

Tucson Orchid Society

October and November 2014 Newsletter

October Meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 7:30 PM

November Meeting (Auction): Wednesday November 5, 7:30 PM

October Speaker: Winn Winmaw on “Orchids of Burma”

Our October speaker is Winn Winmaw, who will speak on “Orchid of Burma.” He is our last speaker for this calendar year. Winn will cover the following during his presentation: His orchid talk at the closing ceremony of a vocational education class on orchid growing; a mountain near his hometown, where he collected his first orchid, when he was seven years old; the camping experience at Ashe-Myin Anauk-Myin Mountains that run North to South with the highest peak at 2115 meters (7,070 ft); wild orchid collecting; and of course, pictures of orchid habitats that are difficult to reach without experienced guides and porters. According to Winn, this journey was the most adventurous and treacherous compared to his previous orchid expeditions.

Winn Winmaw’s Biography:



Winn was born in Shan State, eastern Burma, where *Cymbidium lowianum*, *Vanda coerulea* and *Paphiopedilum charlesworthii* are found abundantly in the wild. The first orchid that Winn collected from the forest floor was a *Dendrobium* species. He was 7 years old. With this he began taking care of orchids in his family's garden.

As an undergraduate studying physics at the University of Rangoon, Winn was a member of the Department of Botany's orchid society. Later he lived in Japan for four years for further study and training. In 1988, he moved to the United States and settled in Orange County. Eventually he began collecting and growing orchids here.

Today he has a large orchid collection, many of which are vandaceous orchids. He grows his plants in a shade house and greenhouse. He has been a member of the Newport Harbor Orchid Society since 1995.

Recently Winn has made several trips back to Burma and has explored orchids in nature. He shares his orchid experiences by giving presentations to orchid societies. Last December Winn made another orchid expedition to the Shan Plateau the eastern part of Burma. The Shan Plateau can reach an altitude of over 2,000 meters (6,562 ft) with beautiful landscapes and humid subtropical climate. It is pleasantly warm during the day time and cool at night.

Come See Tony Knight's Greenhouse Sunday, October 26, 1-4 PM

Tony asks that those of you who have light meters bring them to his greenhouse open house. Some orchid society members have discussed comparing light meter readings in the same light conditions. He is looking forward to having people come by to give him advice on how to grow orchids better!!

Directions to Tony and Cass Knight's home:: The address is 1876 North Camino de Oeste, Tucson 85745. Tony's cell phone is 970-227-7765.

If you are coming from the South, EXIT I-10 AT SPEEDWAY and drive West. Speedway becomes Gates Pass Blvd. at the intersection with N. Camino De Oeste. Turn Rt./North and drive .5 mile past Feliz Paseos Park, a "45 MPH" sign, and 3 mailboxes, then take an immediate Right into a private asphalt drive (no sign). The house is on your Left.

If you are coming from the North, EXIT I-10 AT GRANT and drive West. Grant becomes W. Ironwood Hills. Drive West to a "T" junction with N. Camino De Oeste. Turn Lt./South and drive .5 mile past N. Via De Suenos (on left) and cross N. Calle Del Suerte (both NO LEFT TURN), then take the next Left into a private asphalt drive (no sign) opposite from "Trail's End" sign. The house is on your Left.

President's Corner

Hi Everyone

Well the cool weather is finally here and our orchids are pretty grateful. I am sorry that I missed Francisco last month. I have been wanting to meet him for a long time. I understand that his talk was very good.

It is time for you to begin to get some donations ready for the auction. Our **annual auction** will be held on November 5th. That is the first Wednesday of November. Please mark your calendars. I will be emailing the usual donors begging for plants. If you have any plants that you wish to donate to the auction, please contact me by email at mbarretti@msn.com. I will assign your plants numbers so that we can make a master list to pass out at or before the auction. I will also pass out a sheet at the October meeting looking for volunteers to help with the auction. Our annual auction is the only fund raiser that our society has so please make sure to mark it on your list of things to do in November. We always have a good time and there are always bargains to be had.

Mike Barretti

Editor's note: Close to the time of the auction, a reminder of the auction will go out to members who receive the newsletter by email, along with a list of the plants that will be auctioned off.

Future Greenhouse Open Houses.

October 26	Tony Knight	1876 N. Camino de Oeste (see directions above)
December 14	Wes Addison	6650 N. Los Arboles Circle, Tucson 85704

Information about this combined meeting and Holiday Party will go into the December newsletter.

Notices

If anyone has an interest in taking on one of the Tucson Orchid Society officer positions for the upcoming 2015 calendar year, please contact Wes Addison at 327-5025.

Doug Boltman recommends the following book for orchid growers: *Home Orchid Growing* by Rebecca Tyson Northern, 1990, 4th edition, NY: Prentice Hall Press.

Cookie List

This is the list of people who have signed up to bring cookies to the monthly meetings during 2014.

January: Sue Philips

February: Ed Busch

March: Jim Santino

April: Mary Ann Albano

May: Sheri Musil

June: Beth Woodin

July: Ron Norman

August: Tony Knight

September: Dawn Gall

October: Angela Stith

November: Mark Dimmitt

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General Meeting Information

The Tucson Orchid Society regularly meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the Adobe Bridge Club, 3727 E. Blacklidge Dr., Tucson, AZ 85716 **at 7:30 PM**. From the intersection of E. Ft. Lowell and N. Dodge, go two blocks south on Dodge, turn left on Blacklidge and the building is on the north side of the street. Note that contrary to this information, the November meeting is on Nov. 5th at the usual site. The December meeting is on Dec. 14th at Wes Addison's house (see Future Greenhouse Open Houses above).