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About the October Meeting

October 14, 2013

7:00 p.m.

University of Washington

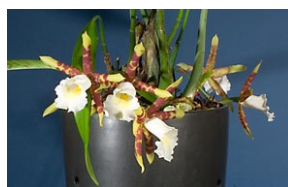
Center for Urban Horticulture

3501 NE 41st Street

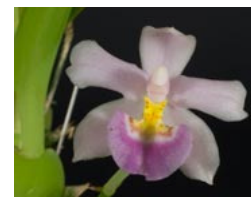
Seattle, WA 98105

Marni Turkel: The Lesser Known Oncidium Alliance Relatives

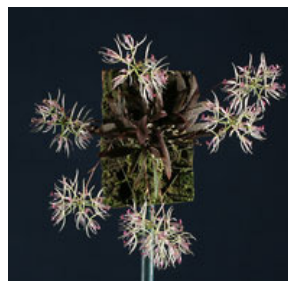
From Ada to Warmingia, the subtribe of Oncidiinae comprises about 63 genera and over 1000 species. Some of these are well known, but many of the genera are rarely seen in collections and yet deserve to be more widely known. This talk will survey many of these genera, showing close-ups as well as specimen plants while discussing country of origin and some cultural needs.



Helcia brevis



Ticoglossum krameri



Macroclinium aurorae



Sigmatostalix sergii



Marni Turkel (pronounced tur KELL) is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area and has been growing orchids since 1980. She has been an active member of the San Francisco Orchid Society since 1982. She grows in three greenhouses in Santa Rosa with approximately 1000 sq. ft. of growing space. Her main interest is in cool-growing miniature species but plenty of larger plants have crept into the collection as well. Marni has been a contributor to *Orchids* magazine with her series called 'Well Worth the Space' and 'Give It a Rest!'. Her articles have been translated into Dutch, German, Portuguese and Swedish for international publication. Photographs of her plants have been featured in articles in noted orchid publications including *Orchids Magazine*, *Orchid Digest*, *Richardiana*, *The Orchid Review*, and *The Australian Orchid Review*.

In the last few years, Marni has expanded her work with orchids to include propagation of orchids from seed and has set up a flasking lab of her own to take the process from start to finish and sell flasks of many of the orchids species in her collection. She has been a working potter for over 43 years but will be retiring from ceramics soon to pursue orchids full-time.

Plant Sales. Marni will be selling plants. Now's your chance to get some interesting new items.

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 cost.

Raffle:

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

President's Corner

We had a great time at the Volunteer Park Conservatory tour on a rainy and windy day. Mike Cory and Chris Peterson took us through the public and private areas and we saw lots of fantastic plants.

The tour of the working greenhouse was conducted by Jeanne Schollmeyer, who is the senior gardener and cares for all the plants in the public displays. If we have a chance to do this again, don't miss out.

At this time we are looking for a member to be the contact person for the American Orchid Society. You would receive any AOS e-mails, order books for the NWOS, and make sure the NWOS membership with the AOS is current. Let me know if you are interested.

Also, make sure to check in on the improved NWOS web page. Our thanks go to Alycia Moncrieff and Mike Pearson for their work on this project.

The October meeting is the last chance to sign up to help at the Fall Orchid Festival. We need your help to make this event a success. Contact me or Kathy Murray to sign up and can't get to the meeting.

Remember that without your help, this society would not be able to function.

See Ya at the meeting, *Mike Foster, President*

Photos of our Conservatory visit by Mike Foster and Donna Pierce:



Palm House display



White Cattleyas and Dendrochilum
in the Palm House



Bromeliad House



Cactus Wing



Exotics



Gathering



Enjoying the special tour



Behind the scenes, working greenhouse

NWOS Fall Orchid Festival and Sale: November 8–10 at Swanson's Nursery

Please help make this year's fall sale a success by signing up to work a shift or to give a talk. And, whether you can work or not—Please furnish your blooming orchids for the display.

The sale will be Friday through Sunday, November 8–10, at Swanson's Nursery in Ballard. For the first time, we will be open for three hours on Friday evening, which will coincide with Swanson's big holiday kickoff event. The hours are: Friday, 5 to 8 pm; Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm; and Sunday, 9 am to 4 pm.

Sign-up sheets will be at the October meeting. If you can't make the meeting and would like to help, email or phone me (Kathy Murray): 425-257-0583; <mailto:kandmmurray@frontier.com>

Do you have extra orchids, supplies, or books and the like that you'd like to sell? If you work at the sale, the commission charged by the society will be just 12 percent. Be sure and double tag your items with a removable price tag with your ID (name or other unique marking) so that you get paid. Note: If you sell on the sales table, you must sign up to do so with your name, unique marking, and contract information. You also must be a current NWOS member.

Here are the vendors who will be selling with descriptions of their specialty items:

- **Lucky Girl (Rathdrum, Idaho):** Phrag and *Phrag kovachii* hybrids; Paph species including some specially imported from China including *helenae*, *purpuratum*, *tigrinum* and *tranlienianum*; Paph hybrids in spike/bloom; cattleyas in spike/bloom; *Cattleya/Laelia* species; Masdevallias in spike/bloom; *Bulbophyllum* species and hybrids; *Eria* species; Chinese cymbidium species (direct from China); and intergeneric oncidiums in spike/bloom.
- **SeattleOrchid.com:** Extensive variety of species, mounted and potted; cattleyas, zygotepalums, oncidium Sharry Baby; paphiopedilums, and miltonias.
- **Olympic Orchids:** Species and seedlings, miniature orchids, mounted orchids, sphagnum moss, cork mounts, other supplies, and orchid perfumes. Also, an orchid mounting service.
- **Emerald City Orchids:** Blooming phalaenopsis, slippers, intergeneric hybrids, plus odd-ball specimens from their greenhouse and out-of-flower mounted species.

Coupon for first-time NWOS members who join during the sale: Because the NWOS wants to promote the value of memberships, anyone who has never been a member of the society who joins during the sale will receive a \$10 coupon to use for purchase of any item at the sale. This is good only for the NWOS Sale and cannot be used elsewhere in Swanson's.

Kathy Murray, fall sale chair

Membership Renewal Reminder

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 September 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 2014. 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.

Report from the September Meeting

Annual Culture Clinic

Mike Foster began the meeting welcoming new people to the meeting. Mike Pearson talked about the NWOS exhibit at the State Fair in Puyallup. Mike Cory told us about our upcoming visit to the greenhouse at the Conservatory in Volunteer Park as well as our Membership Dues. George Grantham spoke about the upcoming show in Seaside, Oregon. Joff Morgan gave an update about the NW Flower & Garden Show in February. Andy Wright encouraged us all to attend the upcoming event sponsored by Mark and Joan of Orchidaceae in Walla Walla, Washington. See last month's newsletter for details. Andy also reviewed the Plant Table.



Caroline inspects a plant



Experienced members Abigail and Caroline take a closer look

One of the more interesting issues ever seen at our culture clinic: this wierd growth turned out to be a praying mantis egg case surrounding an orchid cane. It was brought in by Leanna Fox who grew it outside this past summer



Photos from our Plant Table (courtesy Diane Drisch):



Ascocenda Princess Mikasa, Abigail Chang



Vanda coerulea, Andy Wright



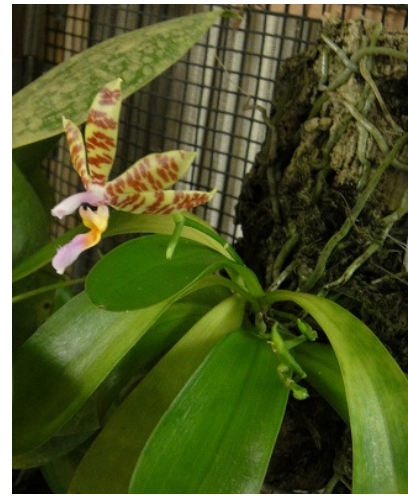
Vanda Paki (Vanda cristata 'Hydra' FCC/AOS x Vanda tricolor 'Grand Master Doug'), Barb Roberts



Vanda Paki side view



Phalaenopsis bastianii, Joff Morgan



Phalaenopsis faciata, Andy Wright



Phal. cornu cervi var. *alba* x self,
Joff Morgan



Phalaenopsis bellina, Andy Wright



Phal. I-Hsin Adzuki Bean 'IS1570'
(Phal. Chiu Jih Pearl x Phal. I-Hsin Panda),
Joe Griener/Emerald City Orchids



Dtps. Fuller's Sunset 'Golden Sun' AM/AOS
(Phal Date x Dtps Chain Xen Queen),
Joff Morgan



Bletilla ochracea,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



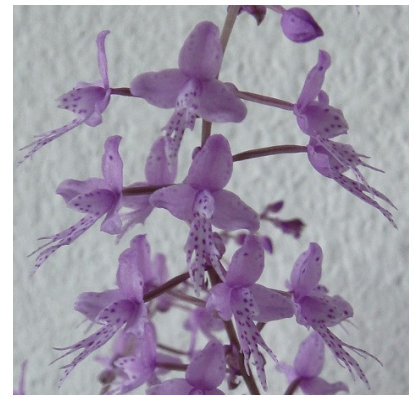
Spathoglottis 'Peach',
Joe Griener/Emerald City Orchids



Stenoglottis Olympia closeup



Stenoglottis Olympia,
Abigail Chang



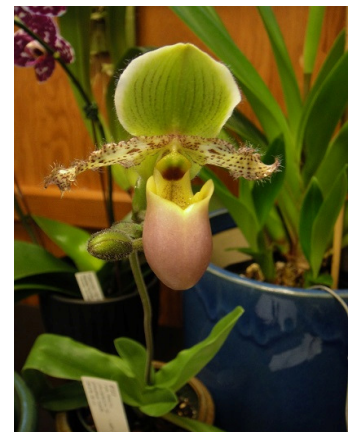
Stenoglottis longifolia,
Diane Drisch



Paph. henryanum,
Abigail Chang



Paph. henryanum,
Alycia Moncrieff & Sam
Weigelt



Paph. Pinocchio,
Joe Griener/Emerald City
Orchids



Paph. fairrieanum x Hilo Jewel,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phrag. Magdalene Rose 'Mother' 4N
x Phrag besseae 'Paula',
Joe Griener/Emerald City Orchids



Den. (Udom Blue Angel x Genting Blue)
'Blue Hawaii', Abigail Chang



Dendrobium laevifolium, Diane Drisch



Dendrobium longicornu,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Dendrobium Nora Tokunaga (dwarf),
George & Cylvia Grantham



Masdevallia discoidea,
Alycia Moncrieff & Sam Weigelt



Masdevallia Angel Tang,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Restrepia tricoglossa,
Andy Wright



Lepanthopsis species,
Andy Wright



Diodonopsis erinacea,
Abigail Chang



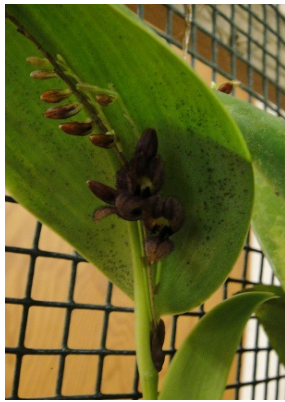
Maxillaria striata,
Andy Wright



Maxillaria striata side view,



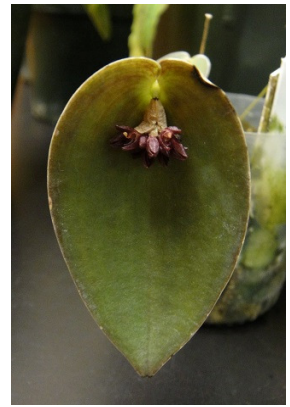
Maxillaria lepidota,
Diane Drisch



Pleurothallis tarantula,
Andy Wright



another view of *Pleurothallis tarantula*



Pleurothallis nipterophylla,
Abigail Chang



Bulb. lindleyanum Griff 'Ingrid Bridge',
George & Sylvia Grantham



Bulbophyllum baileyi,
Joe Grienerauer/Emerald City Orchids



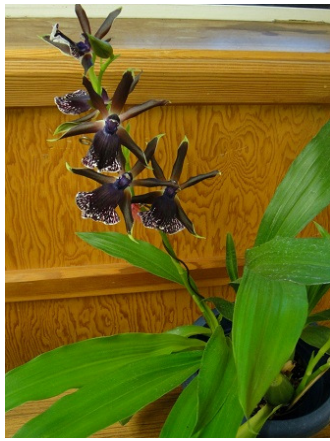
Eria convallaroides,
George & Sylvia Grantham



Cadetia schuitemanii
(potamophila),
Joe Grienerauer/Emerald City
Orchids



Aerangis mystacidii



Zygopetalum longfellow,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Zygo. flower closeup



Onc. (Aloha Elizabeth x Cloud
Ears 'Paddleman' 'Kalapana'),
Abigail Chang



Brassia Rex, Abigail Chang



Oncidium hastilabium,
Abigail Chang



Brsdm. Shooting Star 'Black
Gold', Laura Nichol



Blc. Memoria Crispin Rosales 'Costa Mesa'
AM/AOS, Michael Cory



Blc. Keowee 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS,
Joff Morgan



Epilaeliocattleya Don Herman
'Autumn Joy', George Krasle



Cattleya forbesii,
George Krasle



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

Jason Gamrath at the Volunteer Park Conservatory

This past summer there was a fantastic exhibit at the Conservatory in Volunteer Park, Seattle. Botanical Exotica: A Monumental Collection of the Rare and Beautiful was done by Seattle native Master Glass Artist Jason Gamrath. He designed a breathtaking series of titanic orchids, cacti and carnivorous specimens recreated faithfully in glass and inspired by the collection at the Conservatory. Jason will be creating art for our exhibit at the NW Flower and Garden Show, this coming February.





Schedule of Upcoming Events

October 14, 2013 - Meeting. Speaker: Marni Turkel from San Francisco, who will give a talk on the Lesser Known Oncidiniiae.

November 9-10, 2013 - NWOS Fall Orchid Festival at Swanson's Nursery

November 11, 2013 - Meeting. Speaker: Laima M. Swanson from Lucky Girl Orchids, who will speak about Cattleyas and Laelias.

December 9, 2013 - 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 5-9, 2014 - NW Flower & Garden Show, Washington State Convention Center, Seattle

April 26, 2014 - Tentative date for NWOS Volunteer Day at the Zoo

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 11/5/13, 1/7/14, 3/4/14 and 5/6/14. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are no Special Announcements this month.