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Upcoming Events

Next TOS meeting – **Tuesday, June 23rd**
at 7:00 p.m.

TOS picnic – **Saturday, July 18th** at 1:00
p.m. - Spanaway Park

TOS booth at the Western Washington Fair,
Puyallup – Sept. 11 thru Sept. 27th

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

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

Guest Speaker: Our very own member, Fred Shelton

Topic: Cattleya and other subjects relating to orchids

- 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.





New Officer

We now have a Vice President!

Thank you, **Rex Bell**, for accepting the position.

May's Show and Tell Winners



Hybrid Winner: Arliss'

Doritaenopsis Talhort Snowing



Species Winner: Ron's Dendrobium aggragatum

Congratulations! Good growing!

July Picnic

Remember that we do not have a business meeting in July. Instead, we will have our annual picnic. Bring your family and orchid interested friends!

When: Saturday, July 18th at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Spanaway Park

Please view map and directions at:

<http://www.piercecountywa.org/xml/services/recreate/pdf/spanawaypark%20dir2.pdf>

Our reserved area is Shelter "C" on the map, east of the lake.

There is a circular drive on the north side of the shelter to unload your food.

You can park in any one of the lots.

For those without internet access, you can obtain a copy of the map and directions from Ron at the meeting this month.

Hamburgers and chicken will be provided by the club. Members are asked to bring side dishes, desserts, etc. Georgia will be in contact with you for sign-ups.

It's not too early to think about what you would like to donate for the auction at the picnic. Suggestions include orchids and other plants, potting medium, books...whatever you think others would enjoy fighting over in bidding wars.

To avoid confusion, the procedure for members (sellers) who want to be paid for their auction plant(s):

1. Write your name on the plant(s)
2. Write a minimum price on the plant(s), if any. (85% to seller and 15% to TOS)

Money received for any plants that have not been tagged will be given to the club.

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 listed on our website.

More about Orchids...



Cattleya labiata 'Marina'

William Cattley (1788-1835)

In the year 1819, Mr. W. Cattley from Barnet, England, received a shipment of tropical plants from South America. He was an avid collector of ferns and other tropicals and was successful in bringing these bare-rooted plants back to growing well. He had even

suggested to the plant hunters who provided his material to send orchids – they were becoming popular at that time. So, after potting up all these unusual looking treasures, he was much excited when a year later a flower opened up that nobody in England had ever seen. It was rather large, lavender with crimson and gold, had a frilly lip and sweet fragrance – it was an orchid! Later on, John Lindley, doing some work for Mr. Cattley, decided to name the orchid after this man – adding the species epithet '*labiata*', to acknowledge the impressive labellum of the flower and '*autumnalis*' to let people know this plant flowers in the fall.

This *Cattleya labiata* was by no means the first *Cattleya* (nor the first orchid) ever to reach England and bloom. In 1817, Mr. Swainson had sent several similar plants to the Glasgow Botanic Gardens, where they flowered later on. Still, the name which Lindley had penned in recognition of his friend W. Cattley was kept for the whole genus. However, these large orchid flowers probably had the most significant influence on the orchid frenzy which sprang up in England and in Europe.

Schmidt-Ostrander, I.

<http://www.canadianorchidcongress.ca/Ingrid/Cattley.html>

May Meeting Minutes



Ron announced that he is now the current President of the club.

Rex Bell volunteered to accept the position of Vice-President. Rex was unanimously voted in.

(Ron handed out copies of upcoming activities)

A list of our library books is available on our website.

Presentation booklet for new members – there is one on the website. (Ron passed out copies)
He made a comment that Melissa did a fantastic job setting up the site.

We need to put the tables and chairs away at the end of each meeting. Ron passed out a list of what needs to be done to set up.

Ron: We will have membership meetings on Tuesdays in the summer and then back on Saturdays in the fall.

Some members were not impressed with the Jackson church. We would gain the ability to have meetings there every Saturday but it isn't convenient for those coming from a long distance.

We have everything we need at our present location. The supply room is a big asset. Some people are against Saturday meetings so we couldn't go that route.

On Saturdays, we will need to cancel if a wedding is scheduled. For funerals, we have to play it by ear.

It was brought up that maybe we could have meetings at a private house on Saturdays.

Comments from members:

- With 15 people we could, but we need to get our membership up.
- Not likely to attract new members if we have it at someone's home. A public place is better.

Treasurer's Report from Barbara:

\$89.00 from raffle ticket sales (April)
\$4,6150 in Key Bank.

We received a letter from the Santa Barbara Orchid Society. They have a big show in July. Equagenra [grower] will be at the show – nice prices, exotic orchids.

