



Orchid Society of Northern Nevada

Established in 1985 – 33 Years of Growing

President's Message:

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful fall weather. Now is a good time to check for any bugs that hitch-hiked in with your plants from their summer hangouts. My Cattleya loved it outside and are preparing to thank me with a flourish of blooms in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

OSNN Meeting

Thursday, November 1, 2018 @ 7PM

Moana Nursery Design Center

Gary Minter's orchid collection, a treasure in need of saving

Neal Winslow has been growing orchids since the late 70's and was surprised to find that it's been 40 years. He started growing some garage sale Cattleya species on his glassed-in back porch in Palo Alto. His wife, Sue, was somewhat interested in orchids, so in a short time they filled up the kitchen table. They decided to build a greenhouse to get the orchids out of the house, which eventually led to becoming a member of the Peninsula Orchid Society in San Mateo, CA. Neal worked until 2000 as a biologist for a crop protection company. When Scott Dallas asked Neal to work at White Oaks Orchids, he was delighted. At White Oak he grew a huge variety of mostly unusual orchid species, thus the tag line "The Weird and the Wonderful". Neal has grown almost every commonly cultivated species, sometimes for an unfortunately short time, but often with success. Most recently, Neal has been growing cool-growing orchids but has found desert conditions make many of them difficult to grow well. **Meanwhile, he is the caretaker of Gary Minter's stunning orchid collection - the subject of this talk.**

Over the years, Neal has specialized in: Cattleyas; Miltoniopsis; Unusual species and mini Catts, with the Miltoniopsis; Cool growers including Odontoglossum and Masdevallia; And finally (maybe)...Cattleyas again.

Neal loves living in Nevada. He is an avid photographer and sometimes musician. He loves travelling the west with Sue in their Sportsmobile. They live in the Johnson Lane area with their dog Rufus, cat Dillon (alias MR. D), and horses Mr. Bean (he's a pinto) and Dancer.

Show-and-Tell

Bring your blooming orchids for us to admire.
Bring a snack to share and get a free raffle ticket.

Board meeting

TBA

Meetings are open to all members.

Next meeting: December Holiday Party

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