidium,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Lc. Angel Walker 'Easter',
Allan & Michelle Kaas



Sophronitis coccinea 4n,
Diane Drisch



Phal. equestris 'Baltimore', Dick Hanson



Ascofinetia 'Peaches', Dick Hanson



Renanthera hybrid, George & Cylvia Grantham



Stenoglottis Olympia, Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



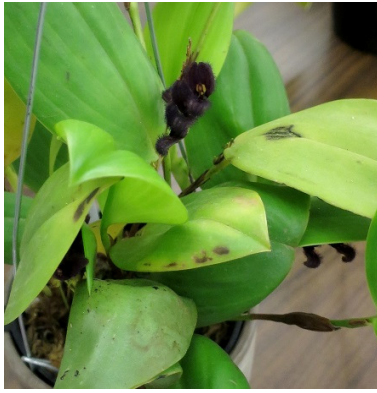
Schoenorchis gemmata, Diane Drisch



Looking down on this plant, it's hard to see any of the blooms.



But tip it up, and you can see hundreds of blood red blooms throughout the plant. Masdevallia herraduræ, Allan & Michelle Kaas



Pleuro tarantula,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Pleurothallis tarantula w ribbons,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Pleurothallis trichostoma,
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Sigmatostylix graminea #1,
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Bulbophyllum species,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Stelis pachyphyta closeup



Stelis pachyphyta, Allan & Michelle Kaas



Paph Cheryl Ann Boyd
(Roseling '#2' AM-AOS x Winston
Churchill 'Redoubtable' FCC/AOS),
Ellen Macomber



Paphiopedalum,
Nancy Wright



Paph. barbigerum,
Dick Hanson



Paph. Fairre Helen
(P. fairrianum x Pacific Shamrock),
Ellen Macomber



Paph. spicerianum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. henryanum, Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Paph. henryanum, Dick Hanson



Paph. Saint Swithin 'Penn Valley' AM/AOS,
Ellen Macomber



Paph. helena, Dick Hanson



Paph. tigrinum, Minh Au



Paph. Mamie Wilson
(lowii 'Dragon's Flight' HCC/AOS x primulinum var.
purpurascens 'Tall 50'), Joe Griener



Phrag. Eric Young x pearcei,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phrag. Fritz Schomburg, Joe Grienauer



Phrag. caricinum, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Nov. 6-8, 2015 - AOS Judged Orchid Show and Sale at Swansons Nursery

Nov. 9, 2015 - [NWOS meeting](#)

Nov. 21, 2015 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

Dec. 14, 2015 - 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.

Dec. 19, 2015 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

Jan. 11, 2016 - [NWOS meeting](#)

Jan. 16, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

Feb. 8, 2016 - [NWOS meeting](#) - one week early because of the NWF&G Show Setup schedule

Feb. 17 - 21, 2016 - Northwest Flower & Garden Show, with setup starting Sunday, 2/14

Feb. 20, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

March 14, 2016 - [NWOS Meeting](#) - Annual Orchid Auction

March 19, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

March 21, 2016 - Hands ON Orchid Potting Clinic - Meet in the Lower Douglas Classroom

April 11, 2016 - [NWOS meeting](#)

April 16, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

May 9, 2016 - [NWOS meeting](#)

May 21, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

June 13, 2016 - [NWOS meeting](#), Pot Luck Dinner and Gary Baker Service Award

June 18, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for this fiscal year is: 11/3/15, 1/5/16, 3/8/16, 5/3/16. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike 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.

Special Announcements

No special announcements this month.