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About the October Meeting

October 11, 2021 7 PM

University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture

3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA 98105

Hybrid Meeting, In person and via Zoom [Zoom Registration](#)

We will be meeting in person for the foreseeable future. The Covid protocol for the meetings will be shared monthly for attendees and is available at our web site located here: [Covid Response – Northwest Orchid Society \(nwos.org\)](https://nwos.org/Covid-Response)

Speaker: Andy Easton, “Warmth-tolerant Miniature and Intermediate Cymbidiums”

Professional orchid grower since graduation from Colorado State University in 1972. Accredited as AOS judge in 1978, since retired! Grew orchids in Santa Barbara 1978-1985 then moved back to New Zealand and started Geyserland Orchids. Returned to Florida as AOS Director of Education 2000. Moved back to California in 2007 and operated New Horizon Orchids until 2018 when we moved the business to Colombia. Plants housed at Colomborquideas where I work primarily with Cymbidiums, the Odontoglossum Alliance and a hobby collection of Cattleyas.



1st VP Note: What Andy hasn't mentioned in his brief bio is that he had had not only an illustrious career as a commercial orchid grower, judge and educator spanning multiple continents. He is a prodigious hybridizer. Of the nearly 10,000 hybridizers that have been creating orchid hybrids over nearly 170 years Andy is responsible for approximately 1 in every 100 orchid hybrids and nearly 9% of all Cymbidium hybrids. Andy's hybridizing ranks him right after Charlesworth, Sander's and The Eric Young Orchid Foundation. Additionally over 430 of Andy's hybrids have been awarded, a remarkable achievement.

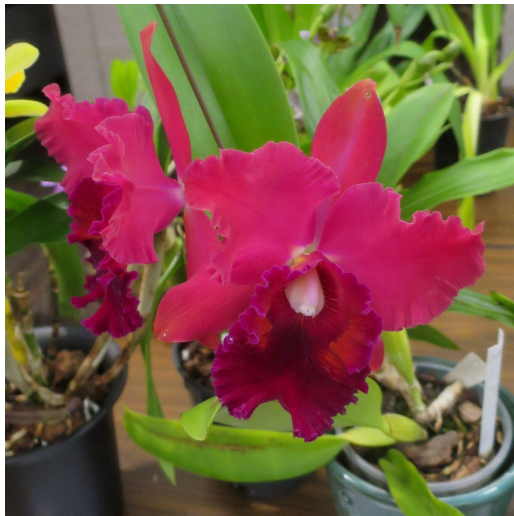
Andy has imported a number of his Cymbidium hybrids and they will be available on the raffle table. This is an opportunity you won't want to miss.

Plant Table

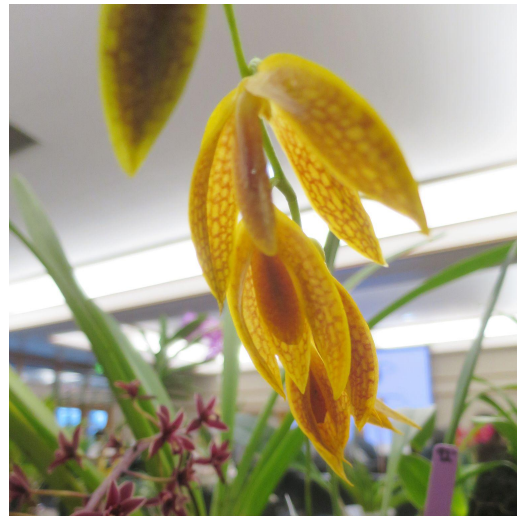
We will be having an in person plant table this month. For your convenience, you can print out a Plant Table Information Form ahead of time. Click for your version of choice: [PDF](#) [WORD](#) [Excel](#)

Diane has taken pictures of the plant table for many years and has requested that someone else take up the torch. We appreciate everything that she has done. For those who aren't able to attend, please do keep sending your pictures, we will be including them in our online gallery and in next month's newsletter. Please send them to photos@nwos.org.

You can find the full gallery at the NWOS Website here: [September Plant Table](#)



Blc. Fort Watson 'Mendenhall', Nancy Wright



Bulbophyllum levyae, Joe Grienauer



Stanhopea connata, Mike Cory



Epi. Rene Marques x Pot. Free Spirit 'Lea', Nancy Wright



Phrag. humboltii, Abigail Chang



Aerides odorata, Ron Webb



Vanda Rangong Pink, George & Cylvia Grantham



Dendrobium auriculatum, Joff Morgan

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 Table

The raffle will be held as usual. Win a new orchid for your collection while supporting the Scholarship Fund. If you have any extra Orchids, please consider donating them to the raffle.

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 please click here [NWOS Library](#).

Report from the Nominating Committee

Here is the currently proposed Slate of NWOS Officers:

Officers, one-year term expiring Dec. 31 2022:

President - Steve Dorsey

1st VP - Robert Culver

2nd VP - OPEN

Treasurer - Chris Peterson

Asst Treasurer - this appointed position is OPEN

Secretary - Mike Cory

Director positions, two-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2023:

- Pat Gossler

- Bill Leicht

- Peter Maunsell

- 2 OPEN spots

The above slate of Officers and Directors will be voted on by the membership at the November meeting. In addition to the above slate, the following Directors will continue to serve the remainder of their two-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2022:

- Tom Bell-Games

- Diane Drisch

- Ben Johnson

- Thuan Nguyen

- Michael Pearson

Past President - Joe Grienauer

We are still searching for members to step forward and fill the following open positions:

2nd VP - this person will be in charge of our participating in out-of-town Shows. Presently for the 2022 year that will be Spokane and Mt Baker orchid societies. Tri-Cities is a possibility as well. The 2nd VP will arrange for plants to be picked up from gathering points around the city, transport to the out-of-town Show, set up the display, register plants, note the ribbons and awards given to member

plants, dismantle and return plants to their gathering points. You will need to make a report for the Newsletter afterwards. You may ask others to help or go in your place if you're unable to attend a particular show. This position is a one-year term expiring Dec 2022.

Assistant Treasurer - this person will assist Treasurer Chris Peterson with the NWOS books, budget creation, audits, and filings with the various Government agencies. In addition, they will need to attend most of the 6 NWOS Board meetings in 2022 to give reports on Society finances, as well as participate via email and virtual Zoom meetings as needed. It is hoped this Assistant will learn it all so well they can run for Treasurer the following year. This is a one-year term expiring Dec 2022.

Director - there are two open positions. No experience is necessary. But we really prefer people who will actively participate! This includes a willingness to freely express your opinion to various presented issues and proposals. This is a good position to learn the inner workings of the Society and help with its direction. There are 6 Board meetings each year and one of them is a potluck dinner. This is a two-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2023.

If you would like to be considered for one of these "open" positions or have questions, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members below. Or just send an email to nwos@nwos.org and it will be routed to the appropriate people.

Respectfully submitted,

~ Susan Burgess, Joff Morgan, Deborra White
NWOS Nomination Committee

Holiday Plants

Just a reminder members can be eligible for two holiday plants this year.

Members who attended last year's Zoom meeting can get a plant, and people who are paid members by the end of the 11/8 meeting can also get a plant by attending the December meeting.

Check with [Mike Cory](#) if you have questions about your membership status.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are lots of choices for participating and helping our society utilizing different skills, interests and available time.

--Our treasurer, Chris, is looking for someone to help out with light duty as a "junior treasurer".

--Do you enjoy taking photos? We could use someone to take pictures of our monthly meeting plants along with their information forms to identify the plant and the grower.

--We also need people for multiple positions associated with orchid donations and our raffles. You can volunteer for more than one position.

- Respond to offers of donations - usually by email thanking donors and getting contact and plant information. Averages 6-8 times a year. Arrange for a plant pickup volunteer to follow up.
 - Several people who can pick up plants and bring them to the next meeting. Perhaps someone for the northside, southside, eastside, etc. Donated plants just need minimal care until the next meeting and don't need to be commingled with your collection.
 - Manage the raffle at the meeting by calling out the winners.
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Help Needed for NWOS Scholarship Criteria Review

For decades the NWOS has offered scholarships for orchid research to students at 2- and 4-year institutions in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. There have been several problems: few applicants, research proposals that seem reasonable but not acceptable to the NWOS board, and failure by students to do their projects.

The Board has authorized me to form a committee to review the process and criteria with a 1 January 2022 deadline. If you'd like to be part of the committee (likely working remotely), let me know and I will email you more information.

Kathy Murray, NWOS Scholarship Chair

Riverhaven203@gmail.com

Time to Get Rid of Bugs before Bringing Orchids Inside

The days are getting shorter and night temperatures are falling so I'm getting ready to bring most of my orchids inside from my greenhouse. Inside means they will be crowded together on shelves under LED lights. I find it much harder to spot bugs under lights than in sunlight so I will treat all of my plants with at least two sprays a couple of weeks apart with neem oil and insecticidal soap or a combo.

If you treat your orchids with non-toxic methods, I'd love to hear from you so I can share your tips.

Kathy Murray, riverhaven203@gmail.com

News From The American Orchid Society

The American Orchid Society has recently introduced a marketplace, called '[Orchid Marketplace™](#)'. There are numerous orchid vendors and orchid supply vendors listed in the marketplace. Our own Ellen Covey has already listed [Olympic Orchids](#) there.



The AOS has several interesting webinars coming up in the next 2 months (Webinars are recorded and available to view at your leisure):

- October 21, 2021, 8:30 pm EDT, Thursday

Black Orchids, The Lure, The Lust & Licentiousness, Dr. Leslie Ee, ND

- Nov. 9, 2021, 8:30 pm EST, Tuesday

Orchid Collection Tour, The Huntington Botanical Gardens, Brandon Tam

- Nov. 17, 2021, 8:30 pm EST, Wednesday

Greenhouse Chat, orchid Q & A, Ron McHatton

Click here for more info and a full listing: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Are you interested in learning more about the AOS?

GOOD NEWS Fall Members Meeting - The 2021 Fall Members Meeting virtual event will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2:30 PM EST Check in to learn the latest about what's happening in the American Orchid Society!

Registration Required <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2448907481855582733>

Agenda

- * Town Hall & Meeting of the Members including a State of the Organization Report
- * AOS Projects & Innovations
- * Committee Reports
- * Introducing New Judging Personnel and Status Elevations...and more!

Fall Show and Sale at the Volunteer Park Conservatory

We had a very successful fall show this year. Many thanks to the committee co-chairs, Susan Burgess and Abigail Chang for organizing this and all the committee members for working so many long hours to bring this show to life. The comments from those attending were very positive.

David and his staff at the Conservatory had high compliments for our members and their efforts. The orchids, of course, were amazing and it seems the sales

went well. Everyone should be very proud of your accomplishments.

Along with The Northwest Orchid Society we had two other societies display at the show.

The Mount Baker Orchid Society

The Spokane Orchid Society

Additionally we had two vendors with displays and sales.

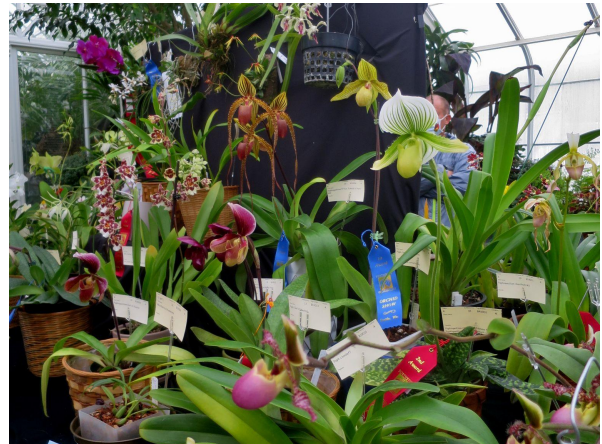
Emerald City Orchids

Olympic Orchids

Ellen Covey of Olympic Orchids commented that she felt that this was the best attended show yet, and thanked Susan and the show committee for a smoothly run show.



Volunteer Park Conservatory's Display



NWOS Display



Arachnis clarkei, Blue ribbon winner



Stanhopea wardii



Hosts Mike, George and Joff



Deb and Lillian Help In the Potting Tent



Orchid Sales Area



Cylvia, Abby and Bill Ring Up the Sales

These are just a few images captured at the 2021 Fall Show and Sale. Please visit the NWOS Gallery for more images: [2021 Fall Show and Sale](#)

NWOS at WA State Fair



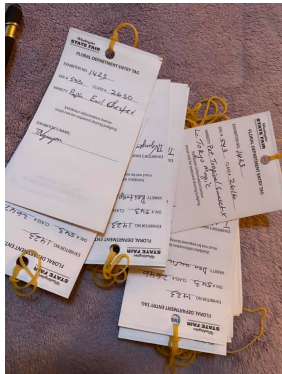
Vy Pham Helping With Plants



Display Area



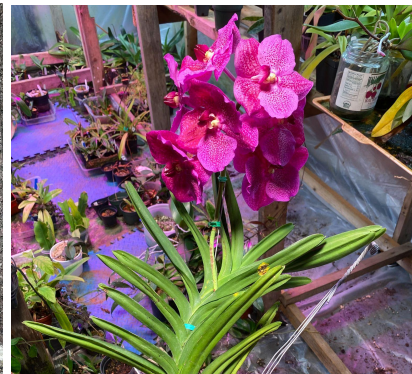
Inside Display Area



Entry Tickets



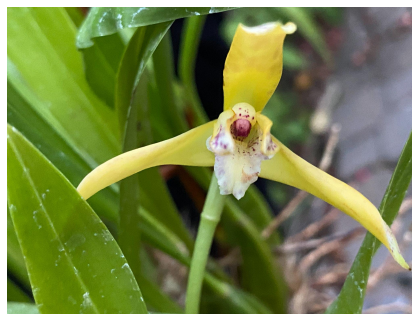
Cat Tropical Sunset, Alejandra Arce



V Rangong Pink, George & Sylvia Grantham



Thuan's Win



Winning Max plicata



Deb White Discussing Orchids

Thank you again this year to Thuan Nguyen for coordinating the collection of plants and delivering them to two different shows at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. He was assisted in this endeavor by his twin daughters Mai and Lan as well as his friend Vy Pham. Without them and their hours of dedication this would not have happened. In a fortunate coincidence some of the plants from the second show were also able to be displayed in our fall show at Volunteer Park, where Thuan kindly delivered them.

Results from the 1st show at the Washington State Fair 2021

- Three members registered 33 orchid entrees in 15 different classes.
- 5 placed in 3rd
- 8 placed in 2nd
- 13 placed in 1st, including a best culture and a best bloom
- George & Sylvia Grantham received the best culture for their Darwinara Charm 'Blue Star'
- Thuan Nguyen received best bloom for his Paphiopedilum Prince Edward of York

Results from the 2nd show at the Washington State Fair 2021

- Four members registered for 52 orchid entrees in 21 different classes.
- 8 entrees received Honorable Mention
- 8 entrees placed in 3rd
- 12 entrees placed in 2nd
- 17 entrees placed in 1st, including a best culture and a best bloom
- Joseph Grienauer received the best culture for his Maxillaria picta
- Repeating his previous award, Thuan Nguyen received best bloom for his Paphiopedilum Prince Edward of York

Report From The September Meeting

Our president, Joe Grienauer, began the meeting by welcoming everyone to our first in-person meeting in over a year. How nice it is to see and be able to enjoy each other's company again. Ben gave an Orchid Basics talk about "How do you know your orchids are getting enough light?"



Joe then welcomed people who are new to our society. He reviewed the report from the Nominating Committee. We need a 2nd Vice President. George Grantham described the position. We also need 3 Board Members. Chris Peterson asked for help as treasurer by asking for an assistant treasurer.

Joe gave thanks to Robert Culver for all that he's done pulling this meeting together as well as his leadership with creating and updating the website. He gave thanks also to Steve Dorsey for his mentorship and home orchid flasking programs.

Joe also spoke about the society's library and our upcoming participation in the Washington State Fair. Thuan Nguyen will coordinate taking plants and registering them for the second phase of the exhibit at the Fair. Because of new UW regulations, we will not be able to have our traditional Pot Luck dinner at the December meeting. Robert reviewed the plant table.

Our speaker, Bob Hamilton, spoke about the orchid craze during the 19th century in England. This Victorian era of flower madness was called Orchidelirium. Explorers brought plants back from the new world including the Andes mountains. The inventions of science spurred this craze. It included Darwin, genetics, technology, factories and glassmaking (for the creation of greenhouses). He also discussed how the shift from symbiotic reproduction to asymbiotic reproduction changed the ability to produce more orchids, including hybrids. The orchid craze went from Conservatory to Costco.

Bob also showed his husband, John Leathers' Masdevallias and Draculas. We then got to see Bob's Odontoglossums, from the foundational crispum and nobile to many hybrids.

September's raffle table was super-sized, which raised several hundred dollars for our Scholarship program. Besides the usual plant donations, our speaker, Bob Hamilton, very generously donated many plants from his own collection. Several of them were in bloom. Members went home with lots of new plants to enjoy learning about how to grow and bloom. With so many plants, everyone was able to go home with something new. What fun!

These are several selected images from the September meeting. To see the rest of the photos of September's [plant table](#), please follow the link to go to the online gallery.



Joe Starting Meeting and Abby Running Zoom



Plant Table



Robert & Steve Discuss His Schoenorchis



One of the Two Raffle Tables

Schedule of Upcoming Events

10/2&3/21 - NWOS Fall Show and Sale at Volunteer Park Conservatory: [2021 Fall Show](#)

10/11/21 – NWOS meeting – Speaker: Andy Easton, “Warmth-tolerant Miniature and Intermediate Cymbidiums”

11/08/21 – NWOS meeting – Speaker: Ron Parsons, “Rarities and Oddities of the Orchid World” This talk features some of the strangest and rarest plants in the orchid family, and includes both terrestrial and epiphytic species.

(Note: Our speaker Ron will be presenting via Zoom for this meeting, updates coming regarding in-person meeting for this meeting.)

12/13/21 – NWOS meeting – Speaker: David Edgley, “Novelty Phalaenopsis Breeding”, Scholarship Recipient Report, introduction of new Officers, NWOS Annual Meeting report, Schoenfeld and Northen Orchid Awards, and Holiday Plant gifts. Unfortunately we will not be able to have our traditional Holiday Potluck dinner this year.

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule for the remaining board meetings for this membership year is: 11/2/21. 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 the NWOS

If you go to <https://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](http://www.nwos.org)
- Events Calendar: <http://www.nwos.org/events>
- Membership (including renewals): <https://nwos.org/Membership/>
- Newsletter - Current Issues: <https://nwos.org/newsletters/>
- Newsletter - Archived Issues: <http://newsletter.nwos.org>
- Show Information:
<http://nwos.orchid-society.net/ShowTime/Show2021/Show.html>
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/nworchidsociety>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/nworchidsociety/>

- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/nworchidsociety>

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