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About the September Meeting

September 9, 2013

7:00 P.M.

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

Annual Orchid Culture Clinic - *"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled plants yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming greenhouses."*

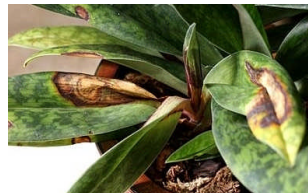
The culture clinic is a very popular meeting where you can ask questions and get some tips on growing healthy orchids. If you have problem plants or questions, now is the time to bring them to the meeting. Our many experienced members with their combined expertise can usually diagnose most issues and provide good advice on how to cure or fix the problem. But for the most extreme cases, we will offer a Free garbage service :-)

Any plants that are diseased or have a bug problem should be in a plastic bag to isolate them.

Please notice that this month's meeting will be held in the Douglas classroom which is next to the lower greenhouses and lower parking lot. We will be back to our regular meeting room in October.

Display Table:

There will be a small display area for your blooming plants. 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:

We will also have a small area for members' sales; max of 10 plants. Include a tag with your name and the price in the plant.

Raffle:

There will be no raffle this month.

President's Corner

For those that were not able to attend, you missed a GREAT picnic at the Maunsell's...

The September Culture Clinic has become a well attended meeting and a start to the next program year. It will also be the first chance to sign up for helping at the Fall sale at Swanson's Nursery. that brings us to the very heart of our society; volunteering to make all of our events a success. Without your help, the society would not be able to perform miracles like our shows and the Flower Show.

I want to thank everyone who helped last year and invite both the long time and new members to join in on the FUN...

See Ya in September,
Mike Foster, President

Tour of the Volunteer Park Conservatory and its Orchid Collection

Have you seen the largest collection of orchids in the Seattle area? There is a collection of 1800 orchid plants, representing 800 different species or hybrids at the Conservatory in Volunteer Park.

The Friends of the Volunteer Park Conservatory invite members of the NWOS to tour the Conservatory and the production greenhouses (which are typically not open to the public) on Saturday September 28, 2013 from 1 to 3 PM. Entry to the Conservatory is \$4 for all visitors.



The Volunteer Park Conservatory is a 101 year old Victorian style Plant Conservatory which is part of Seattle Parks. It is located on the North end of Capitol Hill in Seattle. The orchid collection was started in the 1920s with a donation from Anna Clise. The plants are used for display within the Conservatory and are grown in the production greenhouses adjacent to the Conservatory.

The Friends of the Conservatory is a non-profit organization that supports the Conservatory and provides volunteers for the facility. Mike Cory and Chris Peterson from the NWOS will guide the visit.

The Conservatory is at: 1402 Galer St. Seattle near 15th Ave.
For a Map and Directions click [HERE](#).

Here are links to The Friends web site: <http://www.volunteerparkconservatory.org/>
and the Park web site: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/parkspaces/volunteerpark/conservatory.htm>

NWOS Fall Orchid Festival at Swanson's: Nov. 9 and 10

It's nearly time for the Northwest Orchid Society's big fall sale at Swanson's Nursery in Ballard. This year, in addition to specialty vendors, we'll have talks throughout the two days of the sale and a potting service. As always, we'll have a display that will focus on fall-blooming orchids (and we'll be asking you to bring orchids to show).

Help support the society by working a shift or two and by selling your extra orchids and orchid-related items (e.g., books). This year, the NWOS will reduce the 20% commission down to just a 12% commission for those who help out at the sale.

Sign-up sheets will be at the September and October meetings. If you can't make it to either meeting but would like to work a shift, please email me at kandmmurray@frontier.com or phone me at 425-257-0583.

If you haven't been to Swanson's, it is a great facility in Ballard (9701 15th Ave. NW, Seattle) that even has a great cafe. Sale hours will be 9 to 6 on Saturday and 9 to 4 on Sunday.

Kathy Murray, fall sale chair

Venue needed for our Spring Show

Our spring show is in need of a new venue. In the recent past, it was held at Sky Nursery. But they have withdrawn the offer to host our show so we are looking for other possible locations. Preferably, it should be a site with about 2500 square feet. We would need the space for setup on Friday afternoon/evening, and then all day Saturday and Sunday. Anyone with information or suggestions should pass the information to the Show committee or Board member.

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.

Sunset Empire Orchid Show Oct. 5-6

The Sunset Empire Orchid Show will be held at the Bob Chisholm Community & Senior Center at 1225 Ave A, Seaside, Oregon, 97138, on the first weekend in October. We will be collecting orchids at our house on Thursday, Oct 3 to take down on Friday. Setup is Friday evening, 5PM to 9PM. If you have plants to send but are unable to bring them to my house let us know as we may be able to make arrangements to pick them up. The Sunset Empire folks have been sending quality displays to our shows in recent years so we plan to reciprocate. If you plan to attend the show and assist with setup or teardown please coordinate with us. Teardown is 4PM on Sunday.

George Grantham, 2nd VP

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Report from the August Picnic

On Sunday, August 11th we had a great gathering at the home of Peter and Kelly Maunsell, our very gracious hosts.

Peter grilled and NWOS members brought their favorite pot luck fare. The weather was perfect, and our picnic area was decorated with lots of lovely orchids from Peter's greenhouse, supplemented by plants from several members. It was a relaxing afternoon of food, orchids and good company.



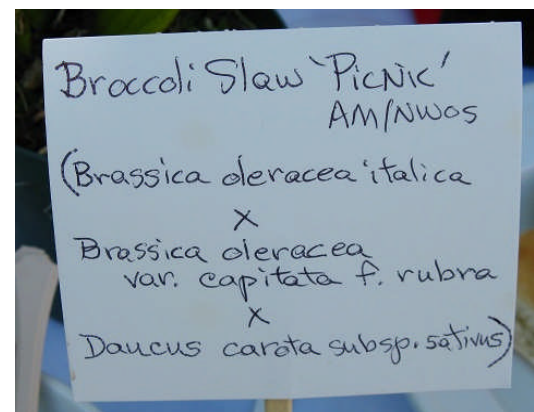
Oncidium table decor



Angraecum dideri



a pink beauty hangs under the umbrella



Does anyone know the 3 main ingredients in that Slaw?
(Answer at bottom of picnic photos)



Slc. Precious Katie

Lc. Mem. Robert Strait 'Carmela' x Lc. Aloha Case 'Hawaiian Style'





Encyclia tampensis



Oncidium incurvum



beautiful white accent against
the white tablecloth



orchid friends



Epi. cochleatum



Peter's Epigeneium cymbidioides

It was nice to see orchids hanging from
the trees like they would out in the wild.





mmmm...grapes!





picnic in the grass



George regales us with a story



after dinner relaxation

We took a peek at the greenhouses where Peter had quite a few lovely blooms:



epidendrum flower closeup





Epidendrum radicans



Encyclia radiata



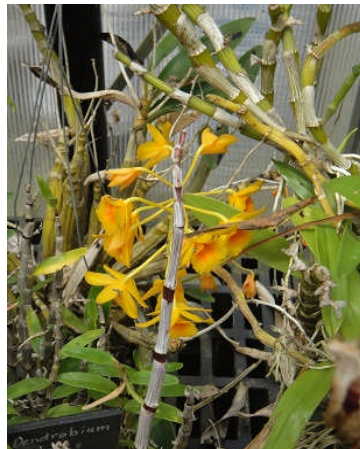
Encyclia bracteata



Encyclia garciana



Coelogyne Joel Strandberg
(*mooreana* x *confusa*)



golden flowers amongst



Dendrobium Princess 'Asai'



Epic. Don Herman 'Autumn Joy'



yellow speckles



red and white



Pot. Burana Beauty 'Burana' HCC/AOS x
Sc. Beaufort 'Big Circle'

Answer to Slaw ingredients: Broccoli, Red Cabbage, Carrots

Schedule of Upcoming Events

September 9, 2013 - Orchid Culture Clinic in the Douglas classroom. Learn how to care for and re-bloom your orchids. Bring plants that you have questions about.

September 12, 2013 - NW Flower & Garden Show Committee Meeting. 6:45 - 9 p.m. at the Seattle Convention Center.

September 28, 2013 - Special Tour of the Orchid Collection at the Volunteer Park Conservatory.
1 - 3 pm.

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.

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 9/3/13, 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

Orchidaceae - 10th Anniversary Celebration, Oct. 11 & 12

Please join us for a fun day celebrating our 10 years in Walla Walla. The time has flown by so quickly it is hard to believe we moved our business from Seattle to Walla Walla 10 years ago. It has been a great ride and we couldn't think of anyone we'd rather celebrate with than our wonderful community of orchid friends.

On Friday night we'll host a dinner for folks who can get to the greenhouse by 5:30 -6:00 followed by a bonfire. Rossi will make another choice beer for the celebration.

We have a terrific line-up of speakers for our day of celebration! Saturday starts with a talk by **Jason Fischer** of Orchids, Ltd. Jason will give us tips and tricks on how to grow fantastic Phragmipediums . Plus he will update us on the latest on new breeding – including kovachii. Jason is bringing plants to sell so don't miss out on this great opportunity to meet a great grower and hybridizer.

The International Phalaenopsis Alliance portion of our day will be **Mark Srull** presenting a recent article he wrote for the Orchid Digest on new trends in Phalaenopsis breeding. And to finish up the day, **Bill Zimmerman**, AOS Judge and intrepid traveler, will tell us about his recent judging trip to Columbia.

Schedule of Events: Dates: October 11-12, 2013

Location: Orchidaceae greenhouse, 2022 Wallula Road, Walla Walla, WA 99362 (509-525-9566)

Schedule: Friday night – 5:30 Dinner, beer/wine, bonfire, greenhouse walkabout

Saturday 9 AM – 4:30 PM - We have an action packed day so let's start bright and early.
No host lunch

Hotels: Walla Walla is a VERY popular weekend destination. Please make your reservation as soon as possible! Check out the Walla Walla Tourism website with a list of hotels <http://wallawalla.org/lodging/> to pick from.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us! And send us an email sales@orchidaceae.com to let us know that you are coming!

Saturday Speakers		
		
<p>Jason Fischer with blooming <i>Phragmipedium kovachii</i></p>	<p>Mark Srull</p>	<p>Bill Zimmerman</p>
<p>Jason works in the family business, Orchids Limited along with his father Jerry Fischer. Having worked for his father since the age of 5, Jason has learned the orchid world from the business and hobbyists perspective. He took interest in orchid hybridization and lab work around 14 years of age, and first started breeding with <i>Phalaenopsis</i>, which lead to <i>Paphs</i>, <i>Phrags</i> and miscellaneous hybrids. He has a passion for orchids, and the communication skills he developed in Japan as an English teacher have helped him create interesting lectures that won't put the audience to sleep.</p> <p>Jason enjoys photographing orchids in situ, and has photographed orchids in situ in Japan, North America, Singapore, Malaysia and Western Australia.</p>	<p>Mark Srull has been growing orchids for over 30 years. He specializes in <i>Phalaenopsis</i>, <i>Paphiopedilums</i>, unusual species and <i>Phragmipediums</i>. Since founding Orchidaceae in 1995, his orchid obsession has grown to include hybridizing and lab production.</p> <p>Mark travels annually to Taiwan to meet with interesting <i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybridizers. Mark specializes in breeding a variety of <i>Paphs</i> from species, complex, multi-floral to <i>maudiae</i> and <i>Phrags</i>. <i>Cattleyas</i>, <i>Angraecums</i> and <i>Phal</i> species are also favorites.</p>	<p>Bill has been growing orchids since 1975 when it all started with a white <i>Phalaenopsis</i> while visiting Hawaii. Over time he became active in the Tacoma Orchid Society. In 1997 he started as a student judge and became fully accredited in 2004. He was Judging Chair for the Pacific Northwest Judging Center from January 2008 - December 2012. His orchid collection is that of a hobbyist, varied with an emphasis on cooler growing genera including <i>Pleurothallids</i>, <i>Miltoniopsis</i>, <i>Sophronitis</i> and <i>Paphiopedilums</i> and <i>Phragmipediums</i>. And he still has one white <i>Phalaenopsis</i>.</p>