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About the September Meeting September 14, 2015

7:00 p.m.

University 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 compost 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.

NEW - THE LEGION OF BLOOM

You'll all want to come to the September meeting in order to be able to participate in our newest activity, **The Legion of Bloom**, an orchid culture challenge club. Joe has brought in 2 great orchids which we may purchase for only \$4.57 plus tax. (that's just \$5 for both plants!) This is for NWOS members only, so you'll want to make sure your dues are paid. We'll then grow them and have quarterly **Legion of Bloom** check-ins at NWOS meetings to compare notes and growing techniques. In the end we'll see who grows them the best (or not). Careful, there's some talk of a wall of shame, but there will also be prizes!

In order to be part of this exclusive club you'll have to come to the September meeting. If you miss the meeting, contact [Joe Grienauer](#) absolutely no later than 9/30. Then you'll have to make sure to pick them up at the October meeting and buy Joe a raffle ticket for his trouble.

One of the plants is a species: *Dendrobium aberrans* and the other is a hybrid: *Oncidioda Pacific Pagan* 'Kilauea'.



scale on pseudobulb



bad orchid leaf



Oncida. Pacific Pagan 'Kilauea'

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.



Dendrobium aberrans

In addition, the NWOS will start selling gallon sized bags of fine and medium orchid potting mixes (\$8 each), just in time to pot up your **Legion of Bloom** plants.

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.

NWOS Orchid Display at The Washington State Fair starting Sept. 11th

Once again the Northwest Orchid Society will be participating in the Washington State Fair's Orchid Exhibit. We would like to fill the booth in the Floral Hall with a wide assortment of flowering orchid plants. We will be working with the Tacoma Orchid Society this year, so things will be a little easier than the past few years.

The Fair Orchid Show is divided into two separate shows. The first runs from the opening of the Fair on September 11 through September 20; the second show runs from September 21 through 27. This article will be late for entry for the first show, but we should have plenty of time to get things in place for a nice display at the second show.

If you have never exhibited at the Fair before, it is a very nice venue. We are in an enclosed, locked structure within an air-conditioned permanent 'tent' building that is staffed throughout the show. The Fair staff will be watering/misting everything on a regular basis; we will (hopefully) be able to supply a few people on the weekends of the show to talk with people about orchids, give helpful hints, and pass out information about upcoming events.

I will have a signup sheet available at the meeting. If you wish to stay for a 4-hour shift, you will be provided with free admission tickets and parking pass. This is a good deal! You can spend the time before/after your shift enjoying the Fair. They are trying to have 3 people at the booth, for 2 shifts, on the Saturdays and Sundays that the Fair is open. The shift times are 10-2 and 2-6.

If you want to display your blooming orchids at the Fair, please grab a copy of the Floral Department 2015 Washington State Fair Premium List at the Fair website:

http://www.thefair.com/assets/e2fd0d4da4ac2984b65c34930173baf2/WSF15_Floral_PBook.pdf

Or use the menu to go to <http://www.thefair.com> —> Participate —> Exhibit Entries —> Floral

That document contains all of the information about plant entries. Plants for the second show may be brought to the fairgrounds between 6 and 9AM on Sunday Sept. 21. Use the Service Gate located on 5th Ave. SW, just off of 15th Ave. SW in Puyallup. Vehicles MUST be off of the grounds before 8:45AM!!

We will be able to make some arrangements for plant pickup/delivery to the Fair. Listen for the information at the meeting, or contact nwos@nwos.org to make arrangements to get your plants to the Fair, if you are unable to deliver them yourself.



Inside the exhibit last year: Sam and Alycia help set up the display



Orchid Exhibit 'Greenhouse'

There are cash awards for 1st (\$8.00), 2nd (\$6.00), and Best in Show for Culture (\$10.00) and Best in Show for Bloom (\$10.00).

Good luck, and hope to see you at The Fair!

Mike Pearson and Abigail Chang

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 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.

You'll want to make sure your membership is current in order to take part in our newest NWOS membership benefit: being able to join **The Legion of Bloom**, our orchid culture challenge club (see article above).

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

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

The Northwest Orchid Society's big fall event is rapidly approaching. We have invited regional vendors and orchid societies. There will be numerous orchid displays (including our own), orchid-related talks, and a repotting service. Location: Swansons Nursery, 9701 15th Avenue NW, Seattle.

Hours are 10 to 5 on Saturday and 10 to 4 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 shift: ribbon judges (limited to 12, with preference given to new growers).
- Bring your blooming plants for the NWOS display, if at all possible by 1 p.m. on Friday and stay, if you can, to help set up the show.
- Patronize our vendors and Swansons Nursery.
- 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 AOS judge as leader. You will learn a lot. This year a different method will be used for ribbon judging which we hope will simplify the process and make it go more quickly.

Signup sheets will be at the October meeting or email or phone [Kathy Murray](#) to sign up. The speaker schedule will be listed in the November newsletter and also on the NWOS web site.

Harvey Brenneise, Show Chair
Harvey.Brenneise@gmail.com, 909-786-6419

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.

News from the American Orchid Society



See the Latest Orchid Awards and Photos

For more than 90 years the American Orchid Society has documented the best-of-the-best of the world's most popular flower through its premier judging system. Each awarded orchid is meticulously described, measured and photographed.

Until now, viewing orchid awards and the stunning photographs that accompany them required a paid Orchids Plus subscription. The AOS is pleased to announce public access to the latest orchid awards and photos thanks to the [newly designed orchid awards page](#).

Six things you will absolutely love about the new awards page:

1. It's free! Gaining access to orchid awards previously required a subscription to the AOS' Orchids Plus award registry platform.
2. You don't have to be an AOS member. These breathtakingly beautiful photographs haven't been available to non-paying visitors until now.
3. The page shows the 30 most recent orchid awards, including name, parentage, description, award, score and photograph. This information can help make you a better orchid grower.
4. Clicking on any photo in the page opens up a larger photo with a gallery feature, allowing you to click through all of the large photos for the latest awards.
5. The page also includes a social sharing function to allow you to share the page with your friends via your favorite social media or bookmarking site, as well as by email.
6. You can start exploring right now!

Quick Links

See the latest orchid awards and photos here - <http://www.aos.org/orchid-awards.aspx>
Learn more about Orchids Plus here - <http://www.aos.org/landing/improvecollection.aspx>

Help Spread the Word

Please help us spread the word about the new orchid awards page via social media and email. There is a share function near the upper-right of the new orchid awards page.

The AOS' searchable database of orchid awards dates back to the 1930s. It serves the Society's mission to promote and support the passion for orchids through education, conservation and research. Let's Grow Together!

UPCOMING WEBINARS :

GROWING PHALAENOPSIS – THE BASICS OF ACHIEVING SUCCESS WITH THE BEAUTIFUL MOTH ORCHID –September 17, 2015 from 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. EDT. **FREE TO ALL.**

Registration will be available at www.aos.org shortly after the August webinar is presented. It is very easy to register for and watch a webinar!

Go to www.aos.org and click on the Webinar tab for more information about previously recorded webinars and the upcoming live webinar, and to download a PDF document that explains how to register for and watch your webinar.

However, you cannot register for the current live webinar until a few days after the last live webinar has aired.

THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on:

- **Isochilus carnosiflorus**
- **Sievekingia jenmanii**
- **Mounting Orchids**

- **Edema on Orchids**
- **The Wonderful World of Arthur Elle**

UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Go to www.AOS.org and click on the "Events and News" tab for all of the news about orchid shows, AOS judgments, and orchid seminars.

FREE MEMBERSHIP CREDITS FOR AFFILIATED SOCIETIES:

Don't you just love all the benefits listed above? If you're not already a member, now's a great time to join and help NWOS at the same time.

Affiliated societies can now earn a one month extension of their AOS society membership for each **new** AOS member that we refer (membership renewals don't count). Download and print the [AOS Membership Application Form](#), check the box "yes" to indicate that you are a member of a local orchid society, mostly importantly fill in the NAME of our orchid society, and mail the completed application and payment to AOS, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Florida 33156.

With twelve new AOS members, we can have a FULL YEAR OF FREE AOS membership! We'll have membership applications with our society's name filled in and available at our meetings!

Report from the August Picnic

August 8th was a beautiful day for an orchid get-together. Al and Shelley Kaas were gracious and generous hosts for our annual picnic. NWOS members had a great time enjoying each other's company. Members brought their A game when it came to pot luck offerings. And the grill was masterfully tended by Al with an Able assist from Chris P.

It was very interesting to see how Al and Shelley grow their orchids. They've got 2 greenhouses, one outfitted with a moving light array. An outdoor area covered by shade cloth provided an ideal summer growing spot for many plants.

In addition to orchids, the Kaas' grow magnificent dahlias. We were treated to tours of the rows upon rows of lovely blooms. It was neat to learn about all the different forms and types of dahlias and what makes them award winners.



Al shows off his grilling skills

A good time was had by all those that attended. Well done everyone.

Photos courtesy Diane Drisch, Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Looking up the stairs



Looking down the stairs





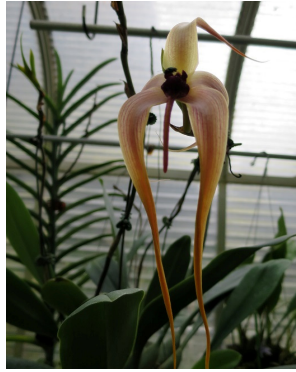
Three monkeys getting silly

Visiting the Greenhouse





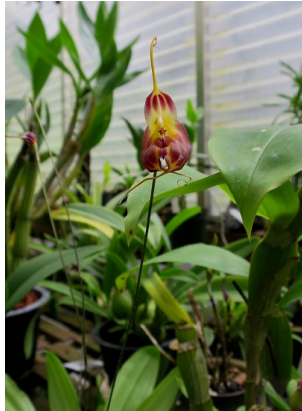
Barbosella cogniauxiana on coral



Bulbophyllum echinolabium



Bulbophyllum species, Java



Masdevallia bicornus



Eurychone rothschildiana



Epidendrum peperomia



Encyclia radiata var. gigantea



Epi. Fresh Valley 'Lemon Tea'

Here we have Al touring us around the Dahlia growing area of the yard. He showed us all about how he grows his Dahlias and how to tell which are the best ones.



Dahlia Maks RR



Dahlia Pam Howden



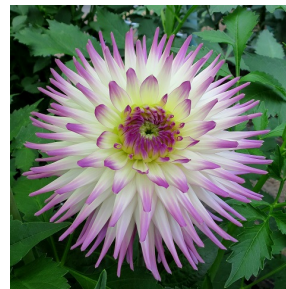


Flower as big as your head

Umbrellas shade and protect large flowers from the rain



tiniest dahlia





Schedule of Upcoming Events

September 11 - 27, 2015 - Orchid Exhibits at the Washington State Fair, Puyallup, WA

September 14, 2015 - [NWOS meeting](#) - Annual Culture Clinic and Inaugural meeting of the Legion of Bloom

September 19, 2015 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

October 12, 2015 - [NWOS meeting](#) - topic TBD

Nov. 6-8, 2015 - AOS Judged Orchid Show and Sale at Swansons Nursery

Nov. 9, 2015 - [NWOS meeting](#)

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.

Jan. 11, 2016 - [NWOS meeting](#)

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: 9/8/15, 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.

Special Announcements

No special announcements this month.