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## Continuing and Upcoming Events

September 5<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> - Puyallup Fair show

October 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> – Windmill Garden sale

(2009) January 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Windmill  
Garden show



**Wright Park Centennial Celebration  
Margo chatting with some visitors.**

## **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 23rd.

\*\*We will have a potluck at 5:45 p.m. in honor of our guest speaker. Please contact Georgia to sign up for food if you haven't already done so. Michie is roasting a turkey as our main course.

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
101 E. 38<sup>th</sup> St.  
Tacoma, WA

Speaker: Mark, from "Out on a Limb"

- 5:45 p.m. - Potluck
- 6:30 p.m. - Beginner's program
- 7:00 p.m. - Main program

(We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, excluding July and December).

### Entry to the Church for Meeting

The closed-circuit T.V. is fixed so that the doorbell should work. Press the button and you will be answered by voice or buzzer. The door should open when you **pull** on it. If not, push in the door and then pull out. If that doesn't work, just buzz us again.

## **Announcements**



Our August show-and-tell winner was Fred with his Vanda! No species orchids were submitted. Sorry, Fred, no picture.

### **Windmill Gardens**

- October sale: October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, set-up on the 10th

Our show and sale is still on!

We still need volunteers for the following:

- Information table
- Potting demonstration(s)
- Set up on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>
- Food
- Security

There will be a sale table for members to sell their orchids. Please write your name on a plant label with your asking price. We have four commercial vendors: Olympic, Out on a Limb, Valley Orchids, and Sorella.

- Mark your calendars for our January 2009 show at Windmill Gardens: January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, set-up on the 16<sup>th</sup>. More details after our October event.

## **Other Information**

The American Orchid Society'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.

## Education in the Community

Ron continues to conduct orchid classes at the Beacon Senior Center (415 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Tacoma) and the Lighthouse Activity Center (5016 S. "A" St., Tacoma).

Here is the schedule:

Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Lighthouse
Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Beacon
Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Lighthouse
Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Beacon
Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Lighthouse

Members are invited to attend the informal sessions. These classes are very similar to our TOS beginner's classes. Any subject can be covered.

## More About Orchids....

### Fragrant Orchids



Fragrance and flavor chemist, Roman Kaiser, described four basic orchid scents: white floral, rosy floral, ionone floral, and spicy floral.

White floral fragrances such as jasmine, gardenia, honeysuckle, and orange blossoms are found in but not limited to genera *Aerangis*, *Angraecum* and *Brassavola*. Their scents are most potent in the evening and during the night for flower pollination.

Rosy-floral scents come from roses: *Rosa centifolia*, *R. damascena*, and *R. gallica*. The scents of this group are at their strongest during the day when it's sunny and warm. *Miltoniopsis* is one example of an orchid with this fragrance.

Ionone-floral is found in orange-yellow and yellow brown flowers. This includes freesia and *Osmanthus fragrans*.

Spicy-floral is best expressed by carnations. *Masdevallia glandulosa* is an example of an orchid with this scent.

At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, a French authority completed a study on scented flowers. More than 4,000 plants were examined. White and yellow flowers accounted for more than 60% of all fragrant flowers, and most of the remaining fragrant flowers were pale pink or purple. This study found that order of the strength of a scent by color was white, bluish white, pale pink, mauve-pink, pale yellow, yellow and purple.

While many of the most fragrant orchids are white, pink, and pale yellow, there are exceptions, such as *Oncidium Sharry Baby*.

- In 1989, the Japanese Prize International Orchid Show was the first orchid show in the world to establish a fragrance competition for orchids.
- The Greater New York Orchid Society Show of 1992 was the first show in the U.S. to judge orchid fragrance.

#### Temperature Tip

If air temperature is on the cool side, warmer growing orchids can be successfully grown by placing their pots on water-proof heating pads used for seed starting. The pads increase the media and root zone temperature by 10-15 degrees F without the cost of heating the entire growing area.

Frowine, Steven A. (2005). *Fragrant Orchids*. Portland: Timber Press.

# Minutes from August 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting



Margo called the meeting to order. No correction to the previous minutes.

## Treasurer's Report

Valley Bank \$1,674.69; Key Bank \$2,783.88; petty cash \$141.86  
Stop payment \$32.00  
\$4,415.27 remaining

We are not going to allow credit card sales anymore.  
A calculator was purchased: approximately \$22.00

## Wright Park

Nice set up; received some interested persons' e-mail addresses; few people there.

## Floralia/Brazil

Floralia/Brazil is taking orders for plants. Fantastic orchids; near flowering sizes.  
Must order by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Postage \$1.50 per plant  
Payment for any orders due at the next meeting, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Give money to Jeff.

## Potlucks

We will have potlucks on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 28<sup>th</sup>. Michie volunteered to cook entrees. Georgia has a food list to circulate for sign ups. You will be reminded what item(s) you volunteered to bring

## Gift Exchange

A discussion was held regarding a gift exchange versus three door prizes at our December party. Members in attendance voted and it was seconded that we will have door prizes. It was decided there will be three drawings valued at \$50 each. Jeff suggested that we assign someone to purchase the items at a time closer to the party.

## Check Policy

A payee wanted us to reissue a check. We were charged \$32 to stop payment. The payee is responsible for cancellation fees once the check leaves our hands. Susan read the following addendum to Bylaws:

If a check written by the Tacoma Orchid Society (the Society) is lost and it is requested that the Society write a replacement check, a stop payment charge will be imposed on the Payee at the current bank rate on checks written over that rate. If the check amount is under the rate, the Society will not be responsible.

It was moved and seconded to put this in writing and incorporate it into the Bylaws.

## Logo

Jeff recreated our logo and made business cards for TOS.

## Supplies for TOS

If any member purchases supplies, such as printer ink and paper to be used for TOS purposes, they can be reimbursed by the treasurer. Submit receipt(s) to Georgia

## October Show and Sale

Thank you to Jeff for preparing a sign. We will purchase plants from Carmela. Need help setting up that Friday night before the show. Three vendors so far. Can members sell plants too? Yes  
Vendors to give us a percentage from sales; approximately 10-20%

## Puyallup Fair

Ron - Our booth is at the same location at the fair. We will have members at the booth on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 to 3:00. Ron suggested that we put a plant on the table to draw attention and get people to come and talk with us. The table and two chairs need to be put away each night.

Hanging plants need to be watered every day. Potted plants need to be checked and watered when necessary.

There are three boxes of various handouts.  
Ron will give entry passes and parking tickets to those who help.  
We have a combination lock to the orchid room, but it is not necessary to use it.

Ron gave a handout to show us how to fill out tags:

- The office will give you a plant tag for you to complete.

- On the tag, write Class #, Exhibiter #, Variety, Orchid Division, your name, address, and phone number.

Approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  over on the right hand side of page, you will see numbers that begin with “2”s and “5”s.

2 = 1<sup>st</sup> showing

5 = 2<sup>nd</sup> showing

Write the correct class number!

- Tear off the top copy and take it to the office.
- Attach the remaining tag to your plant.
- A paper clip is given to cover your name on the remaining tag.

**\* A tip from Jan \***

Jan said she puts self-addressed labels on the tag instead of having to write her name and address.

TOS meeting was adjourned.



Oncidium sphacelatum