

May 2017

Newsletter of the Spokane Orchid Society

Education, Culture, and Conservation

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

I want to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all moms who do a much under-appreciated job in our lives. Be sure to give your mom that special thanks and a great, big hug this Mother's Day.

Our table at the Associated Garden Club Plant Sale at Manito Park was fun and a great success. We had sales of over \$450. I want to thank Zaira (our newest member), Ken, LaDonna, Carol, Candace, Ramona, Michelle, and Phil (who kept us going with coffee and water). We met many people who did not know that an orchid society existed. We will definitely get more involved in the AGC events.

We will have a special election for a seat vacated by one of our board members. Jodee Jackson had to leave due to personal reasons. The election will be in June and will fill the Member at Large position for the remainder of this year and all of next. If you are willing to fill this position, let me know. Also, I am looking for someone to update our new member packages and keep them current.

We are looking at other venues for our Show and Sale. Decisions have not been made to move. We are not getting the traffic that we should get, and if you know of possibilities, please contact a board member.

Once again, the orchids at our April show were some of the best I have seen. Your participation was superb!! Show results are shown below, and you should be proud of how well you grow your orchids. Keep growing!

Please introduce yourself to our newest members.

Jim

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ZAIRA CALDERON
CLAUDIA SCHOLZ-EBLING

SHOW RESULTS

Best in Class Awards

Cattleya – *Lelia anceps* Laima Swanson (Lucky Girl Orchids)
Cypripedium – *Paphiopedilum Fumi's Delight* Scott Rettenmund
Phalaenopsis – *Phalaenopsis Unknown* Ellie Lomax
Vanda – *Angraecum viguieri* Bill and Brenda (Botanica)
Oncidium – *Miltoniopsis Unknown* Scott Rettenmund
Cymbidium – *Cymbidium Unknown* Ann Gillum
Dendrobium – *Dendrobium Little Sweet Scent* Tom Walker
Maxillaria – *Maxillaria tenuifolia* Allan Kass
Pleurothallid - *Masdevallia wurdackii* 'Lucky Girl' CCM/AOS Lucky Girl Orchids
Miscellaneous Genera – *Cirrhopetalum umbellatum* Lucky Girl Orchids
Best Artistic, Adult – Cross Stitch Jean Kelley
Best Artistic, Youth – Hand-Made Paper Phalaenopsis Madison Ross

Best in Show – *Laelia anceps* Lucky Girl Orchids

AOS Awarded Orchids

Dendrobium tobaense var. Giganteum AM/AOS Lucky Girl Orchids
Pelexia laxa CBR/AOS George Grantham (NWOS)
Bulbophyllum trigonosepalum CHM/AOS Alan Kass (NWOS)
Oncidium Bear Hollow x *Rodrumnia* (Hawk Hollow x Apple Hollow) AM/AOS
Gerry Sweet (Tri Cities)
Xylobium corrugatum CBR/AOS ??
Laelia anceps AM/AOS Lucky Girl Orchids

AOS Nominated but not awarded

Paphiopedilum Fumi's Delight Scott Rettenmund
Paphiopedilum Vefra Pellechia Lucky Girl Orchids
Phragmipedium (Cardinale x kovachii) Lucky Girl Orchids
Angraecum viguieri Botanica

AOS Awards

The American Orchid Society grants the following awards to orchids and exhibitors. AOS awards are a recognized measure of quality the world over and coveted by hobbyists and commercial growers alike. An AOS flower quality award adds value to an orchid in its own right, and as a parent for creating hybrids..

HCC (Highly Commended Certificate)

Awarded to orchid species or hybrids scoring 75 to 79 points inclusive on a 100-point scale.

AM (Award of Merit)

Awarded to orchid species or hybrids scoring 80 to 89 points inclusive on a 100-point scale.

FCC (First Class Certificate)

The highest flower-quality award, awarded to orchid species or hybrids scoring 90 points or more on a 100-point scale.

JC (Judges' Commendation)

Given for distinctive characteristics that the judges unanimously feel should be recognized but cannot be scored in the customary ways.

AD (Award of Distinction)

Awarded once to a cross representing a worthy new direction in Breeding. The award is granted unanimously without scoring by the judging team assigned.

AQ (Award of Quality)

Awarded once to a cross exhibited by a single individual as a group of not less than 12 plants or inflorescences of different clones of a hybrid or cultivated species. At least one of the inflorescences must receive a flower quality award and the overall quality of the group must be an improvement over the former type.

CBR (Certificate of Botanical Recognition)

Awarded to rare and unusual species with educational interest that has received no previous awards. The entire plant must be exhibited. This award is granted provisionally and filed with the judging center Chair pending taxonomic verification supplied by the exhibitor. (see Taxonomic Authorities)

CHM (Certificate of Horticultural Merit)

Awarded to a well-grown and well-flowered species or natural hybrid with characteristics that contribute to the horticultural aspects of orchidology, such as aesthetic appeal. This award is granted provisionally and filed with the judging center Chair pending taxonomic verification supplied by the exhibitor. (see Taxonomic Authorities)

CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit)

Awarded to the exhibitor of a well-flowered specimen plant of robust health. The plant must score between 80 and 89 points inclusive on a 100-point scale.

CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit)

Awarded to the exhibitor of a well-flowered specimen plant of robust health. The plant must score more than 90 points on a 100-point scale.

CCE (Certificate of Cultural Excellence)

Awarded to the exhibitor of a well-flowered specimen plant of robust health. The plant must score more than 90 points on a 100-point scale. Plants receiving this award represent the highest level of orchid culture.

MAY PROGRAM

Scott Rettenmund will speak to us on “Backyard Orchids”.
As many of us have already seen, Scott’s backyard is amazing.
So join us for a great evening.

REFRESHMENT LIST

MAY – Nancy S-A. & Dee R.

JUNE – Donna S. & Ellie L.

JULY – Erin N. & LaDonna R.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13
Garden Expo
Spokane Community College

June 14
Guest Speaker
John Stubbing, Clown Alley Orchids

June 24
Botanica Picnic
Missoula

Aug 6
SOS Picnic

Changes to 4.17.17 SOS Roster

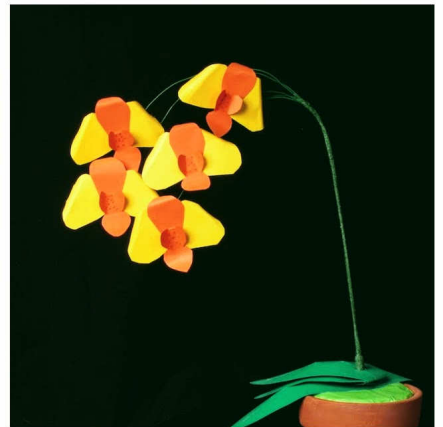
Change:

Zaira Calderon’s email to: zaira_calderon@yahoo.com

Ellie Lomax address to: [6517 S. Pittsburg, Spokane, WA 99223](#)

Betty Smith-Lambert Zip to: [99204](#)

BEST IN CLASS PICS



Can you match the flower to the award?

Sorry Ann and Scott, we did not get a pic.

BEST IN SHOW



Congratulations Laima !!

Garden Expo 2017
May 13, 2017 - 9am-5pm
Spokane Community College, 1810 N Greene St
"Gardening thru the Ages--Never Enough Thyme"
Over 250 Vendors! Free Admission!
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