



Newsletter of the  
**Spokane Orchid Society**

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Director at Large -  
Ramona VandeVeegaete

## Calendar

**Regular meeting @ Manito Park meeting room the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wednesday of every month, 7:00pm.**

**January 10:** Meeting – Staking Orchids

**February 13:** Meeting - Repotting

**March 13:** Meeting – Show Prep

**April 7/8:** Orchid Show

**April 11:** Meeting – Home Orchid Growing

## Meetings

6:30-7:00 "Ask the Experts" Q&A (we will enjoy our treats at the break). Help yourself to a beverage.

7:00-7:10 Introductory comments

7:10-8:00 Evening's program

8:00-8:15 Break

8:15-9:00 Show & Tell & Society business.

After 9:00 Final bidding on plants

**Dues are due!** Please pay cash or check payable to Spokane Orchid Society for \$20 per family to Betty or Jean at the January meeting or mail to:

**Note: Please give any email, address/ phone # changes to John.**

If you are not paid by the end of January, you will not be on the SOS Roster.

## Refreshment Thanks

A huge "Thank You" goes to Ramona and Phil for setting up the refreshment table in 2017. Phil was at each event when asked and sometimes even when I forgot to ask. Ramona always had our meeting table set and ready to go.

*Tell them "THANKS" when you see them.*

## January Refreshments

will be supplied by

**Michele B. and Kathy O.**

# President's Thoughts

## "A Renewing Year"

I am excited about the coming year. At our last board meeting, we decided to make several changes to our programs for 2018. We are looking to renew our efforts in culture, education, and conservation of orchids.

One of our decisions is to NOT bring in more expensive speakers and take this money and invest it on orchids and orchid related items for our members. Our speakers will be our members and members and close friends from surrounding societies.

We will purchase several of Laima's LARGE orchids and divide them amongst the members. We want more hands-on programs (our mini sessions).

Next, we have decided to move our show to the Spokane Community College, April 7/8. We will work with the Horticulture students at the college who will help with setup, takedown, and the show itself.

Finally, we will participate in the SCC Plant Expo May 12.

These are just a few of the ideas, and some not mentioned which will occur. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please speak to board members or me.

BTW, we made \$1261 at last year's auction(s).

See you Wednesday

*Jim*

For you AOS members, the Orchids magazine can be viewed and downloaded on your home computer/tablet/phone. Additionally, all of the **Webinars** that have been broadcast can be reviewed.

[Think about joining](#)

## The December Party

**This had to be one of the best Christmas gatherings that we have had. Ann Gillum was our gracious host and did a superb job. There was a large showing by our members with foods that were above and beyond.**

**The finale, a song (see below) composed by Laurie Duff-Robertson and Ann, capped a noteworthy day. For those of you who missed it, you missed a good one!**

**Here are a few of the highlights:**

In our "how many orchids do you have" the winners were:

Candace - 191 orchids (no greenhouse)  
Justene - 178 orchids (no greenhouse)  
Jim - 380 orchids (greenhouse)

**Here is our 12 Days Song:**

# The Twelve Orchidaceae of Christmas

A Natural Adaptation By Laurie Duff-Robertson and Ann  
Gillum

ON THE FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME  
A PHALAENOPSIS THAT HE GOT FOR FREE

ON THE SECOND DAY ... TWO BAGS OF BARK

ON THE THIRD DAY ...THREE CLAY POTS

ON THE FOURTH...FOUR DRACULAS

ON THE FIFTH DAY...FIVE MEALY BUGS

ON THE SIXTH DAY...SIX VANDAS SWAYING

ON THE SEVENTH DAY...SEVEN BUDS A BLASTING

ON THE EIGHT DAY...EIGHT KEIKIS ROOTING

ON THE NINTH DAY...NINE EPIDENDRUMS

ON THE TENTH DAY...TEN JUDGES JUDGING

ON THE ELEVENTH DAY...ELEVEN LADY SLIPPERS

ON THE TWELTH DAY ...TWELVE APHIDS CREEPING



**SOME  
CANDID  
PICS**



## Tips & Tricks

Your Phalaenopsis and Cymbidiums should be spiking and/or in bloom. Stake the spikes as they get longer to show their full beauty and keep them from breaking!

*(Remember, many of these orchids will be on display at our show in April)*

## Member Pics (send me pics of your orchids)



## *The Orchid Conservation Alliance*

The following article is taken from their website, concerning their summer trip to China.

### Northwest Yunnan, China: May 20 – June 2

The mountains of northwest Yunnan are our destination. We will travel within Xangeri-La, and the autonomous prefectures of Lijang Naxi and Deqin Tibet to see some of the most spectacular nature of the northern hemisphere. The abundant majestic mountain ranges harbor a unique wildlife, such as the golden snub-nosed monkey, have spectacular lime stone travertine formations and are the home of Naxi, Tibetan, and Lili ethnic groups with their colorful cultures. The highlight of the tour will be to experience the richest temperate flora in Asia! Southwest China is the global center of several genera of high horticultural significance, such as many alpine plants and *Cypripedium*. We expect to see *Cyp. tibeticum*, *yunnanense*, *flavum*, *guttatum*, *plectrochilum*, and *farreri* among many other orchids. The maximum number of participants is limited to 15. The price of this trip is \$4495 for single occupancy while the cost per person for double occupancy is \$3900. The complete itinerary for the trip can be downloaded [here](#). American citizens, and possibly others, should note that a Chinese visa is required for entry into China. One source for visa information is [Chinese Visa](#).

**Donations of \$100 each this year went to the ORCHID supplement at AOS, Meyers Conservatory, and the Florida re-orchid project.**