



## ***Monthly Meetings***

Fourth Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m.  
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[www.tacomaorchidsociety.com](http://www.tacomaorchidsociety.com)

## ***August 2007 Newsletter***

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## ***Next Meeting***

We will meet on **August 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 a slideshow by AOS on the Native Orchids of the Lower 48 states. Hope to see you there!

## ***Last Meeting***

The last meeting was the annual picnic and auction on July 28th at Judy Houle's home. Thank you Judy for hosting the event! Thank you to all the members that bought auction items. The money raised will be used to cover TOS expenses. The total amount raised was about \$355.00.



Ron Wray-President



## ***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***

September 1st

**Central Coast Orchid Society Show**  
First Presbyterian Church  
227 NE 12th St, Newport, OR

September 7<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Puyallup Fair**

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

October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

**TOS October Orchid Sale**

Windmill Gardens  
5823 160<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Sumner, WA  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>: Sale- 9-5p.m.  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>: Sale-10-4p.m.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

**NWOS Fall Orchid Sale**

Swan's Nursery, Ballard, WA

January, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**TOS Orchid Show and Sale**

Windmill Gardens  
5823 160<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Sumner, WA  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>:  
Show-12-5p.m. Sale-9-5p.m.  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>:  
Show & Sale-10-4p.m.

April 19th & 20<sup>th</sup>

**NWOS Orchid Show & Sale**  
Seattle Center

## ***Orchid Division 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](http://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-23<sup>rd</sup>  
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](mailto: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!

## ***Message from Ron Bollicks***

I will be looking for signatures for fair coverage at the next meeting. We still have some spaces to fill. The fair will put a security hasp on the greenhouse for those members who were concerned. I will have a combination lock on the door and all members will be given the numbers. We will have a table and chairs at the greenhouse. **WHAT WE NEED FROM MEMBERS IS PLANTS.** If you don't have any in flower please go out and buy one. If you cannot bring the plants in for set up on that Thursday please give me a call and I will pick them up. Also the fair is looking for volunteers for the demonstration booth. I have already put my self down for 3 times. You can just stand there and answer questions or you just can put on a potting demonstration or talk about watering or fertilizers.

### **FOR SALE:**

1000 watt high pressure sodium light fixture, hood and shield, balast, about 6 months use on the light bulb. Asking \$150.00 it sells for over \$300 brand new. Contact Ron at 253-537-3829.

## ***New Orchid Society***

Portland Oregon has a "brand new" orchid society. The first meeting was in July 2007. The Portland Orchid Society meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Meetings are open to all, and visitors are always welcome.

Meetings are held at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 6835 SW 46th Ave Portland, OR 97219

[www.portlandorchidsociety.org](http://www.portlandorchidsociety.org)

## ***A New Orchid Species in North America***

It has been a long road for the Yosemite Bog-Orchid to get its name. The orchid was first collected by botanist George Henry in 1923. Now in 2007, and with 84 years gone by, two U.S. Geological Survey botanists and a colleague at the New York State Museum have identified the orchid as a new species, *Platanthera yosemitensis* or the Yosemite bog-orchid.

The *Platanthera yosemitensis* grows only in nine locations in the Yosemite National Park. It's habitat is spring feed areas between 6,000 to 9,000ft on the granitic upland south of Yosemite Valley, between the main stem and the South Fork of the Merced River. This orchid has very small and musky foul-smelling flowers. It is said to smell like a horse corral to sweaty clothing.



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