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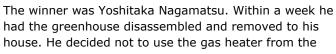
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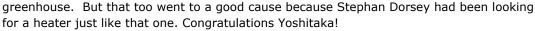
About the June Meeting June 8, 2020

Unfortunately, we will not have a June meeting, either in person or on Zoom

Greenhouse Donated to NWOS Member

Steven Fischer, a former member of NWOS, had a Sunglo greenhouse that he needed to have removed from his yard. He chose to offer the greenhouse to the NWOS membership. A notice went out to the membership in mid May asking for names of any members interested in giving the greenhouse a new life. Timing was critical. Steven was having landscaping done at the start of June so members had only a couple of days to respond. Three names were received, and on Saturday May 16 Cylvia and I wrote the three names on slips of paper, put them in a basket and drew one at random.





In future years we will be watching the plant table at meetings for orchids grown in your "new" greenhouse.

George Grantham

Membership Renewal Reminder

It's time to renew your NWOS membership for 2020. Our membership period now goes by calendar year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31). You can pay at most meetings by cash, check, or debit/credit card. Click <u>HERE</u> to pay online using Paypal on our Membership page. You can mail a check (payable to NWOS) to PO Box 51021, Seattle, WA 98115-1021. New members should complete the <u>Membership Form</u>.

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, dual and youth 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, members-only summer BBQ, etc.).

Please contact Mike Cory for questions about your dues.

Filling a Need for More Plantmoji

The American Gardening Magazine had an article about the need for an orchid emoji. It states: Orchids make up a large category of flowering plants and come in extraordinary diversity. As Moody states in his proposal to the Unicode Consortium (the group that oversees the emoji selection process), "this is not simply a different species of plant but represents an entire family of flowering plants that is not represented by emoji." Moreover, orchids, Moody says "hold meaning for many people beyond horticulture and botany. Read the full article here: https://ahsgardening.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/GardNotebook-TAG-MJ20.pdf



Designed by Sam Balmer, MOBOT'S proposed emoji depicts a phalaenopsis orchid flower.

To read the original proposal and Cassidy Moody's article from the Missouri Botanical Garden (MOBOT) go to: https://discoverandshare.org/2019/07/16/the-case-for-more-plant-and-orchid-emoji/

Thanks to Caron Cromwell for sharing this cool tidbit of Orchid news with us.

June: The Aromatic Month Letting the Nose Do the Shopping When Searching for New Orchids By Thomas Mirenda

A VERITABLE FEAST FOR THE SENSES, June — of "busting out all over" fame — is a great time for your orchid collection. Although there may not be scads of plants in bloom, there is tremendous activity. Personally, I find the new growths of orchids almost as exciting as the flowers. Many of the orchids that bloom in the upcoming summer heat are also among the most fragrant. Some, such as brassias, brassavolas and stanhopeas, smell delicious. Others, such as average bulbophyllums, could drive you out of the greenhouse on a hot summer day. My Bulhophyllum echinolabium attracts myriad flies with its fetid aroma. I tend to leave it outside where I can get away from the odor if it gets too strong. When I do, it usually comes back inside in the autumn with a capsule or two. With its 1- foot- (30-cm-) long flower, it's far too cool an orchid to reject for a minor flaw such as foul fragrance. Besides, it's great fun to let unsuspecting friends take a whiff.

LET ME OUT June is when you can safely put most of your orchids outside for the summer. The fresh, naturally moving air, rainwater and excellent dappled light under backyard trees make for superb growing conditions. Cooped up all winter, many orchids grow by leaps and bounds when moved outside. For best results, look for a spot where there is air movement, bright but semishaded conditions, or a spot with early morning sun and shade in the afternoon. Some types, such as cattleyas, vandas and cymbidiums, need more light than others, such as miltonias, psychopsis and most maxillarias, so multiple sites may be necessary to meet the requirements of orchids in a mixed collection. By observing your plants you can make informed decisions on where they should go for the summer.

ROYALTY BEWARE Water and debris falling into the crowns of phalaenopsis outdoors can cause various types of fungal and bacterial rot, so many growers choose to leave these plants inside. But as long as the plants are covered to protect them from excessive rain and falling leaves, they usually do well with the natural day and night temperatures offered by the backyard habitat. Mounted plants often increase exponentially when offered rainwater and fresh air. When mounting phalaenopsis, position the plants so the crown and leaves point down to prevent water and leaves from gathering.

LIQUIDITY Aside from keeping money in your portfolio, this month it's important to keep up with watering. Not only are plants growing quickly and needing copious moisture and fertilizer, but with newly repotted plants, fresh mix may take some time to be infused with moisture. Although most people soak their mix overnight before repotting to avoid potting desiccation stresses, the mix is still easily dried out. One must be aware that these newly repotted plants should receive extra attention in the form of careful observation, watering, and high humidity until they're fully established later in the summer.

GOT POTS? The longer days and warmer temperatures, especially those experienced by plants set outside, have shifted orchid metabolisms into overdrive. Take advantage of this surge of growth and establish plants into fresh mixes. It is a great time to take divisions. Your orchids will likely put out another growth to replace anything you remove. Removing old, gnarly backbulbs is advisable. These needn't go in the trash. Often your local orchid society has someone who'll nurse these backbulbs and divisions into saleable plants that might turn up at a future charity auction or plant sale. It's okay to share the wealth with new orchid growers. At times such as these, we want to encourage more people to get into the hobby. I know when I started, the gift of a division from an experienced grower was treasured and kept me engaged and involved (and indebted) to mentors in my society.

INTO THE FIELD Now is the prime time to see many wild orchids that may be growing near you. Get a field guide, grab the kids or your dog, or hook up with friends and step outside. There are marvels nearby waiting to be discovered in their native habitats. Nothing could be better for your psyche and soul than to hike in a natural area and find wild hidden orchid treasures. Now's the time to explore for native orchids. I encourage you to get out there.

As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission *ORCHIDS VOL. 79, NO.6, June 2010*. Visit the AOS website for a Monthly Checklist on Orchid Care http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/may-june-checklist.aspx

News from the American Orchid Society

Volunteering with a Passion for Orchids

An insatiable thirst for learning more about orchids found me joining our local American Orchid Society Affiliate, Tampa Bay Orchid Society, and volunteering at the local Florida



North Central Judging Center monthly judging sessions. I broadened my horizons when I became involved on the national level as a volunteer with two American Orchid Society committees. http://www.aos.org/about-us/committees.aspx

If you are wondering where you might fit in, take a moment and review the committee Job Descriptions and volunteer expectations. Every volunteer brings a different skill set to the American Orchid Society and there is a place for you. Check out the first few pages of any issue of ORCHIDS to find the list of National Volunteers and the committees they serve. http://www.aos.org/about-us/job-descriptions.aspx

Years ago when I joined the roster of AOS committees, the group currently known as the Affiliated Societies Committee (ASC), was known as the Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee (MASC). Through the years, committees were redefined and there are now two distinct committees to serve the AOS membership. The ASC, and the Membership & Marketing Committee are two places I hang my hat. I do it for the love of orchids. If you want to feel needed and appreciated, volunteers are welcome on all levels!

Help Wanted - AOS Webinar Presenters

Webinars are a conduit to share our orchid knowledge. They are generally limited to a one-hour audio-visual presentation that is recorded for future viewing through a link on the AOS website. Most presentations are prepared ahead in PowerPoint and presented with live audio on a selected date. They take place in the evening, Monday through Friday, usually at 8:30 p.m. Eastern time.

We know there are wonderful, successful growers out there with all sorts of great information on growing and maintaining a healthy orchid collection. We are currently

looking for someone to share and present segments for the Best Practices for a Healthy Orchid Collection series. Orchid growing is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor, certain practices can help us on the road to success. Understanding our orchids is a good place to start.

We are flexible! We are always looking for interesting topics to share with our viewers. Choose a day convenient for you. You will need a prepared PowerPoint topic, an internet connection, and a computer with audio capabilities to present an AOS webinar.

Contact Cheryl Erins to be added to the AOS webinar line-up or for further information. She can arrange a webinar practice session to help you get familiar with the process. cerins@aos.org





To view REGISTRATION is REQUIRED: http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow!

ALL webinars are recorded and available to view at your leisure. **GREENHOUSE CHAT** Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing. Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

NEW PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

50% Discount for AOS Members!

Original orchid color plates abound in this distinctive Orchid Encyclopedia by Peggy Alrich and Wes Higgins, a marvelous and artistic creation in landscape format of 500 pages.

Original orchid discoverer and date are listed as well as the Etymology and Generitype of more than 2000 orchids along with a easy to read description of growth habits, countries and regions within countries of origin. The plants and flowers are aptly discussed



and the authors give colors and varieties found in various areas of note. Sepals and petals along with special features of lips complete the beautifully described notes. Of note in the book are the synonyms the orchids have had over the years, and those that were, and are, invalid even today. A modern twist to the encyclopedia features a general culture description, which helps even a veteran grower understand some of the nuances of the particular plants being discussed. What is absolutely beautiful is the collection of artwork of each of the plants done in color plates, many by the original artist or from an original collection and dated. Many of the drawings illustrate entire flowers, with all their separated parts. This book would be a welcome and beautiful addition to any orchid grower's collection, a stunning work and artistic treasure.

Order through the AOS SHOP. AOS members, please make sure you are signed on to the AOS website when placing your order to automatically receive the 50% discount. https://secure.aos.org/Products/366-a-compendium-of-orchid-genera.aspx

MEMBERS can VIEW the beauty and diversity of awarded orchids in every issue of ORCHIDS magazine. http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx

PLUS everyone can check the most recently awarded orchids on the AOS website. Exhibits are included in the latest awards gallery. https://secure.aos.org/orchid-awards.aspx

From our South American Affiliate:



Award No: 20196990, Date: Nov 14, 2019 American Orchid Society Gold Certificate 'Exhibit 20-22' GC/AOS (92 points) Event: Asociacion Vallecaucana de Orquideologia Show (Cali, Colombia) Exhibitor: Sociedad Colombiana de Orquideologia, Photographer: Juan Carlos Uribe



Award No: 20201346 Cattleya Brabantiae 'Frank Smith' FCC/AOS (94 points) (Cattleya aclandiae x Cattleya loddigesii) **Exhibitor: Krull-Smith**

Photographer: Wes Newton



Award No: 20203715 Cattleya amethystoglossa 'Put Me In The Zoo' AM/AOS (80 points) **Exhibitor: Ben Oliveros and Orchid Eros** Photographer: Glen Barfield



Orchid Pro, the premier tool for studying awarded orchids is included with every AOS membership. Features include flower details, measurements, and description of each awarded orchid or exhibit. https://op.aos.org/

AOS members have access to over 2,050 articles published between the years 2003 - 2009 and 2011 - 2018 through the digital archives.

http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx

Worth the Read - ORCHIDS June Preview

The New Refugium Botanicum - by Franco Pupulin Orchids Illustrated - Japanese Orchids Rare and Threatened Orchids of Central Africa, Part 1 A Few Jewels of Colombia's Warm, Intermediate and Cool Habitat

Worth the Read - ORCHIDS July Preview

<u>For the Novice - Soluble Salts by Sue Bottom</u> Sue shares practical advice in easy to understand terms. Her contributions to ORCHIDS through the years have been invaluable to novice and experienced growers alike. You will come away with new knowledge, or a refresher course, on how to grow your orchids better. Catch her words of wisdom and more in the July issue of ORCHIDS.

The New Refugium Botanicum - Encyclia alata by Franco Pupulin and associates Collector's Item - Bulbophyllum section Lepidhoriza by Charles Wilson Orchids Illustrated - Bulbophyllums of du Petit-Thours by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins Orchids of Bhutan - Spathoglottis by Stig Dalström, et al. Orchid Treasures of the Northwest Amazon - In Search of Scuticaria steelei by Nicola Flanagan

The Orchids of Guanahacabibes National Park, Cuba by Lawrence W. Zettler, et al.

Remember to check in with us on Facebook and Instagram! https://www.facebook.com/groups/52597049839/

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor American Orchid Society, PO Box 565477, Miami, FL 33256-5477



Award No: 20205055, Date: Feb 21, 2020

American Orchid Society Show Trophy 'J & L Orchids' ST/AOS (86 points)

Event: Amherst Orchid Society Show (Northampton, Massachusetts)

Exhibitor: J & L Orchids, Photographer: Joseph Maciaszek

Exhibit also received a Silver Certificate: Award No. 20205056



Award No: 20205478

Masdevallia Galaxy 'Alma del Bosque' AM/AOS
(80 points) (Masdevallia triangularis x
Masdevallia Kimballiana)

Exhibitor: Daniel Piedrahita-Thiriez
Photographer: Bryan Ramsay



Award No: 20205475
Platystele beatricis 'Diego' CCE/AOS
(93 points)
Exhibitor: Pascal Arrondeau
Photographer: Bryan Ramsay

Report from the May Meeting

Our May 11th meeting was held via Zoom with 39 attendees. Joe Grienauer, President, welcomed everyone

Joe lead the group and made several announcements:

Our summer BBQ will be held at Andy Wright's home if safe...details to follow as we get closer to the date.

Mt. Baker Show report, George Grantham gave a Mt. Baker Show report. He also announced a Greenhouse donation and asked if anyone was interested. See article above. Sadly, longtime member Don Miller has passed away.

Zoom instructions were reviewed. Thanks to Board Member Susan Burgess for acting as the administrator for this virtual meeting.

Joe reviewed a plant table that he set up in his greenhouse. He gave interesting anecdotes and cultural history about many of the plants. He then took questions from the members such as what kind of shade cloth he uses, how often he watered, applied fertilizer, and what humidity did he keep the greenhouse at. The virtual meeting wrapped up with Joe asking for ideas for future meetings. He suggested that others can show their plants and growing spaces. An idea was thrown out that some volunteers could put on a program demonstrating potting techniques.

Virtual Plant Table

The May meeting was conducted viz Zoom so we missed out on a physical gathering with a speaker and beautiful plant table. Rather than miss out completely, we are presenting a virtual Plant table. In this way we can still see the wonderful blooms that our members have so carefully cultivated. Photos are provided by each grower. Enjoy.



Bletilla striata, Kathy Murray

Orchids in the Garden

Kathy, Mike and Steve show us their orchids planted in the garden. Now is the time to see and consider trying a different way of growing orchids. Here we see Bletillas in both the lavender and the white color forms. For more information on the Bletillas shown here, check out the reference on the AOS website: https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z/letter-b/bletilla.aspx





Bletilla striata, Michael Cory

These are Chinese ground orchids and I have had them
for 5 or 6 years in the front yard in the ground



Cypripedium montanum, Stephen Dorsey



Corallorhiza maculata, Steve Dorsey

I let them grow naturally in the ground. I know where they are, so I go to see them. Nature sometimes does better with some plants than me.



Paph. Lady Isabel, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Sander's Pride 'Classic' x Paph. Susan Booth 'BP', Gordon Cromwell



Paph. Venus Aglow, Nancy Wright



Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Song of love, Don Bilbrey



Phalaenopsis NoID, Gordon Cromwell



Phal Germaine Vincent, Joff Morgan



rescue phalaenopsis, Michael Sheeran A couple months ago I was riding my bike and I found a phalaenopsis orchid left to die by the side of a large arterial. it looked okay so I brought it home. And now it started to bloom! I was able to train the new bloom spike with a wire into a cool S-shape! I think it kind of looks like a cymbidium when it's partially open.



Phal NoID, Steve Dorsey



Phal. NoID, Steve Dorsey, Phal from the raffle all grown up



Phal Citrus Candy, Joff Morgan



Small multi floral phal, Steve Dorsey



Phal Miki Fly Eagle C1, Joff Morgan, first bloom



Phal Nobby's Green Eagle x bellina var. coerulea, Joff Morgan, first bloom



Phal Pylo's Jewel, Joff Morgan



Phal Sapphire's Galah, Joff Morgan



Phal Jennifer Palermo x violacea var indigo, Joff Morgan, first bloom



dtps chingureys goldstaff, Don Bilbrey



DTP Lianker Cranberry Cha Cha, Don Bilbrey



Sobralia Maculata, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce

Donna managed to get Mike to come see "his" orchids
blooming in "her" geranium's cool house. Nicely Done



Dend Angel Baby, Don Bilbrey
It is the second time blooming



Dendrobium wassellii, Stephen Dorsey



Den. Trinervium, Don Bilbrey



Dendrobium kingianum Alba, Gordon Cromwell



Dendrobium nobile, Gordon Cromwell



Den cumulatum, Joff Morgan, first bloom



Den Hibiki 'Tiny Bubbles', Joff Morgan



Angraecum magdalene, Stephen Dorsey



Angraecum dideri, Gordon Cromwel



Ang. leonis, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Vanda Pachara Delight, Gordon Cromwell



Epicat Rossy Ochoa 'Wolf Bay' HCC/AOS, Joff Morgan



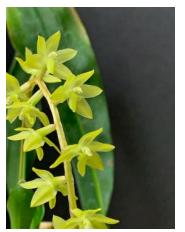
Blc,, Nancy Wright



Bc Theresa Ricci, Stephen Dorsey took a long time to get to bloom, probably the C. aclandiae in the cross making it fussy



SLV Love Fresh, Nancy Wright







Dendrochillum pangasinaneuse, Gordon Cromwell

Dendrochilum cobbianium, Mike Cory



Bulbophyllum sumatranum, Steve Dorsey



Trichopilia sanguinolenta, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Cym Rodco's Creation, Diane Drisch



Zygopabstia Dragon Kitten 'Purr', Yoshi Nagamatsu





Maxillaria variabilis, Gordon Cromwell





Max. valenzuela, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Lysudamuloa (Lys) Red Jewel, Bill Leicht



Beallara Tacoma Glacier 'Green', Gordon Cromwell



Beallara Snowblind 'Sweet Spots', Gordon Cromwell





Odcdm Catatane 'Pacific Sun Spots', Gordon Cromwell



Brassia, Gordon Cromwell



Colmanara Wildcat Bobcat, Steve Dorsey



Odontcidium Brennan Scott Barfield 'Kalapana Sunrise', Robert Culver



Oncidium Heaven Scent 'Sweet Baby',' Yoshi Nagamatsu



Restrepia triglossa, Gordon Cromwell



Tolumnia velutina, Steve Dorsey



Platystele Umbellata, Don Bilbrey



Kefersteinia tomlinensis, Gordon Cromwell



Miltonia hybrid, Debra Lacy
I grow it in a glass vase with aquarium gravel and charcoal in the bottom



Miltoniopsis Milla Hull 'Black Spider', Robert Culver



Mtdm. Pacific Paragon 'Honey Butter', Yoshi Nagamatsu

Schedule of Upcoming Events

June 8, 2020 - NWOS meeting - Cancelled

June 25-29, 2020 - National Native Orchid Symposium, Port Angeles, WA. - **Cancelled** - rescheduled for the same week one year later in June 2021

Summer , 2020 - NWOS Annual Potluck Picnic: More info will posted in the August newsletter and details will be emailed to all NWOS Members in good standing closer to the date.

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

October 3&4, 2020 - Fall Show and Sale at Volunteer Park Conservatory

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: 7/??/20, 9/8/20, 11/4/20 (Wednesday). 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 <u>'smile'</u> subdomain when you place the order, otherwise it will go through as a regular order.

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://nwos.orchid-society.net/archives/
- Show Information: http://newsletter.nwos.org/ShowTime
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Special Announcements

No Special Announcements this month.

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