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Upcoming Events

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

Raffle Table

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

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Thank you, Fred, for your presentation last month. We enjoyed hearing about your orchids and how you became interested in growing them as a child.



Next Meeting

There is no business meeting in July. Instead we will have our annual picnic and auction on Saturday, July 18th. We will resume our business meeting on August 27th.



Announcements

From our May Show-and-Tell Contest...



Hybrid Winner: Ron's Proscyelia 'Green Hornet'

Ron was our only winner. No plants were submitted in the species category!

Please bring a flowering orchid or two to enter our show-and-tell contest in August.
More entries are wanted.



July Picnic

Who: You, 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 of the lots.

Hamburgers and chicken will be provided by the club. Members are asked to bring side dishes, desserts, etc. Sign up with Georgia.

Bring your auction items! 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...

Pleione (Play-oh-nee)

Common name is the crocus orchid.

Pleiones are seasonal orchids, used to living in an environment that has both a wet and a dry season. In the spring, the plants start their new growth from the base of the previous season's pseudobulb. When the growth is a few inches high, a single bud (occasionally two) emerges from inside the growth on a short stem. The three inch wide flower opens to reveal narrow, sparkling sepals and petals surrounding a

trumpet-shaped, frilled lip. In the species, the color range is restricted to pink, white, and yellow.

Recent hybridizing has broadened this range to include many shades of pink bordering on an elusive peach, and darkening almost to red, as well as pure white and buttery yellow. The lips, too are varied with pink, red, and orange stripes and veining. The blooms last for about ten days.

Pleiones are very cool-growing orchids and will not do well in warmer climates. When grown in temperate areas, they thrive indoors with little heat.

Site: Cool room indoors, away from direct sun

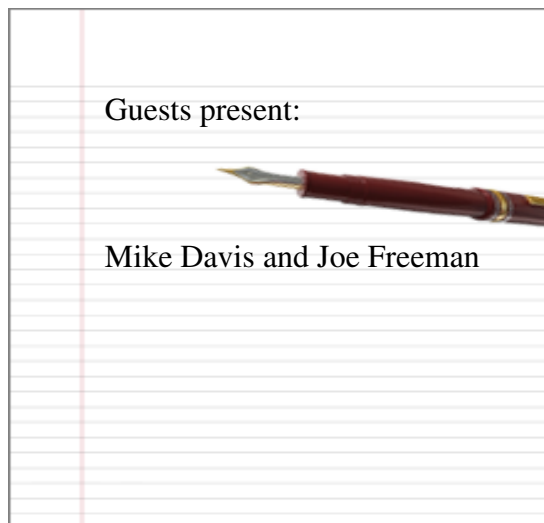
Outdoors or in? Outdoors in summers and winter (if above freezing)

Care: Keep watered all summer. Leave dry in winter.

Size: Adult plants are nine inches high and across. Blooms are three inches or more.

Rittenhausen, W. (2004). Orchids for Every Home. The Reader's Digest Association, Pleasantville, NY

June Meeting Minutes



Guests present:

Mike Davis and Joe Freeman

Ron opened the meeting. He passed around the food sign up sheet for the picnic.

Georgia needs to know the number of people who are going.

Dues – some members have not paid. Ron will call them.

No business meeting next month [July].

Auction: Write a minimum bid on your plants if you want to get paid.

Previously we talked about raising the vendor fee to 20%. Not many vendors are left so less profit is made. No comment from members. The fee will stay at 15%.

New Business:

Orchid books were donated to TOS from the Federal Way Orchid Society.

TOS to buy a supply of bark - Barbara

Treasurer's Report:

We made \$30.75 from the raffle after the cost of the orchid we purchased for the raffle. Currently we have \$4,377.44 in Key Bank.

No new members.

Meeting was adjourned.

