



Monthly Meetings

Fourth Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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\$15 single, \$20 household

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Position Open

Next Meeting

We will meet on October 24th at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. At press time the planned program for the evening is an AOS program. Materials have been ordered.

Last Meeting

At the last meeting, speaker Dave Morris from Clackamas Orchids brought a slide show that featured unique Pleurothallids which included Masdevallias and Draculas. He also brought many interesting orchids for sale. A special thanks to Dave for coming all the way from Oregon on a Tuesday night. For more information on Clackamas Orchids visit www.clackamas-orchids.com.

Big Fair Winners

Thank you to all society members who helped and exhibited with the Tacoma Orchid Society at the Puyallup Fair. A special thanks to Red Scheyer, Lee Scheyer, and Barb Inman for all their work setting up and organizing the booth.

As for the winners:

In the first show Scott O'Tyson won Best in Bloom and Barb Inman won Best in Culture.

In the second show Scott O'Tyson won Best in Bloom and Sharon Bolling a Northwest Orchid Society Member won Best in Culture. Congratulations to the winners!

Show Committee Meeting

Show committee meeting was held October 7th at Barb Inman's house. There is a lot to do and a lot of fun to be had. If anyone is interested in helping with the TOS Show, January 15th and 16th, please contact Barb Inman at 253-848-4446.

Get Well Soon

Lee Scheyer broke her hip and is now home from the hospital. Visitors are welcome to stop by to wish her a speedy recovery. Red and Lee Scheyer's number 253-846-9028.

Orchid Study Club

The next meeting will be November 9th at 6:30. Nancy Scott will be hosting the meeting at her home. .

Feel free to call for directions or use mapquest.com. The potential topic is on Phaleonopsis and their culture. Look forward to seeing you there.

Orchid Study Club Minutes: 10/12/04

The study club met at Darlene Cupp's house. Ten people were in attendance. Thank you to Darlene for hosting the meeting. The topic of discussion was Schomburgkia species and some natural hybrids.

The group also had a Pleurothallis leaf exchange. Pleurothallis cuttings were placed in sphagnum moss. New roots will sprout there new leaves.

Thailand orchid order forms were looked over for future orders.

Red and Lee Scheyer were able to attend. Lee is getting around well and she looks great.

Orchid Study Club Meeting Minutes: 9/14/04

The study club met at Red and Lee Scheyer's house. Six were in attendance. Thank you to Red and Lee for hosting the meeting.

A change is being made on the signature card from Barb Inman and Mary Sparing to Jan Clarke and Darlene Cupp. There is also a change in the bank to Key Bank. Checks are being ordered with Puget Sound Orchid Society Club on it. This will allow ease of use for anyone in the position to write checks off the account.

Looking for someone with an import permit?

Darlene has sent in the application for a permit and will find out soon.

Different ideas for the species group were discussed. Talking about species, i.e. Dendrobiums, their diversity as well as culture. If this topic interests you, please step forward to volunteer. Another idea was to buy compots and divide them.

Events & Shows

November 13th and 14th, Northwest Society Orchid Show, Snoqualmie Room at Seattle Center.

305 Harrison Street, Seattle, Washington

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

www.nwos.org

December 17th, TOS Christmas Party, Elks Club,
6-7 p.m., 7 p.m. dinner, dancing, social hour.

January 15th and 16th, TOS Show and Plant Sale,
Windmill Gardens, 5823 160th Ave. E., Sumner, WA.

Saturday: 10-5, Sunday 10-4.

Speakers at Show:

Saturday Jan 15th, 1 p.m.: Orchid Care and Culture by Barb Inman.

Sunday Jan 16th, 1 p.m.: Orchids as House Plants by Bob Worley.

May 7th and 8th Central Orchid Society Show,
Highland Grange Hall, 1500 S. Union, Kennewick WA.

June 3rd -5th, Garden Show at Point Defiance.

TOS Christmas Party

The TOS Christmas Party will be held on December 17th, at the Tacoma Elks Club.

1965 Union Ave., Tacoma, WA, 98405.

The evening will start at 6:30 p.m. with socializing. An awards ceremony and dancing will follow dinner. The menu choices will be: Roast Turkey, Lemon Chicken Almondine or Roast Beef Au Ju. The cost will be \$15 per person in advance.

Jan Clarke will be accepting money for this event.

Hope to see you all there!

Tacoma Flower & Garden Show

TOS has submitted to the Tacoma Flower and Garden Show for a booth. The event will be held January 26th to the 30th. There is no charge for the booth, unless we want to have a sales table. We will need to decide at the next meeting if we want to participate.

Winter House Keeping Notes

Here are a few things that will help your orchids through the cold and cloudy winter months ahead.

If you have water spots on the leaves, now is a good time to wipe the leaves gently with a soft cloth. Use a mild vinegar solution to remove any mineral buildup. This will help the leaves absorb light. Even a light coat of dust or mineral deposits can decrease the amount of the light your orchid receives.

If it's not time to repot your orchid, check the level of media in the pot. As the media ages, it can settle, exposing the base of the plant. Top dressing your orchid with new media covers up exposed roots. Remember, this is not a substitution for repotting. The average orchid needs to be repotted every 1 to 2 years.

If your plant has dry guard leaves, it's time to clean them up. Little bugs and pests like to hide here. When dry guard leaves are dry and brown they will peel off easily. A damp cloth will help wipe them off a pseudobulb.

The Nobile Type Dendrobiums rest period or dormancy starts late September. Water only enough to keep the plant canes and pseudobulbs from shriveling. Resume normal watering when you see flower buds appear.

Remember to watch the weather. The Cymbidiums need to have night temperatures of 50 to 60° F in the late summer to fall to initiate flower spikes. Most Cymbidiums can stand light frost and survive, but this is not recommended. So, bring them inside around late September to mid-October when the temperatures reach 40° F. When the plant is brought indoors place them in a bright south or east window in a cool section of the home.

Open Position

The position for TOS Librarian is still open. If anyone is interested in this position contact Bob Worley at 360-456-0725 or email mostlyorchids@comcast.net.

Big Thank You

The "Big Thank You" goes out to Barb Jansen and Jeri Wright for all their work on the TOS Newsletter over the last seven years. Their time and dedication helped all of us stay informed on club happenings.

Newsletter Items

Notices and contributions to the newsletter are welcomed. Please Contact Melissa Rathbun, at 253-857-0117 or melissa@tacwa.com

On the Web

I was having trouble finding those cute dragonfly clips for my orchid spikes. I think all the orchid growers swiped them all up in the stores. I found them at www.usorchidsupplies.com- large dragonfly clips for \$2.50 for a 12 pack.

Looking for an interesting orchid on sale! Check out www.orchidcourt.com. Their greenhouse has too many orchids and not enough space. They are having a space making sale.

For you Phragmipedium people www.phragweb.info is a good source of information. This site also includes Mexipedium and Selenipedium.

TOS on the Web

Tacoma Orchid Society Website
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Community Website
<http://communities.southsound.com/352/>

New Member

Susan McKinlay

TOS Regular Meeting Minutes **September 28, 2004** **Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

Vice President Arlys Bosselman called the regular meeting of the Tacoma Orchid Society to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes for the previous meeting were read, additions made and then approved.

Jan Clarke's treasurer's report was made and shows a current balance of \$3,379.77. It was suggested that a more detailed report will be given every three or four months and on the table for those who wish to see it.

Barbara Inman thanked all those who made entries in our Western Washington Fair orchid show. The fair days were divided into two show periods. Scott O'Tyson won Best Bloom with a cattleya hybrid in the first show and a schumburkia in the second. Best Culture awards were won by Barbara Inman in the first show and by Shannon Bollings in the second.

Regarding our future Western Washington Fair participation, Red Scheyer found out we will be able to hold our show there through the year 2010.

Barbara Inman announced that there will be an executive show committee meeting Thursday, October 7, 6:30 p.m. at her home. This will be to make plans for our January show, January 15 and 16, at the Windmill Gardens in Sumner.

Fred Shelton spoke for all of us when we thanked Barbara for all of her and her committee's efforts put into presenting and managing the WWF show and schedule.

Meeting was adjourned to hear Dave Morris of Clackamas Orchids in Oregon speak and present slides on his specialty, Pleurothallis Orchids.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Anderson, Secretary