

Spokane Orchid Society

An affiliate of the American Orchid Society

Newsletter

November, 2005



President's Message -

Attendance at the November SOS meeting is a must!

We will be holding our yearly elections. The two big positions to fill are the President and the Vice-president (both people have held the position for the past two years). I still have no nominations for people to fill either position!

November is also our fundraiser auction. Members are encouraged to bring in items for auction (i.e. orchid plants, gardening items, etc.). This is our big money maker for the year. Be sure to bring your checkbooks to the meeting. No one leaves empty handed.

November 12 and 13 is the Northwest Orchid Societies annual show and sale in Seattle. This year we will be sending a display. I am asking members that wish to enter flowers for the display/judging to bring them to the Wednesday night meeting. We will have the plant registration tags for the show at our Wednesday meeting, so all appropriate paper work can be done here before sending plants to Seattle. Kathy O'Neill has volunteered to take our display over and bring it back.

A big thanks to Liz DeNiro for the November meeting snacks.

The November Executive Board Meeting is canceled – No Executive Board Meeting this month.

Scott Ingles - President

Secretary's Report -

October 2005 Meeting Notes:

We opened the meeting with Scott handing out the new membership list.

Treasurer reported that we have \$1746.50 in the black. Show chairman Jim Pearce did not have any new news to share.

Discount Gardens out in the valley, (which is one block east of Argonne on Trent avenue), should be getting the large perlite by the end of the month.

Check with John Phillips if you are in need of an RO water system, he found a source for the Spectra Pure at 300\$ for a 90 gallon per day with auto shutoff.

Oregon Orchid Society Show is the 29th, 30th Oct. in Hillsboro, Oregon if you can make it down there. Also the Northwest Orchid Society show in Seattle will be November 12th and 13th at Seattle Center. We will set up a table at this show so, PLEASE bring any blooming plants to our November meeting, so we can have a beautiful display from Spokane!! If you can not make our meeting, give me a call at 458-6020 and I can arrange to have them dropped off at my house before the 11th.

Show and Tell:

Gordon Emry brought a cross registered in 1896 that he remade from *Cattleya horsovcisii* and *Brassavola "Charles Marrone"*, it was mounted on bark and had the most amazing set of pendant roots I've ever seen, and wonderful lavender blossoms too! This mounted plant was fed weekly 1/2 to 1/4 strength but Gordon also does an even weaker solution every other day. Also he showed a *Paph. maudiae* "Black Cherry" which was very dark burgundy paph. One paph that he brought was a gift from Nadine, after he apparently did a fair amount of hinting about, it was from Home Depot, and the Japan Orchid Society.

Donna showed a *Dendrobium "unknownii"* and a *Zygopetalum* hybrid which she wanted identified, close as we got was that it was probably an "Aus-sie" hybrid (Zygo's have been heavily hybridized

in Australia in recent years with lots of interesting success!). Congrats on blooming a Zygo. !!

Clive brought a small white flowered Osm. (Osmoglossum) puchellum it was very healthy looking and had darling, numerous blossoms. I immediately wanted to get on the internet and find one.

Judy brought Paphiopedilum seedlings, that she has been "babysitting" since our show last spring. The seedlings were given to those folks you generously worked at the show. Thanks to Judy, and Roger who helped her de-flask them.

Program (Gordon Emry's collection, Past and Present!):

Gordon's blessed and truly inspired us with wonderful photos of all of his favorite plants from years of expert growing. He also told us of stories about them (even some that he's sadly lost), all very entertaining. I got his list from the slide show so below are the plants we admired. He mentioned Tropical Orchid Farm in Hawaii as a favorite source:

- C. warneri**
- L. purpurata** (flammea type)
- Phragmepedium Grande Hybrid**
- Paph. Maudiae 'Los Osos'**
- C. gaskelliana** - species
- C. intermedia 'suavissima'**
- C. guttata 'purpurea'**
- Schomburgkia tibicinus**
- BLC Nadine Emry**
- C. leopoldii**
- C. luedemanniana** (from Venezuela has had a marked influence on hybrids derived from it)
- C. Lydia Johnson**
- Phal leudemanniana**
- C. Easter Glory x C. walkeriana** (flowers last 6 weeks or longer)
- BLC unnamed (BLC Normans Bay 'Crescendo' x LC Christ Merkel 'Supreme')**
- BLC Memoria Octavia Emry (BLC Quilicene Pass x C. loddigesia)** Gordon made this cross and registered it in 1990. This is a tall growing plant with 16" pseudobulbs, and blooms September and October.
- Burr. Stephan Isler 'Lava Flow'** (Is composed of Cochlioda, Miltonia, Odontoglossum, and Oncidium)
- BLC Hemlock Pass** (this cross made by Beall Orchid Co Vashon, this is BLC Emerald Meadow x BLC Painter Desert. They dried for green, but this

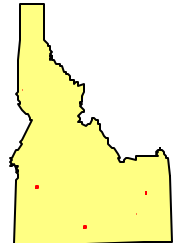
one was chartreuse, C. Gertrude Hauserman 'Irv' (Modern orchid breeding has produced many fine whites - this is a good example, C. Gertrude Hauserman is C. Empress Bells x C. Bow Bells) C. Jungle Elf x C. guttata (C. Jungle Elf is an C. aelandiae hybrid and imparts small growing characteristics pseudobulbs and leaves together are about 6" long)

- Phal. luedemanniana**
- C. Leung Nui x LC Morrecco Queen**
- Lycaste virginalis**
- Paph. London Wall x Fairfield**
- C. Bob Betts**
- Paph. harrisianum**
- C. warszewiczii** (9 inch species)
- C. gramulosa**
- Coelgyne cristata**
- C. amethystoglossa**
- Paph venustum**
- C. velutina**
- L. gouldiana**
- C. bowringiana**

Kathy O'Neill - Secretary

North Idaho Orchid Hobbyists -

The North Idaho Orchid Hobbyists meet the first Monday of every month. The location is Coldwell Banker Realty office, 2000 Northwest Blvd. (downstairs) in Coeur d'Alene. More info. Jean 208-665-9930 or Further information call Jean at 665-9930 or email jrklein6@aol.com



Paphiopedilum

Pronunciation: PAF-ee-o-ped-i-lum

Common name: Lady's-slipper, slipper orchids, paphs, cyps

Number of species: Approximately 60

Distribution: Old World tropics and subtropics, center of diversity seems to be Southeast Asia

Paphiopedilums, or lady's-slipper orchids, inspire a fanatic devotion among their adherents that is unparalleled in the orchid family. Beginning orchidists, especially, may have a difficult time understanding just why this might be. The flowers are unusual even for an orchid, and the plants can be intractable and seemingly slow to grow and flower. On the other hand, the blooms are especially long-lasting, the foliage is handsome and compact, and these are among the few orchids that seem ready-made for typical home conditions. Once the esoteric beauty of the blooms begins to be understood and appreciated, and the grower finds the right combination of potting mix, light and water that enables the plants to grow well, it becomes much easier to see why these exceptional orchids command the respect of so many growers. Whether your tastes run to the round, hard "Bulldog" types or the serenely beautiful Maudiaes or the multifloras or to the challenging "Brachys," there is much to recommend this group. Windowsill and under-lights growers have found these to be among their favorites because they take relatively little room and are attractive even when not in flower. When they do bloom, their flowers, which often last a month or more, give a decorative design element to the home environment that is rarely matched by other orchids.

Culture: These are generally shade-loving plants of the forest floor. Bright, though not direct light, gives best growth and flowering. Evenly moist conditions suit them best, with good quality (low dissolved salt content) water an asset. Paphiopedilums can be considered light feeders, preferring to be fertilized frequently with a very dilute (1/4 strength) solution of a fertilizer appropriate to the mix. There are a variety of acceptable potting media -- all are fast-draining but water-retentive. While there are no hard and fast rules for the temperature recommendations, there are some general rules. Most mottled-leaved plants are warmer-growing and will prefer days in the 80s, with nights in the mid-60s. Plain green-leaved types, with the exception of the strap-leaved multifloras, prefer conditions somewhat cooler, with days in the high 70s to low 80s and nights in the 50s. The strap-leaved types should be grown in the same temperature range as the mottled-leaved types.

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**Paphiopedilum concolor
var. Hennisianum**



Paphiopedilum spicerianum



Paphiopedilum Makuli