



Monthly Meetings

Fourth Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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Next Meeting

We will meet on August 22nd at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm. The evening's program is on 2006 Native Orchid Conference by Melissa Rathbun and Tina Taylor. Website: www.wanativeorchids.com Hope to see you there!

Last Meeting

The last meeting was the annual picnic and auction on July 22nd at Judy Houle's home. Thank you Judy for hosting the event! Thank you to all the members that donated or bought the auction items. A special thanks to Ron Bollick who donated a large amount of orchids and homemade wooden items. The money raised will be used to cover TOS expenses. The total amount raised was about 250.00. And last but not least, thank you to Vaughn Meier for being the auctioneer.

Free Cymbidiums

I have about 15 cymbidium plants that need to be rescued and cared for. Most are named and awarded plants from Santa Barbara Orchid Estates. They were professionally diagnosed with pseudomonas a couple of years ago and need to be broken apart, back bulbs restarted and new growth sprayed with appropriate material. I have sprayed this year's new growth every 2 weeks with Consan 20, repotted all plants in May and fertilized regularly this year. I really do not have room for them and it's all too much work for me anymore. I do not want to just trash them so somebody come and get em!

Barb Jansen
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AOS Judging Center

The AOS's local judging center is located at the South End Neighborhood Center. 7802 S. L St., Tacoma WA. The Center provides opportunities to have plants judged monthly. Center activities are open to interested observers. Meeting dates, times and places can be found in the *Orchids* magazine or online at www.orchidweb.org/aos. Click on judging and then judging centers. Contact is Diana Dunn at 360-293-5054 or dpdunn@fidalgo.net.

Next Judging Center Date:
August 19th at 1:00 pm

Upcoming Events

August 26th, 2006: 12pm

Washington Native Orchid Society
End of the Year Wrap-up Meeting
See Melissa Rathbun for more info

November 4th-5th, 2006

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
Annual Fall Open House
www.sborchid.com

November 4th-5th, 2006

Northwest Orchid Society Show and Sale
Seattle Center, Olympic Room
Northwest of Key Arena

TOS Members

Virgil & Eloise James have sold their rhododendron business in Eatonville after 35 years in business. They are now living at Virginia Villa, a senior citizen apartment complex on Bainbridge Island. Virgil & Eloise are long time Tacoma Orchid Society members. They would like to hear from their friends in TOS. Their home phone number is 206-855-6209.

Puyallup Fair

This year, TOS will not be manning the orchid display at the Puyallup Fair. However, if you are willing to give a demo or talk about orchids at the Fair, contact Darlene Cupp at 253-891-7164 or dmcupp@comcast.net.

This year, the Puyallup Fair is Sept. 8-24, Sun -Thu: 10am - 10pm & Fri & Sat: 10am - 11pm. To enter your orchids at the fair, see the premium books available for download online. Please note that Premium Books will **no longer be mailed**, they are **only available online** at www.thefair.com or at the fair.

Orchid Order

Ron Bollicks is trying to get an order together for Formosa or Kultana. If you are interested, check out the websites and email Ron with your wish list at ronbollick@aol.com. A catalog will also be available at the TOS picnic.

Kultana: www.orchid.in.th
Formosa: www.orchids.com.tw

Chapel on Echo Bay

The Chapel on Echo Bay held its 2nd Annual Tropical Island Party and Membership Drive on Wednesday, July 19. Thank you to Darlene Cupp, Tina Taylor, Melissa Rathbun and Tammy Moore for setting up the orchid display. Thank you to the members that provided orchids for the display.

Chapel on Echo Bay is located at
400 6th Avenue
Fox Island, WA 98333
www.foxislandchapel.net

Self Pollinating Orchid

Scientists have discovered an orchid in China's Yunnan province that self pollinates. This self pollinating orchid is called *Holcoglossum amesianum*. Most orchids depend on insects, birds, small mammals or even the wind for pollination. However, *Holcoglossum amesianum* blooms during windless months and produces no scent or nectar. This orchid twists and uncovers the male part (the pollen bearing anther) into the necessary shape to fertilize the female part (the stigma cavity) within the same flower. This new method of pollination also uses no sticky fluids to ensure the pollen reaches the egg like other self pollinating orchids.

For more information about this orchid visit:

www.cbc.ca/story/science/national/2006/06/21/orchid.html



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