



Monthly Meetings

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

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Next Meeting

We will meet on September 26th at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm. **The Beginners Program will be held from 6:30pm to 6:55pm.** The evening's program is on Hardy Orchids by Arlen Hill owner of Keeping It Green Nursery. Website: www.keepingitgreennursery.com
Hope to see you there!

Last Meeting

The last meeting was held on August 22nd at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The evening's program was a presentation on the 2006 Native Orchid Conference by Melissa Rathbun and Tina Taylor. Thank you Melissa, Tina and Darlene for the program!

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 are available in *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:
September 16th at 1:00 pm

TOS PR Events

Fred Shelton will be giving a presentation at Peninsula Gardens on September 16th. The presentation will be from 9:30am to 12pm. This is a great opportunity to invite any new orchid growers that have questions. Thank you, Fred for doing the presentation.

Upcoming Events

September 30th to October 1st

Sunset Empire Orchid Society Show

Broadway Middleschool
1120 Broadway, Seaside OR
Contact Monica Aursland 503-861-1344

October 7-8th

Magic valley Orchid Society Show

Magic Valley Boys & Girls Club
999 Frontier Rd., Twin Falls ID
Contact Jim Jensen 208-922-4914

November 4th-5th, 2007

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate

Annual Fall Open House
www.sborchid.com

November 4th-5th, 2007

Northwest Orchid Society Show and Sale

Seattle Center, Olympic Room
Northwest of Key Arena

January, 20th-21st, 2007

TOS Orchid Show and Sale

Windmill Gardens
Sumner, WA

Hardy Orchid Flasks

Melissa Rathbun has been busy pollinating and has 4 types of seed pods. Melissa will be sending the seed pods to Kelsey Creek Labs to flask.

Easy to Grow

- 1) Bletilla ochracea
- 2) Pleonies 'Siuslaw'

Harder to Grow

- 3) Cyp. parviflorum var. pubescens
- 4) Cyp. reginae

A flask is \$30 for 25 plants. Contact Melissa if you are interested.
253-857-0117 or Melissa@tacwa.com.

Show & Tell Winners

Fred Shelton won Hybrid with his Pot.
Haw Yuan Gold



Arlys & Walter Bosselmann won
Species with their Cym. dayanum



TOS Minutes *August 22nd, 2006*

Meeting called to order by Dick Gersib.

Introduction of visitors: Joyce Richards
Larry Hille

Reiterated the goal: to foster the interest
in growing and raising orchids

Treasurer's report: Bank balance is
4873.69 with no expenditures this
month. Money made from the raffle is
not included in this total.

A big thanks to Judy Houle for hosting
the picnic, Vaughn Meier for being the
auctioneer and for all of those who
brought plants. A thanks also goes to
Ron Bollick who made items from
wood.

New topics:

Security has been a problem at the
church so the doors to the church must
stay shut. Please be sure to shut the door
behind you when you come and go. A
monitor is on so that we can see you at
the door. Please push the button at the
right hand side of the door so we know
that you are here and let you in.

The church asked if we could also finish
our meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Outreach-

Ron Bollick agreed to make a banner for
the greenhouse display at the Puyallup
Fair. This is so everyone will be able to
see where the plants have come from.

New ideas to increase members:

- demos at Lowe's or Home Depot
- Spring Fair as an option
- taking plants donated to the elderly

Red Scheyer brought up the need to have the booth manned. For those who would like to sit at the booth there will be chairs outside and flyers. Please wear a name tag so that people visiting the fair know who you are.

Puyallup Fair business:

Set-up will begin on September 7 at around 9 am. If you are available to help, please be there early. (9:00 a.m.)

First show: You may bring plants in beginning Thursday, September 7 from 9 am to 8 pm, or the previous night (Saturday) between 7 pm and 9 pm or 6 am to 9 am the day of the show. Judging will begin at 9:30 am. No exhibitor will be allowed in the building during judging. Entries may not be removed before Monday, Sept., 25, 2006

Schedule for the fair: Demo booth

Bill Summerhill: Fri., Sept. 8-6-9 p.m.

*Vacant: 9/11-4:30-7:30 p.m.

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Darlene Cupp: 9/13- 4:30-7:30 p.m.

*The Scheyers: 9/15-2:30-5:30 p.m.

Darlene Cupp: 9/15-6-9 p.m.

*The Scheyers: 9/18-4:30-7:30 p.m.

*Bill Summerhill: 9/19-4:30-7:30 p.m.

Melissa and Tina: 9/20-4:30-7:30 p.m.

- *Denotes need for demonstration or some type of program regarding orchids.
- If you are available to fill these time slots, please let Darlene Cupp know so that she can send you tickets/parking pass.
- A couple of copies of the premium catalog will be available for entering your orchids in the show.
- Please remember to check in at the information desk when bringing in your plants. They

will give you an entrance number and some tags. They will not know who to send money to if you do not give them your information.

- Any questions, please call Darlene Cupp for more info. If she doesn't know the answer, she will find out for you.

Other new business:

Melissa and Tina are going to be partaking in the Point Defiance Flower and Garden Show the first weekend in June of 2007. They will be representing the Washington Native Orchid Club. The question arose as to whether the Tacoma Orchid Society wanted to pay for half of the booth fee to participate as well. A motion was made to pay for half (75.00) and seconded. Motion was carried.

Iris Martin suggested doing meetings for everyone...beginners, intermediate and experienced growers. The thought was to go back and revisit the 6:30-7:00 beginner's program. If anyone would like to coordinate the beginner's program, please contact Dick Gersib or Darlene Cupp.

Ron Bollick and Dick Gersib will be spearheading the outreach for the T.O.S. Please contact them with ideas and interest.

Meeting adjourned to Melissa and Tina with a talk on the Native Orchid Conference in Oregon 2006.

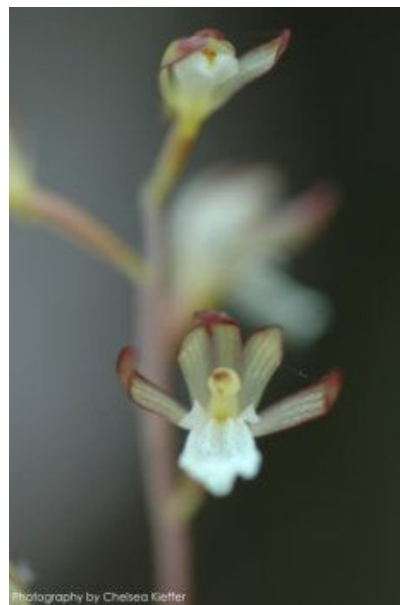
Minutes respectfully submitted by Darlene Cupp in Bonnie Anderson's absence.

Two New Colonies of the Rare Ozette Coralroot In Washington State

In June 2006 Chelsea Keiffer found two colonies at different times in different places in the Island County Washington in the San Juan Islands. She realized that they were not the typical spotted coralroot, *Corallorhiza maculata*, of the region and took several excellent photographs. After consulting with Melissa Rathbun of the *Washington Native Orchid Society*, Melissa suspected that they were the rare *Corallorhiza maculata* var. *ozettensis*, a taxon that Melissa and I had discussed previously but that neither of us had seen in the wild, and sent the photos on to me. At that point I confirmed the identification.

When Ed Tisch discovered the plants on the mainland of the Olympic Peninsula he unfortunately did not take any photographs. In preparing *Wild Orchids of the Pacific Northwest and Canadian Rockies* (2006) all we had to work with was the drawing of the individual flowers in Ed's original description and several images of the type specimen. Stan Folsom then did a painting of an individual flower based upon these descriptions and images. The painting included in *Wild Orchids of the Pacific North-west*. illustrates an older flower with more coloring per Tisch's description. These photos by Chelsea are the first known photos of the variety. This information arrive a few days too late to be included in the *North American Native Orchid Journal* vol. 12 and is send now as an addendum and

may be place on the blank last page and considered page 72. (PMB)



Photos Courtesy of Chelsea Keiffer