

January 9, 2017

The meeting started around 5:45

Attendees: Leslie Sutphin, Penny Killham, Stu Kirkpatrick, Angela McDannel, Janice and Don Wannebo, Cheri Bergeron

Janice Wannebo reported she received an e-mail from Bill N at Botanica about a potential orchid show hosted by Five Valleys Orchid Society in Missoula. The e-mail also included the Spokane Orchid Society and the Sacajawea Orchid Society.

They asked that we discuss the idea of an orchid show - non-AOS judged occurring shortly after the school year ends in June. They asked if we would commit to setting up a display at the show. The venue will be in conjunction with the Desmet school's bake sale to raise funds for the school and would likely be in the school's cafeteria/gym.

The members at the meeting were positive that this was a viable activity for us and we would discuss and decide at the February meeting.

Cheri shared information about the Facebook page she got from Nancy Horn on propagating orchids in water. It is a closed page and is limited. It is very informative. To get to it, go to FaceBook, search "Water Culture Orchids and General Orchid Care" Penny reported that her vanda from Safeway came without soil in a large glass vase and it is doing well.

Angela said if we would e-mail our orchid photos to her, she will post them to the FB page. Her e-mail address is waterwitch@onewest.com. Angela said the GDOS webpage expires in January 2017 and it might be time to look at other options.

There were several show and tells. Leslie brought in a vanda with 4 beautiful PURPLE blooms. The vanda was potted in a shallow twig pot in bark. She has it in the south window with lots of light and waters it frequently (daily?). Stu brought in 2 plants, the first was a Pseudoepidendrum with a Botanica stick. Two stems with green/orange blooms. He brought n a potinara with 2 blooms. The potinara was was mounted on cork with a wire hanger. He soaks the plants on Sunday and Thursday and sprays on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. He uses a very weak solution ala George Oberst.

The next meeting will be the annual business meeting on Monday, February 9 at the Lewis and Clark library at 5:30. Please put this on your calendars and let's all hope the weather is better and the roads are clear. Meeting notices will be published on the GDOS web page and the GDOS FaceBook page.

Hope to see you there!