



Monthly Meetings

Fourth Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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June 2007 Newsletter

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Next Meeting

We will meet on **June 26th** at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm. The evening's program is on orchid judging and preparing orchids by David Morris- AOS Judge and Owner of Clackamas Orchids. www.clackamas-orchids.com. The Beginners Program will be held from 6:30pm to 6:55pm by Dick Gersib. Hope to see you there!

Last Meeting

The last meeting was held on May 22nd at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The evening's program was an open discussion. Thank you to all the members for their participation.

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.

Next Judging Center Date:

June 16th at 1:00 pm

TOS PR Event

Ron Bollick will be giving an orchid presentation called Introduction to Orchids at the Geranium Society on June 14th and Peninsula Gardens in Gig Harbor on the 16th of June at 11am. Thanks, Ron.

Point Defiance

TOS and WNOS shared a booth at the Point Defiance Flower Show on June 1st - 3rd. Thank you to Ron Bollicks, Carol and Ron Wray, Sandra Hey, Thomas Engle, Tammy Moore, Melissa Rathbun and Tina Taylor for volunteering.

Upcoming Events

June 23rd

Washington Native Orchid Society

Photography Clinic

See Melissa Rathbun for more info

July 7th

Washington Native Orchid Society

Field trip to Port Townsend, WA

See Melissa Rathbun for more info

July 14th

Washington Native Orchid Society

Field trip to Glacial Heritage Preserve, WA

See Melissa Rathbun for more info

July 28th

TOS Annual Picnic and Auction

Judy Houle's Home

July Picnic

TOS July Picnic

The TOS Picnic and Auction will be held on July 28th. Judy Houle will be hosting the event at her home. Bring a pot luck item and any orchids you wish to donate to the auction. The auction money goes to help with the club expenses. Hope to see you there!

Show & Tell Winners

Hybrid Winner: Melissa Rathbun with her Rdcem. Moon Cat ‘Betts’



Species Winner: Darlene Cupp with her Cat. skinneri ‘Dr. Sakes’



TOS Minutes

May 22nd, 2007

Ron Wray- President called the meeting to order at 7:10.

Treasurers Report:

Outgoing	\$770.99
Cash on Hand:	\$112.14
Total in Bank	\$4,005.78

New Business:

- Federal Way Orchid Society asked if their members can attend TOS meetings. Ron Wray invited them to attend our meetings.
- Melissa Rathbun has an extra *Wild Orchids of the Pacific Northwest and Canadian Rockies*. If you are missing a book contact Melissa.
- Ron Wray and Ron Bollick had a TOS informational booth at the Home Depot on Center Street on May 19th. Thank you Ron & Ron.
- The membership suggested that TOS Information Booths in the future should pair up experienced growers with beginners. This would encourage beginners to participate and learn more about growing orchids.

Book Review:

Judy Houle- Librarian discussed the AOS *Orchids* Magazine.

Welcome New Member

Setsuko Takisuka

*Latin Names—how they came to be ?
The Paphiopedilum*



Melissa Rathbun's Paph. Myra

Paphiopedilum orchids are also known as lady slipper orchids, this common name has been handed down through the generations, but where does it come from?

The Latin title is obviously derived from the Roman's own language, as they travelled and conquered many lands they were appreciative of the stories and legends of the people they encountered, in particular the Greeks and their mythological adventures. They were especially enthralled by a Greek Goddess - Aphrodite, whose concept they "borrowed" and renaming her Venus she became a Roman Goddess also, and here is where the story begins.....

On the beautiful island of Cyprus, which lies at the Eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea there is a town which is called Paphos, it was close to here that according to Greek Mythology, the Greek God of Wine, Bacchus held his court, amongst his entourage he had

many beautiful young hand-maidens, and one day a minor god who happened to be called Orchis had a little to much of his friends hospitality and was unwise enough to pay more than a passing interest in one of the young maidens present. Bacchus took exception to the young mans impertinence, and promptly had him chopped into little pieces, which were scattered far and wide, where-ever a piece of the unfortunate Orchis landed, an orchid grew. Eventually the final portion of the poor young mans masculinity (which to this day bears the Latin medical description of orchis) was thrown into the sea, and from this union with the foaming waves Aphrodite was born, stepping out of the ocean close to the town of Paphos, which derives its own name from Paphinia, which is just another Greek name for Aphrodite. This now gives us the interesting play on words of "Paphio" for Aphrodite, or if you wish Venus, and "Pedilum" the Latin word meaning foot, which when translated would roughly mean the slipper of Venus, or Venus (lady) slipper orchid. The twist in the tale of this particular story is of course the fact that the lady in question was the daughter of the father of all Orchids, and as such the Paphiopedilum orchid is just one of the 30,000 or so various genera of orchids in the world today. If you find yourself in Paphos take a look at the Roman ruins, in particular the "House of Dionysus" located on a small hill overlooking the town. There you will find a mosaic floor which amongst its many murals has one depicting the god of wine Bacchus, and whilst in that area, if the season happens to be springtime, take a look around the meadows, and try to locate some of Aphrodite's sisters.

-courtesy of the Virginia Orchid Society