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About the January Meeting

January 11, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Speaker: Dennis Olivas, "Temperature Tolerant Orchids"

Dennis was born on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. As a lad he helped his mom grow her orchids and got hooked. He joined the Future Farmers of America and his project was raising and selling orchids.

In 1980 he moved to the mainland and swore off the orchid family; not for long, as he was introduced to Rod McLellan's 'Acres of Orchids'. First, he filled his home with upwards of 6,000 plants. Later he leased greenhouse space for his collection. A glutton for punishment, he continued to add to his collection, overflowing the 3,000 sq. ft. greenhouse in Half Moon Bay. Currently his greenhouse (D&D Flowers) is in Daly City.

Dennis has been president of Peninsula Orchid Society, San Francisco Orchid Society, Diablo View Orchid Society and the Santa Cruz Orchid Society. He is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society. Dennis belongs to over 14 orchid societies and tries to assist them whenever possible.



Dennis Olivas

Pop-Up Rare Plant Sale

Woodland Park Zoo is having a Rare Plant Sale hosted by Amazon with more than 2000 rare plants. The following webpage provides a description and a list of house, rare and collector plants that will be sold South Lake Union January 9 – 22: <https://www.zoo.org/periodicplantsale>. It also has a link to make reservations. These reservations are nearly full so it's best to act quickly.



All plants were donated by the Amazon Horticultural Team who maintain the Amazon Spheres. 100% of the sale supports Woodland Park Zoo's Living Northwest wildlife conservation programs. There are also donated Amazon Spheres tours for sale.

It is best to go to the link above for more information about reservations and available plants. But here are a couple of articles about the event:
<https://www.geekwire.com/2020/amazon-donating-2000-tropical-plants-like-spheres-sale-benefit-seattle-zoo/>

<https://425magazine.com/feel-good-friday-plant-sale-santa-in-snoqualmie-and-last-minute-gifts/>

Note that these articles link directly to the shopper registration webpage, instead of the link provided on the zoo webpage that also includes the plant descriptions.

Volunteer Opportunities

Even during the pandemic the work of our society continues. We're working hard to continue reaching out and being creative while we socially distance. But we're also planning for the time that we can once again meet in person and conduct events to share our love of orchids and our hobby. To that end, the Board recently met and discussed a number of Volunteer Opportunities

Show Committee Chair: Person to organize and coordinate the efforts of the show committee members. We are currently booked for a show at the Volunteer Park Conservatory the first weekend of October, 2021. Duties include scheduling several meetings, organizing and keeping track of the various aspects of putting on the show. You will be helped by many dedicated members who will be responsible for performing the actual duties of creating the show. In addition to the current volunteers, you will be supported by many past participants who know how our shows have been previously conducted.

Show Committee: Members who wish to participate in organizing the show. Specific responsibilities include, liaison to AOS judges, liaison to the venue, show display, seminar coordinator, vendor liaison, NWOS volunteer coordinator (staffing during setup, the show, and take down), publicity, potting table, etc. We currently have the following people interested in participating: Bill Leight, Thuan Nguyen, Tom Bell-Games, Andy Wright, Dawn Tope, George Grantham, and Susan Burgess. In addition, there are a number of others who have helped in the past who are willing to share and support the committee. Please consider joining this great group. It's a blast joining in and then seeing the wonderful fruits of all of our combined efforts.

Communications Committee Chair/Web Site Manager: Someone to spruce up the website and design updates of interest to our diverse membership as well as the general public. We would also like others who have an interest and/or computer abilities to volunteer to support the manager.

Social Media Coordinator: Someone to work with the Communications Committee Chair to make postings on various social media platforms on a regular basis. These would include orchid pictures, fun facts, and event notices.

Donations Coordinator/Raffle Table Manager: Someone to receive information about donated plants and coordinate their reception and storage until the meetings. This person also conducts the raffle at the in-person meetings. We could split this into 2 positions depending on level of interest and time considerations.

Mentorship Program Coordinator: Someone to connect people who want to be mentored to a mentors, or questions to answers, or beginners to experts. This person might also be tasked with creating an inquiry system, whereby people with a question pertaining to a specific subset of orchid culture can find someone within the group knowledgeable in that particular area.

Post-Pandemic Speaker Host: Some of our monthly speakers prefer to stay with a member instead of in a hotel. If you have extra space and wish to be contacted the next time we need to house a speaker, please contact 1st Vice President Robert Culver.

Amazon Smile Impact

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that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.



Your current charity **Northwest Orchid Society Inc** has received \$81.04 as of November 2020.

That's a nice bit of cash, but we can do better.

To support your orchid society, always shop via smile.amazon.com. Try these 2 easy ways to start with a smile: [Learn about AmazonSmile](#). Same products, same prices, no cost to you.

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Membership Renewal Reminder

The current membership year ended on December 31st. This means it's time to renew your NWOS membership for 2021. Our membership period now goes by calendar year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31). You can pay at most in-person meetings by cash, check, or debit/credit card. This year you should Click [HERE](#) to pay online using Paypal on our Membership page. Alternately, you can mail a check (payable to NWOS) to PO Box 51021, Seattle, WA 98115-1021. New members should complete the [Membership Form](#).

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, compete for trophies, etc.).

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

News from the American Orchid Society

2021 JANUARY AOS Corner – for Affiliated Societies. We encourage use of the AOS website by all members.

<http://www.aos.org>



Webinars-Coming Attractions!

				
When	January 07, 2021 8:30pm EST Thursday	January 13, 2021 8:30pm EST Wednesday	February 09, 2021 8:30pm EST Tuesday	February 16, 2021 8:30pm EST Tuesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Mounting Your Orchids Best Practices	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Native Orchids of the Heartland
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Michael Coronado Production Manager, VP, R.F. Orchids, Inc	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Doug Martin Meeting the Challenge of Growing Native Orchids

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow! Webinar announcements are posted on Facebook, Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter. Each webinar is 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

ORCHIDPRO, search and compare your monthly show-and-tell entries to awarded orchids. OrchidPro is included as an affiliate benefit, allowing access to over 95,000 photos of award-winning orchids, exclusive data, in-depth genealogy (family trees, progeny, species makeup, parents), charts, and much more. New data and photos are added continuously. There is no additional cost to affiliates for ongoing updates. The program can be accessed online from any device with an internet connection. (OrchidPro adjusts to any screen size from desktops down to smartphones.) Plus, you can download data and photos and use all kinds of powerful features, from viewing award-winning orchids side-by-side to saving searches for future use and much more. Create a meeting presentation for your society from the OrchidPro awards database. <https://op.aos.org/>



**SPECIAL EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT - MARK YOUR CALENDARS
THE AOS IS EXCITED ABOUT HOLDING OUR FIRST ONLINE
ORCHID SPEAKER'S DAY ALL ABOUT ORCHID CULTURE**

- Join us online Saturday, February 06, 11:00 AM. EST Let's Rid Ourselves of the Winter Doldrums. Spend the Day Learning More about Growing Orchids
- ❖ GROWING MINIATURES 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Kristen Uthus from NEW WORLD ORCHIDS
 - ❖ BRAZILIAN HABITATS AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON CULTURE 12:00—12:45 p.m. Francisco Miranda from MIRANDA ORCHIDS
 - ❖ THOSE PESKY BUGS 1:00—1:45 p.m. Ron McHatton, AOS CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICER
 - ❖ GROWING HEALTHY PAPHS 2:00-2:45 p.m. Dave Sorokowsky from PAPH PARADISE
 - ❖ SECRETS, GROWING DENDROBIUMS 3-3:45 p.m. Alan Koch, GOLD COUNTRY ORCHIDS
- REGISTER NOW: \$30 ONLINE

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/194905340406754830>

All registrants entered to win RAFFLES on the ORCHID WHEEL OF FUN!



awarded display

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

Rebecca T. Northen Trophy

This year's Holiday Trophy contests were conducted virtually. Plant photos were presented anonymously. Members who were present voted, the choices were tallied and the results were announced at the end of the meeting. With all these gorgeous blooms to pick from, it was a difficult task to choose a favorite. Growers names are added here in the showcase of contestants for your information.

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. The measurement for monopodial and fan-type growth (Phals, Vandas, Paphiopedilums, etc.) is leaf span.



Haraella odorata, Gordon Cromwell



Dryadella cristata, Donna Pierce



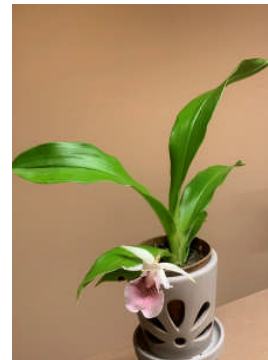
Pleurothallis microcardia, Michael Cory



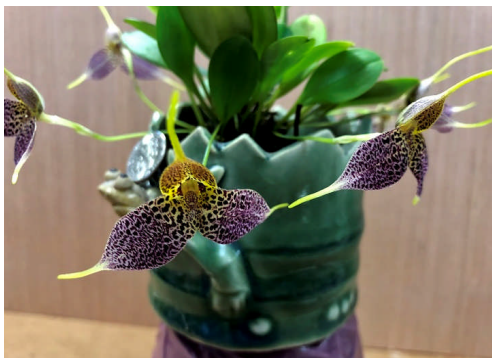
Masdevallia mendoza, Andy Wright



Chondranthes Amazing Andrea 'Pretty in Pink', Bill Leicht



Third Place



Masdevallia decumana, Mike Foster



Howeara Lava Burst 'Puanani' AM/AOS, Steve Dorsey

Second Place

the results of the voting for this trophy were quite close amongst these top three contestants

Well done everyone

And the winner is



Trichosalpinx chamaelepanthes specimen plant, Abigail Chang



Trichosalpinx chamaelepanthes closeup, Abigail Chang



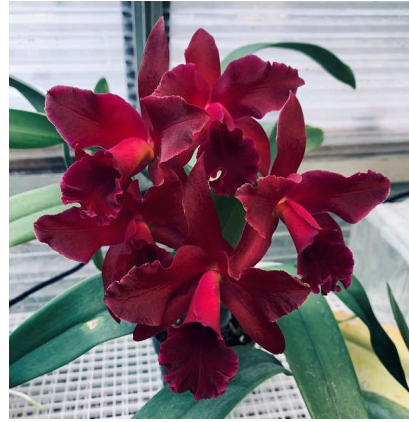
Northen trophy

Schoenfeld Trophy

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



Phrag kovachii, Mike Foster



Blc. Cherry Suisse 'Kauai', Gordon Cromwell



Odontoglossum type NOID, Jairul Rahaman



Aliceara Mem. Khun Krairit, Becky Schelgel



Aerangis brachycarpa, Donna Pierce



Pleurothallis phalengifera, Andy Wright



Stenorrhynchos speciosum x sib, Stephen Dorsey





Lc. Tahoe Rose v. coerulea 'Sunset Valley Orchids' AM/AOS, Rohm Gustafson

Second Place



Dendrobium QF Kainoa, Bill Leicht



Paphiopedilum Prince Edward Of York,
Thuan v. Nguyen

And the winner is:



Schoenfeld trophy

Report from the December Meeting

Our virtual meeting started much like our in-person meeting with some time to socialize and introduce new people. First Vice President Robert Culver began the meeting wishing everyone happy holidays. He explained that ordinarily we would receive a free holiday orchid plant as a gift. But because we were meeting remotely on Zoom, that would be postponed until later. Robert called for volunteers for our Show committee in the hopes that we would be able to do a show in the future.

With the help of Abigail, Robert presented the contestants for the Northern and Schoenfeld awards. All members in attendance voted for the plants in each category. The results were tallied and announced at the end of the meeting.

Steve Dorsey gave a detailed presentation about how he built a greenhouse from a kit, adding a swamp cooler, bubble wrap insulation with LED lights, and fans. His many thoughtful building considerations were helpful insights for us to consider with our own growing areas. His presentation was enhanced with input and comments from George Grantham, Cordon Cromwell and Andy Wright.

Robert Culver then gave an amazing demonstration of how to grow orchids from seed. Extreme care and a sterile environment throughout the process are essential for having a positive outcome. There are two techniques, wet and dry. Robert explained his preferences so we could understand why it mattered. He reviewed the many tools and equipment needed to start with a seed pod, transfer to a flask, and eventually grow the seedlings to first bloom, a multi-year, very rewarding process.

We then reviewed the plant table with growers adding personal comments about their plants. Joff went into detail about his very successful new lighting setup. He got his lights from <https://theorchidhobbyist.com/>

Virtual Plant Table

Since the December meeting was conducted via Zoom, we didn't have a physical gathering with a 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.



Paphiopedilum fairrianum, Tom Bell-Games



Paphiopedilum spicerianum, Tom Bell-Games



Paphiopedilum Macabre Fantasy,
Tom Bell-Games



Paph. Hawaiian Treasure,
George & Sylvia Grantham



Paphiopedilum Hawaiian Contrast,
Tom Bell-Games



Paph. appletonianum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph NoID,
Nancy Wright



Paphiopedilum Odette's
Fascination, Tom Bell-Games



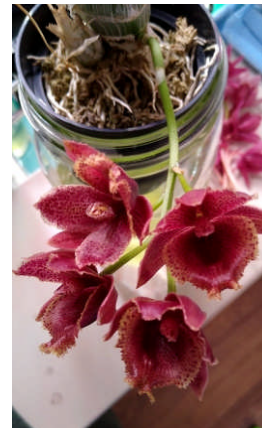
Catasetum pileatum var. aureum,
Hannah McHugh Brewer



Fredclarkeara After Dark Sunset_Valley
Orchids_FCC/AOS, Steve Dorsey



Clowesia Rebecca Northen x Morm Mimi,
first bloom, Joff Morgan



Mormodes Barnabas Collins,
first bloom, Joff Morgan



Paph. gratixianum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phrag. Barbara Lean x kovachii,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



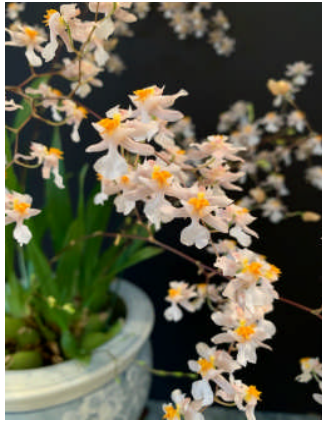
Phrag. QF Nolene,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Oncda. Chaculatum, Alba Dennis



Max_cucullata, Steve Dorsey



Oncidium 'Twinkle', Gordon Cromwell



Angraecum sesquipedale, the Darwin orchid,
14" nectar spurs, Gordon Cromwell



Brassavola grandiflora,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce

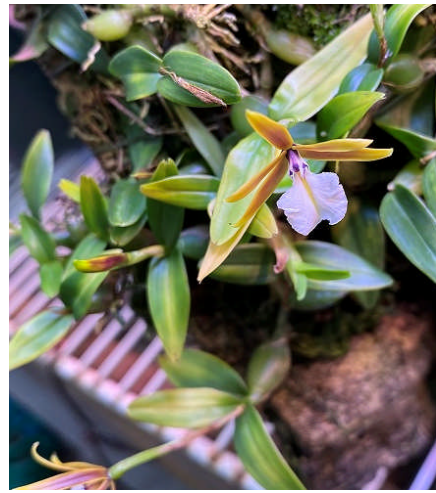


Cym. Here Comes the Sun, Bill Leicht





Coelygne lawrenciana, Alba Dennis



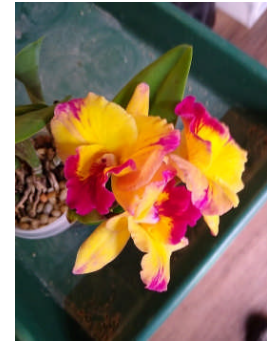
Dinema (Encyclia) polybulbon, Mike Cory



Potinara Tropical Sunset
x Lc Tokyo Magic,
first bloom, Joff Morgan



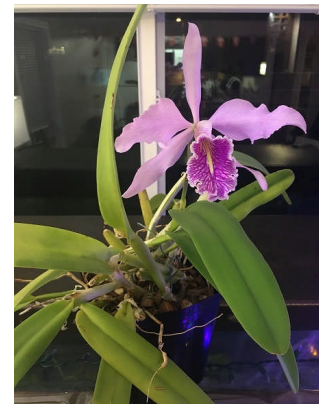
Potinara Dick Smith 'Aloha Spirit',
Nancy Wright



Slc. Tokyo Life x Potinara Telling
Lies, first bloom,
Joff Morgan



Guarianthe Hail Storm Nilene,
Steve Dorsey



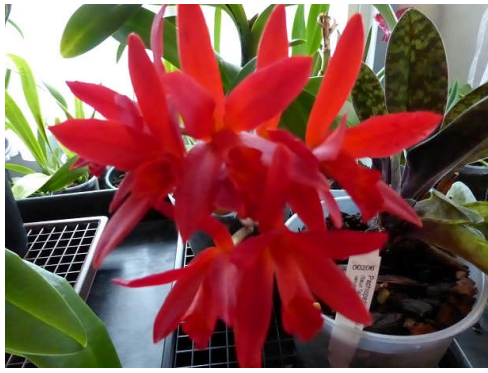
Cattleya maxima 'Gorgeous',
Hannah McHugh Brewer



Blc. Hausermann's Holiday 'Christmas' AM/AOS, Tom
Bell-Games



Slc Angel's Fantasy 'Solar Flare' x Sc. Beaufort
'Luna Rousse', Gordon Cromwell



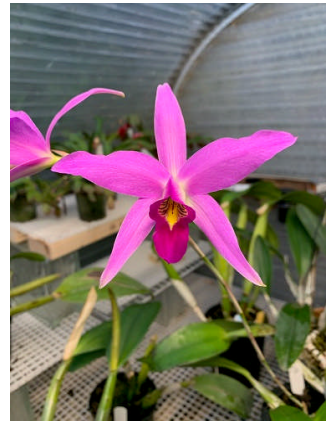
Lc. Cluster Fire 'Cinnabar',
Nancy Wright



Lc. Estella Jewel 'Kazumura' AM/AOS.
(Formerly Slc.), George & Cylvia Grantham



Laelia Amoena var. coerulea
(anceps x pumila), Tom Bell-Games



Laelia anceps,
Gordon Cromwell

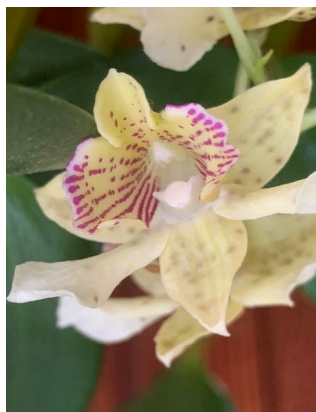


Cat. loddigesii, a cross between two select clones,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Dendrobium delacatum, George & Cylvia Grantham

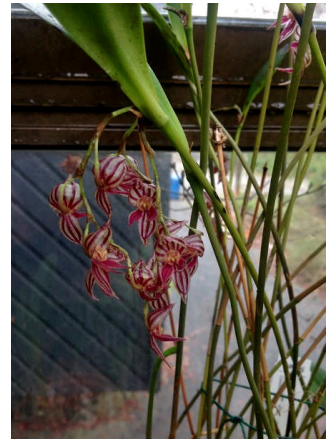
It is growing at the base of C. loddigesii from a keiki off another plant that accidentally landed there and took root. It is wonderfully fragrant.



Dendrobium Chocolate Chip, Bill Leicht



Barkeria scandens,
Steve Dorsey



Pleurothallis lindenii,
Tom Bell-Games



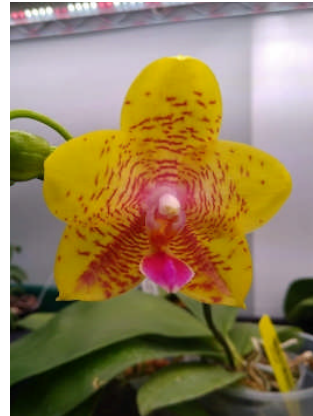
Bulbophyllum weberi,
George & Cylvia Grantham



Bulbophyllum ambrosia, Mike Cory
'ambrosia' is not strong but it does smell sweet.



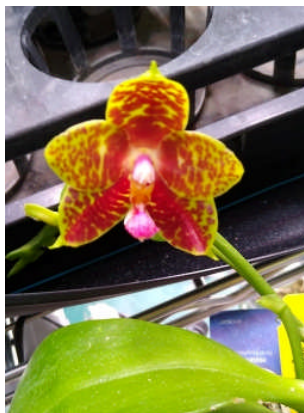
Phal. Citrus Candy, all 4 in bloom,
Joff Morgan



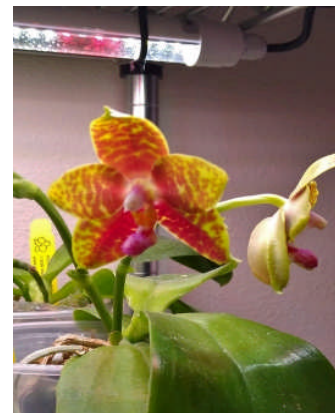
Phal. Miro Super Star x Mituo King Bellina,
first bloom, Joff Morgan



Phal. Yaphon in Mirror,
first bloom 1, Joff Morgan



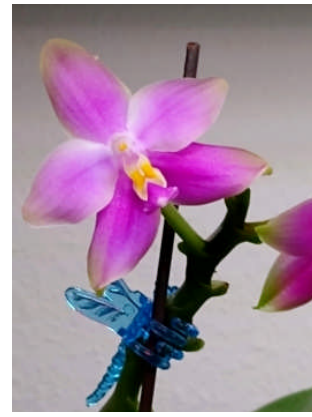
Phal. Yaphon in Mirror,
first bloom 2, Joff Morgan



Phal. Yaphon in Mirror,
first bloom 3, Joff Morgan



Phal. Pylo's Jewel, Joff Morgan



Phal. Yaphon Surprise Happiness, Joff Morgan



Vanda Robert's Delight 'Garnet Beauty' FCC/AOS (poss. mislabeled), Ron Webb



Ascda. Golden Dawn 'Keri Romani' AM/AOS, Ron Webb



Vanda Pachara, Gordon Cromwell



Vanda Chulee Blue No. 7, Ron Webb

Schedule of Upcoming Events

01/11/21 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Dennis Olivas, "Temperature Tolerant Species"

02/08/21 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Sarah Hurdel, "Habernaria"

03/08/21 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Marni Turkel, "Less Is More - small growing orchids"

04/12/21 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Jurahame Leyva, "Loutouria Dendrobiums"

05/10/21 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Tyler Albrect. "Dendrobium kingianum & hybrids"

06/14/21 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Jairul Rahamin - "Symbiotic Relationship between Orchids and Fungi"

09/13/21 - NWOS meeting - Speaker and topic - TBD

October 2&3, 2021 - Fall Show and Sale at Volunteer Park Conservatory

10/11/21 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Andy Easton, tentatively "Cymbidium"

11/08/21 - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Theresa Hill, "Paph. charlesworthii hybrids or Miltoniopsis in the PNW or Giants in the field of breeding, or Masdevallias"

December 13, 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: 1/5/21, 3/2/21, 5/4/21, 7/x/21, 9/7/21, 11/2/21. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike & Sheila Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere. The Board meetings are currently being conducted via Zoom.

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

If you go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and sign in to your account, you'll be given information about supporting various non-profits. You can type in "Northwest Orchid Society" and it will then send .5% of your purchase price to the organization.

It's really easy, but you have to remember to go in through the 'smile' subdomain when you place the order, otherwise it will go through as a regular order.

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 - Newsletter - Back Issues: <http://nwos.orchid-society.net/archives/>
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Special Announcements

No Special Announcements this month.

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