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## About the October Meeting

### October 13, 2014

7:00 p.m.

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

## Dick Hanson: *Cypripediums*

Dick Hanson has dazzled us each spring with his beautiful well-grown *Cypripediums*. He'll be sharing his growing techniques, insights and experience.

*Cypripediums* are hardy slipper orchids found throughout the Northern Hemisphere. If you've ever wanted to try growing these magnificent bloomers, you won't want to miss this presentation.

### 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. The NWOS will sell gallon sized bags of fine and medium orchid potting mixes.

### Raffle:

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



*Cyp. x Andrewsii* (*C. candidum* x *C. parviflorum* var. *pubescens*)



*Cypripedium* 'Gisela' Wedgwood



*Cyp. parviflorum* var. *parviflorum*

## President's Corner

Hello to All and Welcome to October.

The October meeting will be your last chance to sign up to work at the November Show & Sale. We have a lot of blank spaces on the sheets and need your help.

You can also sign up to be part of the ribbon judging and receive a free lunch. It will be fun weekend with more to do than just working a shift. The Show Committee has a great line up of vendors and there will be visiting society displays.

This will be our BIG show and sale so consider spending the whole weekend at Swansons. I'm sure that we can count on YOUR support to make this show a success.

*Mike Foster, President*

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## **Fall Into Orchids: NWOS AOS-Judged Show and Sale, Nov. 7–9**

The Northwest Orchid Society's big fall event is rapidly approaching. We will have five vendors, numerous orchid displays (including our own), orchid-related talks, and a repotting service. Location: Swanson's Nursery, 9701 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Seattle (north Ballard).

Hours are 9 to 5 on Saturday and Sunday with a special preview sale on Friday from 4 to 6 pm for NWOS members and visiting societies. Not a member? Pay your dues at entry on Friday so you too can have first selection of the orchids on sale.

We need everyone's help to make our huge judged show and sale a success. Here is what you can do:

- Sign up to work one or more shifts: ribbon judges (limited to 12) will receive a free lunch if they also work a show shift (either during set up or during the show).
- Bring your blooming plants for the NWOS display
- Patronize our vendors—SeattleOrchid.com, Emerald City Orchids, Olympic Orchids, Lucky Girl Orchids, and Ecuagenera (information on how to preorder from Ecuagenera appears separately)
- Tell all your orchid-loving friends about this terrific free event!
- Publicize the show on your Facebook page or elsewhere

If you haven't judged orchids before, consider being a ribbon judge. Each team will have an experienced leader and you will learn a lot. You may also be working with AOS judges and all the judges will eat together after judging.

Signup sheets will be at the October meeting or email or phone Kathy Murray to sign up: [kandmmurray@frontier.com](mailto:kandmmurray@frontier.com); 425-257-0583.

The speaker schedule will be listed in the November newsletter and also on the NWOS web site.

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## **Ecuagenera Preorder Information - Hurry...Deadline is Oct. 15th**

The NWOS Show Committee wants you to come to the society's AOS-judged show and sale and support all five of our vendors; however, if you want something special from South America, NWOS members can preorder from Ecuagenera for pick up at the show (Friday, Nov. 7, 4–6 pm; Saturday & Sunday, 9–5). Kathy Murray will compile the order list and get it to Ecuagenera. Don't The deadline for preorders is October 15!

No payment will be made until pick up. These plants, like all others purchased at the show, will be processed through the NWOS cashier. Lists of plants and flasks are in two PDF files at the end of this article. Find what you want and email Kathy Murray with the name of each plant or flask you want to order. Prices are shown in US dollars and each plant and flask has an additional \$2 shipping charge.

Send your order to [kandmmurray@frontier.com](mailto:kandmmurray@frontier.com) and put "Ecuagenera order" in the subject line. Be sure and list your name, phone number with area code, and email address.

## **2014 SHOW AWARD SPONSORS**

The NWOS would like to thank the following people who generously donated \$25 towards these 'Best of Class' show ribbons and cash prizes.

Paphiopedilum : Peter & Kelly Maunsell  
Phragmipedium: Alycia Moncrieff & Sam Weigelt  
Pleurothallid Alliance: Michael Cory  
Cattleya Alliance: George & Cylvia Granthum  
Dendrobium Alliance: Don Miller & Alberto Alvarez  
Bulbophyllum Alliance: Leanna Fox  
Phalaenopsis Alliance: Ellen Macomber  
Vandaceous Alliance: Ken Myrabo & Anne Devine  
Cymbidium: Pat Gossler  
Oncidium/Odontoglossum Alliance: Steve Dorsey & Lori Lederman  
Other Genera: Lillian Otani  
Miniature: Mike Pearson & Abigail Chang  
First Bloomed Plant: Diane Drisch  
Novice: Joff Morgan  
The Presidents Choice: Mike Foster & Donna Pierce  
American Orchid Society Trophy: NWOS  
Orchid Digest Trophy: NWOS

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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 Orchid Display at The Washington State Fair**

This past September, NWOS worked on the display at the Fair in Puyallup, WA. Judges Abigail Chang and Mike Pearson were assisted by Alycia Moncrieff, Sam Weigelt and Diane Drisch. Orchids for the display were provided by NWOS members as well as other Washington State residents. The plants were inside of a locked exhibit 'greenhouse' within the Floral Exhibit tent. Many thanks to Floral staff member Susy Hunt who was so very helpful and wonderful to work with.

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch





Orchid Exhibit 'Greenhouse'



First Week's exhibit - a spare showing



Mike, Abby, Alycia, Sam



Alycia and Sam carefully register each plant



Mike works alongside Susy Hunt from the WA State Fair Floral Staff



Abby working on plant placement



Second Week: a full display



Mounted Orchid display tree





Each exhibit week had 2 Best in Show Awards: One for Culture, the other for Best Bloom



1st Week - Bloom: *Lycaste macrophylla*.  
 Culture: *Dendrobium laevifolium*,  
 both from Diane Drisch

2nd Week: Bloom: *Onc. Volcano Trick*  
 'Orange Fire'. Culture: *Eria* Species,  
 both from the George & Cylvia Grantham



Abby amongst the blooms



The blooms look out at a family looking in



We shared the Floral Tent with thousands of flowers, giant pumpkins, intricate displays by County Granges and much more.

## Volunteer Day at Woodland Park Zoo

On behalf of the Woodland Park Zoo, Pam and I would like to thank all of the NWOS members who volunteered their time and expertise to work on the Zoo's orchid collection in September. Sixteen people spent three hours or so dividing, mounting and cleaning orchids which is a huge help to us. In fact, the group finished dividing most of our wall mounted orchids that had been deferred over the past several years. We get so busy with exhibit projects that this work often falls to the wayside so we were so happy to have 32 experienced hands working for several hours to get so much done.

Gathered around three tables, everyone seemed to have fun talking, laughing, and sharing orchid tips with each other. George Krasle was excited to discover two orchids that he had donated to the zoo over sixteen years ago when the Tropical Rain Forest building first opened. Tom Malemba, from the Mt. Baker Orchid Society came down to help and later toured the zoo with a few large cameras in hand. We hope the other folks who toured the zoo had a good time too and of course, many people got to take pieces of orchids with them to grow at home.

We plan to organize another NWOS Volunteer day in the early spring of 2015. Again, volunteers will be able to tour the zoo after working on the collection and hopefully there will be lots of divisions to take home for those who want them.

Thank you for the great day!

*Katrina Lindahl*, Woodland Park Zoo

**NWOS Volunteers:** Collene Collins, Heather Kraft Richardson, Lillian Otani, Lisa Ellis, Sam Weigelt, Alycia Moncrieff, Mike Doren, Michael Cory, Ellen Macomber, Leanna Fox, George Krasle, Mary Nichol, Joff Morgan, Stephan Dorsey, Lori Lederman and Tom Malemba from the Mt. Baker Orchid Society.

From a Volunteer's perspective, Joff Morgan writes:

We had a great turnout, good weather, and loads of plant pieces to take home for experimentation. Katrina and Pam (the Zoo's Horticultural Staff) were pleased for the help in dividing and mounting the Zoo's collection of Stanhopea, Coelogyne, Pleurothallis, and Bulbophyllum species and some hybrids. We started at 10:00 am, worked until 1:00 pm, then cleaned up our areas, and were let go to tour the Zoo. I can't wait for the next Zoo repotting event!

Our own NWOS member and Zoo volunteer, Alycia Moncrieff, gave us an informative demonstration as to how the Zoo would like their plants to be mounted and cleaned. She gave us some useful pointers, answered questions, and then set us free to divide, clean, preen, and mount really well-grown (and over-grown) orchids.

Photos courtesy Joff Morgan.



Katrina Lindahl (center) welcomes the group, gets us all signed up and gives a basic overview.



Sifting through the labeled and non-labeled plant pieces (be sure to clean them of bugs!)





Alycia instructs us how to pick an appropriately-sized mount



Then she shows us how to fit the mount with a wire hanger, ensure the wire stays firm, and does not show.



Alycia cuts the leftover hanger wire to about 1-2 in., so Zoo staff can easily hang the orchid on eye hooks in exhibits.



Here she securely ties the orchid to the mount with 10-pound test fishing line. The plant can't wobble or else it won't root to the mount.



Ellen, George & Tom working at Station #1



Colleen, Leanna, Lisa, and Mike D. at Station #2

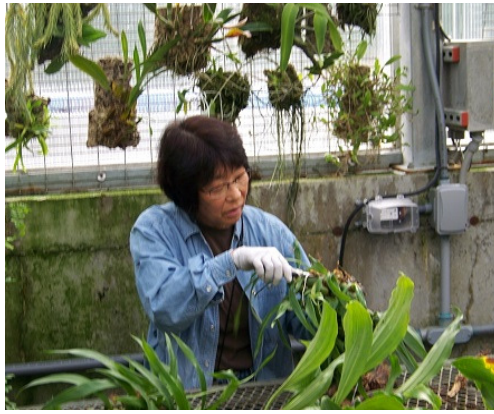


Steve, Heather and Lori at Station #3



Mike C., Ellen, Colleen and Heather





Lillian at Station #2



Lisa and Steve

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## Report from the September Meeting

Mike Foster opened the meeting with several announcements and introduced new members and visitors.

Mike Cory reminded us to renew our membership. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of our new incentive plan. At the end of the meeting he conducted a drawing from amongst all paid members. Congratulations to Sylvia Danielson, the winner of a \$25 gift certificate for vendor purchases at our November show.

Mike Pearson gave a report about the Washington State Fair and asked for more plants for the second phase of the exhibit. Kathy Murray gave an update about the November AOS Judged Show and Sale. Mike Foster asked for a Volunteer to help with the show in Seaside, OR. Joe Greinauer updated us on progress of the NWF&G Show exhibit. Katrina Lindahl reminded us about the Volunteer day at the Zoo.

Peter Maunsell (who was unable to attend the June meeting) was presented with the Gary Baker Service Award with the Society's thanks by Mike Foster.

## Annual Orchid Culture Clinic

V Pres Caroline Mann led the Culture Clinic. Members presented their plants, described their condition and asked questions. Experienced members helped out: Al Mysiewicz, Mike Foster, Mike Pearson, Abigail Chang, George Krasle and Ellen Macomber. Their combined expertise allowed them to diagnose most issues and provide good advice on how to cure or fix the problem.

Abigail Chang reviewed the plant table.

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch



Peter receives the Gary Baker Service Award from Mike Foster





Stanhopea jenishiana, Allan Kaas



Stanhopea jenishiana closeup



Vanda sanderiana var. alba, Allan Kaas



Vanda Kulwadee (purple), Allan Kaas



Den. Thongchai Gold 'Kanokporn' closeup



Den. Thongchai Gold 'Kanokporn',  
Gordon Cromwell



*Dendrobium* hybrid,  
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



*Dendrobium* faciferum, Diane Drisch



*Dendrobium*  
hemimelanoglossum x sib,  
Minh Au



*Dendrobium* bracteosum, Chloe Angus



another *Dendrobium* bracteosum, Chloe Angus



Dtps. Kenneth Schubert,  
Chloe Angus



*Chondrorhyncha* lendyana,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



*Stenoglottis* longifolia,  
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson

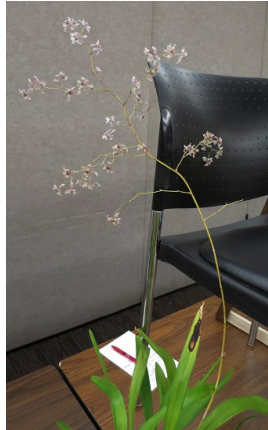




Schoenorchis fragrans,  
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Pleurothallis Sonderiana,  
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Oncidium hybrid, Erika Dyer



Odcdm. Catatante 'Pumpkin Patch' AM/AOS,  
Harvey Brenneise



Liparis nutans,  
Harvey Brenneise



Psychopsis Mariposa 'Green Valley'  
closeup



Psychopsis Mariposa 'Green Valley'  
(Pyp. papilio x Pyp. Kalihi),  
Gordon Cromwell



Prosthecea (Encyclia) cochleata,  
Chloe Angus



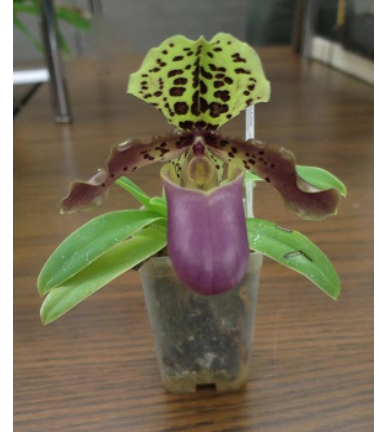
Epi longicaule, Prosthecea cochleata,  
Nageliela purpurea, George Krasle



Epigeneium nakaharae,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Epi. parkinsonianum,  
Allan Kaas



Paph. henryanum x sib  
(‘Jumbo’ x ‘Bengal Tiger’),  
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



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



Paph. fairrieanum x Hilo Jewel  
closeup



Paph. Odette Doubled (Odette Divine  
‘Big Red’ x Odette’s Magic ‘Round  
Red’), Harvey Brenneise





Paph. longifolium var. hincksianum  
('Wolfriver' x 'Jealousy'),  
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Paph. philippinense (philippinense var.  
alba 'Sterling' x philippinense var. alba  
'Heart Break'),  
Harvey Brenneise



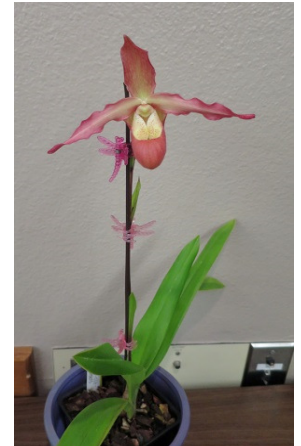
Phragmipedium (richteri x Sorcerer's  
Apprentice 4N),  
Abigail Chang & Mike Pearson



Phrag calurum 'Bert Fields',  
Roxanne Rosson



Phrag Cardinale,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phrag. Inca Embers,  
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce

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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

**October 13, 2014** - NWOS Meeting with speaker Dick Hanson: Cyripediums

**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

**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

**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** - Annual Orchid Auction

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

**April 13, 2015** - NWOS meeting

**May 11, 2015** - NWOS meeting

## 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

### The Friends of the Conservatory Orchid Sale!!

October 18, 2014 11 am to 2 pm

Seattle's Volunteer Park conservatory has too many divisions and not enough space. Buy a specimen and make room in their collection. Classic varieties, mystery unknowns, and more! All orchids are priced to sell. Everything must go.



All proceeds directly support the Friends of the Conservatory.

Follow the signs leading west from the Volunteer Park Conservatory to the Production Greenhouse.

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## Opportunity to Participate in Orchid Research

Our AOS Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee Chair, Laura Newton has forwarded the following request to us.

Dear AOS and Affiliated Orchid Society Members,

I am Amy Hinsley, a UK PhD student, conducting research regarding orchid growing around the world. My PhD thesis subject is on the interactions between the international orchid industry, orchid growers, and conservation. I have decided to focus on looking for the best ways that trade and conservation can work together to protect orchid species.

I have designed a short set of questions aimed at orchid growers. I hope to get an online survey out to as many growers as possible. The survey has been designed specifically to gather information on the orchid growing community's experiences and opinions on trade, conservation and CITES. The survey takes about 5-7 minutes to complete and uses a type of 'indirect questioning,' a method designed to ensure anonymity when asking questions about subjects that may be sensitive. Responders may complete the survey in the knowledge that individual answers cannot be identified. I need 1,000 respondents, so I would be very grateful if AOS and orchid society members could take part. I have had the survey translated into several languages to try to make this possible.

Survey link: (English version): <http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/1619973/orchidsurvey2>

Survey link: (Spanish version): <http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/1619973/orquidea1>

Survey link: (French version): <http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/1619973/orchidee>

Thank you in advance for your participation, and if you have any questions about this project or my wider research, please contact me: [ah371@kent.ac.uk](mailto:ah371@kent.ac.uk).

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## **Hardy Plant Society Bulb Sale**

The Hardy Plant Society of Washington will hold their annual bulb sale on Sunday, October 12, 2014 10-2 at the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st St., Seattle, 98105  
The list of bulbs for sale on our website at [www.hardyplantsocietywa.org](http://www.hardyplantsocietywa.org)

We will have many varieties of spring bulbs – Narcissus, Alliums, Crocus (including, this year, fall blooming crocus), Fritillaria, Alliums, Corydalis. Galanthus, Tulipa, Brodiaea, Chionodoxa, Camassia, Eranthus, the small early spring blooming Iris, Leucojum, Muscari, etc. We have a number of species of small Fritillaria in addition to Fritillaria meleagris.

We will also sell plants at this sale. And there will be hardy Cyclamens in pots.  
For more information contact Pamela Perrott, Secretary at [pamelaperrott@comcast.net](mailto:pamelaperrott@comcast.net)