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About the October Meeting

October 12, 2015

7:00 p.m.

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

Joe Griener: The Seedy History of Orchids

Do you like a good mystery? Are you a fan of Soap Operas? Then you won't want to skip this meeting! Joe presents a fascinating story about the greed and corruption that has come with orchid collection throughout the years. Learn what really happened in those jungles and Victorian greenhouses.

Display Table:

Bring your blooming Orchids so everyone can enjoy them. We look forward to talking about how you successfully grew your plants as part of the Culture Clinic.

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.

President's Corner

As the new president, I am very excited about all of the new offerings and programs we have coming up this year. We have Joe's new "Legion of Bloom", which got off to a great start. We also have a number of new faces as well as old friends taking on new jobs.

One thing that I personally would like to see is more participation in the AOS Judging

Center, which is held just across the parking lot from our meeting site, in the Douglas Classroom. It's not just about judging, though. This is an opportunity for you to reach out and tell the AOS what you think is important. Your AOS Rep, Mike Pearson, will tell you the same. Come on down, the third Saturday of any month, and support your local judges.

Another AOS event in the near future is the Member's Meeting, held this year in Reno, NV. Just after our own show, it runs from Wednesday, November 11th through the 15th. For more information, go to the AOS website, www.aos.org, and check out the Event Calendar.

Abigail Chang, President

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 October 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.

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

The Fall Orchid Show at Swansons Nursery (9701 15th Ave NW, Seattle) is fast approaching. Please consider the following:

Please sign up to help at the show. We need "hands on deck" every hour the show is open. Send me an [e-mail](#) if you can't sign up at the meeting.

Setup is on Friday, November 6. Anyone who can get away during the afternoon is urged to come and join your fellow society members in setting up the show. Vendors will be open to sell to members only between 4 and 6 p.m.

Please bring your show plants either to Swansons as early as possible on Friday afternoon, or contact [Joff Morgan](#) or [Mike Pearson](#) to drop them off prior to the show. It's very helpful to those setting up the show to have plants available earlier rather than later.

Judging will be a little different this year, with the intention that it be easier to enter plants as well as to judge them. There are six general judging categories: 1) Cattleya Alliance, 2) Cypripedium Alliance, 3) Vanda and Phalaenopsis Alliance, 4) Oncidium Alliance; 5) Dendrobium Alliance, 6) Miscellaneous genera (including Cymbidiums) and 7) New orchid growers (2 years or less). The judging teams may award ribbons and a trophy within these general categories based on the comparative quality of the plant using the team's accumulated experience in orchid judging. The judging teams will not write on the ribbons so that those participants who want to allow them to be recycled in future shows can do so. Ribbon judging will precede AOS judging. A \$25 cash award is given for each trophy, and a Grand Champion ("best of show") trophy is also awarded from among plants receiving blue ribbons.

Each individual exhibitor (including vendors) will present upon arrival a written list of plants being displayed, including the exhibitor's name and contact information. Each exhibitor will be assigned a display number, an exhibitor number, and each plant a class number, which will be written on this list. Plants should have name tags, from which the show setup team will write an exhibit tag and category label. This tag will be easily visible from outside the display without leaning into it or touching the plant. Plants must be clean and free of pests and diseases. Problem plants may be removed from the show area at the discretion of the Show Committee. Individual plants should also be labeled with the owner's name. NWOS

members are encouraged to deliver their plants to Swansons as early as possible to ease the job of the display artists.

There will be talks given on both Saturday and Sunday.

Hours are Saturday 10 to 5 and Sunday 10 to 4. If you can, please help break down the show on Sunday afternoon.

Members can also sell their individual plants through the society. Orchids for sale in the members' sale area must be marked with a removable tag bearing the price and the seller's name. This tag is in addition to any plant identifying tags and will be removed at the time of sale and used to calculate the seller's total. Vendors must price items clearly on this tag. ONLY ONE AMOUNT WILL BE RECOGNIZED. Tags with multiple prices or illegible writing will not be accepted and the item will be held until clarification can be made. Each member selling must fill out the 'Member's Sale Table Form' prior to placing items for sale. All sales are subject to a 15% sales commission. NWOS members who wish to sell must have at least one high quality blooming plant in the NWOS display and work at least one show shift. The Society will collect sales tax (9.6%) on all sales.

If you'd like an electronic copy of the entire show schedule and rules, write to me at Harvey.Brenneise@gmail.com.

We look forward to a successful and enjoyable show this year.

Harvey Brenneise for the Show Committee and with special thanks to them.

Trophy Sponsors Needed

Our annual NWOS Orchid Show & Sale at Swansons is fast approaching. When the Ribbon Judges have finished awarding ribbons at the Show, they go back to all of the "First Place" ribbon winners in a particular plant category (Cattleya Alliance, for example) and award the "Best of" ribbon rosette. This rosette "trophy" also includes a cash prize of twenty-five dollars!

The \$25 prize is sponsored by one or more of our NWOS members. I am looking for people who will pony up to sponsor one or more of these Trophy categories. If we get enough sponsors, the extra money will spill over into a prize pool for the "Best of Show" category. This last trophy is awarded to the best plant in the Show. It could be one of the existing trophy winners or it might be another orchid entirely. In any case, the owner of the "Best of Show" plant will win whatever is in the prize pool.

The Trophy categories are:

Cattleya Alliance -
Cypripedium Alliance -
Vanda/Phalaenopsis Alliance -
Oncidium Alliance - Diane Drisch, sponsor
Dendrobium Alliance -
Miscellaneous Genera -
New Orchid Growers (two years or less) -
Best of Show -

So, seek me out at the October Meeting to sponsor a trophy category. Payment up front is preferred. Or contact me via [email](#) to reserve your sponsorship and I'll send Guido to collect. Thank you!

~ *Joff Morgan*

On the Road with Mary Margaret

Yesterday, Friday, October 9, I got over to Kennewick, WA for the South Central Washington Orchid Society (SCWOS) show just as they were putting out tables. "What kind of a table do you want: Long or round?" I only had 18 plants and several really nice miniature mounts and an idea for a different kind of display. "Round," I said. The host society was very gracious, providing tablecloths and helping everyone unload their plants.

Mike and Abby showed up a few minutes later and the three of us set up the display. (Their 10 plants filled it out nicely.)



NWOS display at 2015 Fall SCWOS Show



Joff's *Catasetum*

It has a front and a back, the back is for the miniatures and most of the mounts. Some had very small flowers so we had two magnifying glasses. Mike and Abby's *Platystele stenostachya* (more about it later), covered with blooms, caused a HUGE stir. (It was surprising - to me - how many orchid people carry lighted loupes.)

AOS JUDGING.

Judging was this morning, before the show opened. Mike told me that being on a judging team would be a great way to learn more about orchids. (He was SO right!) I was lucky enough to observe when Joff Morgan's *Ctsm. Chuck Taylor 'Wow' x Ctsm. kleberianum 'SVO'* was judged. It had been nominated for an AOS award. The judges looked up both parents in AOS's [Orchids Plus](#) and online, discussed the petals (they admired the striping, especially the margin on the back, different from the more spotted marking on one of the parents) and the lip. After looking at pictures of *Ctsm. Chuck Taylor 'Wow'*, they wondered about the shape and color of the lip - one look at pictures of *Ctsm. kleberianum* and everyone sat back: *that* was where the lip came from! In the end, the plant/flower wasn't scored, mostly because the inflorescence had fewer flowers than the judges expected, based on the cross. (It *is* the first bloom!) The good news: all would have liked to take it home with them! Then the ribbon judges also admired *Ctsm. Chuck Taylor 'Wow' x Ctsm. kleberianum 'SVO'* and gave it a First Award ribbon and a Trophy Award.

Mike and Abby's *Lepanthes hirtzii* was also considered for an AOS Award, in this case, a CBR (Certificate of Botanical Recognition). In the end, it wasn't judged - there were too few flowers to be a good representative of the species, although the few flowers that were open had beautiful color. The ribbon judges give it a Third Award. (I'm sorry - I didn't bring the camera with the macro lens with me - the flowers are charming.)

RIBBON AWARDS.

When the show opened today (Saturday, Oct. 10th) our display was bedecked with ribbons. George and Cylvia Grantham's *Pleurothallis tarantula* won a First Award and a Trophy Award. (The specific epithet tells the tale: the flowers are dark and fuzzy!)

Mike Foster and Donna Pierce's *Paphiopedilum spicerianum* also won a First Award. There were five Second Awards to NWOS exhibitors: *Encyclia radiata* (Mike & Donna); *Renanthera* hybrid (George & Cylvia Grantham); *Cleisostoma racemiferum*, *Paph. henryanum*, *Platystele stenostachya* (Mike Pearson & Abby Chang). Third Awards went to *Brassavola cuculata* and *Lepanthes hirtzii* (Mike Pearson & Abby Chang).

I'll be returning all the plants at the meeting Monday, October 12. Be sure to check them out!

[Side note: after reviewing the photos, the next display will have *smoothed* cloth, not "artfully draped".]

Mary Margaret Cromarty
 Reported from Kennewick, Washington
 October 10, 2015

Photos courtesy Mary Margaret Cromarty



Other side of the display



Brassavola cuculata



Paph. henryanum



Renanthera hybrid



Encyclia radiata



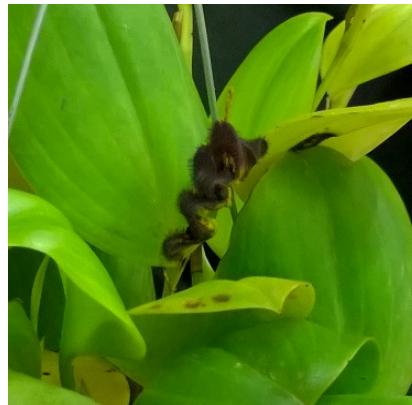
Lepanthes hirtzii



Cleisostoma racemiferum



Platystele stenostachya



Pleurothallis tarantula



Paph. spicerianum

News from the American Orchid Society



The Northern Nevada Orchid Society is hosting the Fall Member's Meetings and Show for the American Orchid Society, November 11-15, 2015 at the Atlantis Casino Resort and Spa in Reno, Nevada. This shall be a grand event! Visit our website at www.nnvos.org for more event information and registration.

The next Webinar: Thursday, October 15, 2015 - 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm EDT
Q&A with Ron McHatton

Report from the September Meeting

Our new president, Abigail Chang, opened the meeting by welcoming guests and new people to our society. She then introduced our current Officers and Board members. Mike Pearson then spoke about the orchid display at the WA State Fair in Puyallup.

Joe Grienauer asked members to make suggestions for meeting speakers and/or topics that they would like to have for future meetings. George Grantham announced that Mary Margaret Cromarty would be taking a display to the South Central Washington Orchid Society show on Oct. 9th -10th and would need us to help by providing blooming plants.



Chris Peterson and Mike Cory invited us to a Plant Sale at the Conservatory on Sat. 9/19. Mike then reminded us to renew our NWOS memberships. Kathy Murray updated us on plans for the Fall Show at Swansons Nursery. AOS rep. Mike Pearson reviewed the information about upcoming AOS webinars. Abby then introduced Chloe Angus-Tibbetts as our new Information Technology committee chair with a call for help from anyone interested in helping out. Chris Peterson let us know that Bark Mixes are again available for sale to benefit the NWOS. She thanked Mike Cory, Ellen Macomber and Bark Roberts for helping her make the mixes.

Abby answers culture questions



Examining an Angraecum with spider mites

Joe Grienauer presented the Legion of Bloom. He brought enough plants so that every member could join for just \$5 and receive two plants. We'll have quarterly get-togethers at our regularly scheduled meetings to compare how well we're all growing the same plants.

After a break where we choose our 'Legion' plants, we socialized and purchased raffle tickets. Andy Wright reviewed the Plant Table.

Abby conducted the Culture Clinic. Thanks to Ellen Macomber for bringing her microscope. Members were able to ask questions and get answers and solutions to many orchid culture issues. We'll all be better growers now.

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch



suggested potting



Everyone's excited to participate in the Legion of Bloom.



LoB plants left over



George tells a great story about how he got his beautiful Vanda from the raffle table last June.



Take time to smell the Vandas



Vanda Tricolor, George & Cylvia Grantham



Vanda Tricolor, Al & Shelley Kaas



Vanda sanderiana var. alba, Al & Shelley Kaas



Epidendrum peperomia, Al & Shelley Kaas



Phrag. cardinale, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phrag. schlimii, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



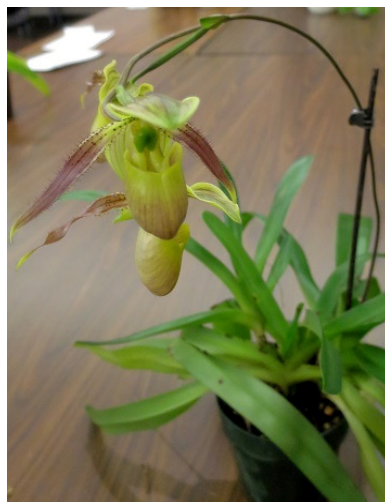
Phrag. Grande,
Al & Shelley Kaas



poss. Phrag Grande, Joff Morgan



Paph. primulinum x Greyi,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Honey, Andy Wright



Paph. Mamie Wilson
(lowii x primulinum),
Joe Gienauer



Phal. Kenneth Schubert, Chloë Angus-Tibbets



Phal. speciosa, Chloë Angus-Tibbets



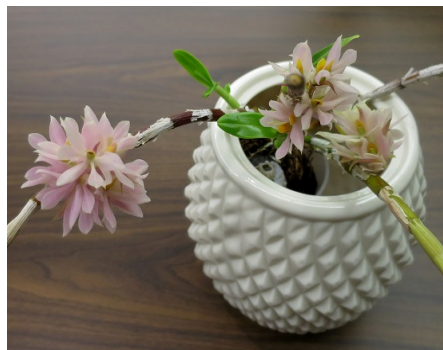
Phal. Triprince 'Hot Lips', Chloë Angus-Tibbets



Phal. Triprince 'Montclair', Chloë Angus-Tibbets



Miltonia bismarkii, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Den. bracteosum, Chloë Angus-Tibbets



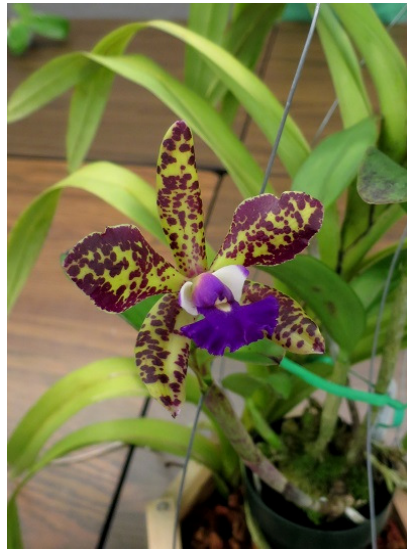
Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS, Joff Morgan



Encyclia radiata var. *gigantea*, Al & Shelley Kaas



Encyclia mariae, Joff Morgan



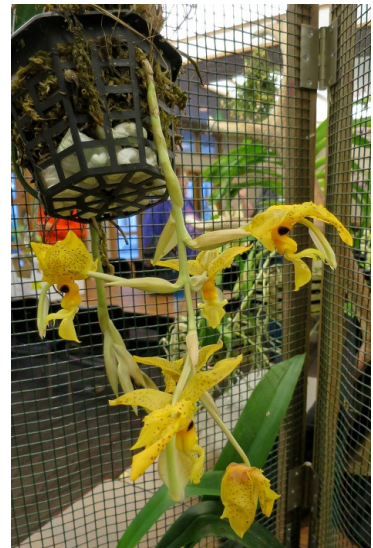
C. Mark Jones x Slc Jungle Elf, George & Cylvia Grantham



Sophronitis coccinea 4N, Diane Drisch



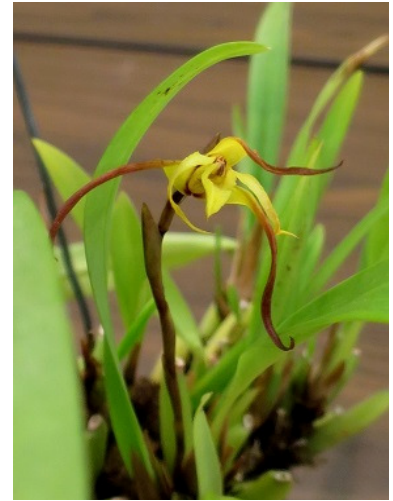
Sievekingia marsupialis, Diane Drisch



Stanhopea wardii, Andy Wright



Chondrorhyncha lendyana, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



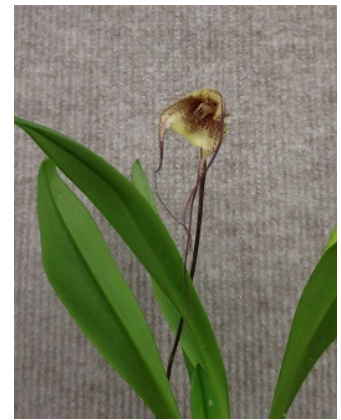
Maxillaria lepidota, Diane Drisch



Bulbophyllum grandiflorum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



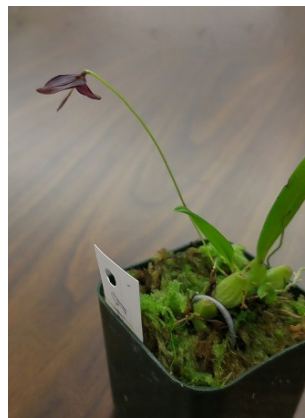
Dendrochilum magnum,
Andy Wright



Dracula bellerophon, Andy Wright



Bulbo. amplebracteatum,
Andy Wright



Bulbo. recurvilabre,
Andy Wright



Bulbo. arachnoideum,
Andy Wright

Schedule of Upcoming Events

October 12, 2015 - NWOS meeting - Joe Griener: The Seedy History of Orchids

October 17, 2015 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for the next 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

Check out the Glass Orchidarium exhibit thru Nov. 8th at the:

Northwest African American Museum, 2300 South Massachusetts St.
Seattle, WA 98144 206-518-6000 www.naamnw.org



Seattle artist Debora Moore creates her orchidarium from blown, sculpted glass. Her orchids form a wall of blooms, hang suspended in air, and attach to exotic hosts that recall stands of Thai bamboo and Olympic rainforest logs.