



Monthly Meetings

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

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Next Meeting

We will meet on November 28th 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 Bletilla culture, deflasking and seedling care by Melissa Rathbun and Tina Taylor.

Hope to see you there!

Last Meeting

The last meeting was held on October 24th at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The evening's program was a presentation on Conservation of *Cypripedium montanum* by Kelsey Creek Labs. Website: Thank you Jane, Roger 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:
November 18th at 1:00 pm

TOS PR Event

Ron Bollicks will be giving a presentation Watson's Greenhouse in Puyallup, WA on January 27th at 11am. The topic will be "There is Nothing to Fear in Growing Orchids".

Upcoming Events

January, 20th-21st, 2007

TOS Orchid Show and Sale

Windmill Gardens
Sumner, WA

March 24th & 25th

NWOS Spring Orchid Sale

Sky Nursery: 18528 Aurora N., Shoreline

March 16-18th

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

May 12 & 13th

NWOS Mother's Day Orchid Sale

Hello from Barb Inman

Carol and I are doing great and loving it here at the beach. This has been an unusual summer in that there has been "lots" of sunshine which the orchids love. They like the new greenhouse too as I have had many things bloom I hadn't seen in awhile in Puyallup. Carol had a blood transfusion two weeks ago and that seems to have solved his health problems he has fought all summer.

TOS Christmas Party

This year the Christmas party will be a potluck. The party will be held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on December 19th at 6:30. Potluck sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting. TOS will buy a turkey.

OOS Show & Sale

Thank you to Dick Gersib, Ron Bollicks, Tammy Moore, Tina Taylor and Melissa Rathbun for setting up the display at Olympia Orchid Society Show.

Thank you to the TOS members that volunteered orchids for the display.

Show & Tell Winners

Species Winner: Arlys Bosselmann with her *L. dayana* 'Harford'



Hybrid Winner: Ron Bollicks with his *Paph. Chiara*



TOS Officer

Nominations for 2007

Elections were held at the October meeting. The TOS officers for next year are as follows:

President	Ron Wray
Vice President	Tammy Moore
Secretary	Melissa Rathbun
Treasurer	Tina Talyor
Newsletter	Melissa Rathbun
1 year Trustee	Ron Bollicks
2 year Trustee	Iris Martin
3 year Trustee	Red Scheyer

TOS Minutes

October 24th, 2006

Treasurers Report:

Income This Month: \$0

Expenses This Month: \$377.99

Total in Bank \$4,208.16

New Business:

- 1) Minutes Approved
- 2) Elections were held at the last meeting. See Page 3 for the 2007 Officers.

Old Business:

- 1) TOS January Show & Sale
The theme this year is the "World of Orchids". Sign-ups for the show will be available at the November meeting. TOS will also have an orchid art and photo show this year.
- 2) This year the Christmas party will be a potluck. The party will be held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on December 19th at 6:30. Potluck sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting. TOS will buy a turkey.
- 3) TOS will be considering purchasing AV equipment for presentations.

Evenings Presentation:

Conservation of *Cypripedium montanum* by Kelsey Creek Labs.

Growiser

At our last meeting Jane & Roger of Kelsey Creek Labs mentioned working with GROWISER on *Cypripedium montanum*. So, here is more on GROWISER.

I was fortunate enough to meet Dr. Andy Huber at the 2006 Native Orchid Conference in Ashland Oregon. I picked his brain about forming an orchid preserve of my own, which is my life goal.

In spring of 1992, Andy purchased 160 acres of land that overlooks Grand Ronde Valley in northeastern Oregon. He purchased the land because it was beautiful without knowing the vast array of native plants that grew there.

After surveying the property, he found 190 species of native plants, 8 of which were native orchids.

- *Cypripedium montanum*
- *Calypso bulbosa*
- *Piperia elegans*
- *Spiranthes romanzoffiana*
- *Corallorhiza maculata*
- *Corallorhiza striata*
- *Cephalanthera austini*

Since Andy's background is in teaching crop and soil science, he saw the property as an outdoor classroom and seed bank for plant conservation. In 1993, the non-profit corporation called GROWISER (Grande Ronde Overlook Wild-Flower Institute Serving Ecological Restoration) was formed.

Now Andy maintains his orchid populations by clearing debris with small fires, seed sowing with cracked

corn and manure and help from Kelsey Creek Labs. In 2005, over 200 new *Cypripedium montanum* seedlings now call GROWISER home.

The Washington Native Orchid Society will be making an overnight pilgrimage to GROWISER in June. The date will be announced at a later time and I can't wait.

You don't have to go to an exotic location like South America or Florida to find orchid preserves. Orchid paradises can be found here in our own backyards.

–Melissa Rathbun



Cypripedium montanum at GROWISER
www.growiser.org