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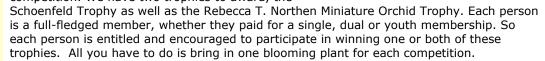
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About the December Meeting December 9, 2019 7:00 p.m.

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



Happy Holidays! It's once again time to put our growing skills to the test. Please join your fellow NWOS members in our friendly annual competition. We have two trophies to award, the



Let's make this a strong, lively competition. Bring your blooms whether you think they'll win or not. After all, we LOVE to see lots of orchids.

The **Schoenfeld Trophy** is awarded to the best blooming plant of any size.

The **Rebecca T. Northen Miniature Orchid Trophy** is awarded to the best blooming plant that is 6 inches or less in height, excluding the bloom spike which can extend beyond the 6" limit for the foliage.



Schoenfeld Trophy



Rebecca Northen Trophy

Everyone at the Holiday Party will cast a vote for each trophy. What do we mean by 'best blooming plant'? That's completely up to you, the voter, to decide what 'Best' means to you. The winner will keep the trophy until the December 2020 potluck.

We will welcome our new officers and board members and thank those who are retiring.

This year at our annual Holiday Potluck Party we will continue our annual tradition of gift plants. These are quality plants purchased specially for this event. Each member who's dues were paid by Nov. 11 will be able to select a plant that is suitable to their growing conditions. You must attend in order to receive your plant. To be clear, each person is a full-fledged member whether they joined as a single, dual or youth membership and will receive one free plant as a gift from the society.

To kick off the festivities the society will provide beef or a spiral cut ham and a turkey breast along with the plates, utensils, etc. We are asking everyone to bring additional food: a main dish, salad, drinks or dessert to share for our Potluck Party. For reference and to help decide what delicious food to bring, you could use the handy list. If your name starts with:

A - I = bring a salad or vegetable

J - R = bring a main dish

S - Z = bring a dessert or drinks

Consider this a guideline only, if you have a dish you are known for, or just want to share with others, please bring that instead.

Display Table:

No display table this month, but bring in your best plants to compete for one or both trophies.

Sales Table:

No sales table this month, but extra holiday plants will be available to purchase after the members have all received theirs.

Raffle:

No raffle this month.

NWOS Library:

No library this month.

Holiday Shopping on Amazon? Use this link to Earn \$\$ for NWOS

If you log on 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 our organization.

Amazon donates this percentage, not you. Everything is exactly the same as your normal shopping experience.

It's really easy, but you have to remember to log on through the <u>'smile'</u> subdomain when you place the order, otherwise it will go through as a regular order. If you change your Amazon bookmark, you won't even have to think about it.

Long-Serving Second Vice President Retires

After many years as 2nd Vice President I am passing the torch to newly-elected Alba Dennis. The main duty of the 2nd VP duties involves being responsible for orchid displays. Cylvia and I have set up well over 100 orchid displays in the many years that I have served as 2nd VP. Most of these were at "away" shows, but we have also been largely responsible for NWOS displays at our own shows. The Flower and Garden Show displays are not an official duty of the 2nd VP, but we have played a major part in each of those displays as well. Of course our job would be impossible without all the help from NWOS members in lending plants and helping in other ways with displays. The displays at our own show are a group effort, and we have had help at "away" shows from several other members, most notably Mike Pearson and Abigail Chang. Finally, I would like to emphasize that this has been a joint effort with Cylvia contributing at least 50%.

Grantham



George and Cylvia's display at the recent Tri-Cities show

Cylvia and I would like to thank NWOS members for all the support we have had over the years, especially those who have generously shared their plants. We urge everyone to similarly support the new 2nd VP. Alba has a wonderful aesthetic eye and will do a great job. Cylvia and I will still be active and able to help as our availability permits. To paraphrase a famous general, "old orchid folks never die, they just wilt away."

George Grantham, 2nd Vice President

USPS to go Wild for Orchids

The United States Postal Service is releasing new stamps in 2020 - Wild Orchids! The American Orchid Society will be hosting the First Day of Issue Ceremony for these stamps on February 21st, 2020 at the AOS Library located in Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, Florida. Each stamp features a photograph of one of nine species that grows wild in the United States: Cypripedium californicum, Hexalectris spicata, Cypripedium reginae, Spiranthes odorata, Triphora trianthophoros, Platanthera grandiflora, Cyrtopodium polyphyllum, Calopogon tuberosus, and Platanthera leucophaea.

A First Day of Issue Ceremony is held for each new stamp release the day the stamps go on sale across the USA. National and local media are invited to help get the word out about the new stamps and USPS broadcasts the Ceremony live on Facebook and Twitter. USPS also sells the stamps at the Ceremony along with other related philatelic products.



Wild Orchids

Here is the official USPS Press Release:

The Postal Service celebrates the exotic beauty of orchids with 10 new stamps in booklets of 20 and coils of 3,000 and 10,000. Each stamp features a photograph of one of nine species that grow wild in the United States: Cypripedium californicum, Hexalectris spicata, Cypripedium reginae, Spiranthes odorata, Triphora trianthophoros, Platanthera grandiflora, Cyrtopodium polyphyllum, Calopogon tuberosus and Platanthera leucophaea. Orchids also have common names, with some plants having several different names in popular use. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamps with existing photographs by Jim Fowler!

Baby It's Cold Outside - Winter Care Tips

by the AOS Education Committee

Except for a few parts of the country, winter is in full swing. The shorter and often dull days, along with cooler temperatures, affect our orchids in both good and bad ways.

First, the good news; cooler temperatures and/or shorter days send the signal to many orchid species and hybrids that it is time to flower. Inflorescences on many Phalaenopsis and Cymbidium hybrids should be well developed by Christmas. Be on the lookout for bugs that think of your precious orchid buds as tasty winter treats. Mealybugs will be the most likely suspects. Fortunately, these soft-bodied pests can be easily controlled with 1 teaspoon (5 ml) castile soap (we use Dr. Bronner's peppermint soap) in a quart (0.9 L) of water in a hand sprayer. This safe home treatment may require several applications every other day until control is achieved. Do not be tempted to mix any chemical control, even one as benign as soap, stronger than recommended.

It is a good idea to begin staking Phalaenopsis spikes before they get too far along. Done while the inflorescence is still pliable it is easy but if you wait too long they become brittle like asparagus and it is so easy to accidentally snap them off. For a brief description of staking Phalaenopsis spikes see http://www.orchidworks.com/showguide/index.html. Certain Cattleya species bloom on cue for the holidays, notably Cattleya trianae and Cattleya percivaliana (although both bloom across wider seasons in nature). It is a good idea to stake cattleyas also, as the flowers will display better. Decorating the home with blooming orchids can provide colorful accents that are always admired by guests. If you have any orchid shows nearby at this time of year, try to make the time to attend one and pick out a few plants that will bloom reliably at the holidays for years to come.

Here are a few suggestions to keep your orchids healthy this winter: If you are a windowsill grower, the light will be entirely different at this time of year. Assess it carefully and make any necessary adjustments. a south window may be brighter due to bare trees and the sun being lower in the sky. Watch for sunburn and move plants back from the window or add a sheer curtain to cut down the light. Shorter days and gloomy weather in many parts of the country can cause plants to produce soft growths that are more susceptible to pests and disease. Some orchids will not flower if they do not receive enough light. If necessary, use a grow light on a timer to provide additional light in winter.

Orchids grow more slowly in winter and will need less water and fertilizer. Most growers cut their fertilizer back to twice a month at half strength. Monitor orchids to keep them at their proper moisture level for their type. Generally, orchids will need about half as much water in winter as they do in summer. Some orchids must have a dry winter rest in order to flower.

The loss of humidity as a result of forced-air heating can take its toll on your orchids. Remember, most orchids grow optimally with 60-75 percent humidity. If your home is especially dry, and you will know by the way your own skin reacts to winter, provide extra humidity for your orchids. A tried and true method is to set orchid pots on trays of pebbles that are filled with water; just make sure your plant is not set in the water. Misting a couple times a day can also help.

Winter is cold, so protect plants from drafts. If buds start falling off of a Phalaenopsis inflorescence the first thing to suspect is a drafty window. Do not put plants close enough to a window to touch the glass!

If you happen to be lucky enough to live in an area where you grow your orchids outdoors year-round, don't be caught with your guard down. Even South Florida, the Gulf Coast and Southern California can experience damaging cold temperatures. Have a plan and supplies for covering or moving plants should cold weather be heading your way. Providing a little extra attention to your orchids at this time of year will get them through the winter in good health and bloom! (Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 82 NO. 12 DECEMBER 2013)

News from the American Orchid Society

Join the AOS today. Membership rates will increase in 2020.



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You are giving so much more than a magazine subscription!

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Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow! We digitize the webinars and they are available to view at your leisure from the same webpage. Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

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Reciprocal Garden Admissions Program

As a member of the AOS, you receive FREE or discounted admission to nearly 300 Botanical Gardens and Arboreta. Show your AOS membership card at admissions and benefit from the Reciprocal Garden Admission program. Members enjoy free or reduced admission or

discounts at hundreds of gardens, conservatories, and arboreta nationwide. https://www.ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/rap/find



Please reference the <u>American Horticultural Society guidelines</u> about how to take advantage of your Reciprocal Admissions Program benefits. It is recommended that you call all gardens prior to your visit. Each garden has its own unique admissions policy and some may have exclusions about special events, exhibits, etc.

https://www.ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/rap#guidelines

Worth the Read - ORCHIDS magazine December Preview

A Selection of the Best - <u>Photo of the Week</u> - All orchid hobbyists and photographers are invited to submit digital images for consideration as the "Photo of the Week" to be featured on the homepage of the AOS website, and then for possible selection featuring the best of the best, in the December issue of ORCHIDS. Follow the submission guidelines and your photography might be chosen in the future for this special feature. http://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/photo-of-the-week.aspx

- New Refugium Botanicum Phragmipedium ×talamancanum
- Orchid Growing in a Retirement Community
- Orchids Illustrated Laelia
- The Strange Case of Phragmipedium ×talamancanum, an International Story of Conservation and Taxonomy
- The Catasetinae, Part 4: Cycnoches warszewiczii and its Influence in Breeding
- Orchids in the Guilded Age New York
- Pass on Your Love of Orchids And Watch it Grow

LOOK for your awarded orchids in the sixteen-page awards gallery in each issue of ORCHIDS! The magazine awards gallery features all of the awards granted month by month in the previous year.

LOOK on the AOS website to find the most recently awarded orchids! https://secure.aos.org/orchid-awards.aspx



Left - Bulbophyllum Lady Sam 'Mike's Surprise' HCC/AOS (76 points)

(Bulbophyllum macrobulbum x Bulbophyllum echinolabium)

Exhibitor: Mike and Joni Sielaff Photographer: Kay Clark

Center - Habenaria medusa 'Cat's Whiskers' AM/AOS (87 points)

Exhibitor: Joel R. Edwards Photographer: Lois Cinert

Right - Aerides quinquevulnera 'Garrett's Pink Lady' AM/AOS (83 points) Exhibitor: Sharon and David Garrett Photographer: Wes Newton

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner! AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor, Eileen Hector

Report from the November Meeting

1st V.P Mike Foster introduced Steve Dorsey who gave our Orchid Basics program with the help of his wife Lori Lederman who worked the photos. He taught us how to become our own Orchid Doctor so we could diagnose problems with our plants. It was well don and he gave many examples for us to see.

Abigail Chang, President, opened our Veterans Day meeting by acknowledging all the veterans in the room. They were treated to a sincere round of applause for their service.

Abigail then reviewed all the volunteer opportunities that are currently open. We need a Show Chair, a Social media person, a website person, an Orchid Basics coordinator, someone to make name badges, a Raffle



Ron Parsons

coordinator and most importantly, a Treasurer. Mike Cory was available for people to catch up their 2019 membership so they will receive a gift plant at the December meeting. Dues for 2020 are due in January.

Joff Morgan updated us on the NW Flower and Garden Festival plans for our garden. Signup sheets were set out on the side tables for everyone to choose their shifts. Thuan handed out the money awards for those that won awards at the WA State Fair in September. Abby then welcomed all our new people to the meeting.

Elections were held by reviewing the slate as published in the newsletter. No additional nominees were put forth. The slate was approved unanimously by the members present.

After a break and plant table review, Mike Foster introduced our speaker Ron Parsons. He is a fabulous photographer who took us on a journey to southern Ecuador to such beautiful and orchid-rich areas as the Cordillera del Condor, Cajas National Park, Podocarpus National Park, etc where approximately 125 species of orchids were seen in bloom. The trip also included a stop at Ecuagenera. It was nice that he showed us other interesting plants encountered along the way in addition to the wonderful orchids.

Andy Wright reviewed the plant table.







Joe, Joff and Gordon take some time before the meeting to put work out some details for our upcoming NW Flower and Garden Festival garden design.



Andy does the plant table



Ron sells plants and helps us make a good choice



Steve and Lori, Orchid Basics



Plant table with Andy



Paph. barbigerum, Andy Wright



Paph. Claire de Lune 'Edgard van Belle', Andy Wright



Paph. Freckles 'Pink Agate', Inga Lajauskiene



Paph. helenae, Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Paph. helenae x Jolly Green Jem, Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Paph. henryanum x sib, Robert Culver



Paph. hybrid, George S Krasle



Paph. Little Trouble x barbigerum, Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Paph. Rothschildianum hybrid, Inga Lajauskiene



Paph. Umatilla, Thuan Nguyen



Paph. Worthy Fred, Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Phrag. Cardinale (sedenii x schlimii), George and Cylvia Grantham



Phrag. Urgandiae 'M&B' (lindleyanum x longifolium), Joff Morgan



Phrag. schlimii, Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Eplc. Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire', George and Cylvia Grantham



Onc. Sharry Baby, Ben Johnson



Oncidium coloratum x sib, Robert Culver



Rossioglossum Rawdon Jester 'Marvista', Robert Culver



Oncidium NoID, Ben Johnson



Odontoglossum hybrid, Jairul Rahaman



Oda. Clementine 'Pacifica', Robert Culver



Cattleya Tokyo Life, Joff Morgan



Slc. Hsin Buu Lady 'YT' AM/AOS, Ron Webb



Cattleya (Guarianthe) bowringiana var. superba 'Augusta' AM/AOS, Michael Cory



Blc. Mari's Glory 'H&R', George and Cylvia Grantham



Liparis condylobulbon, Michael Cory



Coelogyne Linda Buckley (mooreana x cristata), Inga Lajauskiene



Coelogyne massangeana, George S Krasle



Cymbidium Enzan Susan 'Albion', Steve Dorsey



Cymbidium Sweetheart 'Elegance', Randy Erickson



Zygo. Advance Australia 'HOF' AM/AOS, Ron Webb







Catasetum Spotted Dragon 'Memoria Merle Steinberg' HCC, Steve Dorsey





Dendrochilum saccolabium, George and Cylvia Grantham



Dendrochilum glumaceum 'Ester', Diane Drisch

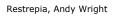


Pleurothallis species, Andy Wright



Pleurothallis species, George and Cylvia Grantham







Restrepia, Andy Wright



Restrepia, Andy Wright







Restrepia brachypus, George S Krasle

Restrepia, Andy Wright



Epidendrum porpax, George and Cylvia Grantham



Angraecum distichum, Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Ornithophora radicans ('mosquito orchid'), George and Cylvia Grantham



Sigmatostalix (Gomeza) radicans, George S Krasle





Bulbophyllum barbigerum, Chase Stanley



Masdevallia decumana, Ben Johnson



Masdevallia mendozae, Andy Wright



Masdevallia roseola, Robert Culver



Masdevallia glandulosa, Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Masdevallia glandulosa, Ben Johnson



Miltonia hybrid, George S Krasle



Miltoniopsis Lynn Waihee 'White Queen', Inga Lajauskiene



Comparettia speciosa, Ben Johnson



Vanda Pachara Delight 'Somsri', George and Cylvia Grantham



Den. Hibiki 'Tiny Bubbles' (laevifolium x bracteosum), Joff Morgan



Den. super ise, Steve Dorsey



Den. Yellow Magic 'Festival', Ron Webb



Dendrobium cuthbertsonii 'Giant Pink' HCC/AOS x bicolor, Ron Webb







Phal. Pylo's Toy, Joff Morgan



Phalaenopsis bellina, Linda Lian

Schedule of Upcoming Events

December 9, 2019 - NWOS meeting - Potluck dinner, Holiday Plant giveaway, Schoenfeld and Northen Trophy contests and installation of new Officers & Board of Directors

January 13, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Orchid Doctor Part 2 followed by a Culture Clinic

February 10, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Tom Mirenda, topic TBA.

February 26 - March 1, 2020 - NW Flower & Garden Festival, with setup starting on 2/22

March 9, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Annual Orchid Auction and Preview Party

March 16, 2020 - Annual Potting Clinic

April 13, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Bob Hamilton, topic TBA

May 11, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Bill Goldner, Woodstream Orchids, topic TBA

June 8, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Annual midyear Potluck

June 25-29, 2020 - National Native Orchid Symposium, Port Angeles, WA. There will be presentations on June 26 and 28 at the Port Angeles Senior Center and field trips on the 27th and 29th. https://www.nativeorchidconference.info/annual-symposium.html

September 14, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Sam Tsui, Orchid Inn, topic TBA.

October 3&4, 2020 - Fall Show and Sale at VPC.

October 12, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, topic TBA.

November 9, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Mary Gerritsen, topic TBA.

December 14, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Holiday Potluck, Introduction of new Officers, and Orchid Awards

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for this membership year is: 11/5/19, 1/7/20, 3/3/20, 5/5/20. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike & Sheila Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

NWOS Website Links

- Main website: <u>Http://www.nwos.org</u>
- 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

Special Announcements

Our recent speaker Theresa Hill of Hillsview Gardens sent us an announcement that The Mulino Orchid Growers are having a Christmas Open House.

Saturday December 7th, 10 AM to 4 PM.

Liana (Griffin Mountain Orchids), has agreed to again be a vendor. We hope you can join us.

Click <u>HERE</u> for a PDF version of the poster.



MULINO OREGON ORCHID GROWERS CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE ~ SATURDAY

DECEMBER 7, 2019 ~ 10 AM TO 4 PM

ENJOY SWEET AND SAVORY TREATS AND REFRESHMENTS ALONG WITH AN ARRAY OF BLOOMING AND BUDDED ORCHIDS PERFECT FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

GINES ORCHIDS (LEONARD GINES & LINDA EISENBERG)
GREG NIELSEN

HILLSVIEW GARDENS (WILL & THERESA HILL)
SPECIALTY ORCHIDS (BOB BURKEY & CASSANDRA PHILLIPS)
FEATURING GUEST VENDOR
GRIFFIN MOUNTAIN ORCHIDS (PHIL & LIANA WEBB)



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