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Upcoming Events

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

January 17th – 18th – Windmill Garden show

VENDORS

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Vendors (continued)



**WINDMILL GARDENS
& NURSERY**

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Sumner, WA 98390
360-268-1369

From our November Meeting...



Luis Saenz gave an excellent slide presentation on his explorations in the Costa Rica jungles.



TOS Christmas Party

There will be no meeting in December. Instead, our annual Christmas party is scheduled. Fred has offered to show his video tape on judging orchids at the dinner.

When: December 16th
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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

Who: Everyone is invited, including spouses, significant others, friends, and families

Food: The Wittinghams are roasting the bird. Other members should contact Georgia to sign up to bring all other food. Georgia needs a head count by Dec. 13th in order to purchase the right size turkey! Please let her know that you're coming.

Other Items: Bring one orchid in bloom. The person with the best plant wins a flowering orchid!

Other Prizes to Win: Mike from Indoor Gardens graciously donated three (3) two-foot lights as door prizes. Now you're really going to want to come!

Gifts to Receive: There will be a special Christmas surprise for each member and/or family who **attends** our annual Christmas party!

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.

We will resume our regular meeting in January.



Show and tell winners at our November meeting:



Species winner was Jeff's Paph. villosum



Hybrids tied! Above is Fred's LC. Carol Ann Haussermann 'Sissy' and pictured below is Ron's BLC. Ocone Mendenhall



TOS January Windmill Show

Theme: Symphony of Orchids

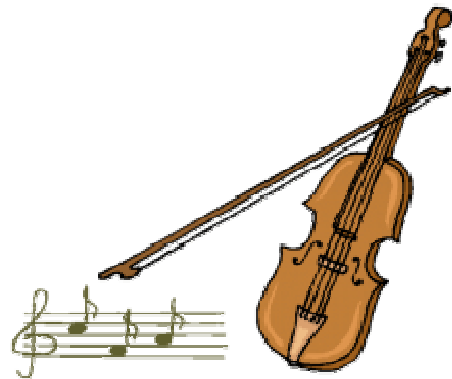
Saturday, January 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Set up on January 16th at 3:00 p.m. until ???

Windmill Gardens

**5816 - 162nd Ave. E
Sumner, WA**



This is a judged show.

The wall art display has been cancelled.

If anyone has an old violin or clarinet that we can borrow for a display, please contact Ron.

* Here's lots of information from Ron:

At the Christmas dinner I will be circulating a clip board with sign up chores for the January show. I will describe these chores below. We will need a lot of volunteers.

1st Chore: Set Up 16 January from 3 pm to ????

Windmill will supply the tables. They have to be covered and moved to the appropriate locations. Our display table will need to be covered with fabric.

2nd chore: Registration

This is the hardest and most time consuming chore. Plants will be brought to the registration table. An entry tab and plant ID tag needs to be made with the labeling machines and moved to the display tables. We need to cover the table with fabric. Plants will have to be moved several times on the display table to show their best side.

NOTE: WE WILL PROBABLY BE WORKING LATE FRIDAY NIGHT. HAVE SANDWICHES MADE OR MAYBE HAVE THE CLUB BUY ONE OF THOSE PARTY SANDWICHES FROM SUBWAY?

3rd chore: Ribbon Bearers 17 Jan. at 10 am

This is the most fun part of the show. You will be in teams of two or three people. You will be given a list of orchids that you will have to find. Whichever orchid you like best, attach a blue or red ribbon to the plant.

4th Chore: Cash Register

We will need coverage for two days 17 and 18 January.

5th Chore: Raffle Sales

I would like to try something different. Last October we only collected \$20 for two entire days. This time we'll have somebody walk around the area selling raffle tickets (maybe wearing a hat or sign saying raffle tickets). We need coverage for two days.

6th Chore: Information

Just sit there and answer questions. We need coverage for two days.

7th Chore: Repotting

We need coverage for two days.

8th Chore: Security

The main job will be to make sure people do not walk out of the sales area with orchids. People will also need to be directed to the cash register. There are three doors that have to be watched. We need coverage for two days.

9th Chore: Breakdown 18 January

Breakdown is scheduled for 4 pm. However, depending on how many people are still there, we will probably start closing about 3 pm.

The biggest thing we will need are

PLANTS!!!!!!!

What is the use of having a show without plants. Even if members have to go to Trader Joes and buy some. We need plants for display.

Tacoma Dome Show

We were not able to secure a spot at the Tacoma Dome flower and garden show for January of 2009. All floor space is sold out. We are on the waiting list for 2010.

When time comes around next year the membership can vote on whether or not to have a booth. There is no fee for non-profit organizations but we would have to rent two tables.

More about Orchids...



Vanilla Orchids

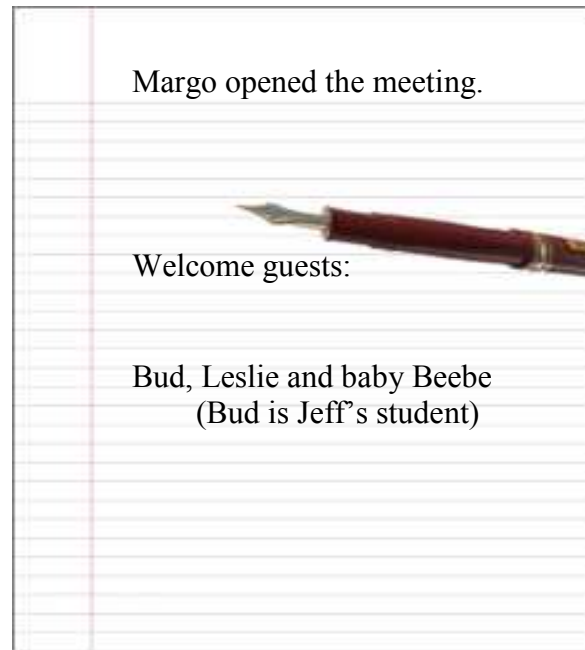
- Vanilla, the vanilla orchids, form a flowering plant genus of about 110 species in the orchid family. The most widely known member is the flat-leaved vanilla (*V. planifolia*), from which commercial vanilla flavoring is derived. Another species often grown commercially but on an industrial scale is the Pomona vanilla (*V. pompona*).
- Vanilla is the world's most labor-intensive agricultural crop. It will take up to three years after the vines are planted before the first flowers appear. The fruits, which resemble big green beans, must remain on the vine for nine months in order to completely develop their signature aroma. However, when the beans are harvested, they have neither flavor nor fragrance. They develop these distinctive properties during the curing process.
- Vanilla is not only used as a flavor in foods and beverages, but also in perfumes. It's also used in many industrial applications such as flavoring for medicines and as a fragrance to conceal the strong smell of rubber tire, paint, and cleaning products.

- Vanilla grows within the 20-degree band either side of the Equator and is native to the Americas. Vanilla planifolia grows on the Atlantic Gulf side of Mexico from Tampico around to the northeast tip of South America, and from Colima, Mexico to Ecuador on the Pacific side. It also grows throughout the Caribbean.
- This genus of vine-like plants has a monopodial climbing habit. They can form long thin stems with a length of more than 100 feet, with alternate leaves spreading along their length. But there are also a significant number of species that have their leaves reduced to scales or have become nearly or totally leafless and appear to use their green climbing stems for photosynthesis. Long and strong aerial roots grow from each node.

www.vanilla.com

[www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vanilla_\(orchid\)](http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vanilla_(orchid))

Minutes From Our November 25th Meeting



Georgia – [Treasurer’s Report: \$4,551.33 total for all accounts; \$321 deposited into Key Bank].

We need to change the words “gift certificate” to “coupon” to make it legal. Coupons will have a one-year expiration date. A motion was made and seconded.

Margo – Members need to contribute their time [volunteer for club positions] in January. Share the labor and have more fun. A list will be passed out later on.

Jan – Regarding the library, names of the books and other materials should be listed in the computer.

Margo - Barb is in charge of our January show display. Barb and Judy Hoban will get together after Thanksgiving to work on them. We need \$10 to buy more cloth for the covers.

Ken was in the giving spirit and donated \$5 on the spot!

Ron – The labeling machine and propane torch is missing. Ron has the slide projector at home because of theft problems. Anything of value needs to be locked up in the library book case.

Our flood lights are not needed so should we put in on the raffle table? Someone can use the fixture but not the bulbs.

It was decided that the flood lights can be raffled off.

Ron – January show: all vendors will be there. Paperwork (51) took to the judging; had to mail 12. He has not received any replies (only Barbara that she will be at the show).

Judy Houle – The judging part (paperwork) goes to Carl so you won’t see it.

Ron – Enter artwork at our January Windmill show? We might be hurting for space. Let’s just drop it [artwork].

Regarding the Tacoma Dome on January 28th and 29th, do we want a booth? We will need people to help on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There are three shifts so we need 12 people from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to answer questions. The last time that we were there, we received 90 e-mail addresses of interested people.

We’ll need plants for the show. Pay \$75 per table? We’ll have to rent two tables (\$150).

It was moved by Jeff that we purchase two tables at the Tacoma Dome if we can get in. Ken seconded it. Unanimously passed.

Ron will let Georgia know if we can still get into the show. She can then write a check for the tables.

Margo – Georgia will have a sign-up sheet for our Christmas party. The club buys the turkey.

Jan volunteered her husband to roast the turkey.

Margo adjourned the meeting.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our friends. May you have a safe and joyful holiday season. We hope to see you at our meetings in 2009!