



SOUTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON  
ORCHID SOCIETY



**NEWSLETTER**

**JANUARY 2012**

**NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 17, 2012...7 PM..EDISON ELEMENTARY**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. Happy New Year and I hope this year finds you with many orchids in bloom. Thanks to Bill Jasen for obtaining the PowerPoint presentation on *Catasetum* developed by Fred Clarke and to Randy Scheele for presenting the program.

Nominations of club officers for the new year were held at the December meeting. If anyone is interested in becoming a club officer, please volunteer. Club officer elections will be held at the January meeting.

A special thanks goes out to Betty Wise for being the newsletter editor. Please help her and submit articles for the newsletter. Thanks to Randy Scheele for being show chair. I look forward to a great new year in the club.

It is time to renew your membership to the South Central Washington Orchid Society: \$12 for individual or \$15 for family.

Upcoming events include a field trip to *Orchidaceae* in College place in March, a greenhouse tour in April, Spokane Orchid show in April, and the SCWOS Annual Orchid show on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day) at Tri-Tech Skills Center. So mark your calendars for these events.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

President Tom Walker started the meeting by asking for nominations for SCWOS officers; president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. Jerry Swett made a motion for the current officers to keep their positions another year if they would accept. No other nominations were made. Tom encouraged any member who is interested in a board position to indicate their availability at our next meeting when we vote .

Tom filled out the necessary forms and Tri-Tech has accepted the date of May 5 – 6 for our annual orchid show,

Home Depot in West Richland contacted Tom about a member of our club giving a presentation on growing orchids in their store in January. Betty Wise, Jerry Swett, and Tom volunteered for this. Tom will follow up with them and set a date.

Tom reminded members that next month our 2012 dues for the SCWOS will be accepted. The cost is \$12 for a single person and \$15 for a family.

Randy Scheele narrated a slide show on Catasetum. A Christmas goody potluck was enjoyed by all as well as blooming orchids that members brought to display.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

**I LEARNED MY LESSON:** Two weeks ago when I last watered in the greenhouse I turned the fans off while I watered. I FORGOT to turn them back on. We always talk about the importance of air movement. I found out the hard way that turning the fans off can adversely effect your plants and your spirits. When I went out to check for need to water, I had a number of blasted buds. The only change that had occurred was the lack of air movement so I must assume that the blasted buds were a result of my not paying attention and having a green house with stale air. Believe me, that won't happen again.

### SOME PICTURES:



Paph. Varuna (wardii #3 x Venustum 'Marji's') grown by Tom Walker



Bllra. Peggy Ruth Carpenter grown by Tom Walker



Onc. Twinkle 'Red Fire' grown by Tom Walker

**(If you ever doubt that you can grow orchids in your house, remember these blooms. Tom grows beautiful specimens in his window. "By the way Tom, I would love a division of your Twinkle." Ed.**

**OUTLINE FOR SHOW AND TELL:** Several months ago we started sharing a little more information about the plants we bring to Show and Tell. Here is a general outline to follow. Please be brief, but share as much as you can so we can all grow and learn.

**NAME OF ORCHID**

**SPECIES**

**WHERE DOES IT GROW NATURALLY**

**Epiphyte? Lithophyte? Terrestrial?**

**Where do you grow it?**

**How often do you water?**

**Fertilizer? How often do you fertilize?**

**How much light?**

**Anything unusual?**

(I apologize for the brief newsletter this month. I am suffering from a little carpal tunnel problem and am using a brace for a few weeks. This prevents me from the usual amount of typing. Editor)



**\*\*\*\*PRINT THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND COMPLETE. BRING TO THE MEETING WITH YOUR CHECK FOR DUES.**

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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