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About the September Meeting

September 12, 2016

7:00 p.m.

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

Theresa Hill: "Miltoniopsis: History and Culture"

Bill and Theresa Hill first opened Hillsvie Gardens in 1985. At that time they endeavored to grow orchids for the local hobbyist as well as mail order. Since that time Hillsvie has increased production to include both wholesale and supplying the local flower market in Portland, Oregon. It has grown to 8,000 sq. ft. of greenhouse space, changing with the times and keeping up with the demands of customers.

Hillsvie Gardens supplies a wide variety of hybrids and species – from connoisseur-quality divisions and specimen plants for discriminating hobbyists, cutting-edge hybrids in wholesale quantities for retail nurseries, to outstanding decorator quality plants delivered directly to chain stores in Portland, Oregon.

Hillsvie Gardens has been breeding orchids for 30 years, and since that time received over 100 AOS awards, including three FCC/AOS, a Gold Certificate, six Awards of Quality and a Bronze Award at the 16th World Orchid Conference in Vancouver, BC.

Theresa is the preeminent Paph. hybridizer in the Pacific NW! She will be offering plants at the sales table so she welcomes you to peruse her website www.hillsviegardens.com and call/email her with anything you would like her to bring for you. Make sure to check out her "**Shout Out Specials**" (a PDF file at the top-center of her web page) for the most up-to-date offerings. But if you have a specific wish list please reach out to her.



Theresa Hill

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 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:

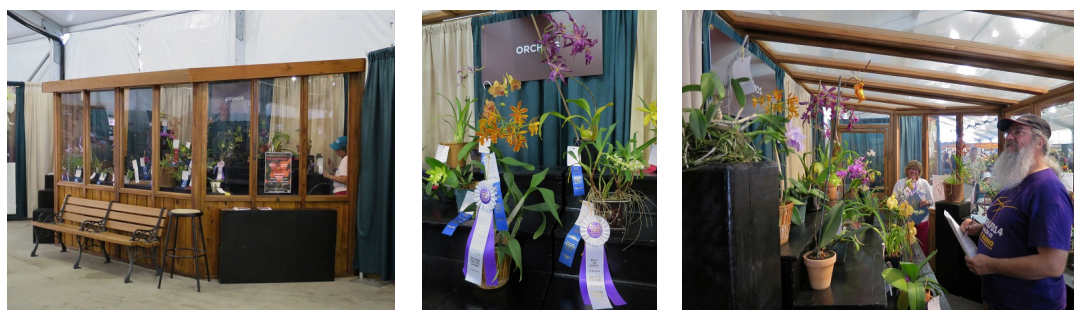
If you'd like to check out a book or tape from our Library, please contact our Librarian [Jake Burroughs](#) a minimum of 2 weeks before the next meeting. For a list of library items Click [HERE](#) or click on the link at the top of this page.

Orchid Exhibit, Washington State Fair, Puyallup starts Sept. 2nd

I'd like to share a Facebook post from the Tacoma Orchid Society:

Hello, I am a member of the Tacoma Orchid Society and we are manning a table by the orchid greenhouse at the Washington State Fair! we are hoping that some of your members would be interested in helping us on Saturday's and Sunday's as not all of our members are free every weekend. If interested please contact our president Ron Hardy at ronnieleehardy@hotmail.com or 253-579-5185. He has tickets and parking passes for anyone that volunteers. Thanks for considering!

As you can see from Tacoma's message, the NWOS has once again been invited to help out with the Orchid exhibit at the Washington State Fair. It's generally a little hard for us to get the word out to all the members in a timely manner for this event every year, since we don't have a regular meeting in July or August, and our September meeting is not until the 12th. We did try announcing this at the June meeting a few years ago, but it's too long a period and people forget. At least this year the Fair runs an extra week, (September 2nd through September 25th) so we will have another opportunity to help out, and it'll be after a general meeting!



Orchids are cared for in a locked exhibit 'greenhouse' in an air conditioned tent and misted daily. Beautiful ribbons and cash prizes reward the winners.

If you want to help out (and get free admission and parking), contact Ron Hardy at the address/phone above. Abby and I will be at the Orchid Judging on this coming Friday, Sept 2. We have a smaller vehicle now, but can possibly take a few plants for someone. If any NWOS members do want to volunteer to help out for the last two weekends (Sept. 17-18 or 24-25), Abby and I will be at the Fair on the 12th for the 2nd orchid judging and can pick up any tickets from Ron to hand-deliver at the meeting that night.

This is a fun thing - usually just answering very basic orchid questions and telling people about some of the plants in the display. NWOS members have participated and helped the Tacoma Orchid Society with the exhibit at the Fair for many years - Abby and I did many shifts, sitting inside the display in the old Floral Building.

Also, you are all VERY welcome to enter your orchids into the display and floral competition. If you have friends, they can enter, too - it's all open to the general public, and participation is encouraged...see information at The Fair's site if you want to exhibit plants.

See: <https://wfaprod->

[1290.kxcdn.com/assets/7367280958656da1ae672e709875a014/StateFair_2016_FloralPremiumBook.pdf](https://wfaprod-1290.kxcdn.com/assets/7367280958656da1ae672e709875a014/StateFair_2016_FloralPremiumBook.pdf)

for full details on registering and getting your plants to the Fair. Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place, and also for Best of Show for Culture, and for Bloom!

I hope that some members are able to participate. This is a good way to see some orchids, chat with people, and get to attend the Fair for free!

Mike Pearson

Conservatory Plant Sale

The Friends of the Conservatory in Volunteer Park on Capitol Hill will be having a plant sale on September 17th from 10:00 to 3:00.

Indoor and outdoor plants, plants from the Conservatory collection and Phalaenopsis from Orchidaceae, Inc. in Walla Walla will be available.



Further information is at the following Web site:
<https://volunteerparkconservatory.org/>

Library News

As I step into the role of new librarian I wanted to take a moment and thank the woman that has been the driving force behind the NWOS library for well over 19 years; Caroline Mann! Caroline has taken care of our library wonderfully, and I hope to follow in her footsteps and ensure future generations have the access to great orchid books and media. When you get a moment please thank Caroline for her service to our society over the past decades.

With this transition I wanted to welcome your thoughts, opinions and ideas of what you, the members, would like to get out of your library? Are there certain titles you long to read? Is there alternative media you wish to explore? The role of local libraries has changed since the advent of the internet, and as it is my goal to serve as liaison between you and the information you seek, please let me know your thoughts and opinions.

One final note I would ask your assistance in please returning any and all checked out library materials, as I am doing a thorough inventory of our library and want to make sure it is as accurate as possible. Expect to see a completely updated list of available titles in the near future.

Thank you,
[Jake Burroughs](#), Librarian

NWOS Fall Orchid Show

This year's AOS Judged Show and Sale will be held on November 5th and 6th at Swansons' Nursery. Saturday's hours are from 9-5 and Sunday from 10-4.

The show committee is busy working on details and orchid vendor invitations. We plan to make a major social media and electronic blitz this year to encourage a great attendance.

NWOS members are welcomed and encouraged to help out in any way that they can. Come to a committee meeting, help out with publicity, lend your blooming orchids to our display, take a shift during the show, help with set up or takedown. There are lots of ways you can contribute, both big and small to suit your schedule. One of the best ways to enjoy and learn more about your orchids is to simply be around them and around the people who know lots about them. We'll have sign up sheets and information at the September meeting.



Harvey Brenneise, Show Committee Chair

For those of you wanting to print a copy of our beautiful poster or our handouts, click on the following links:

<http://newsletter.nwos.org/forms/Poster.pdf>

http://newsletter.nwos.org/forms/Flyer_front.pdf

http://newsletter.nwos.org/forms/Flyer_back.pdf

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 most meetings by cash, check, or debit/credit card. You can mail (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 2017. 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.

Orchids in the News

In an article at the website Phys.org announced the discovery of a new orchid species. The July 12, 2016 article states:

Orchid or demon: Flower of a new species of orchid looks like a devil's head

A lone and unique population of about 30 reddish to dark violet-maroon orchids grows on the small patch of land between the borders of two Colombian departments. However, its extremely small habitat is far from the only striking thing about the new species.

A closer look at its flowers' heart reveals what appears to be a devil's head. Named after its demonic patterns, the new orchid species, *Telipogon diabolicus*, is described in the open access journal PhytoKeys.

Discovered by Dr Marta Kolanowska and Prof Dariusz Szlachetko, both affiliated with University of Gdansk, Poland, together with Dr Ramiro Medina Trejo, Colombia, the new orchid grows a stem measuring between 5.5 - 9 cm in height.



The new orchid species *Telipogon diabolicus* showing its flower resembling a devil's head. Credit: Marta Kolanowska

With its only known habitat restricted to a single population spread across a dwarf montane forest at the border between departments Putumayo and Nariño, southern Colombia, the devilish orchid is assigned as a Critically Endangered species in the IUCN Red List.

Although the curious orchid could be mistakenly taken for a few other species, there are still some easy to see physical traits that make the flower stand out. Apart from the demon's head hidden at the heart of its colors, the petals themselves are

characteristically clawed. This feature has not been found in any other Colombian species of the genus.

"In the most recent catalogue of Colombian plants almost 3600 orchid species representing nearly 250 genera are included," remind the authors. "However, there is no doubt that hundreds of species occurring in this country remain undiscovered. Only in 2015 over 20 novelties were published based on material collected in Colombia."

More information: Marta Kolanowska et al, *Telipogon diabolicus* (Orchidaceae, Oncidiinae), a new species from southern Colombia, *PhytoKeys* (2016). DOI: 10.3897/phytokeys.65.8674

Read more at: <http://phys.org/news/2016-07-orchid-demon-species-devil.html>

News from the American Orchid Society



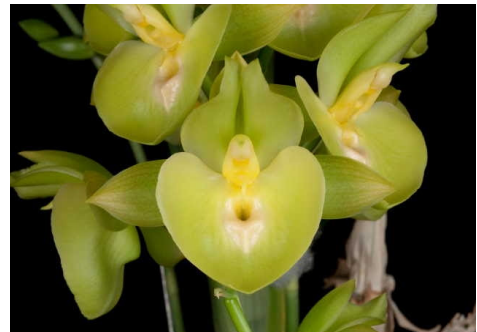
Save the Date!

Remember to save the dates from October 21-23, 2016 and join us for the AOS Fall 2016 Members' Meeting being held at the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in beautiful San Marino, California. The meeting will include presentations by internationally renowned speakers and is being held in conjunction with the Huntington Botanical Gardens International Orchid Show where some of the best orchids in Southern California will be on display along with vendors of orchids and supplies from around the world. It's sure to be an event you won't want to miss.

Check it out now and register on this link: [AOS Fall 2016 Meeting](#)



Myrmecophila christinae 'Joyce Kelly' CHM/AOS
Photographer Greg Allikas



Catasetum expansum 'Royston Envy' AM/AOS Photographer
James McCulloch

UPCOMING WEBINARS

[American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton](#)

Thursday, September 8, 2016 @ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT Everyone is invited

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education, for a Q&A session on how to grow and care for your orchids. If you have a question, please submit your questions by September 6 to stillisch@cox.net.

Register now using this link:

<http://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9103301344895379713>

[Wonderful World of Phragmipediums by Jason Fischer](#)

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 @ 8:30 PM EDT. Members only

Join Jason Fischer of Orchids Limited in Plymouth, Minnesota, as he discusses some of the wonderful phragmipediums and how to grow them.

Register now using this link:

<http://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5523658721218865412>

Let's grow together, *From the desk of Denise Lucero, Vice-Chair, American Orchid Society Membership and Affiliated Societies*

Report from the August Picnic

The weather really cooperated and we all had a lovely time at our annual summer picnic. Many thanks to our hosts Allan and Michelle Kaas.

It was nice to be able to kick back, swap stories and enjoy each other's company. We even got to celebrate George Krasle's birthday!

It was nice to see how Al & Shelley grow all their wonderful orchids in their 2 greenhouses and summer shade area.

Al also gave great tours of his gardens with award-winning Dahlias.



Chris and Al work the grill

Photos courtesy Harvey Brenneise, Diane Drisch, George & Sylvia Grantham, Noriko Marshall and Joff Morgan.

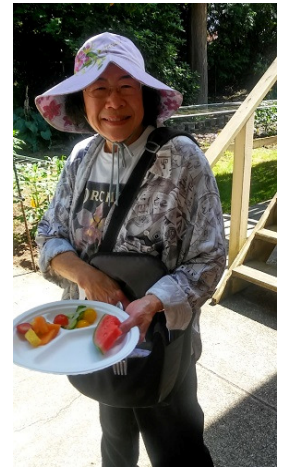


Happy Birthday George



delicious side dishes and desserts



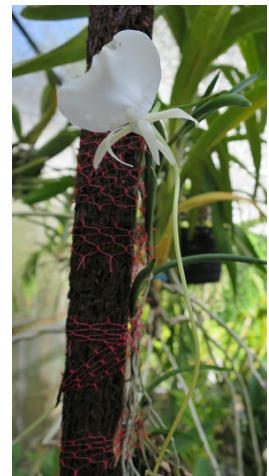




Under Deck greenhouse



Summer shade area



checking out the greenhouse

Anagraecum scottianum



inside the main greenhouse

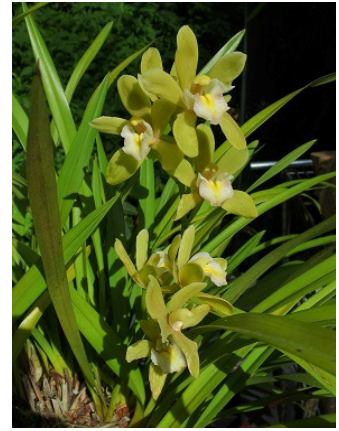
Nepenthes: a carnivorous pitcher plant vine



Paph. Oriental Spring



Masd. bicornus



Cym. Enzan Susan 'Albion'



Pleurothallis rubella (modesta)



Vanda Brighton Pink, George & Cylvia Grantham

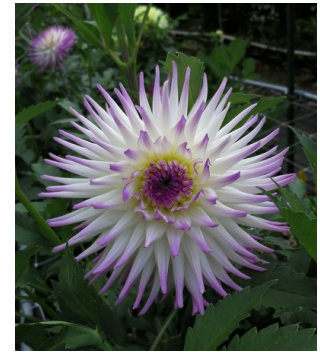
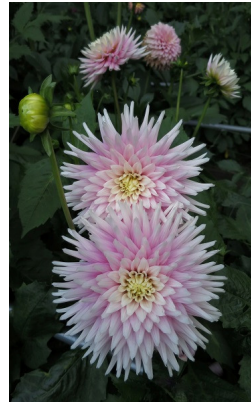
Here we get to see the great Dahlia gardens





Al and Shelley tend to their dahlias, debudding to produce better flowers, as blooms tower over their heads





Schedule of Upcoming Events

Sept. 12, 2016 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Theresa Hill, "Miltoniopsis: History and Culture"

Sept. 17, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

Oct. 6-9, 2016 - Portland Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale, more info [HERE](#)

Oct. 10, 2016 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Dr. Norito Hasegawa, "Multifloral paphiopedalums"

Oct. 15, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

Nov. 5&6, 2016 - AOS Show & Sale at Swansons' Nursery

Nov. 14, 2016 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Dr. Rob Halgren, "Growing Orchids Under LED Lights"

Nov. 19, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

Dec. 12, 2016 - NWOS meeting, Potluck dinner, Christmas Plant giveaway, Schoenfeld and Northern Trophy contests

Dec. 17, 2016 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

Jan. 9, 2017 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Ron Burch, "Introduction to Growing Temperate Terrestrial Orchids in Your Garden"

Jan. 21, 2017 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

Feb. 13, 2017 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Fred Clarke, "Culture of Catasetums"

Feb. 18, 2017 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

February 22 - 26 , 2017 - NW Flower and Garden Show

March 13, 2017 - NWOS meeting - Annual Orchid Auction

March 18, 2017 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

March 20, 2017 - Hands ON Potting Clinic - Meet in the Lower Douglas Classroom

April 10, 2017 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: TBD

April 15, 2017 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

May 8, 2017 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Laima Swanson, "Genetic Traits Passed on in Progeny When Breeding"

May 20, 2017 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

June 12, 2017 - NWOS meeting - Annual Potluck Dinner and Gary Baker Service Award

June 17, 2017 - AOS Judging Center, monthly judging, 12:30 pm

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for this fiscal year is: 8/30/16, 11/8/16, 1/3/17, 3/7/17, 5/2/17. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike & Sheila 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 - Volunteer Opportunity with Grace Orchids

Grace Lee has been a member of the Orchid Society since 2015, and she recently started her own orchid arrangement company: <http://graceorchids.com>. They serve the community by repurposing flowers from weddings/events and donate them to hospitals and senior centers in Seattle. On a recent weekend, her team did a 300+ Indian/Columbian wedding and repurposed the flowers into individual vases for patients at Seattle Children's Hospital and Northaven Senior Center.



They are looking for volunteers from the Orchid Society to help during the repurposing of the flowers from events, where they rearrange the flowers into individual vases and tag them to be enjoyed by patients/seniors in their rooms. Depending on how many flowers are donated, the volunteer hours could range from 2-5 hours arranging flowers into individual donations.

This is a pretty cool service an orchid society member is doing for the community. Thanks!

You can contact Grace at one of our meetings, by [email](#) or through her website listed above.