



**SOUTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON
ORCHID SOCIETY**



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2012

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 AT 7PM..EDISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY (The meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of each month September thru May each year.)

OUR ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE WILL BE HELD MAY 5 & 6 AT THE TRI TECH SKILLS CENTER, KELLOGG AVE., KENNEWICK

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a difference this year has been. January had a week of winter and then sunshine. This sunshine bring out our orchids blooms and new growth.

The current officers were re-elected at the January meeting. The current officers agreed to continue supporting the club, providing new programs and field trips for club members.

A special thanks goes to Bruce Cannard for his presentation on his greenhouse successes and frustrations.

Home Depot asked SCWOS to put on a "Question and Answer" workshop at the Richland store on Jan. 21. Jerry Swett and I were there to answer questions from shoppers. Betty Wise had the best intention of participating but was snowed in. There was only a small turn out due to the inclement weather, but Home Depot would like us to come again in the near future.

The February program will be a repotting demonstration by one of club's experts, Jerry Swett.



Cattleya Mini Purple by Betty Wise

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

South Central Washington Orchid Society
Meeting Minutes January 17, 2012

Officer Nominations - President Tom Walker began the meeting with nominations of officers. Members were encouraged to consider these positions to volunteer, if not this year, then next year. Jerry Swett again made a motion to keep the current officers which was seconded, and unanimously passed.

2012 Member Dues - 2012 SCWOS member dues are now being accepted by Jeff Jennings, treasurer. Single memberships are \$12 and family dues are \$15.

Orchid Show Info - Our annual orchid show will be May 5 – 6, the weekend before Mothers Day and will be held at Tri-Tech Skills Center. Show chairman, Randy Scheele, asked for members to consider volunteering time at the show to help with set-up and take-down, cashiering, host-hostess, etc. Jerry Swett will invite the judges, Randy the vendors, Tom will do this year's rules and regulations and the insurance, Ron Hipp has offered to do a repotting workshop. In the past Paulette and Julie did the publicity and Kandy did the table skirts, in their absence tonight, we will need to see if they are able to do again this year. Randy mentioned if anyone wants to hold a class on orchids to let him know. It would be nice to have at least a couple of informative classes if possible. Jim Huffman from Jolah Orchids will be our judging chairman. We also need to locate the display/show boxes, please let Randy or Tom know if you have any of them. Randy asked that if we are able, we should try to participate in as many local orchid shows as possible. Spokane, Seattle, Portland, and Yakima all have shows that we could attend if the weather allows and we have plants to exhibit. The Spokane and Seattle societies have been nice additions to our shows, so if we want that to continue, we need to reciprocate.

Orchid Workshop - Saturday, January 21, Betty Wise and Jerry will hold a workshop on orchids at Home Depot for their customers. Betty will make a board advertising our club and include applications for membership as well.

Society Presentations - Paula Ochoa gave a short presentation on humidity and Bruce Cannard spoke on his greenhouse successes and failures. Next month Jerry will do a demonstration on repotting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.



Dendrobium Spring Dream 'Appllon' by Tom Walker

JANUARY....A MONTH FOR PLANNING..Several days ago I went out to water my plants. Much to my horror, I discovered the dreaded SCALE on a couple of plants. This is not an unusual occurrence in these months of gloomy weather as the humidity in the greenhouse stays high and in addition to scale, I am also on the lookout for sooty mold and other insects like white flies. So what to do? I made a trip to the local craft store and for a few bucks I bought some popsicle sticks and red and green tags. (See attached.)



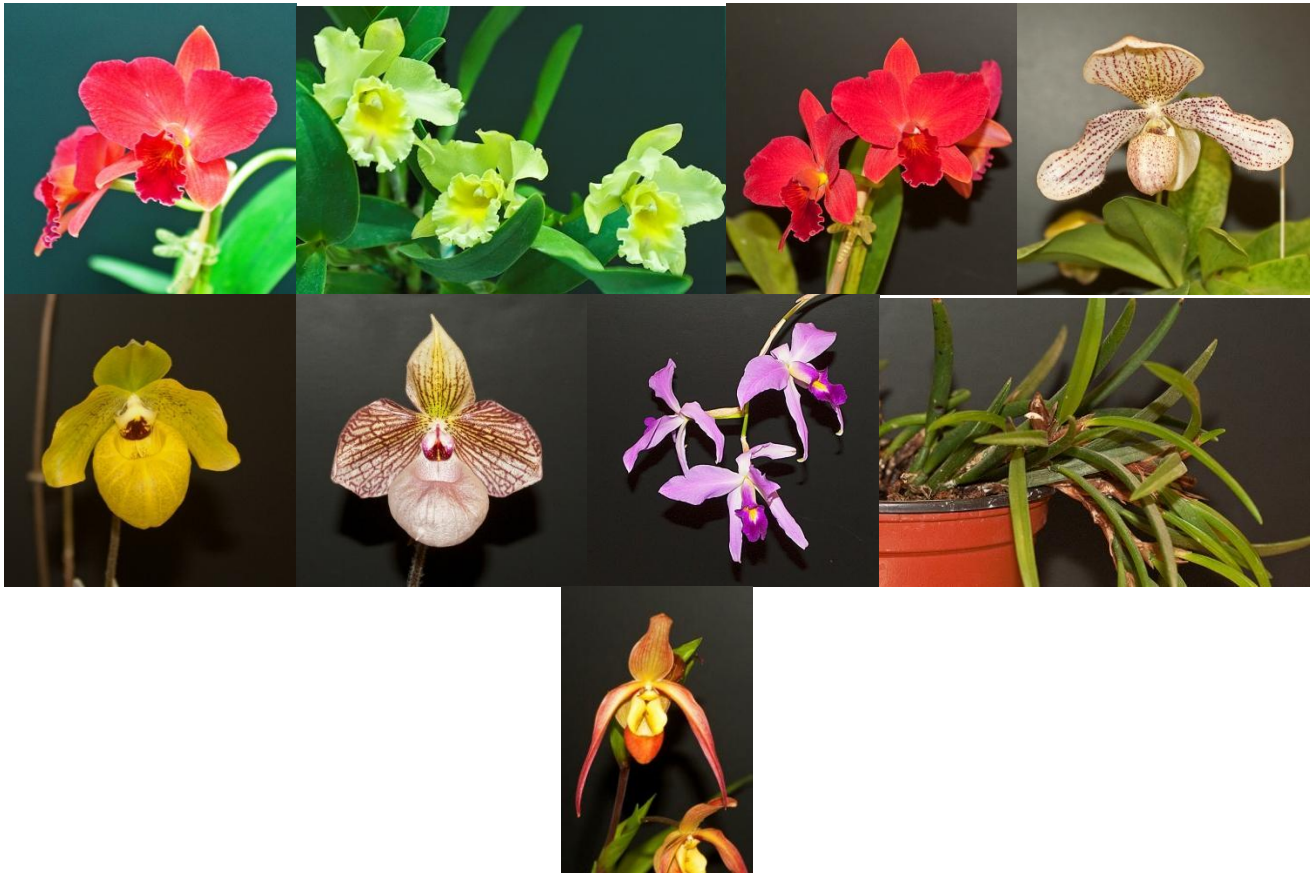
Yesterday I began my usual January project. I began in one corner of the greenhouse with trusty tags, a bottle of insecticide and alcohol and cotton swabs. I thoroughly checked each plant. If it had bugs, I sprayed it thoroughly, top and bottom of leaves, used alcohol to wipe off any scale and drenched the pot with the appropriate solution, put a green tag in the pot and if it needs repotting I placed a red tag in the pot as well. To my surprise I only found a few pots with pests, but the number of pots in need of repotting was almost overwhelming. In past years I would guess how many pots and sizes I needed and would find myself short of the number or size I needed. With my new tagging system, I can now count the number and sizes easily and hopefully will be able to purchase what I need on my next trip to the store.

This system is easy and can be applied to any collection of plants, large or small. It takes a little time but gives you a good indication of the health of your plants. I found spikes, new growth and got a better appreciation of my collection, which to save, which to divide, and which to give away. So take some times in January and you might find yourself better prepared to face the spring with pest free plants and a healthier collection.

GOT PESTS???

Keep alcohol and cotton balls on hand. Use Safer Soap. Neem Oil. Bayer 3 in 1 Pest. Mineral Oil. The most important thing to remember...find the pests early and eliminate them before they multiply. If you find an unwanted bug, eliminate it, and remember to respray, drench or whatever, every 7 to 10 days for at least three cycles. This should take care of the next generation of offspring, thereby nipping the problem before they eat the bud..

SHOW AND TELL, JANUARY 2012



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The spring brings orchid shows to our life and best of all, there are some that are close by. Here are the dates for the northwest shows. Our club is planning to participate in at least some of them, so clean up those plants that are close to blooming, put some money in the savings for that *special plant*, and plan a trip to visit a show.

FEBRUARY 22 THRU 26.PORTLAND ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE, PORTLAND

MARCH 31, APRIL 1.....SPOKANE ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE, SPOKANE

APRIL 14-15.....NORTHWEST ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE, SEATTLE

APRIL 14-15.....OREGON ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE, PORTLAND

MAY 5-6.....SOUTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE, KENNEWICK



ORCHIDS ON DISPLAY SAIGON BOTANICAL GARDENS, TET, 2012

KEEP THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR: The American Orchid Society will have a members meeting at the Lloyd Center in Portland, Oregon November 13 through 18, 2012. More information will be forthcoming but this looks like a road trip to me!

