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About the November Meeting

November 9, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Speaker: Mary Gerritsen, 'Masdevallias: Selected Species and How to Grow Them'

Mary will be presenting a culture talk via Zoom on Masdevallias. It's a subject that she knows quite well. having co-authored the book *Masdevallias - Gems of the Orchid World*.

At her request, Mary's presentation will **NOT BE RECORDED**. So you will need to attend in order to enjoy this month's program.

Mary Gerritsen currently works as an independent biotechnology consultant, her "retirement" after a long career in the pharmaceutical/biotechnology industry. However, much of her free time now involves orchids in some fashion or another.

Mary has a large collection of miniature orchids, as well as numerous pleurothallids, paphiopedilum, bulbophyllum, and dendrobium species which she grows outside in one of three lath houses, or in one of her two greenhouses .

In addition to growing orchids, Mary likes to see and photograph them in their native habitats, doing so in Australia, Papua New Guinea, Southeast Asia, China, various Mediterranean islands, Europe, Madagascar, South Africa, Mexico and other parts of Central America, many countries in South America, as well as various parts of the USA and Canada.

In addition to her interest in orchids and their habitats, Mary has written, with co-author and photographer, Ron Parsons, a number of books on orchids including *Masdevallias: Gems of the Orchid World*; *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*; *A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and Their Culture*; and *The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture*. Currently Mary and Ron are working on a new four volume edition of the *Compendium* to be published in 2021 . Mary is the chief financial officer of the Orchid Conservation Alliance, serves on the board of directors of the Orchid Digest, and is a past president of the San Francisco and the Peninsula Orchid Societies.



Mary Gerritsen



NWOS Election of Officers and Board of Directors

Our virtual meeting will start at 7 p.m. SHARP. Paid NWOS members will be let into our Zoom meeting at that time in order to conduct our annual vote for next year's officers and board of directors. **You must be in attendance at 7 p.m. in order to participate in the vote.** Voting is expected to be done by 7:05 p.m. At the end of the vote, everyone else in the waiting room will be let into the meeting.

The time for nominating other people has closed. We will be voting by online poll based on the slate below which was proposed by the nominating committee.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2021

President -- Joe Grienauer
1st Vice President – Robert Culver
2nd Vice President -- Alba Dennis
Treasurer -- Chris Peterson
Secretary -- Mike Cory
Past-President - Abigail Chang

Board of Directors Positions, 2-year term ending Dec. 31 2022

- Tom Bell-Games
- Diane Drisch
- Ben Johnson
- Thuan Nguyen
- Mike Pearson

In addition to the above slate of Officers and Directors, the following Board members will continue to serve their 2-year term through Dec. 2021:

- Susan Burgess
- Pat Gossler
- Peter Maunsell
- Lillian Otani
- Barb Roberts

Membership Renewal Reminder

In January, it will be time to renew your NWOS membership for 2021. If you are new and decide to join now, you will be considered a member for the rest of this year as well as all of 2021. 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 [HERE](#) 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 [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, invitations to recorded Zoom meeting programs, etc.).

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

NWOS Member Access to Recorded Virtual Meeting Programs

The NWOS Board is working on making some of our previous meeting programs available to paid members of our society. Some of you have wondered when you might be able to see them. The Board is currently working on some legal and access constraints. Once these have been solved, we will notify you of how to watch the programs.

Anyone who'd like to volunteer to help with the website or other aspects of our on-line presence (like social media, etc.) should contact Mike Pearson.

December Meeting Program Notes

Since we can't meet in person for our traditional Pot Luck Dinner, blooming orchid Trophy competitions and Holiday Plant giveaway, the Board is working on alternative plans.

Robert Culver has been appointed to fill out the vacant 1st Vice President position for the rest of the year. He is working on providing a virtual presentation to replace the pot luck dinner. And we're also considering a number of options for the plant giveaway. Most likely it will happen at a later date but we're still working out the details.

But we thinking about going ahead with our virtual Schoefeld and Northen plant competitions.

We still have to work out the details, but we could have you send in photos, present them as a slide show and conduct a virtual vote by anonymous poll.

So please keep grooming your plants in anticipation of us doing whatever it takes to continue our popular December tradition with these two competitions.

We'll make sure to keep you posted with all the details as we work out the agenda for the December meeting.

News from the American Orchid Society

We encourage use of the AOS website by all members. <http://www.aos.org>



DID YOU KNOW? The AOS website has a plethora of information to help us know and grow our orchids better. A good place to start is here: ALL ABOUT ORCHIDS, <https://www.aos.org/orchids.aspx>

The AOS exists to serve you, the orchid grower. The AOS website, the monthly ORCHIDS magazine, and the AOS webinars, held twice monthly are among the perks of membership.

CULTURE CONNECTION - Monthly Checklist on Orchid Care

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/november-december-checklist.aspx>

Help us kick off the holiday season, cheers to one hundred years of orchids! Watch for it on <https://www.aos.org/cheers>

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? Webinars are an internet-connected audiovisual presentation. You can view from anywhere that you have an internet connection via Mac, PC or even your mobile device. It's easy to find the scheduled webinars and to register on the AOS website. You will find the link here: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Webinars-Coming Attractions!				
				
When	November 05, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	November 10, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	December 02, 2020 8:30pm EST Wednesday	December 16, 2020 8:30pm EST Wednesday
Topic	A Columbian Orchid Adventure	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Orchid Conservation Projects in Florida and Cuba
Presenter	Ron Parsons Renowned photographer and author	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Lawrence Zettler Biology Professor, Illinois College

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 to Facebook, Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter. We digitize the webinars and they are 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

One of the most cited benefits of joining the AOS is the wonderful monthly magazine ORCHIDS. In addition to each new monthly publication, AOS members have access to thousands of articles through the digital archives. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>

Published since 1932, ORCHIDS (formerly known as the AOS Bulletin) is among the many benefits of an AOS membership. Exploding with glorious full-page color photographs, each monthly issue is packed with topics of current interest for both beginners and advanced orchid growers.

Lindleyana, *The Scientific Journal of the American Orchid Society*

Lindleyana magazine was published from 1986 through 2002. The quarterly issues contain fantastic articles for the scientifically inclined and those who appreciate a deeper understanding of orchids. AOS members also have full access to this publication in the digital archives. <https://www.aos.org/about-us/lindleyana-magazine.aspx>

AWARDS GALLERY - AOS MEMBERS can review the beauty and diversity of awarded orchids in every issue of **ORCHIDS** magazine and also in the most up to date **OrchidPro** awards database. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>, <https://op.aos.org/>

Below is a sample of comparing awards shown in OrchidPro. Remember to sign on to aos.org and look for OrchidPro on the drop down menu. Click on any one photo in LATEST AWARDS to read the details, measurements and description for each award. Find out when and where it was exhibited, and the exhibitor for each orchid. While you are there, select OTHER AWARDS button to compare the current award to previously awarded clones.

OrchidPro research reveals that there are 102 total AOS awards to this featured species. Be sure to select AOS in the Full Search menu to see only AOS awards. Additional awards granted through other judging systems are also available to view.



The diversity of orchids seen in the judging system is awe-inspiring. Check in frequently to view the 100 most recent awards. Orchids are a continuing education.

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!
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Report from the October Meeting

Joe Griener, President, opened our Virtual Meeting via Zoom and reviewed a number of society topics. Unfortunately, the NW Flower & Garden Festival that was scheduled for February at the Convention Center has been cancelled. George Grantham is coordinating a group order of Kiwi bark. Joe also encouraged everyone to join the AOS. He then announced the proposed slate of officers and board members for 2021 and called for nominations from the floor.



Our speaker on Zoom

Joe then spoke about the contributions of members George & Cylvia Grantham and Mike Foster & Donna Pierce who were awarded Lifetime Memberships in honor of their work and commitment to our society.

Next, Joe introduced our speaker, Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids. Fred's talk, Becoming an 80th Percentile Grower, was an excellent and enlightening presentation. He spoke about the top 4 things for good orchid culture: Water (incl. fertilizer), Light levels, Temperature and Proper re-potting. If you get these right, you will achieve 80% success which is enough to have positive outcomes. Fred spoke a lot about how orchids grow naturally, what they like and how we should strive to give them what they prefer by observing their native habitat. He went into great detail about each of those 4 points and provided lots of specifics and recommendations on how to achieve a high degree of success. This presentation was chock full of easy to understand, easy to accomplish step-by-step principles and tips to grow beautiful, healthy orchids.

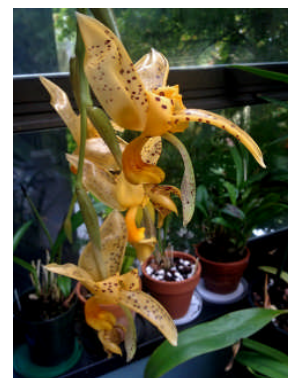
Virtual Plant Table - Since the October meeting was conducted via Zoom, we didn't have a physical gathering with a beautiful plant table. Rather than miss out completely, we are presenting a virtual Plant table. In this way we can still see the wonderful blooms that our members have so carefully cultivated. Photos are provided by each grower. Enjoy.



Yoshitaka Nagamatsu won the raffle for the free greenhouse donated by former member Steven Fischer last June. Here we see that greenhouse filling up with many beautiful orchid plants. Many thanks to everyone who helped.



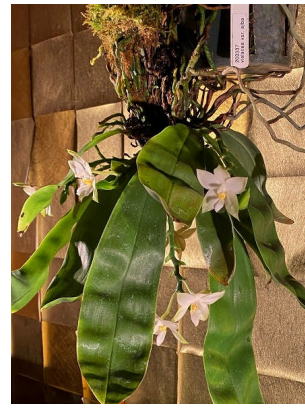
Stanhopea oculata,
George & Cylvia Grantham



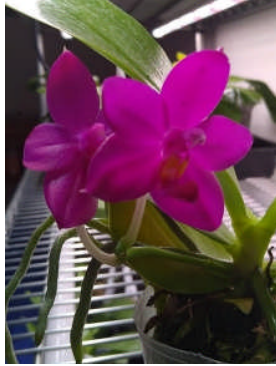
Stanhopea jensischiana,
Tom Bell-Games



A medley of Phals for fun.
Gordon Cromwell



Phal. violacea var. alba, Dan Carmichael
Another great phal. that I've had for 17 years,



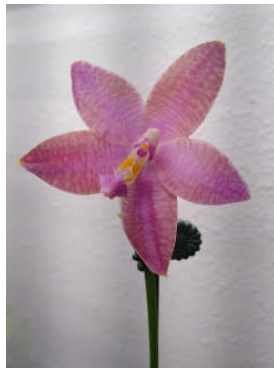
Phal. Finjte Kunriawati,
Joff Morgan



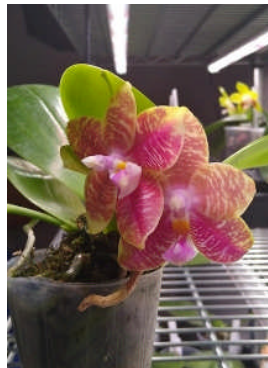
Phal. Miki Fly Eagle C1 (#2),
Joff Morgan



Phal. Tan Swee Kim,
Joff Morgan



Phal. YangYang Blue Dragonfly,
Joff Morgan



Phal. Yaphon in Mirror,
Joff Morgan



Phal. Yaphon Surprise
Happiness, Joff Morgan



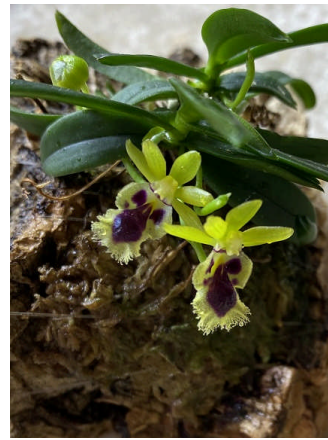
Acrangis distincta, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Angraecum didieri, Gordon Cromwell



Epidendrum_porax, Stephen Dorsey



Haraella retrocalla, Yoshitaka Nagamatsu



Pot. Free spirit 'Leila' AM/AOS,
Nancy Wright



Pot. (Newberry Delight x Dream
Circle). Nancy Wright



Slc Love Fresh 'Marisa',
Nancy Wright



Bc Binoso, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



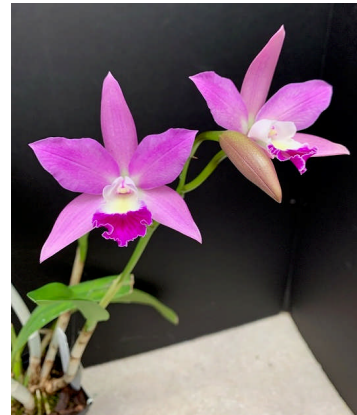
Blc Yen Corona Green Genie_AM/AOS, Stephen Dorsey



C. Landate 'Charm' BM/TOGA,
Joff Morgan



Pot. Shinfong Orange
'Orange-Red',
Joff Morgan, first bloom



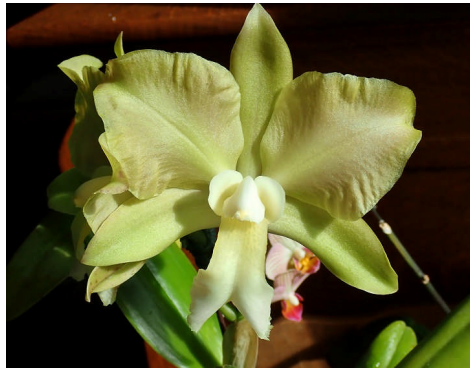
Lc. Newberry Sentinel 'Mendenhall',
Gordon Cromwell



Slc Charming Jewel 'Marissa',
Gordon Cromwell



Sophronitis_coccinea,
Stephen Dorsey



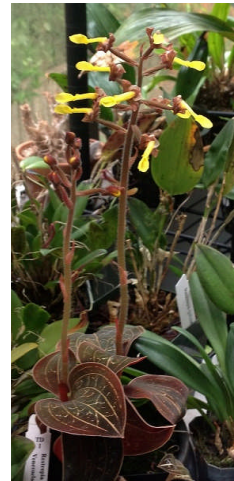
Rlc Green Dragon 'Lenette' AM/AOS,
is an old classic. formerly known as Blc
George & Cylvia Grantham



Pot. Loud Nice X Circle of Life,
George & Cylvia Grantham



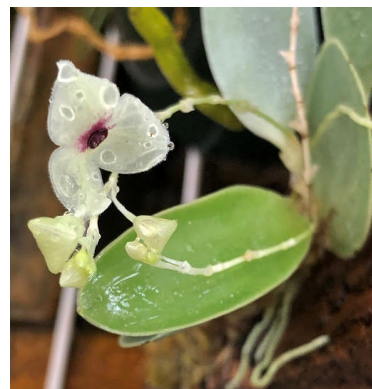
Stenorrhynchos speciosum C.H. x sib,
Stephen Dorsey



Anoectochilus chapaensis, Tom Bell-Games,
known as a jewel orchid, often
grown more for it's beautiful leaves



Dendrobium Victoria-Reginae, Robert Culver



Stelis gemma, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



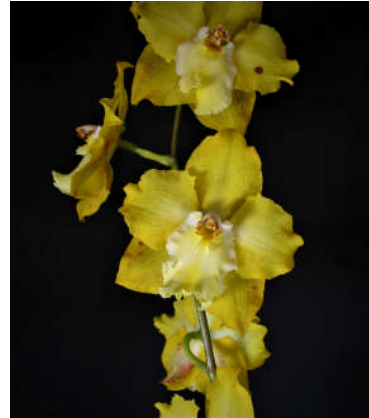
Lepanthes terborchii,
Tom Bell-Games



Rodriguezia decora 'Marisa',
Gordon Cromwell



Odontioda (Prince Vultan x Tribbles) 'Lavender Truth',
Robert Culver



Odontoglossum Roy Hipkins 'Buttercup',
Robert Culver



Odontonia Pacific Paranoia
'Other Side of Cool',
Yoshitaka Nagamatsu



Wilsonara Hilda Plumtree
'Purple Wing',
Yoshitaka Nagamatsu



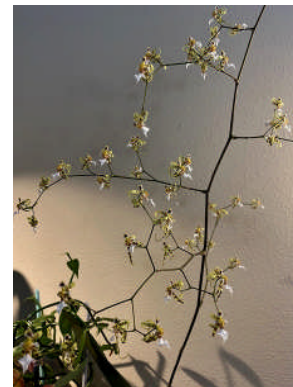
Billra. Peggy Ruth Carpenter
'Morning Joy',
Gordon Cromwell



Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows,
Robert Culver



Odontonia Avril Gaye 'Valemar',
Robert Culver



Oncidium phymatochilla,
Yoshitaka Nagamatsu



Restrepia guttulata var. *Leopardina*,
Tom Bell-Games



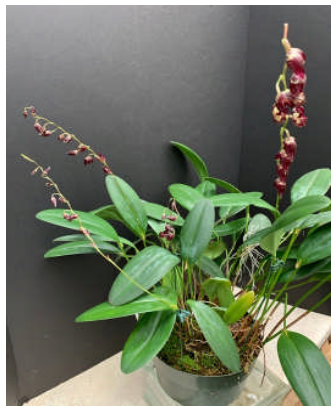
Pleurothallis hemirhoda,
Tom Bell-Games



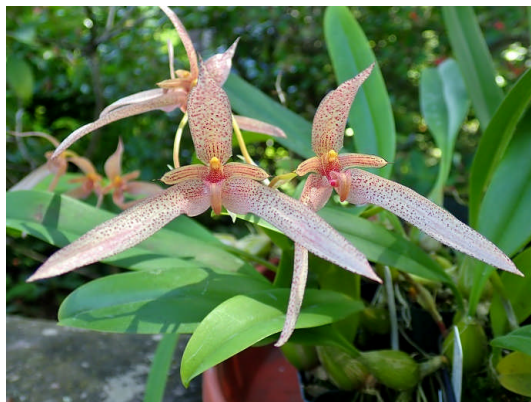
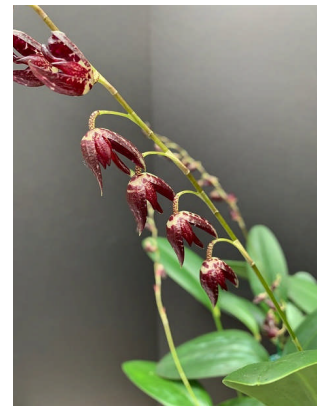
Phymatidium tillandsioides,
Tom Bell-Games



Pleurothallis perijaensis,
Tom Bell-Games



Pleurothallis restrepioides 8 spikes,
Gordon Cromwell



Bulbophyllum (lobii x evrardii),
George & Cylvia Grantham



Bulbophyllum. grandiflorum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



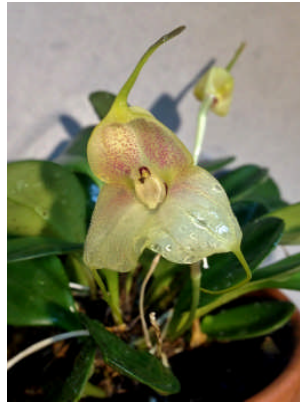
Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry', Gordon Cromwell



Momolyca ringens, George & Sylvia Grantham



Dracula carlueri, Tom Bell-Games



Masdevallia asterotricha, Tom Bell-Games



Masdevallia pteroglossa, Tom Bell-Games



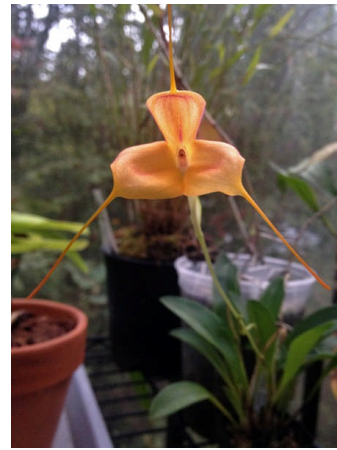
Masda. tuerckheimii, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Masdevallia floribunda, Tom Bell-Games



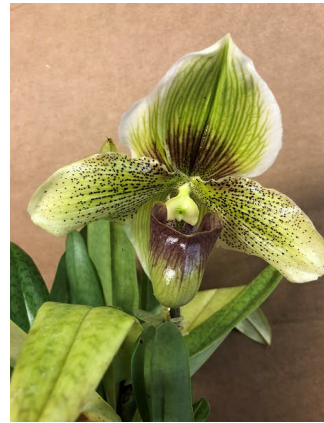
Masdevallia roseola,
Tom Bell-Games



Masdevallia xanthina-veitchiana,
Tom Bell-Games



Paphiopedilum Ghostly Contrasts,
Tom Bell-Games



Paph. Mele's Moonbeam,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paphiopedalium charlesworthii,
Thuan Nguyen



Paphiopedalium. Don's Legacy,
Robert Culver



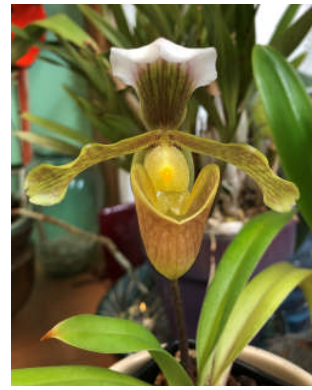
Paphiopedilum helenae,
Tom Bell-Games



Paph. Henrietta In The Hay,
Thuan Nguyen



Paphiopedalum henryanum,
Thuan Nguyen



Paphiopedalum vejvarutianum,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Hsinying Alien (Supersuk 'Eureka' AM/AOS' x
Raisin Pie 'Hsinying') x sib, Robert Culver



Paphiopedalum purpuratum,
Thuan Nguyen



Paph. Gloriosum,
Thuan Nguyen



Paph. Gloriosum (L)
Paph Earl of Chester (R)



Paph. Earl Of Chester,
Thuan Nguyen



Paph. Prince Edward Of York,
Thuan Nguyen



Paphiopedilum (Lady Isabel x wilhelminae) x
philippinense), Tom Bell-Games



Phragmipedium Ecuagenera Dream (sedenii X kovachii),
George & Cylvia Grantham



Phragmipedium. longifolium,
Mike Foster & Donna Pierce

Schedule of Upcoming Events

November 9, 2020 - NWOS Virtual meeting - Speaker: Mary Gerritsen, 'Masdevallias: Selected Species and How to Grow Them'.

December 14, 2020 - NWOS Virtual meeting - Program TBD, Introduction of new Officers, and Orchid Awards

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for this membership year is: 11/4/20 (Wed.). 1/5/21. 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.

NWOS Website Links

- Main website: [Http://www.nwos.org](http://www.nwos.org)
- 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>
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/nworchidsociety>

Special Announcements

Plant Sale:

NWOS member Steve Dorsey has orchid plants for sale now. Many are currently in bud that could be enjoyed during the holidays. All are blooming size and established plants. His list includes Epicattleya, Oncidium, Zygonesia, Cattleya hybrids, Bulbophyllum, Dendrobium and others. Please contact [Steve Dorsey](#) directly for a detailed list with pictures of the actual plants. Steve does not want to ship plants and prefers to meet at a mutually agreed upon location. For safety reasons, please wear your mask and the exchange will be outside. Payment is by cash or check only.