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About the September Meeting

September 10, 2018

7:00 p.m.

University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture

3501 NE 41st Street
Seattle, WA 98105

Orchid Basics - 7 p.m. sharp

We will continue our series of **Orchid Basics**, short focused programs on a wide range of orchid cultural topics. This month's session will be 'What should be on your plant labels' presented by Abigail Chang.

We would also like to know what you would like for future Orchid Basics talks. Suggestion forms will be available at the meeting.

Annual Orchid Culture Clinic

Got Questions? The culture clinic is a very popular meeting where you can ask lots of 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.

Got yellow or crinkled leaves? Bring them to the meeting. Got spots, bugs, shriveled pseudobulbs? Bring 'em in. Got brown dry roots, unruly roots, mushy roots, or no roots? Bring your plant to the meeting so our many experienced members with their combined expertise can have a look. They 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.



black rot (fungus)



mechanical damage



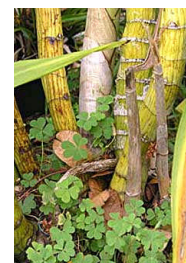
slugs and snails



low humidity



sunburn



weeds

This Culture Clinic will be an open forum and we all will be sharing our combined knowledge on growing orchids. It's also helpful for our members to actually see examples of various orchid issues, rather than just trying to figure it out from photos or descriptions. Besides problems, we can also discuss general growing requirements and repotting needs.

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. **This month everyone is welcome to bring orchid donations for the auction table.**

NWOS Library:

If you'd like to check out a book or tape from our Library, please contact our Librarian [Joe Grienauer](#) a minimum of 2 weeks before the next meeting. Besides email, you can give Joe your request at any meeting. For a list of library items Click on the Library link at the top left of this page or click [HERE](#).

**Show Off Your Orchids -
Win Cash Prizes!!!**



The Washington State Fair is now underway in Puyallup, and there is an orchid exhibit in the Floral and Agricultural Barn. The orchids are displayed in a secure, enclosed structure in the building, with ventilation and staff to provide water. The Fair holds two separate Orchid Show judging sessions; the first one was on Saturday, September 1st, and the second one is coming up on Saturday, September 15th, the weekend after our meeting. Display entries are open to everyone, and all of your blooming orchids are very welcome...everything from your Trader Joe's phalaenopsis through any of the strange and wonderful exotics that many of us grow. This is a wonderful opportunity to get some interesting plants out into a place where thousands of people will see them every day during the Fair.

The best part is that there are actual cash prizes of \$8.00 for the 1st place and \$6.00 for the 2nd place ribbon winners in each plant entry category, as well as special prizes of \$10.00 each for the Best In Show for Orchid Bloom and for the Best in Show for Orchid Culture. Several members of NWOS have done quite nicely over the past few years. So far this year there have been very few entries in any of the plant classes, so there are a LOT of prizes up for grabs!

For the 2nd Orchid Show (which runs from Saturday, September 15th through Sunday, September 23rd) orchids may be dropped off at the Floral barn at the Fair on Friday, September 14th from 6:00 AM to 8:45 AM, or on Saturday, September 15th (the day of the judging), also from 6:00 AM until 8:34 AM. There are full details about the entries, prizes, rules, and plant entry classes at:

https://wfaprod-1290.kxcdn.com/_assets/7d00680f8bbf3fa2da033fa6ac789d1f/WSF18_Floral_PBook.pdf

If you are unable to bring your own plants to the fairgrounds in Puyallup on either of those two mornings, we are hoping to have an announcement at the meeting about a possible courier that might be willing to collect plants and take them out to the Fair, and possibly bring them back on the Monday after the close of the Fair. Stay tuned, and good luck!

Mike Pearson

Photos: Diane Drisch



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.

NWOS 2018 Fall Show & Sale - November 3rd & 4th

The Fall Orchid Show and Sale at Swansons Nursery (9701 15th Ave NW, Seattle), is fast approaching.

This AOS-judged show and sale will be open to the public on Saturday from 9-6 and on Sunday from 10-4.

The web site for this year's show is <http://newsletter.nwos.org/ShowTime>

Volunteer and Show Information

Our next [Show committee meeting](#) will be on September 20th. To join in the fun, contact us at the following show committee email for details.

With only two regular membership meetings between now and our show, we still need volunteers to help out with pretty much all tasks. Signup sheets will be at the meetings, but if you are not able to come, please send an email to ShowRegistration@nwos.org with your preferred task and shift time.

Choose from the following shifts:

Saturday: 9am-12pm, 12pm-3pm, or 3pm-6pm

Sunday: 10am-2pm or 2pm-6pm

Go to <http://newsletter.nwos.org/ShowTime> for Pre-registration forms, downloadable posters, and other general information about the show. Even though we'll have sign-up sheets at the meeting, here's a rundown of some of the opportunities to help out.

Setup on Friday, November 2nd, noon to 6pm

Move benches into place. There will be the display area, sales booths, and the Society sales area. George Grantham is in charge.

Then we'll start putting our Society Display together under Cylvia Grantham's direction (and George, of course). Members should plan on bringing their plants around 2pm, getting them registered, labeled and in place.

Vendors will need help setting up their sales areas, and their displays. I'm sure they will all welcome assistance with moving plants, getting their displays ready, entering plants, etc.

Data Entry

Help to register plants and print out tags for display plants. A computer with a spreadsheet program, like Excel or Open Office required. Thumb drives a plus.

Ribbon Judging (Saturday 9:00am)

Join the AOS judges, and your fellow society members to award ribbons throughout the show. It's fun and easy. Don't worry about being an "expert," this is a great opportunity to learn, as well.

Cashiers - Saturday and Sunday all day. Run the Society sales through the cash register. We only have one register now, but it's helpful to have someone to prep the plants (pull tags, bag them up, etc). We need to have at least one person on this job at all times.

Greeter/Host - Welcome visitors to the show area. Direct them to the show, vendors, sales areas. Answer questions, shake the donation jar. The front table will have society information, applications, demonstration magazines, culture sheets, etc. There will also be an AOS display with AOS information and applications. These two may be combined. These volunteers will also circulate through the show areas, talking to visitors, and providing some security for the displays.

Potting Service - Be available to repot plants for visitors. We will be asking for donation only, but a suggested amount will be posted (\$xx for such and such size pot). You can do the repotting for people, or guide them through the process. There will be potting mix and maybe some old pots available, but let them know that Swanson's sells nice pots. There may be some times or opportunities to have a group potting demonstration in the seminar space.

Seminar Presenter - Share your knowledge with others. It's easy to talk in our informal setting to people who are truly interested in hearing about your experiences growing orchids. We would like to have at least three or four talks each day. We currently have talks on greenhouses, Paph and Phrag culture, and mounting orchids.

Some other topics we've had in the past are windowsill growing, supplemental lights, and re-blooming grocery store orchids. Any other suggestions would be welcome.

Member Sales - Members can also sell their individual plants through the society. Orchids for sale in the members' sale area must be marked with a removable tag bearing the price and the seller's name. This tag is in addition to any plant identifying tags and will be removed at the time of sale and used to calculate the seller's total. Vendors must price items clearly and legibly on this tag. Each member selling must fill out the 'Member's Sale Table Form' prior to placing items for sale. All sales are subject to a 15% sales commission. NWOS members who wish to sell must have at least one high quality blooming plant in the NWOS display and work at least one show shift.

Breakdown (Sunday 4pm-6pm)

When the show's over, we need to clean up, pack everything out, and get the greenhouse space back in order for the nursery. This is very important, so they'll let us come back next year.

1. Break down the NWOS display, and organize the plants so they get back to the correct owners.
2. Help vendors and visiting societies pack up and get their plants loaded into cars or vans. Some of them may be heading home, and need to get on the road as soon as possible.
3. Sweep the floors, pick up the trash, and make sure everything's in order.

We're looking forward to another successful and enjoyable show this year. I'd also like to send out a special thanks to all the Show Committee members.

Mike Foster, NWOS Show Chair

Orchids and Volunteers Needed for Our Show Display

We are planning on a large area at our show for the NWOS display and we will need lots of plants to fill the space. It is especially important this year that we have a large display because we have fewer vendors and therefore fewer displays. Please bring your plants to Swanson's Nursery on Friday afternoon. If you are unable to bring your plants Friday afternoon you may arrange with me or another member to bring your plants. Please see article above for information on registering your plants. This information will also be available on the NWOS website before the show. If you are unable to register your plants in advance (preferred), you can register them on Friday when you bring them to Swanson's.

Please make sure your plants are groomed, staked if needed, and insect free. If the plant is tipsy, it is very helpful and much safer for your plant if you place in a larger heavier pot for stability. Each plant should have your name on the pot or on a tag and you should bring a list of your plants with plant names written clearly and in full.

Feel free to contact me if you need help getting your plants to the show, and also I would like to hear from you if you would like to participate in planning and setting up our display.

George Grantham, 2nd Vice President

Proposed Slate of Officers and Members of the Board of Directors for the 2019 Calendar Year

Officers:

President: Abigail Chang
1st Vice President: Michael Foster
2nd Vice President: George Grantham
Secretary: Mike Cory
Treasurer: Chris Peterson

Members of Board of Directors (5 total, 2-year term, Jan 2019 to Dec. 2020):

Diane Drisch
Mike Pearson
Thuan Nguyen
Christiane Ulness
Open position

The above slate will be voted on by the membership at the November meeting. In addition to the above slate of Officers and Directors, the following Board members are continuing to serve through Dec. 2019:

Pat Gossler
Peter Maunsell
Lillian Otani
Barbara Roberts
Nancy Wright

Note that there is an open position for the Board. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the society, you are encouraged to volunteer for the open position. The commitment is to attend 6 board meetings annually and bring your knowledge and ideas for running and improving our society.

George Grantham and Barb Roberts, Nominating Committee

Membership Renewal Reminder

The NWOS membership year now goes by calendar year so dues will be coming due in January. But in the meantime, if you have let your membership lapse and would like to sell plants at our gift meetings and Fall Show, vote in the upcoming elections, and receive a Christmas gift plant*, you can make a 'catch-up' payment now.

Dues are \$30 for one person or \$40 for two people at the same address. We also have a Youth membership of \$15 for one person aged 22 or under. Dues are kept low to encourage membership but they cover only a small portion of the society's expenses.

Each single, youth and dual membership person will be considered an individual full-fledged member entitled to all privileges and benefits of the society (voting, Christmas plants, sell plants at meetings/shows/auction, etc.).

You can pay at the 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](#).

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

***Important Christmas Gift Plant Notice**

This is a heads up to our members as to how we are executing the Christmas Plant Gift this season. Members of the NWOS who are paid in full as of midnight Nov. 12th and attend the December meeting will receive a free orchid as a way of saying thank you from the NWOS for being a loyal, supporting member.

PLEASE ensure you have paid your dues NO LATER THAN NOV. 12TH! Anyone paid later than that will sadly miss a plant.

Proposed Bylaws Change

The Board has recommended an amendment to the bylaws of the Northwest Orchid Society, to wit:

Article III, Section 5, Audit Committee: delete "fiscal year ending June 30" and in its place insert "fiscal year ending December 31" (see paragraph below).

Audit Committee. The Audit Committee, composed of one Board member (not the Treasurer) and two non-Board members, none of whom has any fiduciary oversight or direct access to any financial accounts of the society, shall be charged with the review of the expenditures of the Society as compared to the Annual Budget and shall make a report of its findings to the Board within three months of the close of the ~~fiscal year ending June 30~~/fiscal year ending December 31. The Audit Committee shall also review the process of the disbursement and recording of the funds of the Society and shall make recommendations for change in its report to the Board.

A vote will be taken on October 8, 2018, to accept or reject this proposed amendment.

Orchids Needed for Tri-Cities Show

The Tri-Cities Orchid Show and Sale will be held Oct. 6th and 7th at the Tri-Tech Skills Center in Kennewick WA. We hope to mount a display worthy of our society for this show, as the Tri-Cities group (formerly Washington South Central) always makes an effort to bring a nice display to our show.

We will be assembling plants on the Thursday before (Oct. 4th) at my house. If you are unable to bring the plants to my house, please call or email. I may be able to pick them up or make other arrangements. This is a judged show and always includes a nice range of outstanding plants. The show is in the heart of Washington's world famous wine country so why not head over to the show and enjoy a weekend of orchids and wineries. If you would like to help with the show in any way please let me know.

George Grantham, 2nd Vice President

Cultural Spotlight

Authored by Thomas Mirenda ~ Originally published in ORCHIDS August 2007

September: The Month of Unicorns - Orchids Often Cast a Spell for a Lifetime

While I don't exactly know precisely when I became addicted to orchids, I do know it has been a really long time: decades certainly. You would think after all the thousands of hours

spent repotting, fertilizing and watering, not to mention all the hiking boots and sweat socks ruined slogging down muddy rainforest trails and bogs in search of them, that orchids would have lost some of their magic by now. Certainly some enthusiasts burn out, or get bored or overwhelmed, either by orchids themselves or by life's vicissitudes, and give up. Even so, once bitten by orchids, most of us end up with a life-long fascination and love affair with them. Even larger than the orchidists' hobby, is that of birders. Astonishing numbers of people go out on treks to see birds all over the world and keep extensive life lists, "collections" of sightings, if you will, to the point of obsession. I have often wondered why this is. Even though there are fewer orchidists than birders, some of the same reasoning applies to us. There is the joy of collecting, the beauty and colors of our respective subjects, the excitement of exploration and discovery, the science and mystery of their forms and habits, and the camaraderie of like-minded individuals as well as that bit of friendly competition involved in growing and showing them.

There is one more factor that may make you laugh, but I think is part of the fun and appeal of orchids: the "unicorn effect." Birders talk about this as well. Seeing an orchid for the first time in the wild, or blooming a newly acquired orchid that you have only seen in a book, is a bit similar to seeing a celebrity on the street. Sure, you have seen Brangelina's films and read about their lifestyles and habits, but an actual sighting can be exhilarating. So, it is for me every time a new orchid blooms in my presence. It is as if some mythological creature I recognize from a story book or movie has suddenly appeared on a remote trail or in my greenhouse or on my windowsill and allowed me to hold it and admire it up close and personal. Orchids are definitely the celebrities of the plant world — they bring a little of their magic into our world every day. Their presence in my life thrills me.

SUMMER BLOCKBUSTERS A long hot summer has finally ended, and cooler temperatures are starting to prevail. Whether your orchids summered outside or in, the return of cool nights triggers many orchids to initiate flower spikes. The summer heat, particularly hot nights, can be stressful for many intermediate-growing species and hybrids. Often plants that may have stopped growing in July and August will now resume as temperatures begin to replicate those of their montane habitats. Look at plants carefully now for new tender emerging spikes and renewed root growth.

THE CONCESSION STAND No, do not give your orchids hot buttered popcorn and gigantic \$5 sodas. But they do want nutrients this month, so do not forget to fertilize them just because it has gotten cooler. If you have young plants that are not old enough to bloom, you can still fertilize with a higher nitrogen formula and let them continue to grow vegetatively. However, if your plants are blooming size, you may want to get away from high nitrogen formulas at this time or you could inhibit blooming on cymbidiums, dendrobiums and phalaenopsis, which should be forming spikes soon as the long nights increase, and the nighttime temperatures drop.

GOTTA WEAR SHADES Unlike mega celebrities who need their sunglasses, so they will not be easily recognized, orchids continue to need shade as protection from the hot and sunny days that are still likely to occur this month. Do not be lulled into thinking that direct sun will not harm your plants. Even though the effects of high light are lessened when temperatures are cooler, there is still potential for plants to burn. Careful attention must be paid during this transition period. Weather becomes less stable and predictable. It is even possible that some cold or violent weather can appear. So, it is always best to be prepared for this eventuality.

BACK IN THE MANSION Orchids have been summering outside and now is the time to begin prepping the indoor growing area for their return. Whether it is a greenhouse, a windowsill, a lightroom or a terrarium, a little preplanning cleaning, sterilizing and organizing will allow for carefree transitions of the plants as the cold season approaches. It is also advisable to check out the plants for hitchhikers, such as weeds, insects and parasites. You want a "star pad" for your orchids, not for oxalis or mealy bugs. Take some time to individually go through those plants outside and find and treat any critters that may be thinking they are part of the entourage. Expel them now before they move in and take

over.

PAPARAZZI With the blooming season about to resume, you should make sure cameras are ready for what will likely be an excellent set of blooms on your collection, for your newer plants, the approaching blooms are anticipated as much as long-awaited film premiers and their red-carpet moments. This is also a chance to document your successes and failures. Keep a notebook of your orchids each year. It is fun to see how they progress, especially if you have raised them from baby plants into spectacular or hulking specimens. It is almost

like following your favorite stars from early independent films to wildly successful Hollywood blockbusters. Yes, you knew them “when.” But you have the added joy of knowing you helped them get where they are today.

Sometimes there is magic at the opening of a new flower, as if suddenly a legendary creature has appeared in our presence and allowed us access to its glories and mysteries. Such was certainly the case when *Lycaste Wyld Unicorn 'Unicorn Rose'* HCC/AOS bloomed for the first time. Photographer: Unknown.



***Lycaste Wyld Unicorn 'Unicorn Rose'* HCC/AOS**
Photographer: Unknown

— *Tom Mirenda has been working professionally with orchids for over three decades. He is an AOS accredited judge and is the chairman of the American Orchid Society's Conservation Committee. He recently coauthored The Book of Orchids: A life-size guide to 600 species from around the world. (email: biophilialk@gmail.com).*

News from the American Orchid Society

BREAKING NEWS! AOS President Susan Wedegaertner's message in the September issue of ORCHIDS. This month she tells us about the Membership Committee. As chair of the Membership Committee, Graham Ramsey is bringing his enthusiasm and passion for orchids to the national level. Serving to maintain focus on member retention and new member recruitment, the committee is working hard to improve the experience of our members. If you have ideas that will help us grow or the desire to be an advocate for your fellow AOS members, drop Graham an email at membership_committee@aos.org.



Thanks for all the pics that you are sending in for the Instagram feed. The feed just gets better and better. Personally, I'm loving all the AOS award pics! We have some amazing growers out there! Our Instagram Administrator, Candace Hollinger, sends her appreciation to you all. It's wonderful to see such a variety of everything orchid that's enjoyed around the globe. Please remind your members that we would love pics of how they grow, what's blooming now or anything they love about orchids. Please continue to send your photos and short videos to: americanorchidsociety@gmail.com. Be sure to send a short caption explaining your photo. Also, if you are bilingual and can include your caption in English plus your other language(s)—it will help with our universal outreach.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

It's easy to find the scheduled webinars and to register on the AOS website. You'll find the link under the All About Orchids tab. If you check there, you will find any webinars that have been scheduled after the production of the monthly Corner.

Judging Webinar: Judging the Oncidinae with Ron Midgett, Tuesday, September 18th, 2018@ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST *Members Only*

Join noted speaker and orchid breeder, Ron Midgett as he discusses the history and judging trends for this complex group, the Oncidinae, that have had so many names.

Register now using this link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8888461185065916675>

Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the seminar.

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? Webinars are an Internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP.

WANT TO LEARN, BUT CAN'T MAKE THE DATE? The live webinars will be recorded and posted on the AOS website, where you will find a link allowing you to view the webinars at your convenience.

THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE

will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on:

- Genus of the Month - Chinese Cyripediums: Part 2
- For the Novice - Leaf Reddening - Sign of Stress
- The New Refugium Botanicum – Masdevallia chasei
- A New Habenaria species in town by Leon Glicenstein
- *Phaius daenikeri* and Alfred Ulrich Daeniker by Rudolf Jenny
- Orchids of Palau by Benjamin Crain
- Orchids on Stamps by M. Lokeswara Rao
- *Bulbophyllum carunculatum* by Bill Thoms

Remember if you become an American Orchid Society member, you have considerably more resources at your disposal making growing orchids even more enjoyable and successful. This includes Digital Access To Over 350+ past issues of ORCHIDS magazine extending back to 1932! Also featured in *Orchids* Magazine is a 16-page award gallery of breath taking pictures of recently awarded orchids.



**Sobralia decora 'Jaxon' AM/AOS;
Photographer: Kay Clark**



**Oncidium Pink Panther 'Elizabeth Grace'
AM/AOS; Photographer: Charlie Riner**



**Cattleya Big Dipper 'Mizar' HCC/AOS;
Photographer: Ramon de los Santos**

RECENT ORCHID AWARDS PICTURES ON THE AOS WEBSITE:

See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new "Latest Orchid Awards" page on the AOS website to enjoy these stunning photographs! Click on the thumbnails to see them in larger format. Free to members and non- members.

Let's grow together,
Denise Lucero, Vice Chair, American Orchid Society
Affiliated Societies Committee

Report from the August Picnic

Many thanks to our gracious hosts, Peter and Kelly Maunsell for a wonderful gathering at their home. It was a beautiful day, warm enough for swimming in the pool, but comfortable enough for the rest of us. Peter grilled up delicious ribs and our members brought a nice array of picnic foods and desserts. We even had a mini keg of home brew courtesy of Mike and Abby.

Several people brought plants to share. But the highlight of the day was simply having plenty of time to visit and chat with our fellow orchid enthusiasts.

Photos: Diane Drisch, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Fine group



3 guys



Let's eat!



Oh yeah, gotta love those homemade pies and the sweetest watermelon ever



Abby and Mike



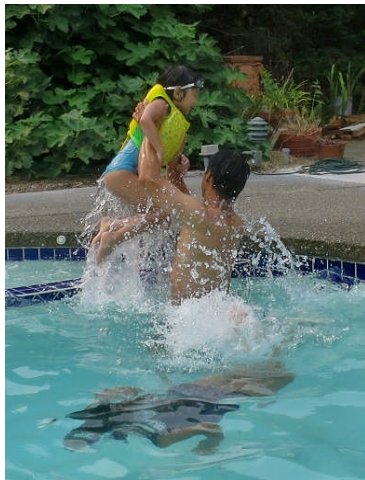
Enjoying some of the picnic food



Orchid friends at our picnic



Enjoying good company in front of the great open wall of the house



Up we go (and one below)



Watching the water action



Hey guys, check this out



Mike's gathering plums in the lower right, but look closer in the center of the tree...



...it's Thuan surrounded by masses of plums

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Sept. 10, 2018 - NWOS meeting - Culture Clinic, Orchid Basics = Abigail Chang: "What should be on your plant labels"

October 8, 2018 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Bill Zimmerman, "Orchids of Columbia." Orchid Basics = Mike Cory: "Royal Horticultural Society, Kew Gardens, Orchid Database"

November 12, 2018 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Dave Sorokowsky, "Multifloral Paphiopedilums". There will be plant pre-sales as well as meeting sales. (<http://paphparadise.com>). Orchid Basics = Lillian Otani "Get Potted (orchid containers)".

December 10, 2018 - NWOS meeting - Potluck dinner, Christmas Plant giveaway, Schoenfeld and Northern Trophy contests, and installation of new Officers and Board of Directors.

January 14, 2019 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Shawnee Luciani, "Bugs that Bug Orchids"

February 11, 2019 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Ron Midgett, topic to come. There will be plant pre-sales as well as meeting sales. (<http://www.newearthorchids.com>)

March 11, 2019 - NWOS Annual Auction

April 8, 2019 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Andy Wright, "Bulbophyllums"

May 13, 2019 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: TBD

June 10, 2019 - NWOS Annual Meeting, Gary Baker Service Award, Potluck Dinner and Scholarship presentation.

August ???, 2019 - NWOS Annual Picnic

September 9, 2019 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Alan Koch, topic to come. There will be plant pre-sales as well as meeting sales. (<http://www.goldcountryorchids.com>)

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for this membership year is: 9/4/18, **Wed.** 11/7/18, 1/8/19, 3/5/19, 5/7/19. 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.

NWOS Website Links

- Main website: <Http://www.nwos.org>
 - Events Calendar: <http://www.nwos.org/events>
 - Membership (including renewals): <http://newsletter.nwos.org/membership/>
 - Newsletter - Current Issue: <http://newsletter.nwos.org>
 - Newsletter - Back Issues: <http://newsletter.nwos.org/archives/index.htm>
 - Show Information: <http://newsletter.nwos.org/ShowTime>
 - Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/nworchidsociety>
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Special Announcements

No Special Announcements this month.

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