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## About the September Meeting

**September 8, 2014**

7:00 p.m.  
Univ. of Washington  
Center for Urban Horticulture  
3501 NE 41st Street  
Seattle, WA 98105



## Annual Orchid Culture Clinic

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 our regular meeting room, not the Douglas classroom where we've had the Culture Clinic in previous years.

### 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:

Members may bring up to 10 plants to sell. Include an extra tag with your name and the price in the plant. In addition, the NWOS will start selling 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.

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**NWOS Orchid Display at The Washington State Fair starting Sept 7th**

The Washington State Fair in Puyallup is coming up, and the Northwest Orchid Society has been invited to put on the Orchid Display/Show within the Floral Exhibit. We did this for one week last year, and it was a definite hit with the public, and it got us tons of good exposure. The plants will all be inside of a locked exhibit 'greenhouse' which is inside of an air conditioned tent. The floral staff will mist/water on a daily basis, and give extra misting during the day inside the display if it is hot and dry. The plants are definitely well cared for.

This is excellent exposure for us, coming a relatively short time before our own AOS judged show in November. We will have 2 posters with our show information on the display, and will also be handing out flyers advertising our show.

There are actually two Orchid shows, each running one full week. The plant entry and judging for the shows is on the Sundays (Sept. 7 and 14), and there are CASH prizes for 1st and 2nd place (\$8 & \$6) as well as Best in Show for Bloom, and Best in Show for Culture (\$10/each).

As a bonus, if you want to sit at the Orchid Booth for a while and answer questions, or just hand out flyers, you can get free admission to The Fair, as well as free parking passes. We need to know how many of you want to do this, so we can obtain the correct number of gate and parking passes.

The two Orchid weeks are Sept. 7th-13th, and the 14th-21st. All plants entered for the first show must be re-registered for the second week if they are to remain, or new plants may be added.

Since the show starts the day BEFORE our September meeting, if anyone wants to get plants into the display we need to get started on this now. Abigail Chang and Mike Pearson are the judges for the Orchid Show at The Fair, and cannot enter plants. We \*can\* accept plants to bring down, or you can bring your own plants to enter into the exhibit. If you bring your own plants we can get a vendor pass for you for admission to the Fair that day.

OK - here's the catch (you just \*knew\* there had to be one, didn't you?):

Drop-off for the Orchid Shows is Sunday, September 7 from 5:00-8:30 AM and Sunday, September 14 from 5:00 to 8:30 AM. All vehicles MUST be off of the grounds by 8:45 AM, or they will be towed. For plant drop off, follow the signs to the Service Gate entrance (5th St. SW off of 15th Ave. SW), and you'll be directed to the proper place.

The deadline for pre-registering online has passed so we'll gather the information when you drop off your plants. Bring a list of your plants along with your name, address and phone number. But to check out the information you can go to the The Fair's web site (<http://www.thefair.com>), click 'Participate', then 'Exhibit Entries' and download the Floral Department's rules at:

[http://www.thefair.com/assets/fd8a9e48369cbd0105331cab67afeef7/WSF14\\_Floral\\_PBook.pdf](http://www.thefair.com/assets/fd8a9e48369cbd0105331cab67afeef7/WSF14_Floral_PBook.pdf)

The main instructions are within the first few pages, and the Orchid Show classes only take one page later in this document...this is a LOT easier than what we normally do for an AOS judged show.

Plants can be dropped off at Mike & Abby's on Friday, Sept. 5 until 10:00 PM or so. For the second week's show, you can either bring plants to the monthly meeting, or drop off plants any day that week EXCEPT for Thursday (Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat) until about 10PM. Call Mike & Abby first (206-789-7116) to let them know you're coming, in case they need to go out shopping or anything. Mike & Abby are at 114 N. 80th Street, between Greenwood Ave and 1st Ave. It's easy to spot - it's the only house with a greenhouse as a second floor porch!

Alternately, plants can be dropped off at Diane's shop (Wild Birds Unlimited) between 10 and 6 p.m. Thursday - Saturday Sept. 4-6 or any day the following week. It's located on the border of Bellevue and Redmond a few blocks off SR520. The address is 15155 NE 24th St., Redmond, WA 98052 (<http://www.wbu.com/redmond>).

If you have ANYTHING in bloom, please think about sending it or bringing it down.

*Mike Pearson and Abigail Chang*

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### **NWOS Volunteer Day at the Zoo!**

Saturday, September 20, 2014  
10:00 am to 1:00pm (approximately)  
South Entrance (50<sup>th</sup> street, Hippo Parking Lot)



You asked for another day to volunteer at the Zoo so we are going to make it happen on September 20th!

We have lots of orchids that need some TLC from novices to experts alike. Join us for a few hours to help repot, divide and clean our orchid collection then spend the rest of the day seeing the Zoo. This is a great opportunity to learn and teach the art of dividing, cleaning and mounting orchids plus you may be able to take a piece or two home with you.

Meet Katrina at the Zoo's South Entrance at 10:00am. Bring your own gloves, favorite tools and dress in layers as the greenhouse can get quite warm. Please be on time as we need to escort you into the zoo. Attendance is free but you will have to pay for parking if you park in zoo parking lots (\$5.25).

Our greenhouse is a working facility so we ask that you please not bring children younger than 12 years of age for this volunteer project.

An RSVP would be welcomed but it is not necessary.

Contact Katrina at 206-548-2576 or [katrina.lindahl@zoo.org](mailto:katrina.lindahl@zoo.org)

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### **President's Corner**

I want to welcome all the returning and new members of our Orchid Society.

As we start a new program year, don't forget about the many other NWOS activities that you should be involved in.

The November Show at Swanson's Nursery and the February Flower Show will need your help and volunteer hours. Without your participation these events will not happen! Let's fill the sign up sheets at the next two meetings, which will give us the needed assurance that this society has folks that are committed to keeping these shows going.

Without the revenue that the shows and your membership generate, there would not be funds to make the society function. These funds are spread out over many areas and include: meeting room rent, the free plant in December, the library books, the picnic, putting on the shows and providing speakers at the meetings.

You also may want to consider using the little used donation link on the website.....

Thanks to all of you in advance for your continued support of our Orchid Society throughout the year.

*Mike Foster, President*

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## **NWOS Membership Dues - Renew now and you could win \$25**

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.

[As a special incentive for renewing promptly, one lucky member will win a \\$25 Gift Certificate towards their purchases at our November Show. All you have to do is pay by the September 8th meeting when we will have the drawing. You don't need to be present to win but you do need to be paid in full by the end of the meeting when the drawing is held.](#)

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

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## **Volunteers Needed for Seaside Show Oct. 4-5**

The Sunset Empire Orchid Society is hosting a show in Seaside Oregon on the first weekend of October. Cylvia and I will not be able to take a display to this show so we are in need of volunteers to take a display. Setup is Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and teardown is Sunday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to take a display down on Friday and set up the display and stay for the weekend NWOS can cover your basic expenses. If no one can stay for the weekend, one person could take the display down Friday, perhaps stay one night, and another volunteer could bring the display back on Sunday. If you can help in any way or would just like more information please contact me ASAP by email or phone so we can assure the Sunset Empire society that we will be able to support their show with a display again this year.

Also, please keep this show in mind for sending blooming plants. Whoever takes the display to Oregon will need plants for this AOS judged show.

*George Grantham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*  
[georgegrantham@hotmail.com](mailto:georgegrantham@hotmail.com)

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## **NWOS Show and Sale: Nov. 7-9, Swanson's Nursery**

This year's theme is "Falling for Orchids" and we will have five vendors with lots of orchids for sale: SeattleOrchid.com, Emerald City Orchids, Lucky Girl Orchids, Olympic Orchids, and Ecuagenera, which as its name suggests is located in Ecuador. All vendors will have displays as will the NWOS and visiting societies. We will need everyone's help and blooming plants to make this a spectacular event.

Sign up to work at the society's annual AOS-judged show and sale at the September or October NWOS meetings. Alternately, you can contact Kathy Murray if you can't make it to a meeting.

For NWOS and visiting society members only, a Special Show & Sales Preview will be open for two hours on Friday from 4 to 6 pm. If you're looking for something special, this is the time to find it. On Saturday and Sunday, the show and sales area will be open from 9 to 5.

You should consider volunteering to be on a Ribbon Judging Team. It's fun, interesting and educational and you don't have to be an expert. In fact, it's a great way for beginners to become more involved in the hobby. And if you agree to work another shift at the show in addition to the Ribbon Judging, we'll buy you lunch! It's limited to just 12 NWOS members. Sign up early so you don't miss out on this once-a-year opportunity.

Another way to show your support of NWOS if you can't actively participate is to sponsor a trophy for various "best of" orchids. Please see Mike Foster if you'd like to sponsor an award for \$25.

**Ecuagenera preorders.** Ecuagenera has an enormous number of orchids available and will take pre-sale orders. Kathy Murray will assemble the preorder list. Prices are as shown on the 2 price lists below plus \$2 per plant for shipping. No money will be collected in advance but you must agree to pick up and pay for your plant at the sale (cashiered through the NWOS register). You may order at the September or October meeting or by emailing Kathy with the following information: Your name, phone and email, plant genus and species, number, and price. **Please put Ecuagenera Order** in the subject line of your email to [kandmmurray@frontier.com](mailto:kandmmurray@frontier.com).

**PRICE LIST 2014 (BLOOMING SIZE)**  
**PRICE LIST 2014 (FLASKS)**

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### Orchid Lovers Gone Wild

August 23rd was a beautiful, sunny day, just perfect for our annual summer gathering. Many thanks to our hosts Peter and Kelly Maunsell for providing a lovely setting. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch, Joff Morgan, Mike Foster and Donna Pierce.





Smile, You're on Candid Camera





**Nectar Lovers Gone Wild** on Peter's beautiful lavender pots



*Dendrobium laevifolium*,  
Diane Drisch



Orchids as a matching fashion accessory?  
Diane thinks so.



*Epidendrum longicaule*,  
George Krasle



*Nageliella purpurea*,  
George Krasle



*Prosthecia (Encyclia) cochleata*,  
George Krasle



Isochilus linearis closeup



Isochilus linearis, George Krasle

### And finally...the Aftermath of **Orchid Lovers Gone Wild**



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### Schedule of Upcoming Events

**September 7 & 14, 2014** - Washington State Fair, Puyallup. Orchid Display entry days.

**September 8, 2014** - NWOS Culture Clinic

**Sept. 20, 2014** - NWOS Volunteer Day at the Zoo. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Help tend to the Zoo's extensive orchid collection and see the zoo for free when we're done.

**Oct. 4-5, 2014** - The Sunset Empire Orchid Society show in Seaside, Oregon

**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

**June 8, 2015** - NWOS meeting, Pot Luck Dinner and Gary Baker Service Award

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### **Reminder for Officers & Board Members**

The schedule of Board Meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 9/2/14, 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**

#### **Emerald City Orchids Open (Green)House!**

**When:** Sunday, September 7 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** Brown's Flowers  
4734 S. Tacoma Way, Tacoma, Washington 98409  
(253) 472-3361  
for directions click [HERE](#)

Back by popular demand, we're opening up the greenhouse for visitors. We'll have coffee out. Bring the kiddos and any questions about orchids. Most species will be 20% off. Loads of easy beginner orchid plants priced \$5 - \$9 in 4" pots! Flowering plants, mounted plants, species, hybrids and more. A beautiful sight to see on a Sunday, just one fun day for an Open (Green) House!

Our greenhouse is on the back half of the Brown's Flowers property in Tacoma, on S Tacoma Way.

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#### **The Greater Idaho Orchid Show & Sale Fall 2014 AOS Judged Show September 27-28, 2014 Best Western Vista Inn at the Airport Convention Center in Boise, ID**

For Societies & members, Host, Magic Valley Orchid Society and sponsors, An Orchid Affair and Jolah Orchids cordially invite you to participate in the Greater Idaho Orchid Show and Sale at Best Western Vista Inn, 2645 W Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705.

This will be a bench show so does not require individual displays. We encourage you to bring as many orchids as possible to enter in the show. We plan on having seminars on both Saturday and Sunday. Pre-registration will be available and will be emailed to you in September. We encourage you to use this option so we will be able to print the tags in advance. Additional information will be available in the show book.

Saturday, Sept 27, 2014, ribbon judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. MDT followed by AOS judging. If you are interested in participating in ribbon judging or observing during AOS judging, please contact James Huffman at [jolah@fmtc.com](mailto:jolah@fmtc.com) or call 208-739-5574.

Our vendors include Botanica, Ltd., Missoula, MT; Ecuagenera, Ecuador; Crist Orchids, Nampa, ID; Jim's Orchids, Payette, ID; An Orchid Affair, Boise, ID; Jolah Orchids, Ontario, OR and

Pottery by Kathie, Twin Falls, ID! If you wish to pre-order, check out the websites of Botanica and Ecuagenera!! The sales area will open to the public for shopping on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A block of rooms has been set aside at the rate of \$79.00 plus tax. A complimentary full breakfast, pool and exercise area are included as part of the amenities. Space is limited, so please make your reservations as soon as possible by calling 1-800-727-5006 and ask for the Greater Idaho Orchid Show and Sale rate.

Thank you  
*Nichole Leonard*  
*Carol Liese-Rodriguez*  
Co-show Chairs  
Greater Idaho Orchid Show & Sale