



Monthly Meetings

Fourth Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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March 2006 Newsletter

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Open Position

Next Meeting

We will meet on March 28th at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm. The evening's program is on Orchid Roots by Bob Worley. Hope to see you there!

To increase safety at the meetings we will now be locking the doors at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm. There will be a message on the church door explaining how to contact TOS members inside if you arrive after 7:30 pm.

Last Meeting

The Last meeting was held on February 28th at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The evening's program was on the Culture Equitant Oncidium Species. Thank you, Darlene, for the program!

Orchid Study Club

The Orchid Study Club has voted to disband at this time. There will be no meetings scheduled until further notice. If you have any questions contact Darlene Cupp at 253-891-7164 or email at dmscupp@comcast.net.

Washington Native Orchid Society

The W.N.O.S will be having its first meeting April 29th. All members need to fill out a membership application and be approved to join. This meeting will be a business meeting to go over officer elections, the by-laws and upcoming events. Membership applications will be available at the next TOS meeting. If anyone is interested Please contact Melissa Rathbun at melissa@tacwa.com or 253-857-0117.

Upcoming Events

March 4th-5th, 2006

Victoria Orchid Society Spring Show

Student Union Building

University of Victoria

4th: 9 to 5 pm

5th: 9 to 4 pm

Admission \$6.00 per person

March 18th -19th, 2006

NWOS Spring Sale

18th: 9 to 6 p.m.

19th: 10 to 4 p.m.

Sky Nursery

18528 Aurora Ave. North

Shoreline, WA 98133

April 1st-2nd, 2006

Spokane Orchid Society Show

April 29th, 2006

Washington Native Orchid Society

Bussiness Meeting

See Melissa Rathbun for more info

May 13th-14th, 2006

NWOS Mothers Day Sale

UW Center for Urban Horticulture

3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA 98105

April 28th-30th, 2006

Vancouver Orchid Society Show

Richmond Curling Club

5540 Hollybridge Way, Richmond B.C.

www.vancouverorchidsociety.com

June 9th -12th, 2006

Native Orchid Conference

Southern Oregon University

Ashland, Oregon

See Melissa Rathbun for more info

Olympia Orchid Society

Bob Worley setup a display for the Tacoma Orchid Society at the Olympia Orchid Society Show. The show was held February 4th and 5th. Thank you, Bob, for representing TOS.

Show and Tell Winners

Species Winner: Scott O'Tyson with his Paph. boyallii.



Hybrid Winner: Eugene and Felicidad Mousel with their Zygopetalum hybrid.



Welcome New Members

Larae Givens
Patricia Emanuel
Gary Kidd
Eugene & Felicidad Mousel

Welcome all new members. On the TOS site at www.tacomaorchidsociety.com you can find the library listings and a members packet. It will be under the Membership Information. If you do not have access to the internet let Tina Taylor know and she will get you the information. 360-275-6975.

TOS Volunteer Opportunities

At the next meeting, TOS will be setting up committees for the following:

- 1) Christmas Party Committee
This entails finding options for the location of the Christmas Party.
- 2) TOS Orchid Show Committee
This entails setting up the January show and exploring the option of having a smaller sale in October.
- 3) Puyallup Fair Committee
This entails setting up the Puyallup Fair display and coordinating the repotting and culture clinics.

Also available is the TOS Public Relations Position. The duties are:

- Form a relationship with the local newspapers to publicize TOS meetings and upcoming events
- Distribute TOS meeting flyers to local nurseries and local sellers (i.e. Trader Joes, Lowes, etc.).

If anyone is interested in these volunteer positions, sign-up at the next meeting or contact Dick Gersib at 360-923-0332 or rgersib@comcast.net

Disas for Sale

Wally Orchard, TOS member is selling Disas flasks at \$25 which contain at least 8 seedlings and should flower in 1 to 2 years.

Disa unflora: the biggest, most variable in color and most desirable of the Disa species:

UNI 145* red-orange, very vigorous

UNI 146** red, vigorous

UNI 147* orange, vigorous

UNI 148 red

UNI 150* red, vigorous

UNI 151* pale orange, carries alba (yellow) gene

UNI 152 pale orange, expect some albas

UNI 155* pale orange, carries alba (yellow) gene

UNI 156 pale orange, expect some albas



Disa tripetaloides: a small species, white to pink with pink stippling:

TRI 31

TRI 32

TRI 33

TRI 34

Disa aurata: a small species with intense yellow coloring, and deep red stippling:

AUR 12

AUR 13



Hybrids:

AKW 13* D Auratkew, small-medium, orange flowers with darker spots

DRS 20 D Diore, medium-big, colour unpredictable

KEW 29* D Kewensis, small-medium, pink flowers with some spots

KPD 17* D Kirstenbosch Pride, small-medium, red-orange flowers

KSS 4 D Kalahari Sands, big flowers, orange

UMY 7* D Unimeyer, quite big, red flowers

URG 89 Unregistered hybrid of D Riversdale (intense orange) X Veitchii (lilac, long stems)

Asterisks next to crosses are particularly recommended. Supply of these flasks is definitely limited, from 2 to 10 flasks of any one cross. Pictures of all the species and some of the hybrids can be found on: <http://worchard.home.comcast.net>

Washington Orchids

Piperia elongata

Piperia elongata is also known as Long-spurred Piperia, Long Spiked Piperia, Wood Rein-Orchid or Chaparral Orchid. This terrestrial orchid can be found in dry and moist oak or coniferous forests in the north and chaparrals in the south. This orchid can live in sun or shade. *Piperia elongata* can occur with *Piperia transversa*. Flowers can either be densely or loosely spaced and number over 100. The green flowers have a triangle lip. The spur is 6-15 mm long. The 2 to 4 basal leaves are oblong-elliptic shaped. Leaves are usually absent at flowering. The distribution is California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia.

Height: 39 inches

Flower Size: 5 mm wide

Blooms: June to September



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Piperia transversa

Piperia transversa is also known as Flat-Spurred Piperia. This terrestrial orchid can be found in partial shade to full sun in dry oak or mixed coniferous woods and sandy areas near coastal forests. *Piperia transversa* can occur with *Piperia elongata*. The white to yellow flowers are densely spaced and number over 100. The sepals and petals have green mid-veining. The flattened spur is 6-10 mm and twice as long as the lip. A sweet floral fragrance can be detected at night. The pair of basal leaves are absent at time of flowering. The distribution is British Columbia to California.

Height: 14 inches

Flower Size: 3-5 mm wide

Blooms: May to late August



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***TACOMA ORCHID
SOCIETY MINUTES
February 28, 2006***

Vice president Darlene Cupp called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the absence of President Dick Gersib, who is ill.

Several visitors were introduced and we welcomed back Jan Whittington after her extended stay in Australia.

Arlys's treasurer's report shows a bank balance of \$4,029.93 corrected to \$3,197.95. Figures from the January show are not final due to credit card transactions that take a lot of time. \$10,305. was taken in at the sales desk, less \$9,071. to go to vendors. Figures should be closer to final next month.

Location of next year's show came under discussion. Darlene reported she spoke to the people at Watsons Nursery. They would give no guarantee of show location in the nursery and provide no tables. There is a possibility that the show would have to be held in an outer greenhouse; there would be limited kitchen facilities as well. It did not sound too promising.

Bob Worley moved we stay with Windmill Nursery, then after discussion, amended it to have the board form a commission as a committee to investigate a site for the show. Seconded by Judy Houle. Carried.

Darlene announced the Species Club will meet at her home March 14 (the second Tuesday) at 7:00 pm.

Melissa announced that there is now a Native Orchid Plant Society website completed and is attached to the TOS site. If there is enough interest, meetings will be held.

Ron Wray, librarian, reviewed books in our library defining orchid species and names; history of the orchid; miniature orchids to grow and show, and orchid species culture, among much other information. He is doing an update of our library inventory.

Judy Houle reviewed the American Orchid Society magazine and their Orchid Resource directory. In particular, she reviewed Andy Eason's article, "I Have Spikes; Cymbidium Mania" which is genealogy of the Cymbidium orchid, and gave information on Cattleya Walkeriana alba as well.

The meeting adjourned to "Show and Tell". Species voting was won by Scott O'Tyson, and hybrid was won by Eugene Mousel. Congratulations.

Bonnie Anderson, secretary.

TOS Orchid Show

Photographer Doug Bascom visited the TOS show at the Windmill Gardens this past January. Doug took many orchid pictures and made a wonderful slide show. To view the beautiful pictures, visit tacomaorchidsociety.com and click on the Past Shows button.