



## ***Monthly Meetings***

Fourth Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m.  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
101 E 38<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma, Washington  
[www.tacomaorchidsociety.com](http://www.tacomaorchidsociety.com)

## ***November 2007 Newsletter***

### ***In this issue:***

Next Meeting	page 2
Last Meeting	page 2
AOS Judging Center	page 2
TOS Holiday Party	page 2
AOS Calendars	page 2
Upcoming Events	page 2
Show and Tell	page 3
2008 Officer Nominations	page 3
TOS Minutes	page 3
Calling All TOS Books	page 4
Orchids as Weeds?	page 4

## ***2007 Officers***

### **President**

Ron Wray  
253-857-7192  
[wray960@comcast.net](mailto:wray960@comcast.net)

### **Vice President**

Tammy Moore  
253-847-8296  
[tammyamoore@hotmail.com](mailto:tammyamoore@hotmail.com)

### **Newsletter Editor, Website & Secretary**

Melissa Rathbun  
253-857-0117  
[melissa@tacwa.com](mailto:melissa@tacwa.com)

### **Treasurer**

Tina Taylor  
360-275-6975  
[tinataylor78@msn.com](mailto:tinataylor78@msn.com)

### **Show Committee**

Tammy Moore  
253-847-8296  
[tammyamoore@hotmail.com](mailto:tammyamoore@hotmail.com)

### **Sunshine Lady, AOS Representative & Librarian**

Judy Houle  
[No1ladybug@wavecable.com](mailto:No1ladybug@wavecable.com)

### **Raffle Table**

Jeannine Sturman  
253-752-2921  
[necr2@aol.com](mailto:necr2@aol.com)

### **Greeter**

Vern Nelson  
253-884-2946  
[gayenelson@msn.com](mailto:gayenelson@msn.com)

### **Public Relations**

Ron Bollick  
253-537-3829  
[ronbollick@aol.com](mailto:ronbollick@aol.com)

## *Next Meeting*

We will meet on **November 27th** 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 will be a presentation on Far Reaches Nursery's trips to collect seeds. Hope to see you there!

## *Last Meeting*

The last meeting was held on October 23rd. The evening's program was on Orchid judging by Dave Morris of Clackamas Orchids. Thank You Dave!

## *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:  
November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm

## *TOS Holiday Dinner*

Mark your calendars! The TOS Holiday Party will be Tuesday **December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. It will be a potluck! The potluck sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting.

## *AOS Calendars*

AOS Calendars are available. This year's theme is conservation and \$2 of the calendar sales will benefit the AOS Conservation Fund! You can buy them on the AOS Web site: [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) or call in you order at 561-404-2021 \$12.95, plus shipping charges. For more information visit [www.aos.org/aos/shop/Calendar2008.aspx](http://www.aos.org/aos/shop/Calendar2008.aspx)

## *Upcoming Events*

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.

January 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

### **19<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference**

Miami Florida

Exhibition Center of the Sheraton

Miami Mart Hotel

[www.19woc.com](http://www.19woc.com)

Match 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Cherry City Orchid Society Show**

Capital, 1955 Dallas Highway,

Salem, OR

April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Spokane Orchid Society Show & Sale**

Spokane, WA

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

### **NWOS Orchid Show & Sale**

Seattle Center

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

### **SCWOS Orchid Show & Sale**

Kennewick, WA

July 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

### **7<sup>th</sup> Native Orchid Conference**

West Virginia University

Morgantown, WV

## ***Show & Tell Winners***

Species winner: Tammy Moore with her  
*Cattleya aclandiae*



Hybrid winner: Tammy Moore with her  
Phrag. Sargent Eric



## ***TOS Officer***

### ***Nominations for 2008***

It is getting close to that time of year again. ELECTIONS! If you would like to run for a board position or nominate someone, contact Daphne Vint and Jeannine Sturman.

President	<b>Still Open</b>
Vice President	Melissa Rathbun
Secretary	Tammy Moore
Treasurer	Tina Taylor
Newsletter	Tammy Moore
3 year Trustee	Jeannine Sturman

## ***TOS Minutes***

### ***October 23rd, 2007***

Ron Wray called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

#### **Welcome New Members:**

Cherlyn Fisher  
Jaimye Cordney

#### **Treasurers Report:**

Cash on Hand: \$ 95.76  
Total in Bank: \$ 7,975.15

#### **Old Business:**

The total for the TOS October Orchid Sale will be available at the next meeting after the bills are paid.

The Light Raffle raised \$121.00 for the club. Thank you to Ron Bollick for selling the tickets and The Indoor Garden for donating the light.

#### **New Business:**

No New Business

#### **Book Review:**

No Book Review

## ***Calling All Books***

December is inventory for the TOS Library. Could members please bring the books to turn in at the November meeting or e-mail Judy the status of the books you have. Thank You to everyone for making good use of the library. Please give any suggestions for book purchases to Judy. The list can be found on the web site. All suggestions are welcome as to how to make our library and the library process the best ever. Thanks, Judy Houle – Librarian

## ***Orchids as Weeds?***

I am unsure how an orchid could be named a “weed”! Shouldn’t it be called something like welcomed species instead of “weed”.

Here in Washington State we have the just one “orchid weed” *Epipactis hellborine*. I know of many people and public locations that have this “orchid weed” growing on their property. I would welcome this invasion at my home and would happily trade *E. hellborine* for a truck load of dandelions any day! Never the less, it is on the Washington State invasive species list!

*E. hellborine* is native to Europe. This orchid was first discovered in North America, New York in 1878. This “orchid weed”, for over a century, has been making its way across the country. It tends to like calcareous soils in woodland or exposed situations. Why this species is such a prevalent “orchid weed” is because it self-pollinates.



Another such orchid, *Oeceoclades maculate*, has become a persistent weed in many backyards in southern Florida. This species is native to Africa and has come across the ocean to become an infectious weed in some countries in the Caribbean and Central America.

It's BY FAR the easiest orchid species to grow in Florida. They readily germinate in cypress mulch and in humus. Why this species is such a prevalent “orchid weed” is because it also self-pollinates.



Photo courtesy of [discoverorchids.com](http://discoverorchids.com)