



Monthly Meetings

Fourth Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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November 2005 Newsletter

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Next Meeting

We will meet on November 22nd at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The evening's program is a presentation on orchid preparation and judging by Bob Worley and other TOS members. Hope to see you there!

Last Meeting

The last meeting was held on September 27th at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The evening's program was on Hardy Orchids for Northwest Garden presented by Red Bavender, of Sherwood, OR. Thank you to Dick and Red for the program! See the last page for the full minutes.

Orchid Study Club

Puget Sound Study Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month except 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 dmscupp@comcast.net.

The next meeting will be held November 8th at Nancy Scott's home. Her address is 14902 25th Ave. East, Tacoma WA 98445. Feel free to call for directions at 253-531-0550 or use mapquest.com.

Tacoma Dome Home & Garden Show

The Tacoma Dome Home & Garden Show will be February 1st to the 5th. If anyone would like to chair this event, contact Barb Inmann at 253-848-4446 or valley-orchids@msn.com.

TOS Christmas Party

The TOS Christmas Party will be held on December 6th, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, at 6:30pm. Dinner is Chicken Cordon Bleu with Caesar salad, creamy red potatoes and Normandy broccoli. The dessert is lemon lush.

The evening will start at 6:30p.m. with socializing. Dinner will start at 7:00p.m. An awards ceremony and show & tell will follow dinner.

The cost will be \$20.00 per person in advance. Jan Clarke will be accepting money for this event. Hope to see you all there!

TOS 2006 Officers

The elections were held at the September 27th at the TOS meeting. The new officers are as follows:

President	Dick Gersib
Vice President	Darlene Cupp
Secretary	Bonnie Anderson
Treasurer	Arlys Bosselmann
1 year Trustee	Nancy Scott
2 year Trustee	Melissa Rathbun
3 year Trustee	Iris Martin

Thank you to Judy Houle, Bonnie Anderson and Daphne Vint for their work on the Nominating Committee.

Orchids by Darlene

Darlene Cupp will be selling her orchid water colors at the Northwood Holiday Boutique. Located at 9805 24th St. E., Edgewood 98371.

November 4th and 5th:
Sat: 9 -4pm. and Sun: 11-4.

TOS in the News

The Tacoma News Tribune on Oct 29th contained an article that interviewed Melissa Rathbun, Barb Inman and Darlene Cupp. You can view the article at the next TOS meeting or online at tacomaorchidsociety.com: click on Orchid Culture then Orchids Made Easy.

Upcoming Events

November 12th and 13th

Northwest Orchid Society Show

Seattle Center, Rainier Room

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

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

December 6th

TOS Christmas Party

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6:30pm

January 21st and 22nd, 2006

TOS Show and Sale

Windmill Gardens

5823 160th Ave. E., Sumner, WA.

Show Hours:

Saturday 21st: 10-5p.m.

Sunday 22nd: 10-4p.m.

February 1st-5th, 2006

TOS Information Booth

Tacoma Home & Garden Show

Tacoma Dome

April 1st-2nd, 2006

Spokane Orchid Society Show

June 9th -12th, 2006

Native Orchid Conference

Southern Oregon University

Ashland, Oregon

Show and Tell Winners

Species Winner:

Walter & Arlys Bosselmann



Hybrid Winner:

Bob Worley



Washington Orchids ***Dwarf Rattlesnake*** ***Plantain***

Goodyera repens or Dwarf Rattlesnake Plantain is distinguished from other *Goodyera* species by its small size and broadly globular lip. The name *Goodyera* is in honor of John Goodyer, an English botanist. The word *repens* means creeping and refers to the creeping habit of the buried stems. This terrestrial orchid grows in damp humus of coniferous forests and wooded areas. The three to seven leaves are ovate, dark green and occasionally reticulated with white veins. The white flowers can number up to twenty. The sepals are ovate and concaved. The petals are oblong and spoon shaped. The lip is white to pinkish in color, pointed at the apex, globular and pouch shaped. The distribution is Alaska thru Newfoundland in the United States: Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and the Southern Appalachians.

Growing *Goodyera* in the Garden:

- Dig up the soil to a foot deep. Mix 2 parts soil, 2 parts peat and 1 part finely chopped oak leaves.
- Fertilize with Dyna-Grow ¼ strength.
- Plant in a place that receives dapple sunlight for a small part of the day.
- Please purchase all orchid plants from a reputable nursery.

Plant Height: 3 to 14 inches tall

Flower Size: 1 to 3 inches long

Flowers: June to August



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Bletilla Seed Pods



Your Bletilla has a seed pod! What do you do with it? You can use the "Michael Wilton's Bletilla Germination Method" Sterilize chopped sphagnum moss by pouring boiling water over it; bring it back to the boil, then allow to cool. Drain, then pack softly into a pot. Sprinkle fresh Bletilla seed on the surface of the moss. Seeds should be from a freshly split pod or one about to split.

Place the pot on a saucer in a window which receives direct sunlight for most of the day. Keep the saucer topped up with water, watering the sowing media by capillary action. Normal room temperature, around 68 - 77 F. (20-25C). Seed should turn green after about a week and after about twelve weeks, small single leaves, but no roots, should have developed. At this stage the seedlings should be transplanted to a fresh pot of moss prepared as above and allowed to grow to the end of the season.

The following spring, plant the resulting small tubers in trays of potting mix and place outside for the entire growing period. Plant out or pot on at this point. Flowering should be within three to four years from sowing.

Show Committee

The main show of the year is on Jan. 21st and 22nd at the Windmill Gardens in Sumner. Set up will be on the 20th. Barb Inmann and Darlene Cupp are heading the Show Committee.

There will be a TOS sales table. To assure credit, members wishing to sell plants must be sure to register with the cashier. Plants "MUST" have tags with the members name and plant price on it. TOS will retain 15% of the selling price.

Nancy Scott will coordinate the "Orchid Lunch". This is to feed the judges, vendors and workers during the show. So, we are asking again for volunteers to provide food items. This can be cold cuts, salads, fruit or baked goodies. Let Nancy Scott know what you will be bringing so she can coordinate. Please contact Nancy at nscott5647@aol.com or 253-531-0550.

TOS Show Calendar

Friday 1/20/05

- 1) Set up 2- 8p.m.
- 2) Plants will be accepted for registration from 4- 8p.m.

Saturday 1/21/05

- 1) Ribbon judging begins at 9 a.m.
- 2) Show is open to the public 12-5 p.m.
- 3) Sales will be open 9a.m. - 5p.m.
- 4) Repotting Clinic 1- 4p.m.

Sunday 1/22/05

- 1) Show and Sale will be open 10-4 p.m.
- 2) Show tear down 4 pm to 5 p.m.
- 3) Repotting Clinic 1- 3p.m.

We still need volunteers for the following positions:

- 1) Set up and Registration: 1/20/05: 2p.m.–8p.m.
- 2) Ribbon Judging: 1/21/05: 9a.m.
- 3) Hosts and Hostess: answer questions, plant hotel, bag plants and help where needed.
- 4) Repotting Table: must have basic knowledge of repotting. Pots and materials are provided.
- 5) Tear down: will be from 1/22/05: 4p.m.-5p.m.

If anyone is interested in helping with the TOS Show, January 22nd and 23rd, please contact Ron Wray to sign up at 253-857-7192 or email at wray960@comcast.com.

***Tacoma Orchid Society
Minutes for October 25th, 2005
Bethlehem Lutheran Church***

Bob Worley called the meeting to order at 7:10.

Treasurer's report- balance of 3701.65 without any significant expenses.

New guest: Gene Mousel

Old business: Please, please, please come and be a part of your show. Review of the upcoming show, January 20th, 21st and 22nd. Set up may begin at 2:00 p.m. but plants for display/judging will not be accepted until 4 p.m. and up til 8:00 p.m. Ron and Carol Wray are doing the sign-ups so please look at what you may feel you are best suited to do and contact them. Many categories of volunteering are available:

Ribbon judging committee: 12 people needed (four teams of 3). Judging to begin around 11:30. Confirm time with Ron when signing up. Set-up on Friday p.m. Take down on Sunday 4:00 p.m. Repotting clinic 1-4 on Saturday; 1-3 on Sunday AOS table to be manned throughout duration of the show Host/hostess. Nancy Scott is doing the food for the show and has a sign-up for food to bring. Please contact her for what still needs to

be brought. Confirmation that the invitation letters had gone out to the societies as well as to the vendors. Jan Clarke sent them out.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

Ron Wray-sign-ups for committees
Nancy Scott –food
Darlene Cupp-show co-chair
Barb Inman-show chair
Melissa Rathbun- advertising

New business: Barb Inman made a motion to purchase plastic skirts to go around the tables for the show. The motion was seconded and will be taken care of by Barb.

The election committee was ready with it's nominations:

Dick Gersib	President
Darlene Cupp	Vice President
Bonnie Anderson	Secretary
Arlys Bosselmann	Treasurer
Melissa Rathbun	Newsletter editor
Iris Martin	3 yr. term

A motion was made to accept the candidates; the motion was seconded. A call for a unanimous ballot to be cast; motion was seconded without opposition.

The Christmas party, which was going to be at Toscano's, is no longer going to be held there due to the cost. Due to the timeframe, the church was contacted and a tentative yes was given for December 6, the first Tuesday of month. Discussion regarding whether or not it should be catered vs. potluck; catering was agreed upon if a reasonable price could be attained. Darlene Cupp is checking into the catering as well as confirmation that the church will host this event. A motion to hold the dinner on Dec. 6 was made and seconded. As soon as the final details are made re: catering/place/time an email will be sent out to everyone. For those who have not been to the Christmas party, it is not only dinner but also a time where awards are given, bringing your plants for show and tell/display and the installation of the new officers.

The Tacoma Dome Flower and Garden Show needs a new chair. Barb Inman had agreed to do it but she is unfortunately moving to Westport in November. We will miss her very much, though as she says, "I'm not falling off the face of the earth; I'll still be around.

Minutes by Darlene Cupp