



Monthly Meetings

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

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Next Meeting
July Picnic
TOS July Picnic

The TOS Picnic and Auction will be held on **July 28th at 1pm**. 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!

Last Meeting

The last meeting was held on June 26th at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The evening's program was scheduled to be Dave Morris from Clackamas Orchids. However, due to schedule conflicts he had to reschedule for the October meeting. Tammy Moore saved the day with an Orchid Digest slide show "40 Orchid Species Every Orchid Collection Should Have". Thank you Tammy.

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

Upcoming Events

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

August 11th

Washington Native Orchid Society
Field trip to Chuckanut Drive, WA
See Melissa Rathbun for more info

September 7th - 23rd

Puyallup Fair
Sun - Thu: 10 am - 10 pm
Fri & Sat: 10 am - 11 pm

October 13th & 14th

TOS October Orchid Sale
Windmill Gardens
5823 160th Ave. E., Sumner, WA
Saturday 13th: Sale- 9-5p.m.
Sunday 14th: Sale-10-4p.m.

January, 19th-20th, 2007

TOS Orchid Show and Sale
Windmill Gardens
5823 160th Ave. E., Sumner, WA
Saturday 19th:
Show-12-5p.m. Sale-9-5p.m.
Sunday 20th:
Show & Sale-10-4p.m.

Show & Tell Winners

Hybrid Winner: Arlys & Walter Bosselmann with their Phal. Golden Light



Species Winner: Eugene & Felicidad Mousel with their Paph. philippinense



TOS Minutes

June 26th, 2007

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

Treasurers Report:

Outgoing	\$7.29
Cash on Hand:	\$156.39
Total in Bank	\$4,026.99

New Business:

- TOS Membership approved having an Orchid Sale at Windmill Gardens on October 13th and 14th.
- TOS Membership approved the purchase of 60 orchids from Karmella Orchids for the October Sale.
- TOS needs a volunteer to chair the Puyallup Fair display and set-up. Darlene Cupp will be contacted to see if she will be interested.
- TOS needs volunteers for the orchid information table at the Puyallup Fair. Contact Ron Bollicks to sign-up for a shift.
- TOS Board Meeting will be held June 30th at 6pm. Ron Bollicks will be hosting the event.

Book Review:

Judy Houle- Librarian: New book in the TOS library that was donated by Vern Nelson called "Greenhouses for Home Owners and Gardeners" by John Bartok. Thank you Vern.

Orchid Division Entries at the Puyallup Fair

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.

Two complete shows will be held. Exhibitors are invited to enter both shows.

The first show is Sunday, September 9; and the second show is Sunday, September 16.

Entries may be made Thursday, September 6; from 9 am to 8 pm for first show, or the previous night between 7 pm and 9 pm, or 6 am to 9 am the day of show.

Judging will begin at 9:30 am. NO exhibitor will be allowed in building during judging.

EXHIBITS MUST REMAIN IN THE FLORAL BUILDING UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

They can be picked up Monday, September 24 from 8 am to 8 pm, or Tuesday, September 25 from 9 am to Noon, without a pass, through the Red Gate.

Plants or cut flowers may be entered. Plants and flowers exhibited in competition must be properly labeled. Tags must show name and parentage, if a hybrid, and must be

printed legibly. Plants not entered in the proper class may be automatically disqualified. No flower or plant may be entered in more than one class. However, an exhibitor wishing to enter their first show orchids into the second show **MUST** enter the second show using second show tags and numbers. All plants entered by an exhibitor must be entered in the same division (i.e. A or B).

NOTE: Exhibitors entering second show, please use class numbers listed for second show.

TOS at the Fair

Puyallup Fair is Sept. 7th-23rd

Sun -Thu: 10am - 10pm

Fri & Sat: 10am - 11pm

This year, TOS will be manning the orchid display at the Puyallup Fair. If you are willing to man the information display or give a demo about orchids at the Fair, contact Ron Bollick at 253-537-3829 or ronbollick@aol.com

TOS Members that volunteer receive a parking pass and ticket for the Fair!

TOS Members, you are responsible for entering your orchids at the Puyallup Fair. Check in at the information desk at the floral building to receive your personal entry number. You will need this number to fill out the paperwork and plant tags. If a TOS Member is present they can help you with your entries. Otherwise, ask the information desk at the floral building if you have questions or need help.

Hope to see you at the Fair!

Orchids and Their Other Uses



Photo courtesy of Kjell Nilsson

Ansellia aficana The Zulu herbalists in South Africa use the psuedobulb to make a tea that is used as an emetic. In Zambia, it is reported that they use a tea made from the leaves as a remedy for madness.



The **Bletilla striata** has been used as an herb in Chinese medicine for over 1,500 years. The root is antibacterial, antiinflammatory and astringent. It is

taken internally for the treatment of hemorrhage of the stomach or lungs, uterine bleeding and nose bleeds. It is used effectively against the endotoxin produced by *Haemophilus pertusis*, a bacteria that can cause whooping cough. Externally, it is mixed with sesame oil and applied to burns, cuts, abscesses and sores. In Vietnam, the pseudobulb, or corm, is used to treat tuberculosis and other pulmonary diseases.

This orchid is also used to add glossiness and invisibility to ink.



The northwest coast peoples, such as the Saanich, used the **Goodyera oblongifolia** as good luck charms. Stl'al'imx children used the leaves as balloons by rubbing them until the top layers separated and blowing through the stem to inflate them. The interior plateau peoples used the plant for cuts and sores.