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Upcoming Events

July 18th – 21st
7th Native Orchid Conference
West Virginia Univeristy
Morgantown, WV

August 16th (Saturday) - Tacoma
Seymour Conservatory Centennial
Celebration from 10:00 to 2:00

October 11th - 12th – Windmill Garden
show; set up on the 10th

(2009) January 17th – 18th – Windmill
Garden show; set up on the 16th

Last Meeting

Program

Acclaimed botanical painter, Linda Petchnik gave a slide presentation and spoke about her experience with painting orchids. Linda is highly sought after for her commissioned works. TOS was fortunate to receive donations of Linda's prints for our raffle!

TOS Minutes from April 22nd meeting (condensed)

Treasurer's Report: \$4,564.11 total in checking and savings

TOS is still looking for a Show Chair.

Jeannine is a possibility for Librarian but was not present to accept position.

Judy Hoban volunteered for the board.

Jan Whittington volunteered to be the Sunshine Lady and Photographer.

Club will have potlucks when we have out-of-town guests (Sept. and Oct. of this year).

Sign-ups for "break treats" to be posted monthly at the meetings. Names of contributors to potlucks and "break treats" will be put into a drawing at the end of the year.

Seymour Conservatory Centennial celebration, October Windmill Garden show, and January Windmill Garden show were discussed.

Next Meeting

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church
101 E. 38th St.
Tacoma, WA

June 24th speaker – Our president, Margo Steinman, will demonstrate and discuss repotting orchids

The beginner's program will be held from 6:30 to 6:55. The subject will be humidity for orchids. Bring your questions.

Our main program begins at 7:00 p.m.

TOS Annual Dues

Please pay your annual dues at the next meeting if you haven't already done so. This includes those who pay at the half-yearly rate. You can also mail payments to our treasurer, Georgia Pope. E-mail questions to: Gpope@wamail.net.

American Orchid Society (AOS) Judging Center

The AOS 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.

Announcements

Welcome New Member

Jeffery Parham

Appreciation of Past Officers

Thank you Ron Wray, Judy Houle, Tammy Moore, and Tina Taylor for your dedication to our organization as past officers or board members. We appreciate your contributions throughout the years of your service.

Picnic

There will be no regular business meeting in July. Instead, we are having our annual picnic.

Date and Time: July 19th from 1:00 to 4:00

Place: Judy Houle's home

Contact Information: No1ladybug@wavecable.com, (360) 801-0781

- A sign-up sheet will be available at the June meeting. Please think of what you would like to bring so you can be prepared to sign up. You can also e-mail Georgia with your selection at: gpope@wamail.net
- Items will be auctioned.
- Spouses, significant others, and interested friends are also invited!

Seymour Conservatory Centennial Celebration – at Wright Park in Tacoma

Date and Time: August 16th from 10:00 to 2:00

- We need flowering orchids to display at this event. Please contact Ron if you would like to volunteer your plant(s).

Puyallup Fair – September will be here before you know it! A sign-up sheet will be available at the picnic and at the August meeting for individuals to volunteer.

- We need flowering orchids to display at the fair. Please contact Ron if you would like to volunteer your plant(s).

Other Important Information:

Show and Tell

Here are the rules:

- Three (3) plant limit.
- Recently purchased plants can be shown if they are unique or somehow special, but you are expected to mention that they are recent purchases. These orchids will not be counted in the voting.

The purpose of show and tell is to show plants that have flowered for you. Your discussion should include how you got it to flower or alternately, talk about their unique qualities.

There are two winners: one for species, and one for hybrid. The winners each receive a \$5.00 gift certificate that can be used at the annual auction, or purchases of items sold by guest speakers or vendors at the meetings.

Activity Report

Point Defiance Flower and Garden Show: For most of weekend, it was cold. The sun finally showed its face on Sunday afternoon. Despite the weather, we gathered over 40 e-mail addresses from interested people!

Volunteers enjoyed talking with visitors and getting to know their fellow TOS members better. There's always something new to learn about orchids!

Visitors were in awe of the varied selection of orchids that we displayed, especially



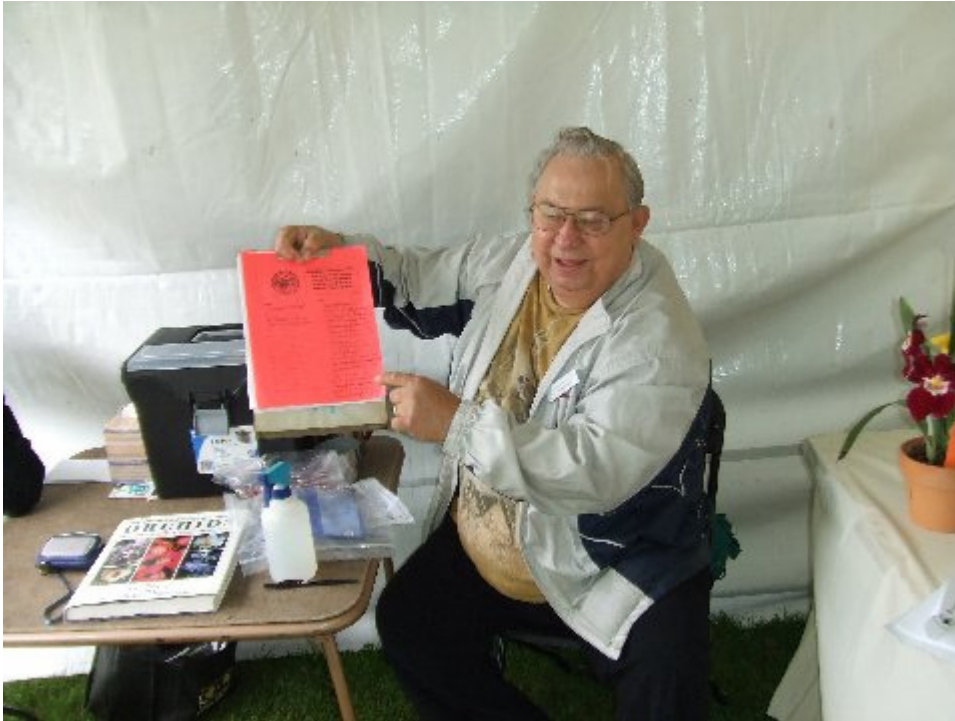
Ron's hanging Vanda.

A special thanks to the volunteers who worked at the show and/or brought display plants. We couldn't have done it without you!

Here are some more pictures...



L to R: Georgia, Ron, Susan, and Michie (Mickie)



You're not getting out of here until you leave your e-mail address!



AIR MOVEMENT

Orchids like air movement. In fact, all plants like it. In nature the air is never still. The moving air vibrates the leaves which moves the stems. This creates stronger plants from disease and pest. Air movement distributes humidity throughout the growing areas and helps plants dry out for the evening. Orchids do not like to go to bed wet.

Note: Potting material must be loose. More air space is needed than medium. Over 50% of the oxygen absorbed by orchids is taken in by the roots.

