

# Tacoma Orchid Society



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**Upcoming Events**

Next TOS meeting – Tuesday, October 27th  
at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Potluck – Date and time to be  
determined

January Windmill Garden Show and Sale –  
January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17th

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# NEXT MEETING



Our next meeting is scheduled for **October 27th at 7:00 p.m.**

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

Guest Speaker: Fred Shelton

Fred will show a portion of a 60 Minutes program about orchids. After that he will discuss the American Orchid Society's AQ Plus program. (AQ Plus provides information regarding orchid awards, genealogy, etc.).

- 6:30 p.m. – Orchid Forum (bring your questions and receive answers)
- 7:00 p.m. – Main program and business meeting

(We hold business meetings every month except for July and December, when we have special get-togethers).

## Entry to the Church for Meeting

The closed-circuit T.V. is fixed, so 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.



## PHOTOS



Dedicated workers at the fair in September.



Happy TOS members at our October  
Windmill sale.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

September show and tell winners:

Hybrid - Ron



Mtssa.Vino "Mead"

Species – Ron



Den. glameratum

**Harold and Marilyn** received an Honorable Mention for their *Cirrhopetalum tigrinum*. Way to go! (They had to leave the meeting early so their orchid was not entered in the contest).

Congratulations to all!!

## **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.

Don't forget that our TOS library catalogue is available on our website.

## **MORE ABOUT ORCHIDS...**



*Kinaka* or *Chikanda* has been eaten by people in parts of Zambia, northern Malawi and south-western Tanzania for hundreds of years. Prepared from the boiled root tubers of terrestrial orchids, and principally from species of the genera *Disa*, *Habenaria* and *Satyrium*, it was formerly a traditional village delicacy and did not pose a threat to orchid populations. However, the past decade has witnessed a dramatic rise in demand in Zambia... This has triggered a burgeoning commercial market and has now prompted traders to seek tubers from Tanzania's Southern Highlands, an important centre of endemism for upland species of orchid. The resulting cross-border trade, its dynamics and the implications for Tanzanian orchids are reported here for the first time... Collectors are currently harvesting between 2.2 and 4.1 million tubers per year for export to, and consumption in, neighbouring Zambia. As many as 85 species may be at risk from this trade, and there is evidence that large areas in Ufipa, Mbeya and Kipengere have already been stripped of their orchids. A decline in traditional Tanzanian consumption of *Kinaka* seems to be having little or no impact on harvesting volumes. Orchid collection across the Southern Highlands is now escalating at a rate that may be far from sustainable. The consequences for Tanzanian biodiversity and for one of Africa's most important areas for orchids are profound.

Davenport, T.R.B. and Ndangalasi, H.J. *An Escalating Trade in Orchid Tubers*. Cambridge Press, Feb. 11, 2003.  
[www.journals.cambridge.org](http://www.journals.cambridge.org).

Additional information can be found at [www.pollinia.org](http://www.pollinia.org). Pollinia is the newsletter of the Irish Orchid Society. Vol. 7, Issue 2, January 2009.

## General Meeting Minutes September 22, 2009



Ron opened the business meeting.

Margo received a call from a man through the TOS website. He was from the Milgard Estate. Their greenhouse was full of orchids and other plants that needed to go. Margo took possession of the plants and gave them to Ron to take care of them.

### October Windmill Gardens Sale

One definite vendor is Barbara Inman. Ellen Covey cancelled. Mark was “fuzzy” about the whole thing so we don’t know about him.

Supposedly Mark will bring plants on Friday.

We need to put them in someone’s garage on Sunday and he will pick them up.

Sorella is not coming. (They are moving their Oregon greenhouse to California to save on heating bills). Mike Long will call when he knows one way or the other.

Alan Mathews is a possibility as a vendor – Margo will call him.

If we want a display, call Margo.

Will Barbara Inman want to be in charge of a display? Jeannine will be gone.

Barbara I. will bring plants.

Gary and Georgia are in charge of the cash register.

### January Windmill Gardens Show and Sale

Margo will write letters and deliver them to the 30 judges.

Mona from the Olympia Orchid Society said that their group wants to be a part of the show.

Clackamas will be a vendor at our January show.

We don't know if Baby Dragon will attend.

### Treasurer's Report from Barbara Bell

Key Bank \$3,460.07; petty cash \$23.02. We paid \$400 for insurance. Some plants from the Milgard Estate have been sold: \$75 from Setsuko, \$30 from Bob N. and \$30 from Ron.

### Other Topics

Michi will be babysitting her grandchildren on meeting nights so we need a new kitchen helper.

Find a selection committee for upcoming officers.

Our website needs to be updated. Barbara Inman, Barbara Jensen, and Red Scheyer's names are still on the helpline. Old show dates are listed. Georgia will find out what computer program Melissa uses for the website.

Maybe use the money earned from the Milgard orchids to pay for a guest speaker?

Ron adjourned the meeting.

