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### About the Febuary Meeting

**February 10, 2020**

7:00 p.m.

University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture  
3501 NE 41st Street  
Seattle, WA 98105

### Orchid Basics

We will continue our series of **Orchid Basics**, short focused programs on a wide range of orchid cultural topics. This month, Ben Johnson will present a program about watering your orchids.

### Speaker: Tom Mirenda, "Partners in the Orchid Garden Conservation Network (OGCN)"

Our speaker will be Tom Mirenda and he will present a program about the OGCN. Orchid Gardens are a worldwide trend and an important tool in the preservation of orchid species in the age of Climate change.....come explore such gardens in Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Peru, China, Southeast Asia and help us preserve orchids for future generations with this innovative idea.

Tom Mirenda has been cultivating plants since his early childhood and lives to create beauty

with plants in botanic Garden settings for more than half of his adult life. Originally trained as a Marine Biologist, Tom moved to Hawaii in his early 20s to pursue a MB career and worked on the Trophic relationships of denizens of Coral reefs in the Northwest Hawaiian Islands (Midway and French Frigate Shoals). There he realized he was better suited to Horticultural pursuits and took positions at New York Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanical Garden and at the Incredible Greentree Estate in Long Island where he cared for a first class Orchid collection. During this time, Tom also was the floor manager of the legendary New York International Orchid Show. Eventually Tom accepted the Orchid Collection Specialist position at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC where he cultivated and curated a huge diverse orchid collection for the past 17 years. The collection was used to create massive 4 to 5 month long educational orchid exhibits displayed to literally millions of visitors each year.



Tom Mirenda

For the past 14 years Tom has contributed 2 monthly columns for the ORCHIDS magazine, the Bulletin of the American Orchid Society, and has developed an international following, as a writer, speaker and advocate for orchid conservation around the world. Last year Tom co-authored The Book of Orchids with Two scientists from Kew and has done speaking tours in the British isles for the last three summers. Presented at the last 3 world Orchid conferences and several IOCC and AOCs on Conservation topics. Tom was a founding member of the North American Orchid Conservation Center and continues his support of orchids conservation there, and around the world.

Last fall, Tom took a major gamble and left the security of his job with the Smithsonian to take a leadership position at the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden, an exceptionally beautiful jewel on the lush Hamakua coast just north of Hilo on the Big Island (aka the Orchid Island!).

What Tom found there was an Orchid Paradise where myriad spectacular orchids of all types, both lowland and montane species and hybrids seem to thrive, simply planted in the trees, placing them thoughtfully in the landscape. Ultimately, he believes that the concept of growing orchids in Garden settings, to be a viable model world-wide for orchid conservation and encourages the ex-situ cultivation of orchids by diverse stakeholders in the orchid community and that it is only with the cooperation of Botanical Garden Professionals, Commercial Growers, academia and committed orchid collectors and backyard growers, that orchids will survive the vicissitudes of climate change.

**Display Table:**

Bring your blooming Orchids so everyone can enjoy them. For your convenience, you can print out a Plant Table Information Form ahead of time. Click for your version of choice: [PDF](#) [WORD](#) [Excel](#)

**Sales Table:**

Members may bring up to 10 plants to sell. Include an extra tag with your name and the price in the plant.

**Raffle:**

The raffle will be held as usual. Win a new orchid for your collection while supporting the Scholarship Fund. If you have any extra Orchids, please consider donating them to the raffle.

In addition, we are in need of a **Raffle Coordinator**. Please let us know if you'd like to help. It's a nice job, not difficult, but is very rewarding and appreciated by your fellow NWOS members. Many thanks to Ellen Macomber who did a wonderful job for many years.

**NWOS Library:**

If you'd like to check out a book or tape from our Library, please contact our Librarian [Joe Grienaus](#) a minimum of 2 weeks before the next meeting. Besides email, you can give Joe your request at any meeting. For a list of library items Click on the Library link at the top left of this page or click [HERE](#).

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**Membership Renewal Reminder**

It's time to renew your NWOS membership for 2020. Our membership period now goes by calendar year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31). You can pay at most meetings by cash, check, or debit/credit card. Click [HERE](#) to pay online using Paypal on our Membership page. You can mail a check (payable to NWOS) to PO Box 51021, Seattle, WA 98115-1021. New members should complete the [Membership Form](#).

Dues are \$30 for one person or \$40 for two people at the same address. We also have a Youth membership of \$15 for one person aged 22 or under. Dues are kept low to encourage membership but they cover only a small portion of the society's expenses.

Each single, dual and youth membership person will be considered an individual full-fledged member entitled to all privileges and benefits of the society (voting, Christmas plants, sell plants at meetings/shows/auction, members-only summer BBQ, etc.).

Please contact [Mike Cory](#) for questions about your dues.

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## YOUR ORCHIDS Are Needed

Your orchids are needed to help populate our 880-square foot garden "A Quiet Place" at the NW Flower & Garden Festival.

The orchids are needed on **Sunday, February 23rd** at the Washington State Convention Center in downtown Seattle. Someone will be at our garden from Noon until 11:00 pm. But we ask that you deliver your orchids **before 5:00 pm** if possible. Or contact me (Joff Morgan) beforehand to arrange a later time. My contact details are in your Roster.



### Delivering Orchids to our Garden:

The Convention Center runs a hand-carried freight elevator within the 8th Avenue Parking Garage. Parking is FREE if you are in and out within ONE HOUR and you get your ticket validated with the Freight Elevator attendant. The Freight Elevator runs that day until 7:00 pm.

NOTE: Vehicle height limit is 6'-5", no full size vans or trailers. If you go over the one hour your parking fee is calculated on the entire time you were parked.

Click "[WSCC South HCF.PDF](#)" for a PDF map with instructions on how to get there.

- Get your parking ticket validated with the Freight Elevator attendant
- Affix the brightly-colored "Work Pass," given by the attendant, to your clothing
- If you need a cart to transport your plants, check with the attendant for that
- Take the Freight Elevator to the 4th Floor
- Head straight into the Convention Center
- Walk up the aisle marked "500-600" to reach our garden
- You may also look for the huge floor-to-ceiling columns, we are just beyond the second column from the right, in the middle of the Show floor.
- Drop your plants off on one of the tables or multi-shelf carts around our garden
- Take the cart back to the Hand-Carried Freight elevator, if you checked one out
- and head on out of the parking garage. Thank you for coming!

Make sure that:

- Each plant pot and mount has your name affixed on it with blue painters tape
- Your name is affixed to any boxes or containers (if you want those back) used to transport your plants
- A printed list of each plant is included with your name and contact information
- Please indicate your wishes for your plants after the Show's end:
  - \* Will you be picking up the plants on Sunday, March 1 after 6 pm?  
Your "Work Pass" sticker will work then too
  - \* Or do they go home with someone setting up the Mt Baker Show on Friday, March 6?

Any questions, please let me know via email or text message. My contact details are your Roster. ~ Joff Morgan

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## NWF&G Festival Wristbands and Work Passes

At the Feb. 10th meeting, I will have the wristbands and "work passes" needed to get into the Show during Setup and during regular Show days. If you're not at the meeting, I will mail these items to you at the address that is in the Roster.

I will also have a map handout for those who are bringing orchids on Sunday, Feb 23 for use in our garden. The map details how to get to the Hand-Carried Freight elevator beneath the Convention Center and where our garden is located on the Show floor. (This map is identical to the one attached to the article above "YOUR ORCHIDS are Needed".)

Thanks much! ~ Joff Morgan

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## **Garden Festival Volunteer Shifts Remaining to Fill**

The 2020 NW Flower & Garden Festival is upon us! Many of you have already signed up for a volunteer shift to help us build the garden and staff it once the Show opens. Thank you!

For those who are on the fence about volunteering, it's not too late to sign up. We can use your help and orchid expertise. Here are the times that still need a few people to assist us:

Saturday, Feb 22 - Setup the floor pavers, bricks that define our walls and planters  
- 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Sunday, Feb 23 - Setup the foliage, label and organize orchids by color  
- 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Monday, Feb 24 - Install the orchids into the garden  
- 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
- 7:00 pm to when we finish (maybe 11:00 pm) - moss everything

Tuesday, Feb 25 - Finishing touches, mist orchids & foliage  
- 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, Feb 26 - Opening Day, heavy foot traffic until 4  
- 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
- 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Thursday, Feb 27 - Day #2, steady foot traffic until 4  
- 11:30 am to 2:00 pm  
- 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Friday, Feb 28 - Day #3, light foot traffic  
- 9:00 am to 11:30 am  
- 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
- 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday, Feb 29 - Day #4, heavy foot traffic all day long  
- 9:00 am to 11:30 am  
- 11:30 am to 2:30 pm  
- 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Sunday, Mar 1 - Last Day, the lightest of foot traffic  
- 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
- 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm  
- 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm -- Teardown, group orchids by owner, begin dismantling garden

Monday, Mar 2 - Teardown, dismantle garden, bricks and pavers back on pallets  
- 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

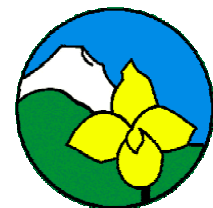
Sign-up sheets will be at the February General Meeting. You may also send me an email or text (my contact details are in your Roster).

Thanks for helping out! ~ Joff Morgan

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## **Mt. Baker Orchid Society Show - March 7-8**

The show is March 7th to 8th, setup is Friday March 6 noon to 5pm. Cylvia and George Grantham will be helping our new 2nd Vice President Alba Dennis by transporting plants and setting up on Friday. They can take members plants from the NWF&G Festival if they are still fresh. Plants can also be brought to their house on Thursday March 5. Of



course people are welcome to bring plants directly to the venue at setup time on Friday and also to bring their plants home from the show on Sunday afternoon.

Alba can return plants to their owners at our Meeting on Monday, March 9.

There will be plants for sale at the Mt. Baker show that were in our display at the NWF&G Festival. It's a great opportunity for those attending the show to have a chance to snag some plants before our own NWOS meeting the following Monday.

*George Grantham*

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## **NWOS Spring Show, Volunteer Park Conservatory - April 4-5**

Our Spring Show and Sale at Volunteer Park Conservatory is April 4-5 (first weekend in April, Saturday and Sunday). We are looking for volunteers to help us out during our show. There are two main positions, the most important being in the show display area talking to visitors. The other area is in the Potting and Sales area. Shifts are 3 hours long: 10 am to 1 pm or 1 to 4 pm. We also need help with setting up on Friday starting at 2 pm in the sales area and then at 4 pm (till whenever we finish) in the display area. It's usually lots of fun and a great way to mix and get to know our fellow members as well as other orchid enthusiasts in our area. Working together strengthens our Society and builds pride in showing off all our fabulous orchids. Sign up sheets will be at our meetings (2nd Mondays) or email me at [deborra30@gmail.com](mailto:deborra30@gmail.com). Thank you,



Deb White, Show Committee Co-Chair

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## **February: BEGINNERS START HERE Basic Orchid Care Tips for Successfully Growing and Flowering Plants** By Ron McHatton, PhD

KNOWING WHICH ORCHID YOU ARE trying to grow is your key to its cultural requirements. Orchids, like all plants, need a balance of light, air, water and food to grow and flower well. Let's examine each of these elements.

LIGHT Without enough light, orchids may produce lush-looking growths but no flowers. Not giving orchids enough light is the most common reason for failure to bloom. The old notion of orchids growing in dark jungles still persists and it couldn't be further from the truth. In reality, many have developed as epiphytes to take advantage of brighter light available in the upper forest canopy.

Provide orchids with as much light as they will take without burning. This means that the foliage should not be a lush, dark green. Orchids grown under sufficient light will have lighter, somewhat yellow-green foliage and strong upright growths.

AIR Orchid roots, and eventually the entire plant, will die if they do not receive air. This is the reason that, with the exception of a few terrestrial varieties, they do not grow in soil. Orchid potting media should be open, with exceptionally good drainage, yet capable of holding sufficient moisture to support the plant's needs. Orchid plants are also intolerant of a stale, stagnant environment. You should strive for a buoyant atmosphere and gentle air movement must be provided at all times. For orchids grown in the home, this can be provided by an overhead paddle fan set on its lowest setting or a portable oscillating fan directed away from the plants.

WATER Without question, more orchids are killed by incorrect watering than by any other reason. Proper watering consists of two separate components: quantity and frequency. Orchids should be watered just as they dry out. There's unfortunately no magic formula;

i.e., water a plant in a 6- inch ( 15-cm) pot every seven days and you'll be trouble free. This is because your growing area is different from anyone else's. Humidity, air movement, potting medium (type and age) and light levels all play a role.

There are several ways to determine when a potted orchid is almost dry: 1) The surface of the potting mix will appear dry. 2) Dry pots will feel lighter. 3) Clay pots feel dry. 4) A wooden stake or skewer inserted into the potting mix will come out almost dry. If in doubt, a finger inserted into the potting mix is perhaps the best tool to determine the moisture content of the potting mix. It will cause no harm to the plant.

When orchids are watered, they should be watered copiously. Water should be provided until it runs freely from the drainage holes. Not only does this soak the potting medium but it also flushes salts that naturally accumulate. At a minimum, try to thoroughly water plants at least once a month.

Watering frequency can be controlled by the choice of pot. For those who really like to water their plants or live in humid, rainy areas, clay pots, especially slotted pots are a good choice. Growers in drier climates or those who tend not to water often enough might want to use plastic pots to hold moisture longer.

**FERTILIZER** Orchids will grow and flower, given that their other requirements are met, for fairly long periods without fertilizer but you'll get better results with some level of fertilizing. Typically, plants are fertilized once a week during the summer and every two weeks in the autumn and winter. Regardless of the fertilizer that you choose to use, most experienced growers use no more than half the label- recommended strength. It's best to water first to wet the potting medium before you fertilize.

Fertilizers used on orchids should contain little or no urea. This is because soil organisms must first convert the nitrogen in urea to a form useable by plants, and because orchids do not grow in soil, this conversion does not occur efficiently. The old conventional wisdom used to be that orchids grown in bark mixes needed to be fertilized with formulations high in nitrogen, i.e., 30-10-10. We now understand that these high-nitrogen fertilizers aren't necessary. For a more detailed discussion of fertilizer and its dependence on water quality, see the June 2003 and February 2008 issues of Orchids magazine or view copies of pertinent articles on line at the Society's Web site ([www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) ).

**OBSERVATION** Most experienced growers will agree that observation is the most important key to growing orchids well. Examining your plants on a regular basis will allow you to adjust and correct any problems before they become severe.

(As pertinent now, as it was then - *Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 77 NO.8 AUGUST 2008*). AOS members have access to over 2,050 articles published between the years 2003 - 2009 and 2011 - 2018 through the digital archives.

<http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>

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## News from the American Orchid Society

Love Your Orchids!

Learn what it takes to make your orchids thrive. AOS Culture Sheets are available online if you have questions about your orchids outside of meeting times. Go to: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/culture-sheets.aspx>



Caution: With spring around the corner, beware of hitchhikers in your growing area. While you have been out and about purchasing a few new orchids at local shows and sales, there



may be hidden pests among the beauty. Be alert, be aware and be vigilant.

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-pests-diseases.aspx>

### **DID YOU KNOW? Find Us on Facebook - The AOS - More than Pretty Pictures**

The American Orchid Society Facebook group page has exceeded 35,000 members. Group members post photos and videos of their blooming orchids, ask questions, add comments and share their passion for the flowers we all love. In real time too.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/52597049839/>

With such a diverse group, it is eye opening to see the many different types of orchids that are grown around the world. While there are some general guidelines for growing orchids, it is not a one size fits all endeavor. Some of these orchids we may otherwise never see in person. Our AOS group page bears out, that orchid growing truly is a global passion. If you have contributed to our page, thanks for sharing a part of your world with us. Be sure to add your society to the growing number of followers!

### **DID YOU KNOW? AOS has an Instagram account**

What is Instagram? This is a quote from their help center. "Instagram is a free photo and video sharing app available on Apple iOS, Android and Windows Phone. People can upload photos or videos to our service and share them with their followers or with a select group of friends. They can also view, comment and like posts shared by their friends on Instagram. Anyone 13 and older can create an account by registering an email address and selecting a username." <https://www.instagram.com/>. If you already have an Instagram account, follow the AOS and share your orchid photos and events!

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? An affiliated society may use recorded webinars for presentations at their monthly meetings. With Wi-Fi access, it's easy! Webinars are an internet-connected audiovisual presentation. You can view from anywhere that you have an internet connection, via Mac, PC or even your mobile device. It's easy to find the scheduled webinars and to register on the AOS website. You will find the link here:

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

## Webinars-Coming Attractions!



<b>When</b>	<b>February 11, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>February 18, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>March 19, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Thursday	<b>March 31, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday
<b>Topic</b>	Large Flowered Cattleyas	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Junior Orchid Show A Success Story
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Art Chadwick</b> Founder Chadwick & Son Orchids Inc.	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Barb Schmidt</b> AOS Education Committee member

To view REGISTRATION is REQUIRED: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyway!  
We digitize the webinars and they are available to view at your leisure from the same webpage.

Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)

If you want to view independently from home, you can join live, either on your computer or by phone. ALL past webinars are recorded and indexed by topic, for future viewing.

### **It's a Celebration! You can be a part of it!**

The American Orchid Society headquarters at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, Florida, has been chosen by The United States Postal Service as the host site for the release of new stamps in 2020 - Wild Orchids! The postal service holds a First Day of Issue Ceremony for each new stamp release the day the stamps go on sale across the USA. The new stamps will be available to purchase during this event. The AOS will host the First Day of Issue Ceremony for these stamps on February 21, 2020 at 11:00 am. The celebration will take place at the AOS Library located inside Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens. <https://www.fairchildgarden.org/Horticulture/American-Orchid-Society-at-Fairchild>



Each stamp features a photograph of one of nine species that grows wild in the United States. Identified left to right row one: 1 *Triphora trianthophoros*, 2 *Cypripedium californicum*, 3 *Hexalectris spicata*, 4 *Cypripedium reginae*, 5 *Spiranthes odorata*

Identified left to right row two: 6 *Platanthera leucophaea*, 7 *Triphora trianthophoros*, 8 *Platanthera grandiflora*, 9 *Cyrtopodium polyphyllum*, 10 *Calopogon tuberosus*

### **Worth the Read - ORCHIDS magazine February Preview**

***Here be Dragons - Fantastic New Catamodes Hybrids*** by Fred Clarke

In the February issue of ORCHIDS, Fred Clarke rolls out another insightful article on the wild world of Catasetinae hybrids. After reading about Catamodes, you will be yearning to grow some of your own! Once you see the beauty and learn the cultural needs of the Catasetinae you will want to give them a try.

This series of articles in ORCHIDS began June 2019 with [The Catasetinae — Part 1 - The Cat's Meow: New Developments in Breeding and Growing Catasetums](#). August featured [The Catasetinae — The Catasetinae — Part 2 - Clowesetums — Breeding Clowesias with Catasetums](#) and October offered [The Catasetinae — Part 3 - Breeding with Goblins — The Latest Developments in Mormodes Hybrids](#).

### **Don't miss out! - Coming in February 2020:**

- For the Novice - *Artificial Light Intensity and Supplemental Lighting* by Ray Barkalow
- Collector's Item - *Bulbophyllum beccarii* by Jerry Lee Fisher
- GREAT Ideas - Foundations for Greenhouses by Jean Allen-Ikeson



- A New Lighting Option for Indoor Orchid Growing: T5 HO LED Replacements for Fluorescent Grow Lights by A'na Sa'tara
- *Liparis liliifolia* - A "lily" of an Orchid by Soraya Cates Parr
- *Lindleyana* -  $\times$ *Cattlianthe dabeibaensis* - A New Intergeneric Natural Hybrid in Colombia by Ruben Sauleda, Andrea Niessen and Juan Carlos Uribe
- Book Review - *Orchids as Aphrodisiac, Medicine or Food*

**LOOK** for your awarded orchids in the sixteen-page awards gallery in each issue of ORCHIDS! The magazine awards gallery features all of the awards granted month by month in the previous year. Exhibits are also included in the latest awards gallery. Check it out to get some great ideas for your next display.

<https://secure.aos.org/orchid-awards.aspx>



**Maxillaria luteograndiflora 'Windy Hill'**

**HCC/AOS (77 points)**

**Exhibitor: Marilyn LeDoux**

**Photographer: Matthew Nutt**

AOS members have exclusive access to thousands of awarded photos in **OrchidPro!** Sign on to the AOS website. Click on your name on the top right side of the page to find the dropdown menu. Select OrchidPro. Be inspired!



**Pleurothallis Memoria Carlyle Luer**

**'Bryon' HCC/AOS (78 points)**

**Exhibitor: Bryon K. Rinke**

**Photographer: Bryon K. Rinke**



**American Orchid Society Show Trophy 'Howard P. Martin'**

**ST/AOS (83 points)**

**Exhibitor: Howard Peter Martin**

**Photographer: Ed Cott**

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

*Eileen Hector*, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor  
American Orchid Society, PO Box 565477, Miami, FL 33256-5477

## Report from the January Meeting

The weather was snowy and icy so attendance was about half the usual crowd. Joe Griener, President, conducted the meeting. Our scheduled speaker was unable to attend so Mike Pearson uploaded an interesting AOS webinar about Orchid Pollination. See the article above about how the AOS has a long list of past webinars and members have access to all of them at any time.

We did have a small plant table and instead of the raffle, there was a door prize drawing.

Abigail Chang reviewed the plant table.

Photos: George & Cylvia Grantham, Mike Foster



Amesiella Sparkling Jewel, Robert Culver



Isabella pulchella, George Krasl



Paph. Delightfully Wood,  
George & Cylvia Grantham



Dendrobium ophloglossum



Paph. Fairly Sauced,  
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Dinema polybulbon,  
Ben Johnson





Slc Estella Jewell 'Kazumura' AM/AOS,  
George & Cylvia Grantham



Masdevallia strobilii,  
Robert Culver



Odm. Victoria Village #11,  
Robert Culver



Odm. wyattianum,  
Robert Culver

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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

**February 10, 2020** - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Tom Mirenda, "Partners in the Orchid Garden Conservation Network (OGCN)".

**February 17, 2020** - Show Committee Meeting

**February 26 - March 1, 2020** - NW Flower & Garden Festival, with setup starting on 2/22

**March 7-8, 2020** - Mt. Baker Orchid Society Show and Sale

**March 9, 2020** - NWOS meeting - Annual Orchid Auction and Preview Party

**March 16, 2020** - Annual Hands ON Potting Clinic

**April 4-5, 2020** - Spring Show and Sale at the Volunteer Park Conservatory

**April 13, 2020** - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Bob Hamilton, topic TBA

**May 11, 2020** - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Bill Goldner, Woodstream Orchids, topic TBA

**June 8, 2020** - NWOS meeting - Annual midyear Potluck

**June 25-29, 2020** - National Native Orchid Symposium, Port Angeles, WA. There will be presentations on June 26 and 28 at the Port Angeles Senior Center and field trips on the 27th and 29th. <https://www.nativeorchidconference.info/annual-symposium.html>

**September 14, 2020** - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Sam Tsui, Orchid Inn, topic TBA.

**October 3&4, 2020** - Fall Show and Sale at VPC.

**October 12, 2020** - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, topic TBA.

**November 9, 2020** - NWOS meeting - Speaker: Mary Gerritsen, topic TBA.

**December 14, 2020** - NWOS meeting - Holiday Potluck, Introduction of new Officers, and Orchid Awards

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### **Reminder for Officers & Board Members**

The schedule of Board Meetings for this membership year is: 3/3/20, 5/5/20, 7/??/20, 9/8/20, 11/3??/20. Meet at 7 p.m. at Mike & Sheila Cory's house unless notified that it's been moved elsewhere.

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### **Shopping on Amazon? Use this link to Earn \$\$ for NWOS**

If you go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and sign in to your account, you'll be given information about supporting various non-profits. You can type in "Northwest Orchid Society" and it will then send .5% of your purchase price to the organization.

It's really easy, but you have to remember to go in through the 'smile' subdomain when you place the order, otherwise it will go through as a regular order.

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### **NWOS Website Links**

- Main website: <Http://www.nwos.org>
  - Events Calendar: <http://www.nwos.org/events>
  - Membership (including renewals): <http://newsletter.nwos.org/membership/>
  - Newsletter - Current Issue: <http://newsletter.nwos.org>
  - Newsletter - Back Issues: <http://nwos.orchid-society.net/archives/>
  - Show Information: <http://newsletter.nwos.org/ShowTime>
  - Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/nworchidsociety>
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### **Special Announcements**

No Special Announcements this month.

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