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About the August Picnic

Date: Saturday, August 13

Time: 1 PM – 5 PM

Address: sent to all members in good standing in an email

The NWOS will be having its members-only summer potluck picnic Saturday, August 13th. Andy Wright and family have kindly agreed to host the picnic at their home.

Please bring your favorite potluck food to share along with drinks. A grill will be available to use. Andy said that he would have pulled pork sliders, soft drinks and dessert. Extras are welcome like side dishes, salads, drinks and desserts.

If you plan on coming after 3 PM, think about bringing a dessert. Additional folding chairs would be appreciated.

Bring any orchids that you want to sell, trade, or give away. We will not have the traditional meeting Display Table or Raffle.

So bring the whole family to join in the fun. We hope to see you all there.

FCOS Invites you to Orchid Talks

The Five Cities Orchid Society (California) Presents: Paphiopedilums and Phragmepediums at the Huntington Botanical Gardens

Orchid Talks on Zoom

Thursday, August 11, 2022

7:00 PM 8:30 PM

As the Orchid Collection Specialist, Brandon curates one of the largest and most diverse orchid species collections in the world, including over 1500 unique species and 3,600 different varieties across 280 orchid genera. He oversees day-to-day horticultural operations, including acquisitions, propagation, conservation, and supervision of over 40 orchid volunteers. Under Brandon's stewardship, the Huntington has won over 100 awards from the American Orchid Society, including five First Class Certificates and three Certificates of Cultural Excellence. He supervises numerous public education events, such as orchid shows, judgments, and conferences. Additionally, Brandon co-curates the

Amorphophallus titanum collection of 43 mature specimens and has exhibited over ten blooming specimens.

Brandon started as the Orchid Collection Specialist at The Huntington at age 16 while concurrently earning his bachelor's degree in plant science from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, which he completed in 2015.

Brandon is both a member of the conservation committee and associate judge of the American Orchid Society and has served as the society's trustee in the past. He is also on the Board of Directors and editorial committee for Orchid Digest Publication.

Brandon is a frequent contributing author to the American Orchid Society, Orchid Digest, and Cymbidium Society of America, and has presented with over 50 national and international orchid organizations.

Go to www.fcos.org/subscribe to get our free newsletter with Zoom link.



Ecuagenera is Having a Pop-Up at Peace Love & Happiness Club, Seattle

This coming month we will have an opportunity to shop with Ecuagenera here in Seattle. The location is: 507 N 36th St, Seattle, WA 98103

Dates: Sat/Sun August 20/21

Times: 10 AM - 7 PM Daily

This email is a courtesy to readers of the NWOS Newsletter to inform of an opportunity to buy orchids and other plants from outside The US. Ecuagenera is not associated with the NWOS and all risk from a purchase is assumed by you.

Find Out More at [Ecuagenera Pop-Up](#)

Volunteers Needed for the Washington State Fair!

The Washington State Fair in Puyallup is coming up soon! The Fair runs from September 2-25, and there are two separate Orchid Competition/Displays that run about 2 weeks each. For the past several years the Northwest Orchid Society has had a large presence - we've supplied most of the plants in the display, and also had some members staffing an info table to answer questions from the public about orchids and to publicize our meetings, speakers, and any upcoming shows. (Several of the folks that came to our show at the Conservatory (and shopped for orchids) found out about it at The Fair.) As a side benefit, these floral competitions have cash prizes for 1st place (\$8.00) and 2nd place (\$6.00), as well as cash for Best in Show for Culture and Best in Show for Blooms (\$10.00 each, plus a rosette ribbon), and several of our members have done very well over the past few year! Without the participation of the Northwest Orchid Society the orchid display at our State Fair would be extremely small; with our participation they fill the display pretty well and create a nice visual enticement for people to get involved.

We are looking for someone that would be able to collect the plants from members, get them to Puyallup, and get them entered for the two shows. You are allowed to drive on the fairgrounds to the Building (vehicles must leave the fairgrounds at 8:45, before the fair opens for the day).

Plants can be entered for the 1st show on September 2 from 6:00-8:45 AM (early entry), or on Saturday the 3rd from 6:00-8:45 AM. Entries for the second show can be dropped off on September 16th or 17th, 6:00-8:45 AM.

Thuan Nguyen has taken on this task for the past several years, but he may have to travel internationally and might not be available this year. He has done a great job, and has the routine pretty well figured out. He may be available to give you information about getting there and how the entry process works to help you make it a success.

We are also hoping to get some people to sign up to sit at the info table at the orchid display for a couple of hours. As an additional benefit, doing this will get you FREE entry to The Fair! The Fair supplies our volunteers with Exhibitor Entry Passes (which lets you into the fairgrounds before The Fair opens) and FREE parking passes for the main parking lots.

This is always a fun event! We usually have cultural information from the American Orchid Society and some handout flyers listing our meetings, shows, and events. Extensive orchid knowledge is NOT required - most of the questions we tend to get are about reblooming phalaenopsis obtained from big box stores, or how many ice cubes they should use for watering (yes, really).

Here's the information for the Floral competitions, with a section on pre-registration, prizes, etc.

https://www.datocms-assets.com/6258/1654608819-wsf22_floral.pdf

The NWOS does not have a general meeting before The Fair opens, so we really need to try to get everything arranged over the Summer break. Please consider assisting your Northwest Orchid Society in maintaining our presence and good relationship with The Fair.

Thanks!

Mike Pearson, NWOS Board Member

NWOS will be showing at the Oregon Orchid Society Show

We are excited to announce that NWOS will be sending an exhibit to the Show and Sale in Portland in late September.



[OOS Show and Sale Website](#)

September 24th and 25th

10a - 5p both days

Aquinas Hall, 340 NE Clackamas St, Portland, OR 97232

Setup on Friday the 23rd at a TBD time.

We will need your blooming orchids to help make a wonderful display. We are looking for volunteers to receive plants just prior to the show so they can be brought down to Portland.

2022 NWOS Show and Sale at Volunteer Park Conservatory

This year's Show Chairperson is Abigail Chang. So far committee members are Ben Johnson and Bill Leicht. We know that many of you will be helping out with our upcoming show. Please raise your hand and let us know so we can create a mailing list.

The Setup date for the show is Friday Sept. 30th. The dates of our show are Saturday Oct. 1st - Sunday Oct. 2nd

Summer Is Here

Last year here in Seattle we had an unusually hot summer. A number of us probably had heat damage to our plants, or at least noticed that some of them were stressed by the heat. This year we thought it would be good to arm you ahead of time in case we suffer another heat wave. Just remember, if you're hot, they're hot.

Article by Susan Jones, published on the AOS

Like people, orchids, especially those that prefer cooler, shadier environments, can suffer from heat stress during the hot summer months. The midday sun is intense, especially during the summer, and the high temperatures that bright sunshine brings can burn your orchids quickly, especially the more sensitive types such as phalaenopsis, pleurothallids, paphiopedilums and miltonias.

Heat stress is a condition that occurs in orchids and other plants when excessive heat causes an imbalance in transpiration, the process by which moisture evaporates from the plant's tissues. When that rate of evaporation exceeds the pace at which moisture is being replaced through water taken up by the orchid's roots, the plant becomes dehydrated — leaves soft and wilted, pseudobulbs wrinkled and ridged. The instinctive response in this situation is to overwater the



orchid to correct the dehydration. This can instead make matters worse by rotting the plant's root system, further hampering its ability to take in much-needed hydration. The roots can only absorb so much water at one time. In addition to watering, control of heat and humidity play a significant role in the prevention and management of heat stress.

Placing a mounted plant in an empty clay pot can help retain moisture around roots. The microclimate of higher humidity helps prevent heat stress and aids stressed plants in recovering.

Signs of Heat Stress

These symptoms may appear singly, even in otherwise fairly healthy orchids. When they appear in combination, however, it is usually an indication of heat stress or an underlying problem (such as root loss) that has led to heat stress.

Yellowing of Plants and Leaves

Too much light causes a plant's chlorophyll to deteriorate, which can turn your orchid an anemic yellow-green, and eventually cause premature loss of leaves. Most healthy orchids receiving appropriate light levels will be a robust light green.

Withered Leaves

The culprit, especially in summer weather, can be overheating. If your plant's leaves feel warm to the touch, they could be getting too much light, and need increased air circulation and shading, or a move to a more protected area.

Sunburn

Initial signs of sunburn, as in humans, appear as a reddish-purple tint or freckles on leaves and pseudobulbs. In advanced stages, leaf tips and roots may brown, flowers drop, buds blast or flower spikes fail altogether.

Shriveled Pseudobulbs

Your orchid's pseudobulbs serve as its water-storage organs, so shriveled pseudobulbs indicate a dehydrated orchid – it is in a stressed state, having used up its moisture reserves.

Leathery Leaves

This goes beyond mere wilting, and occurs in the advanced stages of heat stress, indicating severe desiccation and possible damage on the cellular level. Depending on how long the condition has persisted, the type of orchid and its overall health aside from the leaf damage, it may or may not recover once its leaves are parched.



Mounted orchids are particularly sensitive to higher temperatures and require additional water and humidity during hot weather. This Cattleya hybrid exhibits the yellowing leaves and wrinkled pseudobulbs typical of heat-stressed plants.

Prevention

Your orchids need lots of attention during the summer months, especially on hot days. With higher temperatures, orchids require more frequent watering to prevent dehydration. High temperatures quickly dry out mounted orchids, those in baskets and even potted plants.

Maintaining the balance between keeping orchids sufficiently hydrated and over-watering can be a challenge. A simple rule of thumb is that an orchid's need for water increases and decreases with the ambient temperature, so water thoroughly and more frequently during higher temperatures. Most mounted plants and those in baskets, especially vandaceous orchids and other genera grown with little or no media, will benefit from daily watering in warmer weather.

In addition, keep humidity high and air movement continuous, as both of these factors help plants keep their cool on hot days. Adding a fan to the growing area, or locating your orchids where they receive the caress of summer's breezes, as well as spacing your plants to allow for sufficient air circulation between orchids, can make a big difference in their environment and overall health. This will also help to keep rots from fungi and bacteria at bay.

The benefits from misting orchids during hot weather do not have much sustained effect, so unless one has a misting system in place to maintain that added humidity throughout the day, it is probably not useful to your plants. When watering or misting, always be certain that plants have ample time to dry before night falls, so as to discourage bacterial and fungal growth.

When moving orchids outside for the season, start them out in a shaded spot and gradually increase their exposure to sunlight to acclimate them to the higher outdoor light levels. Make sure to protect them from the strongest sunlight as midday summer sun has more intense UV rays that can burn tender plants. Check the amount of exposure your plants receive at different times during the day as the sun moves, and throughout the year as the earth's orbit around the sun makes its gradual seasonal changes, which in turn changes the angle of the exposure your plants receive.

For greenhouse growers, consider using shade cloth for added protection during the summer months. Windowsill growers may want to add a sheer curtain during

the summertime to keep sunlight reflected by the window glass from causing sunburn.

Finally, always have someone care for your orchids while you are away on summer vacation.

Treatment

Once an orchid has suffered the effects of heat stress, it may take a long time to rebound. Apply fertilizers sparingly, using a weak solution, and flush the growing medium with clean water between applications of fertilizer, as the salts in fertilizers are difficult for dehydrated plants to assimilate, and a regular dose may further burn the plant. Be especially alert for pests on distressed orchids – insects and viruses are more likely to attack weakened plants.

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Gary Baker Service Award

One of the highlights of the June meeting was the awarding of the Gary Baker Service Award for the person(s) who contributed the most in the previous year. We had not presented this award since 2019 so we had this wonderful list of very deserving NWOS members to consider for this award.

2nd Vice President Ben Johnson compiled all the nominations from members. He presented the following list to the NWOS Officers and Board of Directors who voted on it at their May, 2022 meeting. Some are summaries of several nominations for the same person.

- **Joe Grienauer:** Served well as president and librarian. Was active in the F&G show year after year. Brings plants to show tables and helps where he can. Never received the award but has had great service for many years.
- **Chris Peterson:** For her many years of keeping out accounts, sales, and corporation / nonprofit paperwork up to date and correct. A lifetime of service to the NWOS.
- **Susan Burgess:** As 1st time show committee chair, Susan did a fantastic job in the face of constantly changing parameters & challenges. She did not let anything faze her and it all came together as planned
- **Steve Dorsey:** He stepped up as president, gave several Orchid Basics talks and demonstrations. Helped in construction for the NW Flower and Garden Festival. Written culture articles for the website and is very interested in education.
- **Robert Culver:** Nominated for his tireless efforts on behalf of the NWOS as both 1st Vice President as well as Communications Committee Chair. He handled the tedious work setting up, contributing to the content and features of the website, sending out communications, scheduling and hosting speakers, growing and sharing his amazing plants at member meetings, as well as shows. His hard work and tireless efforts are recognized and appreciated.
- **Gordon Cromwell:** Nominated for his years of dedication to the design and build of the NW Flower and Garden Festival. It would not happen without his tireless and selfless dedication and energy. He spent a ton of time coordinating with materials vendors and suppliers for the Greenhouse and hardscape at the NW Flower & Garden Festival, which would not have been possible without Gordon's attention to detail and unending energy designing, building, staffing, and dismantling our garden. Thank you, Gordon, for all of your help, phone calls, emails, and support in building our garden.

After serious consideration, the Board decided to give the award to two people, Robert Culver and Gordon Cromwell. With their fantastic efforts, along with all the rest of our members' combined help and support, we have a strong and vibrant orchid society. Thank you very much Robert and Gordon!



Orchids in the News

The US Fish and Wildlife Services announced:
We have breaking botanical news, we repeat, breaking botanical news.



Photo: G. Peeples/USFWS

A rare orchid called the Small whorled pogonia, has been found by botanists in Vermont for the first time since 1902!

This exciting news was first shared by our friends at Vermont Fish and Wildlife. Shout out to them and the state of Vermont for their cheeses, ice cream, fall colors and now rare orchids. The small whorled pogonia is named for its whorled arrangement of 5 to 6 leaves just beneath the flower.

The rare orchid is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act and faces threats from habitat fragmentation and collection from the wild.

“Discovering a viable population of a federally threatened species unknown in our state for over a century is astounding,” said Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department Botanist Bob Popp. “It’s Vermont’s equivalent of rediscovering the ivory-billed woodpecker.”

Check out the full story here: <http://ow.ly/UNsM50K0fEr>



In this undated photo provided by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Dept., a Small whorled pogonia blooms on Winooski Valley Park District conservation land in Vermont.

JOHN GANGE/VERMONT FISH AND WILDLIFE VIA AP

Another fabulous orchid discovered.

It's the botanical equivalent of bumping into a bird of paradise. A series of expeditions to a remote mountain top in West Papua in search of a legendary blue orchid have hit the jackpot.

A team conducting a routine biological survey in the forests of Waigeo – a remote island in West Papua – stumbled on a blue orchid. It is thought to be the first time that this species (scientific name *Dendrobium azureum*) has been documented in the wild.

True blue orchids represent the holy grail for orchid aficionados everywhere.

Credit: Yanuar Ishaq DC/Fauna & Flora International



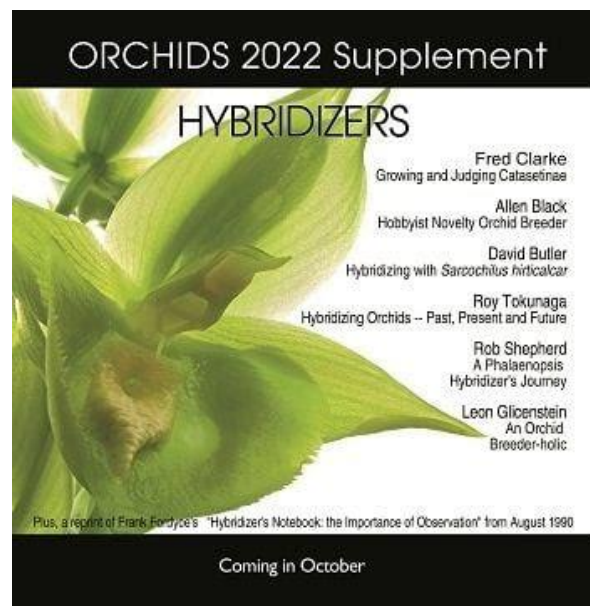
Check out the full story here: [Rhapsody in Blue](#)

News from the American Orchid Society

ORCHIDS Annual Supplement Coming This Fall



This year's Supplement will be a little different and is called Hybridizers. This is used generically for how our hybrids come about, what hybridizers do and have accomplished. We have articles from seven well-known hybridizers—from small, backyard operations to large, commercial ventures.



Why Hybridizers? These are the people that bring us something new and wonderful every year. They tell their story of how they organize and plan their breeding programs with stunning photography along with results: a how-to roadmap to encourage future breeders of fine orchids. Fred Clarke brings us a near-exhaustive coverage of *Catasetinae*: culture, species and hybrids, and how they are judged. Innovative hybridizers such as Roy Tokunaga and David Butler reveal secrets to help the next generation. Leon

Glicenstein and Allen Black discuss hybridizing something other than flat and round. Rob Shepherd details methods for breeding blue phalaenopsis. The late Frank Fordyce advises on the timeless Importance of Observation.

The Supplements are supported by donations from members. When you donate online at aos.org, please choose “Annual Supplement” to keep this great tradition growing. A whisper: next year has something to do with dendrobiums!

August: The Month of Ambrosia

By Thomas Mirenda

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Among the purest and most primal joys of the plant world are the wonderful perfumes and aromas emanating from your orchid collection and your garden this month. August is not a month to toil, but rather one to savor the wonders of creation, for how often have you really looked at your orchid flowers? Sure, they are colorful and beautiful, but they are so much more. They are part of the continuity of life, an end-product of evolution, a lure, irresistible to pollinators — and humans.

Ambrosia, in Greek mythology, was the food of the gods and was thought to confer ageless immortality to those who consumed it. In Homeric tradition, it was perceived to be a kind of divine exhalation of the earth. Nectar, the drink of the gods, comes from the contraction of two Greek words — nek (death) and tar (overcoming) — indicating its healing and life-giving properties.

This month, we must appreciate what comes from the earth. It is now, in our gardens' summer peak, that we, bathed in early morning light or encroaching twilight, emerge from our chambers to sample the fruit and fragrances wrought by our toils earlier in the spring. It is most important to take in that sweet ambrosia offered daily by the plant world. While it's unlikely that those who do will achieve immortality, the peace and pleasure to be gained are timeless.

FRAGRANCES - Among the most amazing aromatic flowers in the plant world are the blossoms of Stanhopeas and their allies. Often smelling like an exotic mixture of several different fragrances, most of these plants have sharply pendulous inflorescences and should be grown in hanging baskets. If you have young seedlings or divisions of Stanhopeas or their relatives, such as Embreeas, Gongoras, Acinetas, or Coryanthes, in regular pots, lift the plants from their pots to check and make sure they have not sent out inflorescences into the mix. Often these inflorescences, unable to escape the confines of the pot, end up rotting. It is possible for many Stanhopeas and their relatives to bloom at an earlier age than you might think, and a gentle transfer of young plants into baskets might be in order before their spikes develop too much.

UNINVITED GUESTS - The summer heat generally means stepped-up insect activity. There are both good and bad insects in the garden, and if you have chosen to summer plants outside, you have got some of each among your plants. Be on the lookout for parasites such as mealybugs and scale. And be prepared to spray insecticides if you are finding large infestations. If, however, after a thorough search you find minimal problems, your beneficial insects, such as ladybugs and other small predators, are likely to keep plants free of problems. Spraying at this point would only damage beneficial populations.

ANTS - One of the worst pests in August is ants. Their colonies will often invade the coarse, airy conditions of orchid media and will greatly acidify the mix. Observe plants after a heavy watering, and, if an ant colony is present, it will be obvious by the ants streaming out of the saturated mix. It is not fun, but such plants must be purged of ants and repotted immediately. Ants are vectors for many other insects and cannot be tolerated.

ANT PLANTS - While I have never tried this, and do not dare recommend it, there are certain plants that, in the wild anyway, seem to benefit from the presence of ants. In particular, *Myrmecophila* (which means “ant I lover” in Latin) has symbiotic relationships with ants that act as the plants’ bodyguards during the dry season. The plants supply space and nectar in their hollow pseudobulbs where the ants can nest. Seeds of these and other orchids, such as *Coryanthes*, often germinate on or near ant nests and seem to require or feed off of the extreme acidity that comes from the formic acid excreted by the ants. It is conceivable that such plants might actually thrive better if ants were allowed to invade them for the summer. Still, you do want to do something about that before bringing the plants inside for the winter.

COOL IT - In a mixed collection, there will always be some plants that are experiencing stress in the oppressive heat so characteristic of August. Among the strategies for cooling plants are shade, gentle airflow, and frequent cool mistings. It is your degree of engagement during those stiflingly hot days that will help your struggling orchids get through the worst of the season.

HOT STUFF - While most of the intermediate orchids struggle, many warmer-growing orchids take the heat in stride. Fertilize them well and allow them the chance to prosper in the summer heat. Pay attention to your

Dendrobiums, Vandas, Catasetums, Brassavolas, and Encyclias, all of which use August for increasing their pseudobulbs.

- Tom Miranda has been working professionally with orchids for over three decades. He is currently an AOS trustee and is a past chair of the AOS Conservation Committee. He is an AOS accredited judge in the Hawaii Center (email: biophiliak@gmail.com)

Report From The June Meeting

President Steve Dorsey welcomed us to go outside and get food from the food truck.

We had a little over 50 people enjoy a lovely meal brought to us by [El Gran Taco](#) who was our caterer for the evening.

It was wonderful to have plenty of time to socialize and enjoy dinner.

After dinner, NWOS president Steve Dorsey welcomed new people to our group. He announced that our August picnic would be August 13th at Andy Wright's home. Current members will be notified by email. Steve also made a shout out for anyone who could help one of our young members, Michael Sheeran, make some orchid contacts in England this summer.

Second Vice President Ben Johnson spoke about our special award, the Gary Baker Service Award. A perpetual trophy is presented to the member(s) who contributed the most in the previous year. Please see the article above to see the many contributions by members of our club. Steve also spoke and thanked those that volunteered to help our society.



FOOD TRUCK
SOCIAL



First dinner, second dinner and I think maybe third dinner. Everyone enjoyed the food that was catered by the food truck El Gran Taco.



Our plant table was reviewed by Andy Wright with photos by our new volunteer Sean Hoyt



Our New Video/Photo Volunteer Sean Hoyt

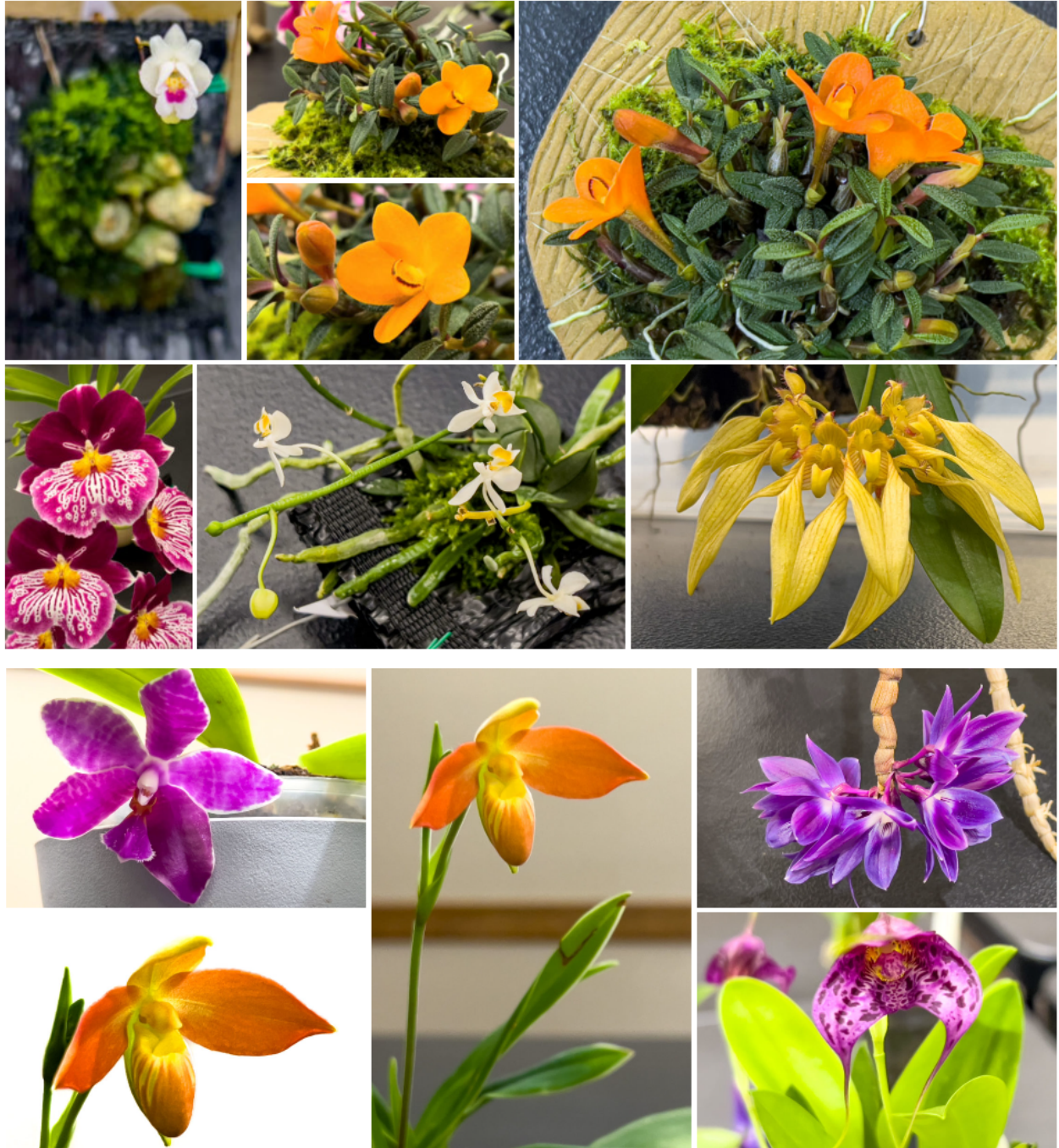


Look at all Those Plants!



The evening concluded with a HUGE raffle. Lots of orchids found new homes with our members. Can't wait to see them bloom!

These are several selected images from the May meeting. To see the rest of the photos of June's [plant table](#), please follow the link to go to the online gallery. And don't forget to watch the video of the plant table discussion that is also there.



Schedule of Upcoming Events

8/13 /22 - NWOS Summer Picnic: The NWOS will have a summer picnic for its members hosted at the home of Andy Wright. See the article above. Current members will receive emailed details

09/12/22 – NWOS meeting – Speaker: Tom Ethridge, “Odontoglossums Then and Now, Has Anything Changed?”

09/24/22-09/25/22 - Oregon Orchid Society Show.

09/30/22 – NWOS Annual show SETUP at the Volunteer Park Conservatory.

10/01/22-10/02/22 – NWOS Annual SHOW AND SALE at the Volunteer Park Conservatory

10/10/22 – NWOS meeting – Speaker: Tyler Albrecht, “Parvisepalum Paphiopedilum” Tyler spoke to us about Dendrobium kingianum and its hybrids last year. This year he is back to talk to us about the wonderful parvisepalum subgenus of Paphiopedilum.

11/14/22 – NWOS meeting – Speaker: Peter Lin, “Neofinetia falcata and its Hybrids”

12/12/22 – NWOS meeting – Scholarship Recipient Report, introduction of new Officers, NWOS Annual Meeting report, Schoenfeld and Northern Orchid Awards, and Holiday Plant gifts.

01/09/23 – NWOS meeting – Speaker: TBA

02/13/23 – NWOS meeting – Annual Culture Clinic: This is our annual clinic when you can bring your questions, your problem plants and whatever is ailing something in your collection and the members that have experience with that plant or problem will answer your questions.

03/13/23 – NWOS Meeting – Annual Auction: This is our annual auction. It starts early with our preview party, nibbles, and bubbly, and ends up with tables and

tables of plants for you to bid on. Many of these plants are hard to find and are rarely available outside of private collections.

04/10/23 – NWOS meeting – Speaker: Andrew McGinnis, Growing Orchids in Grow Tents, Advanced Indoor Growing.

05/08/23 – NWOS meeting – Speaker: TBA

06/12/23 – NWOS meeting – June Food Truck Social: This is our annual social just before we take our summer break. We have a food truck outside and plants inside. We also announce the Gary Baker Service Award at this meeting.

09/11/23 – NWOS meeting – Speaker: Kelly McCracken, “Fragrant Miniatures”
The most common question we get asked about plants is “is it fragrant?”; Many orchid growers select their plants based on whether the plant is fragrant. For those of you who grow in limited space, but still love a nose full of floral fragrance, this is the talk for you.

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Reminder for Officers & Board Members

Future meetings are tentatively scheduled for September 6, and November 8th.

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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>
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Special Announcements

A small orchid business in Lynnwood is looking for a part-time person to help with packing orders for shipment and some basic plant care. Ideally, you should have your own transportation. Contact Ellen at 206-229-7919 or e-mail olympicorchids@gmail.com.

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