



SOUTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON
ORCHID SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2011

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 18TH ...7PM...EDISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to Jim Huffman for providing a great program, *Is There A Secret To Growing Orchids Successfully*, at our September meeting. He also had orchids and supplies available for sale to the many members who attended.

On Saturday, October 15, the International Phalaenopsis Association (IPA) Northwest Regional Meeting is being held 10-4 at Orchidaceae greenhouse in Walla Walla, Washington. This is an opportunity to hear a great speaker talk about the **12 Most Important Phalaenopsis Species Influencing Today's Modern Phalaenopsis**. The meeting will include a panel discussion on how to grow top notch Phalaenopsis, an IPA fundraising Auction, and time to walk through their greenhouse and buy that special orchid. Also, lunch is being provided. If you would like to carpool give me a call at 946-4420.

Erin from Small Hill Orchids from Spokane, Washington will be our speaker at the October meeting. The presentation will be on slipper orchids (*Paphiopedilum*). She will be bringing some plants to the meeting

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

President Tom Walker opened the meeting and announced the International Phalaenopsis Association Regional Meeting will be at Orchidaceae in Walla Walla on Saturday, October 15, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. The IPA president, Tom Harper, will present **The 12 Most Important Phalaenopsis Species Influencing Today's Modern Phalaenopsis Hybrids**. Tom Walker plans to attend and has offered to carpool with other members. Contact him if you are interested in riding along.

Lois & Jim Huffman from Jolah Orchids were our guests this evening. Jim gave a presentation on **Is There a Secret to Growing Orchids Successfully?** They brought plants and supplies for purchase.

Betty Wise, with direction from the executive board, distributed a sign-up sheet for members to select a topic to talk about for 10 minutes each month. In October Betty will talk about types of pots and potting material.

A question & answer session was preceded by and show & tell that included origin and culture of each plant shown.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.



OCTOBER PROGRAM: Erin from Small Hill Orchids will be our featured presenter for October. She will be presenting a program on **SLIPPER ORCHIDS (Paphiopedilum)** as well as bringing some plants and supplies for sale. Plan to attend October 18 at 7 pm as her presentations are always informative and inspiring. *(If you want to meet someone excited to be an orchid grower, come meet Erin.)*

PS. Erin's corrected phone number is 509-482-1005, Small Hill Orchids, Spokane.

As always, we will have dinner with Erin before the program at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to join us. More information concerning place will be sent as we get closer to the meeting date.

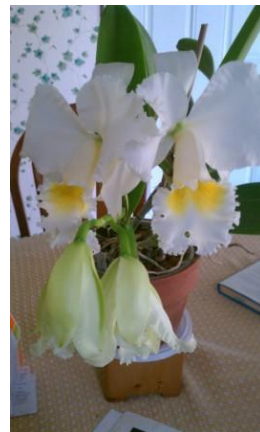
FALL BLOOMERS:



Bllra. Marfitch "Howard's Dream" AM/AOS



Brassia unknown name



Cattleya Bow Bells "July"



Dendrobium unknown name

Wedding cake decorated
with orchids and roses

Stlma. Kelly "Lea"

The above are a few of the fall bloomers and all are now gracing our home with their lovely blooms. Betty

RECAP OF SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: Jim and Lois Huffman presented the September program with information about how to be a successful grower. Jim reminded us that Light, Temperature, Humidity, Water, Air Movement and Fertilizer are important factors to consider when growing orchids. Several books were recommended to growers....**Ortho Book on Orchids** (can often be found in Home Improvement stores or on Amazon, etc. **Orchids for Dummies** (available Barnes and Nobles, Amazon, etc.). **Botanicas Orchids** (harder to find but Amazon may have used copies). There are also a myriad of books available which will help you learn about the ins and outs of Orchid growing. The important thing is to get one and read all about it.



OCTOBER "FOR THE NOVICE" PROGRAM. Betty Wise will present a ten minute program on Pots and growing media. This is the first in a series of short informational programs which will include more information on light, watering, humidity, temperature, fertilizer, repotting, and pests and disease.



Psychopsis by Tom Walker

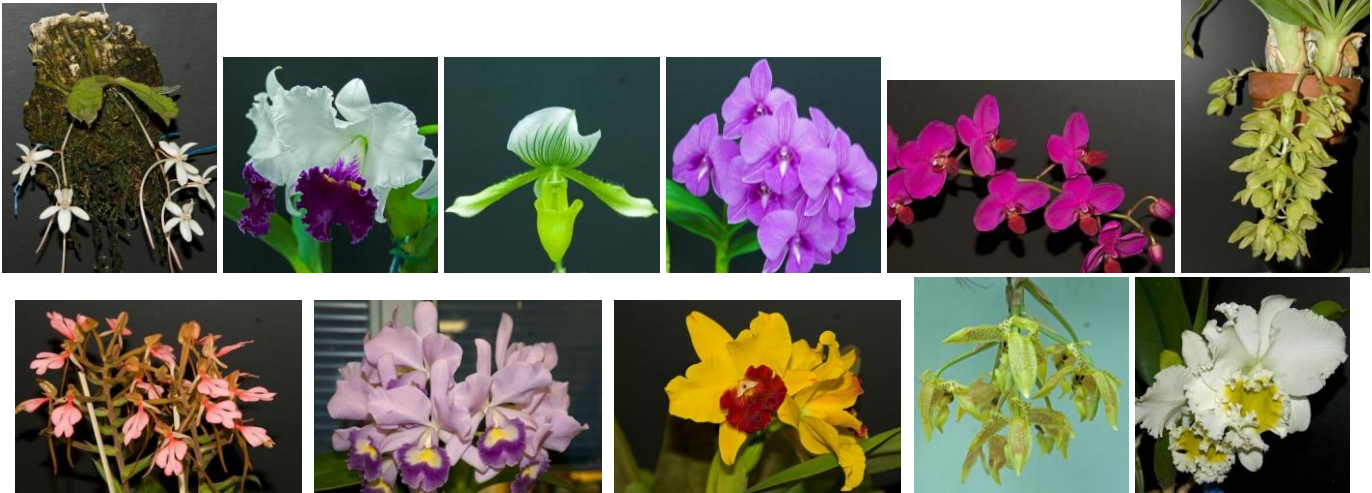
AN EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT: People often ask me “Why doesn’t my orchid bloom?”. When I inquire where the orchid is growing, the reply is “a sunny window. It has a lot of light.” Do you really know how much light your orchid receives. Is it enough? I decided to test that question. I have a light meter and at 12 noon on a recent sunny fall day, I took my light meter to different locations and tested the intensity. Here are the results. You may be surprised as to how little usable light your orchid may be receiving.

Light intensity outside with meter pointed at the sun:	10,000 foot candles
Light intensity inside south side greenhouse:	3600 foot candles
Light intensity inside north side greenhouse:	1500 foot candles
Light intensity inside south indoor window (1 in. away)	700 foot candles
Light intensity inside south window (6 inches away)	500 foot candles

(Most cattleyas require 2000 to 3500 ft. candles to bloom. Phalaenopsis require 750 to 1500 ft. candles to bloom. Other orchids vary in their requirements.)

So the next time you think you have a “lot” of light, check it out. ***Several members of the society have light meters which can be borrowed.*** So test your light and buy plants according to your growing conditions.

SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL PLANTS.....WOW!



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Colm. Wildcat "Ocelot" by Tom Walker

