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About the January Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2012

7:00 P.M.

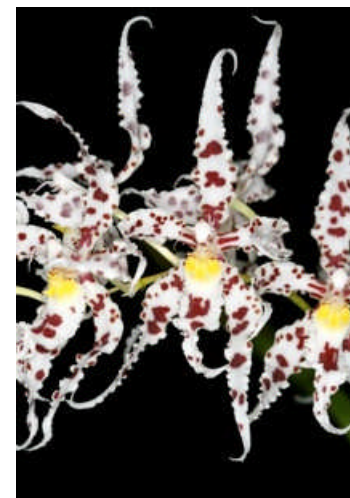
University of Washington
Center for Urban Horticulture
3501 NE 41st Street
Seattle, WA 98105

Steve Beckendorf - Lost and Found: Searching for the Rare Odontoglossums

Steve Beckendorf will talk about his trips to an isolated mountain range in Colombia to find two Odontoglossum species, *Odm. nevadense* and *Odm. naevium*. They had not been seen in the wild for over 40 years.



Odm. nevadense



Odm. naevium

Although there were many moments of uncertainty, both species have now been rediscovered and are being propagated.

Steve started growing orchids in the early 1980's and quickly became fascinated by Odontoglossums and their close relatives because of their beauty and variety. They had a glamorous past as the most sought after plants in the orchid frenzy that gripped Europe in the 19th century. In addition, excellent hybrids were available from growers and hybridizers on the West Coast. He soon realized that few of the species in this group were readily available and began collecting them for propagation and use in hybridizing.

His attempt to find unusual or lost species has led to many trips to the cloud forests of Mexico and South America

Steve currently grows about 50 Odontoglossum species and another 30-40 of their relatives, along with lots of Odont. hybrids and a smattering of other cool growing genera.

He is currently the President of the Odontoglossum Alliance, is passionately involved in orchid conservation, a member of the AOS Conservation Committee and a director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA).

As a geneticist and developmental biologist, Steve has worked on the mechanisms that define tissues and organs in early embryos. He is Professor Emeritus of Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of California, Berkeley. Because of this background, Steve has been interested in several of the scientific aspects of orchids, including molecular taxonomy and deceptive pollination strategies.

Finally, Steve is a Probationary Judge in the Pacific Central Judging Region and has numerous AOS awards, including recent CCE's to *Pleurothallis mirabilis* and *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*.

Display Table:

Bring your blooming Orchids so everyone can enjoy them.

Sales Table:

Members may bring up to 10 plants to sell. Include a tag in the plant with your name and the price.

Raffle:

Win a new orchid for your collection.

Music Stands Needed

The NWOS needs the loan of music stands for the NW Flower and Garden show. The show runs from February 8 - 12, 2012. The stands would be part of the NWOS music-themed show and would be needed from February 5th to 12th.

The music stands could be brought to our next meeting January 9th, or picked up at a later date to be arranged. Contact Joe Greinauer at admin@emeraldcityorchids.com.

Notice for the April 2012 Show and Sale at Sky Nursery

We are in the process of updating the show committee list as we get ready for the April 2012 Show and Sale at Sky Nursery on the 14th and 15th.

If you would like to be involved in the planning process, please send a note to Mike Foster at: fosterpierce@comcast.net.

There also will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting.

Orchid and Orchid Digests for NWOS Members

Longtime NWOS members Frank and Judy Vincenzi have given the NWOS a number of back issues of orchid magazines. These have been bundled into groups of six and will be available to NWOS members at the January meeting - one bundle per membership. These are beautiful publications and the culture information is timeless.

Report from the December Meeting

There was a good turnout for our December Potluck Party.



Members start sampling the fine fare at the food table while others visit with each other.



Previewing the Christmas Gift Orchids.



Some people continue their dinner conversation while others in the background select and discuss their Christmas Gift Orchids.

Tables were set up in the back with the entries for the Schoenfeld and Northen Awards. Winners were determined by a simple secret ballot made by those present.

The competition was stiff so choosing a winner involved some interesting discussions



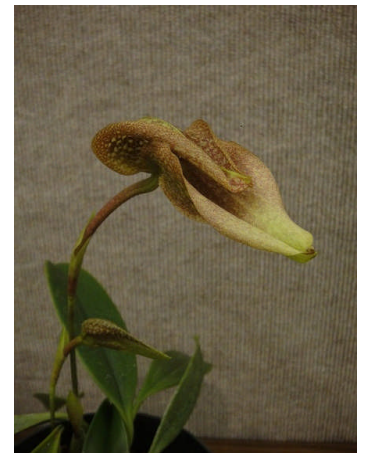
Contestants for the Schoenfeld Award were:



unknown



Vanda Kultana
Delight x Vanda
Pompino



Bulbophyllum grandiflorum
x arfakianum c-3454



Phragmipedium Living Fire



vinicolor paphiopedalum



Blc. Mahina Yahiro 'Mishima'
AM/AOS



a deep red Cattleya hybrid



Zygo. Rhein Blue x
(Z. Arthur Elle x Skippy Ku)



Paphiopedilum Sandy's
Prime Lime

Contestants for the Rebecca T. Northen Award were:



Stenoglossum
longifolia



Nageliella (Hartwegia)
augustifolia



Scaphosepalum species plant and close-up of the flower



unknown



Phalaenopsis amboinensis



Neolauchea pulchella

Platystele stenostachya

And the Winners ARE:



the Schoenfeld Trophy



Andy Wright's *Trichoglottis geminata*

This epiphytic species is found in the Philippines on the island of Leyte in scrub and on volcanic rocks and trees near the sea at elevations to 1100 meters and is a medium sized, hot growing monopodial orchid.



the Rebecca T.
Northen Trophy



**George & Cylvia Grantham's
Bulbophyllum lindleyanum
'Ingrid Bridge'**

This species is found in India, Thailand and Burma as a small sized, warm to cool growing epiphyte. The Granthams acquired the plant from Ingrid Bridge, an excellent grower and former NWOS member.

Congratulations to both winners for the fine job of growing and blooming these orchids.

Report from the November Meeting



Gerardus Staal spoke to us about Orchid Pests, Diseases and other nuisances that effect Orchids.

NWOS members were treated to an informative and interesting talk. Dr. Staal's style included many amusing anecdotes and surprising photo slides. Is that a close-up picture of some terrible disease or insect damage...no...pull back, it's just simple leaf senescence.

Topics included aphids, mites, fungus diseases, viruses and the effectiveness of various commercially available products. After the slide show he took questions from the audience.

Dr. Staal also had many nice plants for sale during the breaks.

And below is a review November's plant table:



Kathy Murray and Al Kaas discuss the plant table



November's plant table had a lot of variety



Andy Wright reviewed the plant table and reminds us to check for fragrance



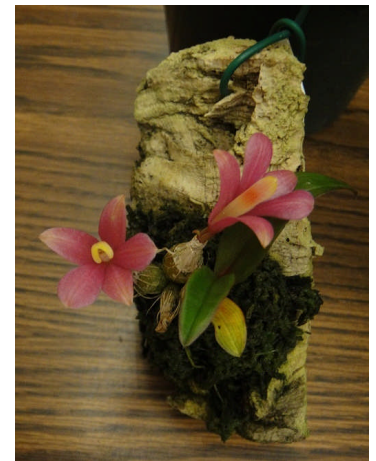
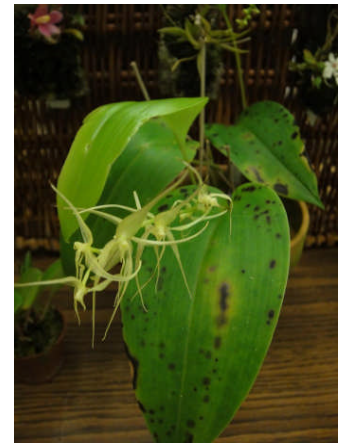
Ellen Covey had a full display of miniatures



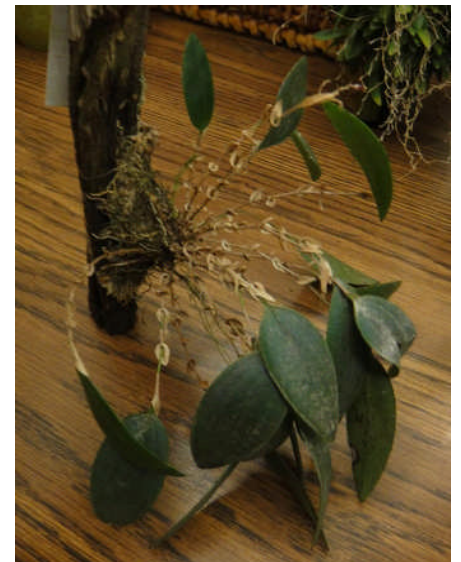
Chris Peterson uses a magnifier to take a close look at Ellen's miniature *Pleurothallis niveoglobula*

some of Ellen Covey's miniatures
Clockwise from Top Right:

- Pleurothallis niveoglobula*
- Pleurothallis phalangifera*
- Dendrobium laevifolium* '#1' x '#2'
- Dendrobium schneiderae* var. *major*
- Aerangis luteo-alba* var. *rhodosticta*
- Pleurothallis canaligera*
- Pleurothallis correllii*



Beallara Peggy Ruth Carpenter 'Morning Joy', Mary Nichol



Trichosalpinx species (Peru), Joe Griener



Cattleya maxima close-up



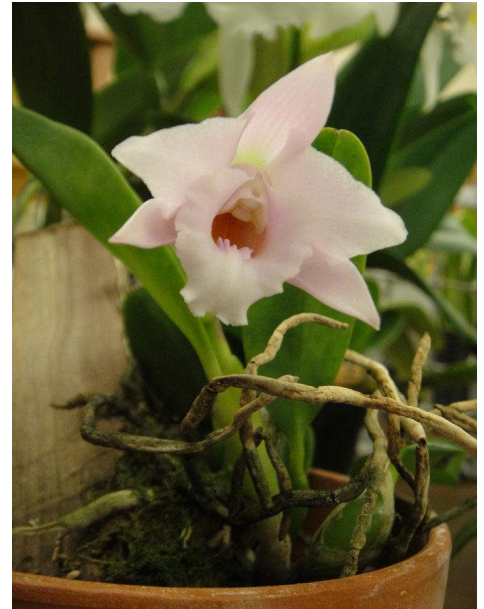
Cattleya maxima, Al & Shelley Kass



Lc. Little Susie, Al & Shelley Kaas



Cattleya Circassian Angel x Cattleya Bering Sea
next to Cattleya dormaniana, both from Michael Cory



Laelia alaorii, Mike Cory



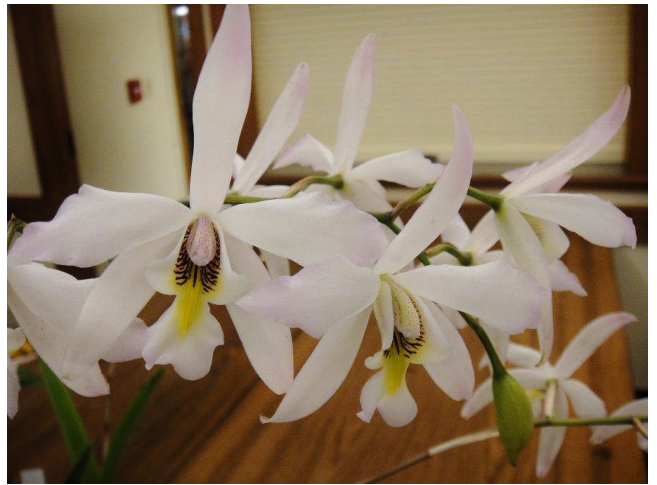
Blc. Ronald's Canyon 'Koko Head' AM/AOS, Diane Drisch



Stenoglottis longifolia, Diane Drisch



Oncidium ornithorhynchum, George Krasle,
grandparent of *Onc. Sharry Baby*



Laelia finckeriana, George Krasle



Paph. Hsinying Delight 'Frogster'
HCC/AOS, Mike Foster



*Paph. Hsinying Delight (spicerianum x
Stone Lovely)*, Abigail Chang



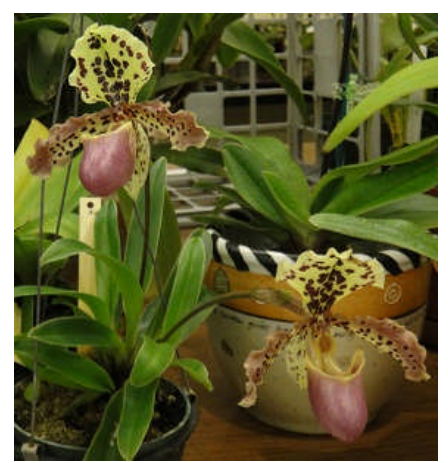
Paph. spicerianum, Mike Foster



*Paph. godefroyae ang thon 'Mini' x
Paph. charlesworthii 'E'*



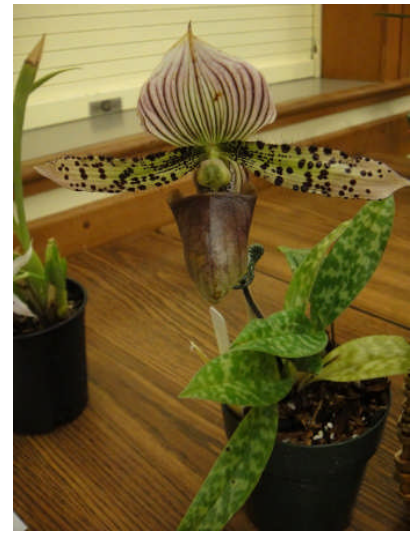
Paph. gratixianum, Mike Foster



Paph. henryanum, Abigail Chang



Phrag. Catiaba, Mike Foster



Paph. Supersuk 'Eureka' AM/AOS x
Paph. Raisin Pie 'Hsinying', Ellen Covey

Schedule of Upcoming Events

- February 8-12, 2012 - NW Flower & Garden Show
- February 13, 2012 - Abigail Chang: Recent AOS Awards
- March 12, 2012 - Annual Orchid Auction
- March 19, 2012 - Annual Potting Clinic, lower classroom
- April 9, 2012 - David Edgley: New trends in Plalaenopsis breeding and culture
- April 14-15, 2012 - AOS Orchid Show and Sale at Sky Nursery
- May 14, 2012 - Sam Tsui: Multi flowering Paphiopedalum
- June 11, 2012 - Annual Potluck & Gary Baker Service Award

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of meetings for the rest of this fiscal year is: 1/3/12, 3/6/12 and 5/8/12. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

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