



Monthly Meetings

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

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Next Meeting

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

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!

Last Meeting

The last meeting was held on November 22nd at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The evening's program was a presentation on orchid preparation and judging by Bob Worley. Thank you to Bob for the presentation. To clean your orchid for show, Bob uses: ¼ cup dish soap, 2 cups lysterine, 2/3 pint rubbing alcohol and 2 TBS neemoil in 1 gallon of water. See the last page for the full minutes.

Orchid Study Club.

No Meeting Will Be Held In December! The next meeting will be held January 10th 2006.

Tacoma Dome Home & Garden Show

TOS will not have an information booth at the Tacoma Dome Home & Garden Show: February 1st to the 5th.

Upcoming Events

December 6th

TOS Christmas Party
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

January 21st and 22nd, 2006

TOS Show and Sale
Windmill Gardens
5823 160th Ave. E., Sumner, WA.

Saturday 21st:

Show- 12-5p.m.

Sale- 9-5p.m.

Sunday 22nd:

Show & Sale-10-4p.m.

February 1st-5th, 2006

Tacoma Home & Garden Show
Tacoma Dome

February 8th-12th, 2006

Northwest Flower & Garden Show
Washington State Convention Center

April 1st-2nd, 2006

Spokane Orchid Society Show

June 9th-12th, 2006

Native Orchid Conference
Southern Oregon University
Ashland, Oregon
Sign-ups will be in January.
For more information visit:
www.wanativeorchids.com
and click on Native Orchid Events

New to TOS Website

TOS Government job description guidelines and the structure of the Tacoma Orchid Society can now be found at tacomaorchidsociety.com. Click on Membership Information and then TOS Governing Bodies Guidelines.

Show and Tell Winners

Species Winner:

Vaughn Meyer with his *Zygo. mackii*



Hybrid Winner:

Tina Taylor with her *Paph. Fanaticum*
(*malipoense* x *micranthum*)



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

Bob Worley opened the meeting.

Treasurer's report- 3611.57 balance with outgoing expenses of rent and flyers for the show in January.

Flyers for the show will be brought to the Christmas Party on the 6th and those who would like to take them for distribution may.

Bob Worley is also going to purchase frames for the awards that will be given out to those who win at the show.

A gift of a complete set of Awards Quarterly has been graciously donated to the Tacoma Orchid Society by Bob Hall from Portland, Oregon. Judy Houle is sending a thank you for this gift. Be thinking of Red Scheyer as he underwent open heart surgery on the 28th of November. A motion was made to subscribe to the Awards Quarterly with an annual subscription of 40.00. The motion was seconded and approved. The A.Q. will be sent to Ron Wray, the librarian.

A question has come up as to what to do with the back issues of the A.O.S. magazines.

Suggestions were: 1. offer to members who want them 2. make available to other clubs 3. give away at the show

Any other suggestions, please let one of the board members know your thoughts.

Barb Inman was going to be chairing the Tacoma Home and Garden Show but since she is moving she asked for someone else to take the chair. A motion was made and seconded that since no one was able at this time to do this that as a group we would not be able to participate in the show this year. Darlene Cupp is sending a letter of intent as well as thanks.

The Tacoma Orchid Society has been invited to participate in the Olympia Society Show on February 4th and 5th, 2006. Bob Worley has offered to set up a display on Friday and then take down on Sunday. We will need to provide the plants which he generously offered to take with him after the Windmill Show. A Society plaque will need to be provided.

New attendees:

Charles Towne who read about our society from the article in the News Tribune which featured orchids. Welcome!

The meeting adjourned to Bob Worley who gave a great presentation on judging orchids and placement in the proper categories. He also discussed preparation of the orchids for show.

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 12p.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.

Pleiones

In the Vancouver Orchid Society Newsletter, there are Pleiones bulbs for sale. To place an order Contact:

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- P. Buckleberry \$10
- P. Piton \$10
- P. Tongariro \$9
- P. limprichtii \$7
- P. formosana \$7
- P. formosana ‘Blush Dawn’ \$5
- P. formosana ‘Polar Sun’ \$4

The price is per bulb. Potting fee of \$2 is offered for later season sales.

Washington Orchids

Small Round-leaved Orchid

Amerorchis rotundifolia or Small Round-leaved Orchid is a terrestrial orchid native to Washington State. The genus *Amerorchis* was created in 1968 by Hulten to classify this North American orchid. This orchid was previously considered to the species *Orchis*, hence the name. The word *rotundifolia* means round leaf, which refers to the round leaves of this plant. The plant has one solitary leaf. The flowers are white to pale purple with magenta spotting on the three lobed lip. The flowers can number up to fifteen per stem. The dorsal sepals with the petals form a hood over the column. The sepals are ovate and pink to pinkish-white in color. The petals are appressed and pink to pinkish-white in color. The spur that projects from behind the flower is 5 mm long. The stem is naked, without leaves or hairs and is commonly tinged pink. The habitat is coniferous woods, swamps and bogs. The distribution is from Alaska to Newfoundland in Canada and in the United States: Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Vermont and Maine. In the eastern part of the United States, this plant is rare. It is more abundant in the northwestern United States.

Plant Size: 10 to 12 inches tall

Flowers Size: $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long

Flowers: May to August



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