



# Orchid Society of Northern Nevada

Established in 1985 – 33 Years of Growing

## President's Message:

I hope you all enjoyed "Wild, Weird and Wonderful Orchids" as much as I did. There were actually a couple I have had personal experience with. Thank you so much for coming. It shows that our organization has a real interest in what guest speakers have to offer and therefore we can continue to encourage them to share their adventures with us.

## OSNN Meeting

**Thursday, May 3, 2018 ✕ 7PM meeting ✕ 6:30 social**

**Moana Nursery Design Center**

## Paphiopedilums

**Brandon Tam** is passionate about his career as the Orchid Collection Specialist at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California. At age 7, Brandon's grandmother introduced him to orchids with a white cymbidium. He volunteered at The Huntington during high school; when he graduated at 16, Dr. James Folsom, Dir. of the Botanical Gardens, offered Brandon a full-time job as Orchid Collection Specialist. While working with Dr. Folsom to reinvigorate the orchid collection, Brandon attended Calif. State University Polytechnic, Pomona, and earned his BS in Plant Science in 2015.

Brandon oversees one of the largest orchid collections in the United States as well as 50 *Amorphophallus titanum*s ("Corpse flower"), and successfully bloomed one in 2014. He is in charge of the annual Huntington International Orchid Show, which he inaugurated in 2015, and hosted the annual meeting of the American Orchid Society at the Huntington in 2016. Under Brandon's direction, The Huntington won 100+ awards from the American Orchid Society within the last three years. At the AOS Fall 2016 Members Meeting, The Huntington received The Merritt W. Huntington Award, which gives international recognition for the "Most Outstanding Orchid" in the year of 2015 for *Paphiopedilum micranthum* 'Huntington's Perfection' FCC/AOS. In 2016, The Huntington received two AOS Special Annual Awards: *Lycaste consobrina* 'Huntington's Finest' AM-CCE/AOS, the Butterworth Award for the grower of the plant exhibiting the finest orchid culture and the Benjamin C. Berliner award for the most outstanding example of the genus *Lycaste*. At the time of judging, it had 287 flowers and 7 buds. At age 25 Brandon was elected as one of the youngest trustees in AOS history. *Brandon's orchid bio is so extensive; you can learn more at OSNNV.ORG*

**The raffle table is provided through the generous donation of Brian Wrightsman.**  
His orchids range from mounted miniatures from Andy's Orchids to large *Zygopetalums*.  
(Please note that The Huntington does not sell orchids)

**We will have our OSNN-members-only potluck dinner with our speaker.**

**5:00 PM at 2835 Juliann Way (Taeko Heiser 827-2934)**

**If coming from work, just show up as there will be plenty of food.**

## 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.

June 7: Please check our website for current information.

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