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**About the October Meeting**

**October 8, 2012**

7:00 P.M.

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

**Lucinda Winn: Miniature Orchids**

The October meeting will be back in our regular room and will feature Lucinda Winn from J&L Orchids in Connecticut talking about miniature orchids. J&L Orchids has been in business since 1970 and carry a variety of species and hybrids. Her talk will include a wide range of genera and promises to be interesting.

She will be bringing plants for sale and you can pre-order plants for delivery at the meeting at a 10% discount from their on-line catalog at <http://www.jlorchids.com/>.



**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 cost.

**Raffle:**

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

## Next Month:

The November meeting will feature Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids in California talking about mini and compact Cattleyas. Fred will be offering pre-orders of plants in November for a 10% discount at <http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com/>.

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## NWOS Fall Sale at Swanson's Nursery—November 10 and 11

The society's annual fall sale is a great time to meet vendors, pick up a few unusual orchids, and to see what's in bloom in November. To make the event a success, we need your help. Please sign up to work a shift and bring blooming plants for the display on Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning. Volunteers are also needed to help set up on Friday (Nov. 9), beginning at 1 p.m.



Swanson's is located in north Ballard: 9701 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.W. For a map to Swanson's click [HERE](#).

### Sale and Set up Hours

Friday: Set up beginning at 1 p.m.

Saturday sale: 9–6

Sunday sale: 9–4

Sign up at the October meeting or phone or email the sale co-chairs: Kathy Murray, 425-257-0583 (Everett), [kandmmurray@frontier.com](mailto:kandmmurray@frontier.com) or Leanna Fox, 206-363-7742, [l\\_fox@comcast.net](mailto:l_fox@comcast.net) to add your name to the list.

The sale is an excellent place to find specialty orchids that are usually available only by mail order. To date, four vendors have committed to sell: Sorella Orchids, Emerald City Orchids, SeattleOrchid.com, and Olympic Orchids. Andy's Orchids in California is expected to send a box of unique orchids (many mounted), which Andy Wright will sell.

There will also be a society sales table on which members can sell orchids. The requirements for selling are: (1) sign up to work a shift, (2) provide at least one blooming orchid for the display, (3) be a current NWOS member, and (4) sign the sales sheet on the table when you bring your sale plants. Be sure to have a removable tag with your sales ID and a price so that you are paid. The society charges a 20 percent commission for this service.



**\*\*REMINDER: NWOS Membership Dues Notice\*\***

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

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 October 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 2013. Dues are kept low to encourage membership but they cover only a small portion of the society's expenses.

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## **Bits and Pieces from the American Orchid Society**

### ***Celebrate Orchids, Celebrate Life!***

Portland Orchid Society AOS Members Meeting and Show will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Portland, Oregon, November 13-18, 2012. A great line up of speakers and vendors are planned. For more information and registration, visit <http://www.portlandorchidsociety.com/>.

The Affiliated Societies will be having their tradition breakfast on Friday morning. This breakfast is the societies' opportunity to discuss their activities, ask questions or get advice of a number of officers and trustees of AOS as well as enjoy the company of each other and talk of our hobby of orchids.

### ***Call for nominations***

The AOS Nominating Committee is accepting applications for consideration as trustees in the American Orchid Society. If you know of someone who would be interested in being considered as Trustee on the Board of Trustees (or if you are interested), forward their information and background (and perhaps any reasons they might be an asset to the Board of Trustees) to the Chair of the Committee, George Hatfield at [nominating\\_committee@aos.org](mailto:nominating_committee@aos.org). Contact George as well if you have any questions regarding the requirements or qualifications for a Trustee. The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of vetting and ranking nominations received and providing a slate of candidates for election at the Spring AOS Members' Meeting in the spring of 2013.

Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

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## **Report from the September Meeting**

Our president, Mike Foster, started the meeting off with reports from various people and committees. Joe Grienauer invited the entire membership to attend an Appreciation Party at Emerald City Orchids. Joff updated us on plans for the Northwest Flower and Garden Show. George asked for volunteers to help with the Seaside, Oregon show. Mike Cory reminded people to renew their membership. He also told us about the plant sale the following Saturday at the Conservatory. Kathy Murray talked about the upcoming show at Swanson's Nursery and thanked Mike Pearson for creating the poster. Andy Wright reviewed the orchid display table.

Our vice president, Caroline Mann, lead the discussion for the main event: our annual Orchid Culture Clinic.

People brought plants to the meeting that they had questions about. They would describe the plant and what their concerns were. Then a number of our more experienced members helped diagnose the problems, if any. They offered solutions and advice on what to do. It was very much a collaborative, hands-on effort amongst the attendees.

The event was well attended and proved both interesting and informative.



some plants needed very close scrutiny



Abby, Mike and Leanna check a plant.



Caroline (center) lead the evening's program.

Plant Table Photos:



Phrag. Berenice 'album',  
Ed Hanes



Phrag. Wossner kolormi  
(armenicum x kolo),  
Ed Hanes



Phrag. dianthum, Ed Hanes



Paph. godefroyae, Ed Hanes



Paph. godefroyae Golden Sands, Ed Hanes

Darwinara is a complex man-made genus consisting of Neofinetia x Rhynchostylis x Vanda x Ascocentrum. Darwinara Charm is a hybrid of Neofinetia falcata x Vascostylis Tham Yuen Hae, registered by Takaki Orchid Nursery in 1987.



Darwinara Charm 'Blue Star', Grantham



Neofinetia falcata 'Shutennou', Andy Wright



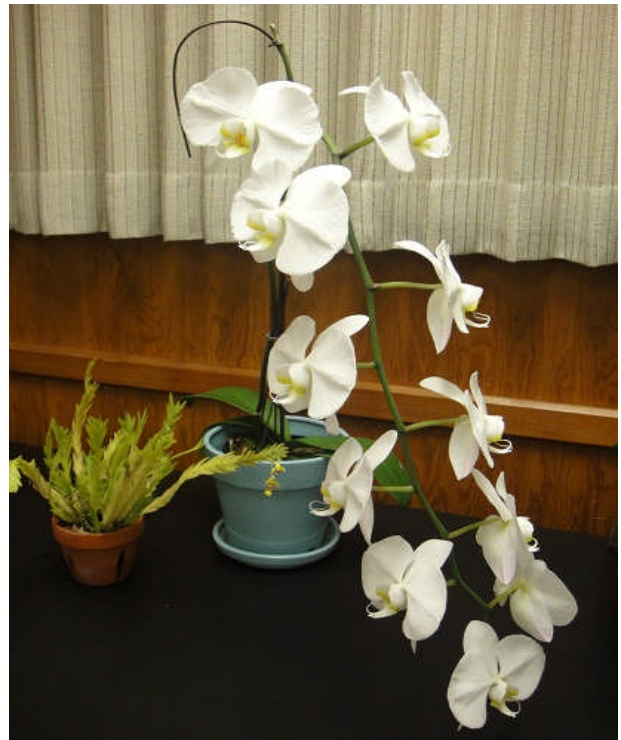
Phal. fasciata, Andy Wright



Phal. bastianii, Andy Wright



closeup of Lockhartia oerstedii,  
Kathy Murray



large white Phal. hybrid next to Lockhartia plant,  
Kathy Murray



Grammatophyllum scriptum closeup



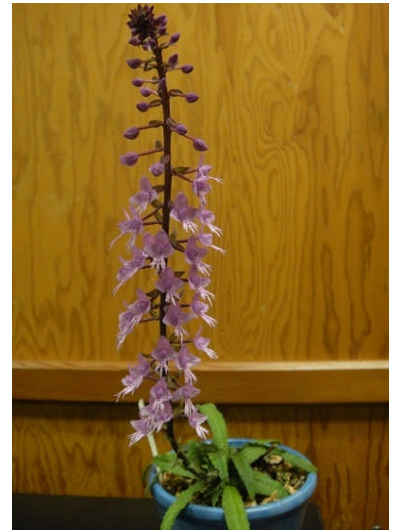
Grammatophyllum scriptum hybrid,  
Joe Griener



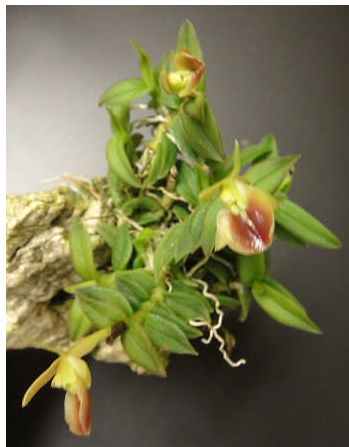
Burr. Stefan Isler



Aliceara Kauai's China  
Oka 'Hawaii' AM-AOS,  
George and Cylvia  
Grantham



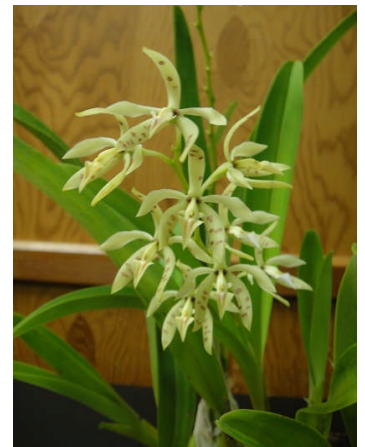
Stenoglottis Venus 'Myong  
Sook' HCC-AOS,  
Betty & Dick Lyons



*Epidendrum porpax*,  
George Krasle



*Epidendrum longicaule*,  
George Krasle



*Encyclia prismatocarpum*,  
George Krasle



*Stenochoryne vitellina* x self,  
George Krasle



*Cattleya pumila*, Andy Wright



*C. Sophia Martin* x *C. Caudebec*,  
Joe Griener



Slc. Hsin Buu Lady 'Y.T.', Joff Morgan



Slc. Rajah's Ruby 'Sweetheart', Joff Morgan



Dendrobium Aprichart Rainbow x compactum,  
Betty & Dick Lyons



Denrobium laevifolium, Diane Drisch



Kefersteinia mystacina,  
Andy Wright



Dendrochilum magnum,  
Andy Wright



Masdevallia species,  
Andy Wright





Platystele stenostachya, Andy Wright

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## Report from the Orchid Society Appreciation Evening on Sept. 15th

First peak through the door of Emerald City Orchid's grand old house revealed what looked to be a Happy Hour party of NWOS orchid club members, with a few new faces too. A few of them joined our club. People enjoyed drinks, snacks, art on the walls, and the many orchid plants artfully placed (and reasonably priced) all throughout the house. It was lovely evening weather (albeit a little hot inside) so the party spilled out of doors.

Joe, and his wife Michelle, were wonderful hosts along with a great gal behind the bar. Terrific plants were won in the silent auction by orchid enthusiasts.

About 31 people attended including: Mike Foster & Donna Pierce, George & Cylvia Grantham, Peter & Kelly Maunsell, Abby Chang & Mike Pearson, Shelly & Al Kaas, Leanna Fox, Al Mysiewicz, Chris Peterson, Travis & Susan Burgeson, Mike Cory, Kyong Hu, Lorelei Seifert & 3 guests, Roxanne Rosson & a guest and about 6 others. Michael Cory reported that about \$120.00 came in for the club.



George & Cylvia Grantham, Joe Grienauer, Travis Burgeson, a female guest and Donna Pierce



Michelle Grienauer and Peter Maunsell



Mike Foster, Peter Maunsell and Susan Burgeson



Chris Peterson, Leanna Fox, Al Mysiewicz and Abby Chang



Looking down over a very nice gathering.



Orchids hang all over the home of Emerald City Orchids



George, Joe, Michelle and Mike Pearson.  
George brought the Bulbo. medusa above  
his head so everyone could enjoy it.



Mike shows off his new acquisition

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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

**November 10–11, 2012** - NWOS Fall Sale, Swanson's Nursery

**November 12, 2012** - Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids in California talking about mini and compact Cattleyas. Pre-order from Fred and get a 10% discount at <http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com/>.

**December 10, 2012** - Annual Christmas Potluck

**February 20-24, 2013** - NW Flower & Garden Show

**April 6-7, 2013** - AOS Orchid Show and Sale at Sky Nursery

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## Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 11/6/12, 1/8/13 and 3/5/13 and 5/7/13. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

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**Save the date!  
Saturday, October 20th!  
Northwest IPA Meeting  
at Orchidaceae**



Please plan to join us for the Northwest Regional International Phalaenopsis Alliance meeting on Saturday, October 20th at Orchidaceae's greenhouse in Walla Walla. We'll start with a presentation by Peter Lin from Big Leaf Orchids in Texas. Peter's talk will be about creating color and fragrance in novelty Phalaenopsis with tips on how to grow them successfully.

**For the people that come on Friday night, Orchidaceae will host a dinner at the greenhouse followed by a bonfire.**

Peter Lin is arriving Friday afternoon and will be joining us for a dinner of Mark's delicious chili. Plus we will have our own custom IPA made by Water Buffalo Brewing. An IPA for the IPA meeting...sweet!

**Summer Reading**

There was a series of 4 articles published in *Greenhouse Grower* and *Orchids Magazine* called "Growing the Best Phalaenopsis". The piece was a collaboration of several authors including Erik Runkle, PhD, assistant professor and floriculture extension specialist at Michigan State University. Here is a link to Dr. Runkle's [publications](#) including the "Growing the Best Phalaenopsis" Series. Enjoy!

## Program Details

Plan to join us for the Northwest Regional International Phalaenopsis Alliance meeting on Saturday, October 20th.

We'll have:

Keynote program on novelty Phalaenopsis breeding

Catered lunch

Auction of great plants

Panel discussion on Phalaenopsis culture

Plants from Big Leaf Orchids, Southlake, TX for sale

Greenhouse walkabout

Great people to get to know who share your love of orchids



Phal. Lea Marie Salazar ' Hung' HCC/AOS

Beautiful example of novelty breeding - rich saturated color with wonderful fragrance.

### Peter Lin, Big Leaf Orchids

Peter Lin is an orchid enthusiast who has been growing orchids for over 25 years. His nursery, Big Leaf Orchids, specializing in Phalaenopsis, with emphasis on species and novelty Phalaenopsis which includes flowers that are fragrant, waxy, and multi-colored. Recently he has been helping with H.P. Norton's *violacea* and *bellina* breeding. He makes frequent trips to Taiwan to see in person the latest developments in Phalaenopsis hybridization.

**Peter will bring a selection of novelty and species plants to sell at the meeting. Pre-order from Peter and get a 10% discount!**

<http://www.bigleaforchids.com/>

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### Hotel Reservations

Rooms have been set aside under the name IPA at the La Quinta Inn in Walla Walla. Rooms are \$109 per night. Call for reservations (509) 525-2522. La Quinta is located at 520 N. Second Avenue, walking distance to our historic downtown and local restaurants.

### Coming? Of course you are. Please RSVP

Send an email to [sales@orchidaceae.com](mailto:sales@orchidaceae.com) or call Joan 509.525.9566 to let her know you are coming. It was such a fun day last year, I can't wait to do it again!

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