



Monthly Meetings

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

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Next Meeting

We will meet on April 25th at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm. The evening's program is a presentation on the Genus Phalaenopsis by Iris Martin. If you have any blooming Phalaenopsis, please bring them to the next meeting. Hope to see you there!

Last Meeting

The Last meeting was held on March 28th at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The evening's program was a presentation on Orchids Roots by Bob Worley. Thank you, Darlene and Bob, for the program!

TOS Member Photos

Missed bringing a blooming orchid to the show and tell table or your hardy orchids are in the ground? Share the beauty of orchids by sending your orchid photos to melissa@tacwa.com.



Den. (Gillian Leaney x Gai Ellen) x (River Red x Gillieston)- This is a miniature Dendrobium.

Upcoming Events

April 28th-30th, 2006

Vancouver Orchid Society Show
Richmond Curling Club
5540 Hollybridge Way, Richmond B.C.
www.vancouverorchidsociety.com

May 13th-14th, 2006

NWOS Mothers Day Sale
UW Center for Urban Horticulture
3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA 98105

May 13th-14th, 2006

Oregon Orchid Society Show & Sale
Vireya Tropical Rhododendron Show
Washington County Fair Complex,
Cloverleaf & Floral Buildings
873 NE 34th Ave.,
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Sale Hours: May 13, 11 am – 5 pm
May 14, 10 am – 4 pm
Show Hours: May 13, 1 – 5 pm
May 14, 10 am – 4 pm

May 27th, 2006: 12pm

Washington Native Orchid Society
Business Meeting
See Melissa Rathbun for more info

June 9th–12th, 2006

Native Orchid Conference
Southern Oregon University
Ashland, Oregon
See Melissa Rathbun for more info

June 24th, 2006: 12pm

Washington Native Orchid Society
Field Trip to Keeping it Green Nursery
See Melissa Rathbun for more info

July 29th, 2006

Washington Native Orchid Society
Field Trip to Hurricane Ridge
See Melissa Rathbun for more info

August 26th, 2006: 12pm

Washington Native Orchid Society
Presentation on Native Orchid Conference
See Melissa Rathbun for more info

Show and Tell Winners

Species Winner: Darlene Cupp with her *Paraphalaenopsis labukensis*.



Hybrid Winner: Fred Shelton with his *Epilaelia Cinnamatica*



Washington Native Orchid Society

On April 1st, Melissa Rathbun and Tina Taylor were invited by a local plant salvage group to help relocate a large community of orchids and fawn lilies at a construction site in Puyallup, WA. The site is going to be a new elementary school and they only had one day to move the orchid community.

When they arrive at the site, you could see fawn lilies and orchids in all directions. They spent the whole day digging up *Goodyera oblongifolia*, *Goodyera repens* and *Listeria cordata* var. *cordata* and still didn't get them all. 300 *Goodyera* and 30 *Listeria cordata* were moved to a similar habitat.

Please Don't Move Any Orchids From Their Natural Habitat. The only exception to this rule is if the orchid community is going to be destroyed. Then you will need to follow proper laws to remove the orchid community.



Listeria cordata var. *cordata*

Piperia unalascensis

Piperia unalascensis is also known as Alaskan Piperia or Slender-Spire Orchid. The species name comes from Unalaska, an island in the Aleutians. This terrestrial orchid can be found growing in forests, meadows, rocky hillsides and tundra. This orchid can grow in light shade to full sun. The pollinator is a plum or pyralid moth. The yellowish-green flowers number over 100. The sepals have green veining. The 2 to 6 smooth basal leaves are dying back during flowering. The sepals are bent backwards. The spur is 1½-5mm long and is about the same length as the lip. The fragrance is unpleasant. The distribution is Michigan, Quebec, southern Ontario, southern Alaska south to California, west to Montana.

Height: 10 – 28 inches

Flower Size: 10-12 mm wide

Blooms: April to August



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Liparis loeselii

Liparis loeselii is also known as the Bog Orchid or Fen Orchid or Bog Twayblade or Loesel's twayblade. The name honors Johann Loesel, a seventeenth century Prussian botanist. This is the only *Liparis* that occurs in Washington State. In Washington State, the status of *Liparis loeselii* is considered Endangered. The status globally is considered secure. This orchid can be found growing in springs, bogs, swamps, wet thickets, meadows and shores. In Washington State, the two communities of *Liparis loeselii* occur in wetlands in San Juan County and Klickitat County. The 2 to 25 flowers are white to yellowish green in color. The two basal leaves have parallel venation and occur at the base of the stem.

The distribution range in the United States is the northeastern states to Alabama and the midwest, Montana and Washington. The distribution range in Canada is British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Saskatchewan. This orchid can also be found in Europe.

This orchid is threatened by loss or changes in wetlands, livestock grazing, recreational activities and the lack of land management practices. If you see this orchid please get a GPS location and report the sighting to the Washington State Natural Heritage Program at 360-902-1710 or www.dnr.wa.gov/nhp.

Height: inches: 2 to 8 inches tall

Flower Size: 3/4 inch tall

Blooms: June to July



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Tacoma Orchid Society ***March 28, 2006***

The regular meeting of the Tacoma Orchid Society was called to order at 7 pm by President Dick Gersib. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the monthly newsletter.

Dick announced that steps will be taken to ensure building and members' security. The doors upstairs will be locked at 7:30 pm, and there will be an escort for the person who locks up the premises after our meetings.

Arllys reported that the treasury balance as of March 27 is \$4,406.11. The show monies in were \$11,564.42, with expenses of \$10,087.28. Profit was \$1,432.14. (Credit card purchases account for the large amount of monies going through our books, and the considerable wait for things to clear.) The complete budget will be on the agenda for April

Darlene Cupp will be the chairman for our show next January, and committees will be made up of volunteers and appointments. If you wish to help, speak to her.

A public outreach committee will be formed, with someone to arrange a TOS presence in local garden nurseries with lectures and demonstrations by experienced members, and someone to handle publicity with the local press outlets for our activities. If you are interested, speak to Dick.

A committee for our Christmas dinner party is needed. Early planning is the easiest.

Our AOS representative for the year will be Judy Houle.

We will contribute our usual \$125 to assist with the Pacific Northwest Regional Judging Center funding.

Darlene Cupp announced that she hopes to include an artwork section in our 2007 show, and have a special speaker for each day of our 2-day show. This met with interest and approval.

Ron Wray, our librarian, reviewed Hardy Perennials-Oncidium Alliance by Margaret Baker (This will be released in June.), and Flora's Orchids by Ned Nash.

Melissa Rathbun reported Native Orchid Society news: currently blooming natives and the coming Ashland, Oregon meeting as reported in our newsletter.

Judy Houle reviewed Laleas of Mexico by Ron Parsons and displayed and discussed her Dendrobium anceps, a species that grows and blooms well for her.

The meeting was adjourned to show and tell, winners reported and pictured elsewhere in this newsletter.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Anderson, secretary.

TOS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- 1) Christmas Party Committee
- 2) TOS Orchid Show Committee
- 3) Puyallup Fair Committee
- 4) Public relations Committee

See Dick Gersib if you would like to volunteer for any of these committees.