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Upcoming Events

December 16th – TOS Christmas party
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at
the church

January 17th – 18th – Windmill Garden show

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November Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25th at

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

- 6:30 p.m. - Beginner's program
- 7:00 p.m. – Main program and business meeting

Guest Speaker: Luis Saena
Topic: research expedition to Costa Rica

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

Note: 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.



Some News from our Public Relations Person (Ron)...

I just got a thank you note from the Point Defiance Flower and Garden Show thanking us for our efforts at their show. All the goals of the show were met and the proceeds have been invested in the park. The show was created to celebrate the park centennial. They had so much community enthusiasm that they were encouraged to have the show for three years longer than anticipated.

The Point Defiance park board has now decided to discontinue producing the show.

I want to personally thank all of our members who contributed plants and time at the show.

Don't forget we will setting up a display at Lakewold Gardens and I will let you know the dates. Last year it was in May.

Second comment

The Tacoma Dome flower and Garden show is Jan. 29th to Feb. 1st; set up on the 28th of Jan. with tear down 1st of Feb. Do we want to set up a booth? The thing about this one is that the booth will have to be manned while the show is open. That is usually 10am to 8pm . It will entail three shifts for four days. It also means having display plants. This is two weeks after our January sale so members should have some flowering plants. I have already been asked to speak on Orchids so I will be giving a presentation on Jan 29th at 2pm and Jan. 31st at 2pm.

The last time we did this we had an excellent response. More so than the Puyallup Fair. For one thing the people you would be talking to are all local people. The ball was dropped by the board at that time. I feel we lost a lot of contacts and potential members.

I will bring this subject up at the next meeting. I want the membership to think about it.

Show and Tell

Winners from our October meeting: Margo – species category
Fred – hybrid category



Fred's Blc. Ray Holmes 'Newberry'



Margo's Ludisia discolor

Congratulations!

Win a Gift Certificate

There's still time to complete your crossword puzzle from last month! We've extended the drawing to November. The puzzle is again published on the last page of this newsletter. Bring your completed puzzle to our November meeting and you will be entered to win a \$5 gift certificate.

Thanks again to Judy Houle and Jeff for contributing some excitement to our newsletter and organization!

Olympia Orchid Society Open House and Orchid Show

On October 25th and 26th we joined the Olympia Orchid Society at their show at the Bark and Garden Center on Mud Bay Road. We were able to sell some remaining orchid plants from our Windmill show.

Our members found it to be a good time to get to know or reacquaint ourselves with individuals of the Olympia and the Evergreen Orchid Societies. It was important for us to be there and support our neighboring orchid clubs. This is especially true since our groups are experiencing a decline in membership. It was interesting to see Ken with a crowd of Olympians gathered around him. Popular guy!



Our TOS display



Olympia Orchid Society display



Club member, Ken Tokach's display of plants

Ferrell Ellie's
display



January Windmill Show

Key members are busy planning for our January judged show to be held at Windmill Gardens on January 17th and 18th. Thank you, Barbara, for sharing your knowledge and keeping us on track!

The theme will be “Symphony of Orchids.” If anyone has an old violin or clarinet that we can borrow for the display, please contact Ron.

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's last orchid class at the Lighthouse Activity Center (5016 S. "A" St., Tacoma) is November 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend the informal session.

More about Orchids...



Lyc. cinnabarina

Orchids Need a Rest Too

Most orchids have a growing season followed by a resting period. This rest can last for a few weeks or several months. Those orchids that have the longest resting periods are generally those with pseudobulbs. The majority of orchids rest during the winter months, which coincides with the dry season in the natural habitats of the species. To insure the plant's survival, it stops growing and reduces its need for water. *Lycastes*, *pleiones* and some *dendrobiums* are among those that have a deciduous rest, dramatically dropping their foliage at the end of the growing season. Others remain evergreen, losing just a portion of their foliage at about the same time or in the spring when activity starts.


There is no definite month when a particular orchid will go to rest or begin to grow again. Watch each plant individually and you will soon get to know from your own observation whether it is growing or not. Once the season's pseudobulb has matured, having reached its full size, the growing cycle is complete. The plant is now at rest, and only when you can see a new growth extending upwards from the base is the new season commencing.

Rittershausen, B & Ritterhausen, W. (2003).
Orchids: A practical handbook. London: Hermes House

Minutes From Our October 28th Meeting

Margo opened the meeting.

Guests present:



Bill Zimmerman – prior member,
AOS judge

Chris Kennedy and wife – Chris is
a student of Jeff's

Tammy – Setsuko's daughter

Members of the Lutheran Youth
Corp

No corrections to the September minutes.

Setsuko donated money to TOS from her winnings from the Puyallup Fair. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report – Georgia

Valley Bank \$1,671.69
Key Bank 2,737.63
Petty Cash 131.00

Total \$4,540.91

October Windmill Show

We'll see if we break even when figures are complete (after the remaining flowers are sold).

Competition with vendors – the board will discuss this issue later

Olympia Show

Ron and Ken brought plants for the display. We had 12 orchid plants for sale, seven were sold.

Evergreen's plants were \$20 each. We'll return what's left over.

Christmas Party

Ron will call the church to make a reservation after we decide on a date.

Other Discussions

Margo: Mike Long (Indoor Gardens) has in the past and continues to donate to our group. Margo sent him a thank you. Should we make Mike an honorary member? Must vendors be members? Mike will be invited to our Christmas party.

Jeannine moved to make Mike Long an honorary member of TOS at our December meeting [party]. Jan seconded it. It unanimously passed.

Margo: Should we have a commercial membership category? List vendors who supplied items or attended shows? Advertise on website?

Ron: Evergreen was not allowed to sell at Windmill Gardens. Was it because Evergreen is down the street and Windmill thought they were competition? Why hasn't this come up with other vendors? Only the local ones?

Iris: She would like to see a list of vendors.

Ron: Advertise in newsletter

Margo: Put commercial vendors on mailing list and website

Ron will send [Susan] a list of the current vendors

Margo: [to Susan] add commercial vendors on website and newsletter

Georgia: We should send a card to Windmill and a gift for January show. Have the sunshine person to take care of it?

Jan: I might not be in town at that time to do this.

Margo: It will be discussed later.

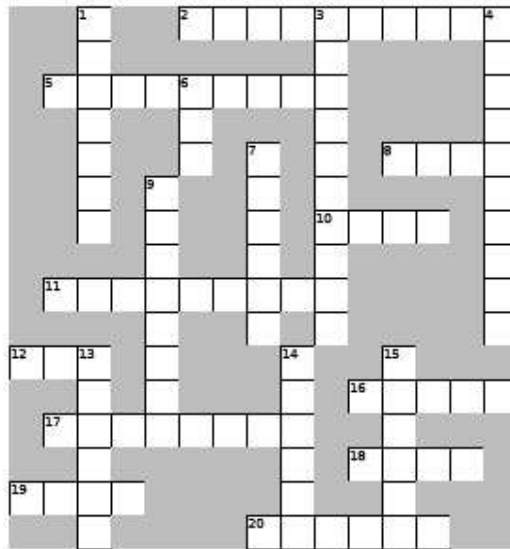
Margo adjourned the meeting.

The Discerning Orchidologist

by Jeff and Judy

Roam with us through the dense jungles of words heavy with the perfume of orchids and the overbearing humidity of terminology.

Bring your completed puzzle to the next TOS meeting and be entered to win a prize that is guaranteed to make you smile.



- Across**
- 2 growth habits where plant grows upward from a single point. They add leaves to the apex each year and the stem grows longer accordingly.
 - 5 odoriferous efluvia
 - 8 red
 - 10 planting medium
 - 11 specialized lateral growth pattern in which the terminal bud dies. The growth continues by development of new shoots sprouting from or next to those of previous years
 - 12 abbreviation for American Orchid Society
 - 16 plantlet
 - 17 lip
 - 18 white
 - 19 bears leaves and flowers
 - 20 sticky area that recieves pollen

- Down**
- 1 spongerock
 - 3 storage organ derived from the part of a stem between two leaf nodes
 - 4 grows on rocks
 - 6 royal orchid society
 - 7 living things with a common ancestry
 - 9 grows on trees
 - 13 male pollen bearing organ
 - 14 community pot
 - 15 water absorbing cell on root