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### **About the February Meeting**

**February 8, 2021** 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

#### **Orchid Basics**

These are a continuing series of short focused programs on a wide range of orchid cultural topics. For this month's Orchid Basics program, Ben Johnson will discuss "What is wrong with my plant?". It will include things like bugs, fungus, bacteria, root rot, etc. We are encouraging members to submit a close up photo of their plant with a problem so we can discuss it during the segment. Please include information about how you are currently taking care of your plant. Send questions and photos directly to Ben.



## Speaker: Sarah Hurdel, "Habenaria - Best in Show!"

Learn about these often misunderstood, yet surprisingly easy to grow terrestrial orchids. Our speaker provides an introduction to Habenaria species, hybrids and closely related genera, and expert advice on how to grow them. Greenhouse not required!

Within less than 20 years, Sarah has gone from hobby grower to exhibitor and active member of several local societies, to recently adding accredited AOS Judge to the list. She currently maintains a collection of over 600 orchids under lights in her basement and has received AOS award recognition for culture, flower



quality, and exhibit design. Her presentations combine her love of orchids, photography, and illustration with experienced advice and a sense of humor.

Sarah doesn't have any plants available for sale at this time. However she said she will be providing us with some sources. Apparently now is the time to get them since they are starting to wake up.

#### **NWOS Mentorship Program**

NWOS is pleased to announce the start of our mentorship program. The program will facilitate pairing an interested NWOS member with an experienced grower. The program allows mentees to get one on one assistance with answers to their growing questions. The ultimate goal is for all of us to learn from each other and become better orchid growers while having fun.

Mentors can be any level grower with basic skills. For those wishing to participate as a mentor or mentee, please contact <u>Steve Dorsey</u>.

Steve Dorsey, Mentoring Coordinator

#### **NWOS Volunteer Opportunities**

Last month we posted a list of volunteer opportunities for those of you wanting to be more active with our club. That information has been moved to the Volunteer Opportunities page of our website. You can get to this page by scrolling thru the options at the top left margin of this newsletter (above). You can also click <u>HERE</u>.

Volunteering is a great way to learn more about your hobby and have fun while doing it. Check out our Volunteer Page. There's something for everyone with many different levels of personal and time commitments.

#### **Orchids, Ancient Oaks and Hungry Leeches**

Greetings Orchid lovers,

I would like to personally invite you to our second webinar about Bhutan, it is sure to appeal to everyone who loves nature.



Direct Registration link: <a href="https://bhutan-networkusa-orchids.eventbrite.com">https://bhutan-networkusa-orchids.eventbrite.com</a> General Information: <a href="https://bhutan-networkusa.org">www.bhutan-networkusa.org</a>

Thank you and I hope to see you there,

Ellen Froot- Founder <u>www.bhutan-networkusa.org</u>

#### **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 <u>HERE</u> 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 <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, compete for trophies, etc.).

Please contact Mike Cory for questions about your dues.

## News from the American Orchid Society

# From the AOS website... ORCHIDS THAT FLOWER IN THE WINTER MONTHS

C= 50F minimum, I = 55F minimum, W = 60-65F minimum



Cattleya percivaliana (KAT-lee-ah purr-sih-VAL-ee-an-ah) and many of its hybrids (I) Coelogyne cristata (see-loh-GUY-nee KRIS-tah-tah) (C)

Laelia superbiens (LAY-lee-ah sue-PURR-bee-enz) [also known as Schomburgkia superbiens](C)

Lycaste skinneri (lye-CASS-tee SKIN-er-eye) and many of its hybrids (I)

Trichocentrum cavendishianum (try-koe-SENT-rum cav-en-DISH-ee-an-um) [also long

known as Oncidium - Oncidium is pronounced as on-SID-ee-um] (C)

Phaius tankervilleae (FAY-us tan-ker-VILL-eye) [the Nun's Orchid] (I)

Phalaenopsis (fail-en-NOP-sis) Many species and their hybrids (W)

Angraecum eburneum (W)

Angraecum sesquipedale (an-GRAY-kum sess-kwih-PED-ah-lee) (W)

Brassavola nodosa (bra-SAH-voe-lah NOE-dose-ah) (I)

Cymbidium (sim-BID-ee-um) Early flowering species and hybrids (C)

Dendrobium nobile (den-DRO-bee-um NOE-bee-lee) and its hybrids (C winter)

Epidendrum ciliare (sil-ee-AH-ree) (I)

Laelia anceps (LAY-lee-ah an-SEPS) (I-C)

Masdevallia (maz-dee-VAHL-ee-ah) Many species and hybrids (C-I)

Rhynchostylis gigantea (rink-oh-STY-liss jye-gan-TEE-ah) (W)

Cattleya coccinea (KAT-lee-ah COCK-sinn-ee-ah) (C) and many of the miniature cattleyas developed from this species.

The names above are derived from the Latin and Greek languages and can, at first, be daunting to pronounce. It's easier if you remember that, with few exceptions all letters are pronounced. You will often hear names pronounced somewhat differently than indicated as a result of regional differences. There are also pronunciations that are not technically correct but have found their way into common usage. The common pronunciation, stan-HOPE-ee-ah rather than the technically correct stan-HOPE-ah for Stanhopea is an example. This pronunciation has no doubt evolved because of the "pronounce every letter rule" although that would sound more like stan-HOPE-AY-ah.

https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/winter-flowering-orchids.aspx



#### 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. 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 <a href="mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org">greenhousechat@aos.org</a>

#### From the AOS website...WHAT SHOULD I LOOK FOR WHEN I BUY AN ORCHID?

Many consumers, both retail and retailer, find themselves in a position today of having to make purchase-oriented decisions about an entirely new -- to them, at least -- class of plants: orchids. What should they be looking for? How can the purchase dollar be maximized? How can the best shelf life -- of vital importance for both the retail and retailing consumer -- be obtained? Here are three helpful hints:

#### **The Plant**

Should be in proportion to the container, have roots in the media, be clean and unblemished, turgid and medium green, free of visible pests.

#### The Flowers

Should be lustrous and held well above the foliage on a strong, well-supported spike, be unblemished and free of fungal spotting, have some buds yet to open (never, ever accept a plant with flowers open to the tip of the spike, as it is impossible to judge flower life after all flowers have opened), and have a generally appealing aspect that fits with your decor.

#### The Vendor

Is the overall aspect one of cleanliness and order? Do the production plants look good? Is the staff attentive and interested in your welfare? Can they answer the most elementary of your questions? Selecting an orchid plant isn't really that different from any other flowering plant purchase, including the satisfaction that comes with the proper decision. The AOS thanks Ned Nash for this essay.

https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-care/what-should-i-look-for-when-i-buy-an-orchid.aspx



## AWARDS QUARTERLY to ORCHIDPRO

The judging system record of awarded orchids has come a long way, from its paperback black and white print version, available at an extra cost to judges and members, to a fully digital version included with every AOS membership.

From OrchidPro...Brassavola Little Stars 'Glen #3' CCM | AOS (84 points)

Brassavola nodosa x Brassavola subulifolia Award No: 20206602

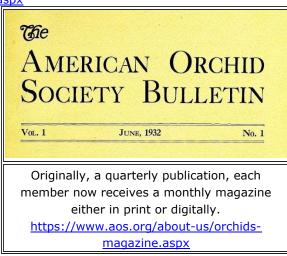
Date: Dec 19, 2020, Exhibitor: David Medus, Photographer: Wilton Guillory

DESCRIPTION - Approximately 655 stellate flowers and 30 buds on 117 inflorescences on a robust, well grown plant 50cm wide and 30cm tall, grown in a 36-cm slat basket; sepals and petals light green; lip white; substance average; texture matte.



The criteria for receiving a Certificate of Cultural Merit: A CCM is awarded to the <u>exhibitor</u> of a well-flowered specimen plant of robust health. The plant must have been in the care of the exhibitor at least 12 months immediately prior to the award and must score between 80 and 89 points inclusive on a 100-point scale. To date there are 8874 CCM AOS awards on record. <a href="https://op.aos.org/award">https://op.aos.org/award</a>

There have been nineteen AOS awards granted to this hybrid. The awards range from an HCC with 79 points to a CCE with 91 points. Congratulations to the grower of this well-grown specimen! To learn more about the awards you and your orchids can win, check the Orchid Awards and Judging page on the AOS website. <a href="https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging/aos-awards.aspx">https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging/aos-awards.aspx</a>



#### **ORCHIDS MAGAZINE**

Coming in February 2021

WHERE IT ALL STARTED The AOS turns 100 on April 21st and our February magazine is dedicated to this historic event. The February edition will feature the Society's history and the many changes in the orchid world over those hundred years. Watch your mailbox for this commemorative issue.

#### AOS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION NEW DATES! October 27th - 30th, 2021

In order to ensure a safe and successful event, the Board of Trustees and the Centennial Celebration Committee have decided to reschedule the Centennial Celebration including the Members Meeting activities and Gala Banquet to the Fall of 2021. As previously announced, it will take place at the beautiful landmark location - The Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida. We look forward to welcoming you as we celebrate this momentous occasion.



Events include:

- \* AOS Judging Thursday, October 28, 2021
- \* Special Centennial Auction Friday, October 29, starting at 7 p.m.
- \* Speaker Series Saturday, October 30, until 3 p.m.
- \* Centennial Gala Saturday, October 30, starting at 6 p.m.

#### From the AOS website...The AOS and ORCHID CONSERVATION

Conservation of orchid species and their habitats has been a cornerstone of the AOS since our founding in 1921. Through its members and staff, the Society plays a major role in the formulation of world orchid conservation opinion and policies. By working to save orchids and their habitats here and abroad, we preserve their beauty and important role in the planet's ecosystem.

The AOS Conservation Committee serves as a communication point for conservation-related news and information. Its members are often called upon for expertise in matters relating to orchid conservation. The AOS's publications are in the forefront of communicating conservation-related news, particularly on CITES issues as well as import and export-related items. AOS Staff and Conservation Committee members have also played an increasingly important role as liaison with United States federal agencies, such as USDA and USFWS, in communicating the opinions of the orchid community.

The American Orchid Society grants awards for non-commercial conservation projects, as well as experimental projects of fundamental and applied research on orchids. The purpose of these grants is to advance the conservation and preservation of orchids in every aspect. Conservation projects supported have been in areas as diverse as CITES publication funding, a conservation program for an orchid reserve, establishment of a secretariat for the IUCN/OSG, and other informational resources.

Be sure to check out the sidebar with additional topics. Read about past conservation projects, view related webinars and see additional conservation information. <a href="https://www.aos.org/about-us/orchid-conservation.aspx">https://www.aos.org/about-us/orchid-conservation.aspx</a>

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

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#### **Report from the January Meeting**

Joe Grienauer, President, conducted the NWOS club business meeting. He reviewed notices and upcoming events, as well as a list of Volunteer Opportunities that would be great for our members to consider joining in on.

This was followed by an entertaining talk by Dennis Olivas entitled "Temperature Tolerant Orchids".

Dennis discussed growing orchids that could withstand cool temperatures in the winter. He lives in the Bay Area and grows in unheated greenhouses. In order to manage this, he stops watering his plants in the fall and does not water them again until later in the spring when they are starting to grow. The exception to this is mounted plants



Dennis Olivas

which he spot waters if they appear to be desicatting too badly. Many of the plants that he grows are in the Laelia alliance. However he has a number of cooler growing Paphiopedilum as well as Vandaceous orchids such as Sarcochilus. He also has a large selection of Dendrobiums, many of which are from Australia which naturally prefer to become cool and dry in the winter.

The temperature ranges that the plants experience are generally in the high 40s and low 50s at night in the winter and in the mid 60s during the day. However at times during a cold snap temperatures can drop into the high 30s and low 40s. Again the key for plants being able to survive these temperatures is they need to be somewhat dormant and dry. Additionally Dennis suggested that it would be ideal to gradually ease your plants into this sort of regimen. Introduce your plants and yourself into these growing conditions over successive growing years in order to let your plants gradually harden off.

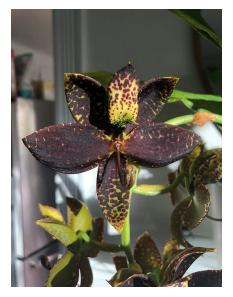
Dennis followed up with the source for virus testing kits. Robert contacted the company and this is the order link: <a href="https://regabio.en.taiwantrade.com/product/orchid-virus-rapid-test-kit-cymmv-orsv-for-postal-destinations-other-than-the-u-s-2083010.html">https://regabio.en.taiwantrade.com/product/orchid-virus-rapid-test-kit-cymmv-orsv-for-postal-destinations-other-than-the-u-s-2083010.html</a>

It is \$185 for a 50 test box. I know of one seller in the US that is selling them for \$300 for the same box of 50.

Ben Johnson gave a very informative **Orchid Basics** visual presentation discussing what types of orchids might be good options for a beginning grower. He included cultural and growing conditions that these basic orchid types grow under so those that are new to the hobby can make good choices of additional orchids to try. His suggestions included Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, Paphiopedelum and Phragmipedium plus a few worthy random genera to consider such as coelogyne, dendrobium, habenaria, bulbophyllum, vanda and oncidium. Lots of information including special challenges and beautiful photos should help us decide on what type of orchid to try next.

#### **Virtual Plant Table**

Since the January 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.





Cyc. Cryminy 'Killer' x Cyc. Richard Brandon 'SVO II', Clayton Kroh





Cymbidium NoID, Gordon Cromwell received as a gift when it was a small plant and grew into a beauty



Cym Dorothy Stockstill 'Forbidden Fruit', George & Cylvia Grantham



Zygopetalum 'Rhine Blue' or 'Rhine Moonlight', Gordon Cromwell



Phal bellina var. coerulea x KS Red Cherry, Joff Morgan



Phal Citrus Candy, Joff Morgan



Phal KS Super Zebra x
GW Green World, Joff Morgan



Phal Miki Fly Eagle C1, Joff Morgan



Phal Miro Super Star x Mituo King Bellina (#1), Joff Morgan



Phal Miro Super Star x Mituo King Bellina (#2), Joff Morgan



Phal tetraspis 'Blue Little Star' x 'Coffee' (#1),Joff Morgan



Phal YangYang Blue Dragonfly, Joff Morgan



Phal Yaphon in Mirror, Joff Morgan



Phal Yaphon Surprise Happiness (2), Joff Morgan



Phal Yaphon Surprise Happiness, Joff Morgan



phal NoID, Don Bilbrey



white phal, Don Bilbrey



Phal Parishii, Don Bilbrey



Trichoglottis smithii, Bill Leicht



Vanda Yano Blue, Clayton Kroh



Brassavola 'Little Stars', Gordon Cromwell



Dendrochilum wenzelii, George & Cylvia Grantham



Liparis lacerata, Clayton Kroh





Rossioglossum Rawdon Jester, Tom Bell-Games



Rossioglossum Rawdon Jester, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Oncidium Gold Dust '#2', Clayton Kroh



Oncidium Tsiku Marguerite, Clayton Kroh



Burrageara 'Stefan Isler', Steve Dorsey



Intergeneric hybrid, Steve Dorsey



Wils. Space Mine 'Red Rendevous', Bill Leicht



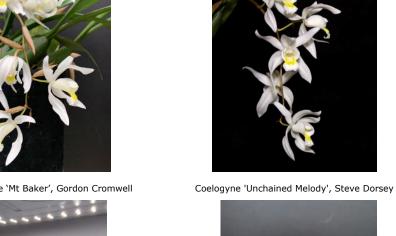
Coelogyne cristata, Steve Dorsey



Coielogyne cristata, George & Cylvia Grantham



Coelogyne mossiae 'Mt Baker', Gordon Cromwell





Pot Georgia Peach x Fire House, Joff Morgan 3.5in. reflexive flowers, rose petal scent



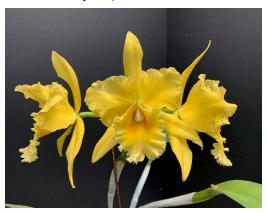
Cattleya unknown, Gordon Cromwell



Blc Love Sound X Slc Cirlce Of Life, George & Cylvia Grantham



Cattleya intermedia, Steve Dorsey



Cattleya NoID, very fragrant, Gordon Cromwell



C Tokyo Life 'C' - 4in. flower, in-your-face Fruity Pebbles like scent, Joff Morgan



Laelia anceps, this plant had six very long spikes, Gordon Cromwell



Laeliocattleya Gold Digger `Fuchs Manderin', Gordon Cromwell



Epidendrum peperomia 'Natural World' AM/AOS, Tom Bell-Games



Oerstedella centradenia, George & Cylvia Grantham



Oda Avranches 'Pacifica', Robert Culver



Oda George McMahon, Robert Culver



Oda Murray River 'Golden Fire' AD/AOC, Robert Culver





Oda Hellen Duggar 'Regent', Robert Culver



Oda Roymar 'Barrymore', Robert Culver



Oda Weisenkind, Robert Culver



Oda Wearside Bank 'Vallemar', Robert Culver



Odm Midnight Miracles 'Masai Red', Robert Culver



Odm Quistrum 'Lyoth Angelo' FCC/RHS,  ${\sf Robert\ Culver}$ 





Odm nobile 'Iceberg', Robert Culver



Odm Roy Wittwer 'Woolsey', Robert Culver



Maxillaria coccinea, Steve Dorsey



Bulb. grandiflorum, Don Bilbrey



Dendrobium Yukidaruma 'King' (Shiranami x Pinocchio), Steve Dorsey



Den auriculatum, Joff Morgan

1 to 3 flowers in bloom each month
since Oct 2019



Den. Macrophyllum x Micro Chip, Bil lLeicht



Dend kingianum, George & Cylvia Grantham



Dendrobium nobile (no iD), Gordon Cromwell



Paph Appletonianum x self, Gordon Cromwell



Paph. boxalii, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Chery Boyd, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Cruella X Duncan York, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Dend lindleyi, George & Cylvia Grantham



Paph. appletonianum, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. gratrixianum, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Don Egger x Khasi River, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. helenae X Jolly Roger, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Hellas x Duncan York, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Larry Huer, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. Hsinying Lake x adductum 'anitum', Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. tranlienianum, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Paph. venustum, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



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



Phrag. Don Wimber, Mike Foster & Donna Pierce



Phrag Urgandiae, Joff Morgan



And last but not least is a special plant that Bill Leicht got as a gift. It's a Phal. with specially trained curly bloom spikes that's the latest in grocery store specials courtesy of QFC.

#### **Schedule of Upcoming Events**

- 02/08/21 NWOS meeting Speaker: Sarah Hurdel, "Habernaria Best in Show!"
- **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: 3/2/21, 5/4/21, 7/x/21, 9/7/21, 11/2/21. The Board meetings are currently being conducted via Zoom.

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

If you go to <a href="http://smile.amazon.com">http://smile.amazon.com</a> 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.

So far NWOS has received over \$80 (as of November) from the Smile program. The donations are triggered when people use the link and specify Northwest Orchid Society as the receiving charity. Not too bad for just buying the things you'd usually buy, and taking the one little step of making NWOS the recipient.

It's really easy, but you have to remember to enter through the <u>'smile'</u> subdomain when you place the order, otherwise it will go through as a regular order. To make it easier, just change your Bookmark to <a href="http://smile.amazon.com">http://smile.amazon.com</a>. Thanks everyone!

#### **NWOS Website Links**

- Main website: <a href="http://www.nwos.org"><u>Http://www.nwos.org</u></a>
- Events Calendar: <a href="http://www.nwos.org/events">http://www.nwos.org/events</a>
- Membership (including renewals): <a href="http://newsletter.nwos.org/membership/">http://newsletter.nwos.org/membership/</a>
- Newsletter Current Issue: <a href="http://newsletter.nwos.org">http://newsletter.nwos.org</a>
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#### **Special Announcements**

No Special Announcements this month.

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