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Fourth Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m.
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Membership Application

Name: _____

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\$15 single, \$20 household

Send to:

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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be March 22nd at 6:30 p.m., Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Last Meeting

The last meeting was held on February 22nd. The evening's program was a presentation on flasking and compotting orchids from seeds. Bob Worley gave the presentation. Thank you Bob. The meeting minutes are on the last page.

TOS 2005 Dues

All memberships expired on January 1, 2005. Send in your dues now and you will be in good standing till 2006 ! The dues application is on the front page of the newsletter. If you have any questions regarding dues please contact Jan Clarke at 253-847-4822 or email at jclarke5@comcast.net.

Orchid Study Club

Puget Sound Study Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month except in July. The club meets at various members' homes and the topic varies. The focus of the study group is species, not hybrids. The annual dues are \$10.00. If you are interested in attending, contact Darlene Cupp at 253-891-7164 or email at dmascupp@comcast.net.

The last meeting was held on 2/8/05 at Red and Lee Scheyer's home. Thank you Red and Lee.

The next meeting will be held March 8th at 6:30 p.m. Bob and Judie Worley will be hosting the meeting at their home.

The topic is currently open. Look forward to seeing you there!

Peninsula Gardens Spring Expo

TOS had a booth at the Peninsula Gardens Spring Expo on March 5th. Melissa Rathbun and Tina Taylor set-up and worked the booth. New handouts and member applications were made with the TOS logo and information at the top of the pages. A sign-up sheet was also available to any one who wanted one free TOS newsletter. Hopefully the event will bring new members to the club. Thank you Tina and Melissa.

Events & Shows

March 19th and 20th

Northwest Orchid Society: Spring Sale

Sky Nursery

18528 Aurora N., Shoreline, WA

19th- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

20th 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April 2nd-3rd

Spokane Orchid Society

Spokane, WA

April 9th-10th:

Rogue Valley Orchid Society Show,

Medford, OR.

Contact: George E. Brown,

(541) 608-0133 or yorgob909@cs.com

May 7th and 8th

South Central Washington Orchid Society Show,

Highland Grange Hall,

1500 S. Union, Kennewick WA.

May 7th and 8th

Northwest Orchid Society: Mother's Day Sale

UW Center for Urban Horticulture

3501 41st NE., Seattle, WA

June 3rd -5th

Garden Show at Point Defiance,

Tacoma WA.

July

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November 12th and 13th

Northwest Orchid Society: Judged Show & Sale

Seattle Center, Snoqualmie Room

12th- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

13th- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Book Review

There is a new book in the TOS library, Paphiopedilum, by Braem and Chiron. This book covers the topics of taxonomy, morphology, culture, albinism, genus and subgenus of the orchid species Paphiopedilum. If you love Paphiopedilums, it is worth a look. But the best part about this book is TOS member Linda Petchnick has 17 paintings in this book. They are wonderful! Linda also donated this book to the TOS library. Thanks, Linda

Ten Types of Orchid Growers

(Adapted from the Orchid Digest)

THE DECORATOR

(#2 of 10)

This member really wants an orchid for her kitchen table, one for her nightstand and maybe one in the entry. She doesn't actually want to grow orchids. She wants orchids that are always in bloom, full of flowers, bug-free, and low maintenance, plastic flowers with real petals and a great smell. Favoring designer clothes, this attractive member really loves anything beautiful and will spend big bucks to buy large, pretty plants with gorgeous flowers. She wants it all. She wants orchids but she doesn't want the work. Like the self-walking dog or the diaper-free baby, the care-free orchid is an urban myth. At one meeting, she comments to a friend, "But they only bloom for three months a year....What am I supposed to do with them the other nine months?" Orchids clubs love the decorator. She is a wonderful source of donated plants for the raffle.

THE SHOW OFF

(#3 of 10)

Truth be known, there is a little show-off in every orchid grower, but the show-off just has a terminal case of the Look-At-Me-And-How-Good-I-Am. The sure tip-off that you are dealing with a show-off is that he never has any problems with his plants. None of his plants die. He always asks, "Scale? What is scale?" and never had any of his buds blast. He lies a lot. Like the fisherman's big one that got away, the one he has at home is much bigger than the one he brought to the show. Every conversation is peppered with Latin.

Bulbophyllum grandiflorum and *Angraecum sesquipedale* end every sentence and he pronounces them all correctly. No matter the question, he has the answer and he always knows a better way to do anything than you do. He calls Ned Nash and Robert Fuchs "Ned" and "Bobby" and he always tell you he had some judging chairman staying at his house just last week. He has the newest potting material and calls his growing area "The Conservatory." Orchid clubs love the show-off. He is usually the president.

more next month.....

Show and Tell Winners

Barb Inman won the Species-Show and Tell with her *Baptistonia echinata*.



Arlys Bosselman won the Hybrid-Show and Tell with her *Oncidium Midas* (Peloric). This was a TOS compot demonstration orchid.



Wild Orchids of Washington

Heartleaf Twayblade

Heartleaf Twayblade or *Listera cordata* is a native orchid to Washington state. The distribution is from the Cascades and Coastal mountains from Alaska to northern California and eastern North America. You can find Heartleaf Twayblade along the trail to Comet Falls on Mount Rainier. As a child, I picked Heartleaf Twayblades along the Coulter Creek in Allyn, Washington.

The common name Heartleaf Twayblade refers to the heartshaped leaves of opposite pairs. The botanical name *Listera cordata* was named after M. Lister, an English naturalist of the 17th and early 18th centuries. While cordata means heart shaped, the Heartleaf Twayblade is also known as Mannikin Twayblade.

The Heartleaf Twayblade is a perennial that arises from a rhizome. The plant is not tall and the flowers are not showy, but the leaves are intriguing. The flowers are green and purple with 2 small prongs at the base of a cleft lip, in wandlike clusters. The leaves are heart shaped, paired and half way up the stem. The Heartleaf Twayblades habitat is in coniferous mossy woods, subalpine forests, swamps and along wooded streams.

The Heartleaf Twayblade has a faint unpleasant odour that attracts flies and fungus gnats. Charles Darwin studied the intricate pollination mechanism of the *Listera* species. When an insect enters the split lip it touches a sensitive trigger at the tip of the column. A squirt of viscous fluid with two pollinia covers the insects back. The startled insect then flies away carrying the pollen away.

Blooms: May to August
Height: 3 – 11 inch
Flower Size: 1/8 – 1/4 inch

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Tacoma Orchid Society
Minutes for February 22nd, 2005
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Meeting opened by Bob Worley at 7:15 p.m.

Treasurer's report- total of \$4014.54 in account without any significant expenditures this month.
The total sales for the show was \$10073.73 with a start up of \$200.+ dollars. After expenses, \$668 dollars was made.

The Tacoma Dome Flower and Garden show was a success. The biggest problem though was not having enough orchids for display. Also, many of those who saw the show thought that the orchids were for sale, not just display. A suggestion for next year was to have a sign that read For display only.
Thank you to all who helped out with this show as well as the Windmill Gardens show.

Follow up emails were sent out to all of those who gave their emails to be reminded of the society meeting. They will be sent out for the next few months as a reminder and perhaps those who are interested will attend.

Several new members/guests were in attendance:

Don Crouch a friend of Red and Lea Scheyer

Janine Sturman

Elicia D'Austria

Kathy Lavis

Bill Havens- a Master Gardener as well as an orchid enthusiast so if you have any gardening questions, perhaps he would be the one to ask!

Chang Win and his wife

Welcome to those who came and we hope to see you again.

Discussed the Puyallup Fair and our participation. The fair is not going to go 4 weeks as they once talked about. The fairgrounds are also talking about a free-standing greenhouse, a lean-to type situation for the orchid to be housed in. Barb Inman and Scott O'Tyson are going to meet with them to see what could accommodate our orchids and best meet the needs of all.

We are already discussing the place to have our Christmas party for next year. The Tacoma Elks was suggested though there were some reservations about having it there again. Another suggestion came from Melissa to have it at the Tacoma Club. She will check on what dates may be available as well as what selections we may have. At the next meeting we will make a decision as to where and what to have. Please think about it now.

Reminder that dues are payable to Jan Clarke. 15.00 for single; 20.00 for the household.

Peninsula Gardens Expo is occurring Mar. 5th from 10-4. The orchid society has been asked to participate.

Please feel free to sign up to bring food for the meetings. There is a sign-up at the back.

The winners of the orchid contest was Barb Inman with her species *Baptistonia echinata*; Arlys Boselman with her hybrid *Oncidium Midas* with peloric shaped petals/sepals.

Meeting was adjourned by Bob Worley. He gave a discussion on flasking and compotting which was very informative on the process. Thank you

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Darlene Cupp