



National Capital Orchid Society

Newsletter

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Next Meeting
Monday January 19, 2015

A Busy February: Annual Auction, Paph Forum, VOS Away Show

U.S. National Arboretum, Admin Bldg Auditorium
24th & R Streets NE
Washington, DC

NCOS Needs YOU to Help with Our Auction!!

Arboretum gates are open at 6:30.
Show table set-up begins at **7:00 p.m.** and **Show Table judging** begins at **7:30**. Meeting: **8:00-10:00 p.m.** This **IS** a members' sales event.

Member Donations:

Most of the revenue required to operate NCOS comes directly from our annual auction. Please consider volunteering and donating one or more orchids, preferably in bud or in bloom, from your collection that are in good health to the auction. Please, no infested or sickly plants. Your donations are tax deductible and will be formally acknowledged in writing.

Dan Gillespie, an NCOS Member; will speak on **"Sierra Leone: Biogeography and Orchids"**. Dan is a self described "all around plant nut."

Contact Dan Gillespie, danmgillespie@aol.com, in advance of the auction so that we know how many plants you will be donating, as this allows us to organize the auction. Members can bring donations to Behnke's starting Saturday February 7th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM. Additionally, plant donation check-in will be held the morning of the auction, Sunday February 8th from 8 AM to 10 AM. If a member wishes to make a plant donation but is not able to make the check-in times provided, they may contact Dan Gillespie to schedule different arrangements.

"My first houseplant at age 9 was a Kalanchoe, and later I got my first orchid at age 14. I have been growing orchids on and off for over 30 years. Paphs are my most favorite orchids, but I also grow vandas, angraecoids, cymbidiums and cattleyas. In addition to orchids, I have a small collection of succulents and pachycauls, and grow a tropical-themed garden outdoors including hardy palms.

Volunteer:

This event is run entirely by volunteers. If you are new to the club, or haven't yet tried volunteering, come join us! This is a fun opportunity for you to socialize with other NCOS members and contribute to NCOS.

"I served in the Peace Corps for two years as a fisheries volunteer in Sierra Leone and Liberia. This experience is the basis for my talk this evening."

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2015 DUES DUE NOW!!!

If you've already paid – Thanks!
If not:

Take a moment to fill out the renewal form on page 8. Send to the address listed. For PayPal, please e-mail mjrice@aol.com for instructions.

Also, see pages 6-7 for the December meeting's results of Officer elections and honors awards.

Upcoming Special Events

January 24- April 26: 20th Annual Orchid Exhibition, Smithsonian Natural History Museum, Wash., DC (p. 2)

February 8: NCOS Annual Auction, Behnke Nurseries, Beltsville, MD (p. 11)

February 14: Paph Forum, U.S. National Arboretum (pp. 3-5)

February 20-22: Virginia Orchid Society Show and Sale, Strange's, Richmond, VA (p. 2)

March 6-8: Maryland Orchid Society Show, Timonium, Maryland

(Auction, continued from p.1)

Please consider volunteering some of your time and skills for a few hours on Saturday February 7th and/or Sunday February 8th (auction and take down). We need people to help set up the auction hall, staff bidder registration and hospitality, screen out unhealthy plants, forward plants to the auctioneers, record winning bids, move the sold plants to the plant holding area, staff the plant holding area and cash registers, and help clean up afterwards.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the next NCOS meeting. In the event that the activity/shift you request has already been filled, please suggest an alternative activity/shift you are willing to assist. To volunteer, contact Nancy Burns (nburnsva@gmail.com) or for further information, contact Dan Gillespie at danmgillespie@aol.com.

VOS Away Show

One of the unique benefits of your membership is the opportunity for you to participate in our away show program. Traveling to an exhibit location and assembling an exhibit from the ground up with plants all will have seen for the first time is an experience to behold. One or two "experienced" members on the team will guide you as the work progresses. This is also a grand opportunity to see many well grown plants fresh from their growing location being placed in other exhibits. Both the Virginia and Maryland setups are a long day effort in mid-week. Removals of these exhibits take place on a Sunday afternoon. An early arrival will allow for a leisurely look at all exhibits and give you an idea of what ingredients make for a prize winning exhibit.

We face several challenges with our planned staging for our away shows in 2015. The overall calendar of events in February is a real challenge.

--February 8th [a Sunday] is our auction day at the Behnke Nursery [the 7th will be setup]

-- February 14 is the annual Paph Forum

-- February 16th is the regular member Monday meeting

February 18th is the plant pickup day for the VOS show with setup on the 19th and removal on February 22. We will identify candidate plants at our membership meeting on February 16th and with your permission bring them to the Herndon staging point. Please reach me with your offers of help for either install or removal of this exhibit in Richmond at jjfran1@verizon.net. I guarantee a long but rewarding day of service.

In addition the next exhibit will be installed at Timonium Maryland with a **March 3rd** plant pickup for the MOS Show that has its setup on March 4th and removal on March 8th. Some plants offered for VOS may do double duty at the MOS exhibit. However fresh blooming plant stock will be needed to carry us through to the March 8th removal.

I rely on a shrinking pool of plant providers to meet these obligations; and I ask you to keep these requirements in mind when you see your plants coming into bloom. Please chat this challenge up with your fellow members who might have plant offerings that we can use for these events that showcase our growers' abilities.

I appreciate all of your past support that has made our away shows so successful. These are one of several ways that we satisfy a part of our Society's educational obligations that were laid out in our founding documents.

--Joe Francis

20th Annual Orchid Exhibition: Interlocking Science and Beauty

January 24 - April 26, 2015 at the Smithsonian's
National Museum of Natural History

Smithsonian Gardens and the United States Botanic Garden will open the 20th annual orchid exhibition, "Orchids: Interlocking Science and Beauty," at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015 (closes April 26, 2015.) On any given day, the exhibition will display more than 300 orchids. Change-outs occur often; during the course of the exhibit thousands of orchids will be on view. "Orchids: Interlocking Science and Beauty", will explore the rich crossroads where orchid botany, horticulture, and technology connect. Featuring orchids from the Smithsonian Gardens Orchid Collection and the United States Botanic Garden Orchid Collection, the exhibit looks at how new ideas, technologies, and inventions change the way we study, protect, and enjoy orchids. Each new innovation is like a puzzle piece: it fills in gaps in our knowledge and creates a larger and more complex picture of orchids.

At first, Victorian explorers and horticulturists found ways to transport and grow exotic orchids. More recently, we developed labs to grow these flowers on a massive scale (though some labs concentrate on learning about wild orchids). Our relatively recent awareness of the need to protect wild orchids has spurred conservation efforts, both in nature reserves and in labs.

The future of orchids is full of possibility. Today we use DNA technologies to create new orchid hybrids, and identify wild species and their symbiotic fungi. Meanwhile, imaging technologies reveal new facets of these fascinating flowers.

LADYSLIPPER ENTHUSIASTS
SAVE THIS DATE!



35TH ANNUAL PAPHIOPEDILUM FORUM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2015

The United States National Arboretum
3501 New York Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20002

The 35th annual NCOS Paph Forum will feature internationally-renowned speakers, an unparalleled selection of *Paphiopedilum* and *Phragmipedium* plants for sale by leading vendors, a show table featuring hundreds of slippers in bloom, ribbons and trophies for outstanding show plants, door prizes, a drawing to benefit both the Slipper Orchid Alliance and the Paph Forum, and American Orchid Society judging. Sales begin at 8:00 am, the program begins at 9:45 am, and the event concludes at 4:30 pm. *Pre-registration is required.* The entry fee of \$50.00 includes lunch & a door prize ticket. Participation is limited to the first 150 registrants!

2015 PAPH FORUM SPEAKERS

Terry Root – California -- The Orchid Zone, Moss Landing, CA
"The Orchid Zone: The Next Generation"

David Sorokowsky – California -- Paph Paradise, Lockeford, CA
"Alba Paphiopedilum - A review of species, genetics and their influence on hybrids"

Paul Sheetz – Pennsylvania -- JustPat Orchids, Honey Brook, PA
"Hybrids & Awards of William W. Wilson/Penn Valley Orchids"

Bryan J. Ramsay – Maryland -- National Capital AOS Judging Center
"Overview of Recent Slipper Awards"

2015 PAPH FORUM VENDORS

Confirmed Vendors: Cove Corporation, MD; Floradise Orchids, VA; Just Pat Orchids, PA; Marriott Orchids, NC; Orchid Zone, CA (via pre-order*); Paph Paradise, CA (via pre-order*); Woodstream Orchids, MD. *See the NCOS website for more information regarding preorders.

Confirmed Supply Vendor: Quarter Acre Orchids, VA.

NCOS Member Plant Sales: Members current on NCOS 2015 dues and pre-registered for the Forum may sell slipper orchids.

Slipper Orchid Alliance (SOA): Drawing.

PLANT EXHIBITION INFORMATION

One of the Paphiopedilum Forum's extraordinary features is the large variety of fine blooming slippers on the exhibit table. Everyone is encouraged to bring in their blooming Slipper Orchids for display. There are special drawings for registrants and vendors that bring show plants. Ribbons, rosettes, and trophies will be awarded to the best slipper orchids in a wide variety of categories.

SLIPPER ORCHID ALLIANCE DRAWING AT THE FORUM

The Slipper Orchid Alliance (SOA) is a membership organization dedicated to education about and preservation of all lady-slipper orchids. SOA is a sponsor of the Paph Forum speakers and donates the "People's Choice Award", a beautiful hand-blown glass slipper orchid sculpture. The "People's Choice Award", is decided based on a count of individual ballots cast by Forum registrants.

A drawing that jointly benefits SOA and the Paph Forum is held concurrently with the Paph Forum. If you would like to donate selected and awarded plants and other items to SOA for their drawing, please contact Barbara Tisherman, SOA President for more information and to donate items to the drawing at tishermanb@gmail.com.

AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY JUDGING

The Paphiopedilum Forum is a sanctioned American Orchid Society show and AOS judging will be conducted. All exhibitors agree to abide by the rules for judging contained in the AOS "Handbook on Judging and Exhibition". *All plants exhibited at the Forum will be considered entered for AOS judging unless otherwise marked by the exhibitor.*

FURTHER INFORMATION Please see the NCOS website (www.ncos.us) for further details regarding the Paphiopedilum Forum, including the program and plant exhibition information.

VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS ARE NEEDED!

NCOS needs your help to organize, set-up, and run this event. Please contact Lynn woodstream3@verizon.net if you wish to help with this event! Sponsors are also needed for the following trophies: Best Paph Species, Best Paph Novelty or Primary Hybrid, Best Standard Complex Paph, Best Paph Hybrid – Miniature, Best Phrag Species, Best Phrag Hybrid, Best *Cypripedium* or *Selenipedium*, Best Antique Hybrid, and Best Plant in Show.

See you at the Paph Forum! *Bill Goldner & Lynn Evans-Goldner, Co-Chairs*

35TH ANNUAL PAPH FORUM REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Pre-registration is required. The entry fee of \$50.00 per person includes lunch and a door prize ticket. Payment must be received by Monday, February 9, 2015. *Space is limited and last minute registrations may not be accepted.*

Register and pay via check: Please return the attached registration form with fee (check payable to NCOS) to the Paph Forum Registrar at the below address. You must indicate your lunch choice on the form so we can ensure we order enough lunches.

Register and pay via PayPal™: For your convenience, NCOS now accepts electronic payment of the Paph Forum registration fee via PayPal™. There is a \$2 convenience fee if you are paying \$50/person registration fee through paypal.com (so total of \$52). If you do not have a PayPal™ account, go to:

www.paypal.com/ to set up an account,

and then follow instructions below to pay the Paph Forum registration fee.

Go to: www.paypal.com/

- Enter your personal email address and password.
- Click the "send money" tab near the top.
- In the "to" field, enter: ncospaphforum@gmail.com
- In the "amount" field, enter \$52. There is a \$2 convenience fee to use paypal.com.

- Leave the button “goods” as the entered option.
- Click the “continue” button at the bottom.
- If you want, you can change the account you are paying from, e.g., credit card or personal bank account.
- At the bottom of the next page in the “Message” field, please enter your mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, and lunch choice. Please do this even if you have registered for the Paph Forum in the past. We want to ensure that your contact information is current. If you plan to participate in AOS judging, please indicate your status: Accredited, Probationary, Student, or Clerk.
- **Important:** Please tell us what sandwich you want in your lunch – beef, chicken, tuna salad, or veggie.
- Click the “send money” button.

35th Annual Paph Forum Registration Form

Please fill out completely. Make checks payable to NCOS (\$50.00 per person, includes box lunch and door prize ticket). **Payment must be received by Monday, February 9, 2015.** Space is limited and last minute registrations may not be accepted.

Important: Please select the type of sandwich that will be in your box lunch. Please circle one: **B** Beef, **C** Chicken, **T** Tuna Salad, or **V** Veggies.

Registrant Name: _____ \$ _____ **B C T V**
 Registrant Name: _____ \$ _____ **B C T V**
 Registrant Name: _____ \$ _____ **B C T V**
 Registrant Name: _____ \$ _____ **B C T V**

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (residence): _____

E-mail for confirmation: _____

Attention AOS Judges, Students, Clerks!

I will participate in AOS Judging: (circle one) Yes or No
 Status: (circle one) Accredited; Probationary; Student; Clerk



For confirmation by USPS mail, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and fill out the mail coupon below.

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

are registered for the Paph Forum. Received \$ _____

Mail to:

Lynn Evans-Goldner
 Paph Forum Registrar
 5810 Huntingtown Road
 Huntingtown, MD 20639

Email: ncospaphforum@gmail.com

2015 NCOS CONTACT LIST

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 Library: TBD
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 Program: Jay Tullos jtullos@verizon.net

Special Committees

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 AOS Representative: Nancy Mountford nancymountford@orchidom.com

Huntington Award to A Team

In an NCOS first, the Huntington Award was



bestowed on two NCOS members, the husband and wife team of Mary and Jerry Rice (pictured above, center, with Gordon Slaymaker, left and Lynn Evans-Goldner, right). You may know them best as NCOS' newsletter co-editors, which they started in the beginning of 2008. They immediately improved newsletter quality vastly with updated content and layout; and helped the membership committee by ensuring that the active membership mailing list contained current email addresses to email the newsletters. Jerry has been an NCOS member for decades, including a period of several years when he moved overseas. Jerry has also been an active NCOS volunteer, helping to restore the away show lattice work, helping at the fall show and away shows (including one time as team leader in Richmond in which the exhibit won the AOS award trophy). In addition, Jerry has served on the NCOS board: in 2005 and 2006 he was VP and Fall Show Chair; in 2007 he was elected as President; and since 2009 to today he serves as the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Both Jerry and Mary have also been instrumental in the success of the NCOS picnic. They reactivated the annual family picnic program in 2004, and have served as its chair for 11 years. Jerry and Mary were co-partners in the picnic staging effort for the entire period, coordinating all logistical aspects for these events (most recently introducing NCOS to his church which provides superior accommodations) and made purchases of the supporting foodstuffs, paper goods and beverages. The auction that accompanies and supports the picnic has resulted in additional funds to support the society.

For their extraordinary service to the National Capital Orchid Society over a period of decades, the Merritt Huntington Memorial Award for 2014 is presented to Mary and Jerry Rice.

Show Table Awards

These awards are given to the members who accumulated the most points from September 2013 to June 2014 at the Show Table.

Category	Winner
Species	Barry Woolf
No Greenhouse	Marc Levenson
Small Greenhouse	Tie: Jeff Johnson, Sue Spicer
Large Greenhouse	Gene Schurg
First Bloom Seedling	Roddy Gabel
Novice	Betty Lou Lages
Oncidium	Barry Woolf
Cattleya	Gene Schurg
Phalaenopsis	Piret Lai-Neubacher
Paphiopedilum	Sue Spicer
Dendrobium	Barry Woolf
Miniature	Barry Woolf



The award for Distinguished Greenhouse Grower went to Barry Woolf (pictured far left). The award for Distinguished Home Grower went to Marc Levinson (middle). The awards were presented by Lynn Evans-Goldner, out-going President of the Society. *(Photos on this page supplied by Barry Woolf)*

NATIONAL CAPITAL ORCHID SOCIETY



2015 Membership Form

[Please print clearly]

Name: _____
First Name, Last Name

Name: _____
First Name, Last Name

Name: _____
First Name, Last Name

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ ext# _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail address*: _____

*Required: All NCOS communications are sent via email

January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 Membership Dues

Category (check one): **\$30 Single** **\$30 Joint** (2+ at the same address)

Type (check one): **Renewal** **New Membership**

Please make checks payable to **NCOS**.

Mail to:

Mary Rice

NCOS Communications Chair

3213 Coquelin Terrace

Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Show Table – December 8, 2014

(Photos by Barry Woolf. Species names are italicized)

SPECIES:

1. *Pleurothallis univaginata* (syn. *Stelis gelida*)

Barry Woolf

ABBOTT AWARD



2. *Comparettia ignea*
Gene Schurg Tie
2. *B. subulifolia* (syn. *cordata*)
Marc Levenson Tie
3. *Pleurothallis* species (*hemiroda?*)
Linda Browne

NO GREENHOUSE:

1. Rlc. (Mem. Boon Klong x Stephen Oliver Fouraker)
Peter Ma
2. C. Snowdrift 'Doris' AM/AOS
Marc Levenson
3. C. Bright Circle
Piret Lai-Neubacher

SMALL GREENHOUSE:

1. Miltoniopsis hybrid
Sue Spicer
2. Bc. Marg Putnam
Jeff Johnson
3. C. Berthra
Werner Linder

LARGE GREENHOUSE:

1. Catasetum 'Black Rock'
Barry Woolf
2. Cymbidium miniature hybrid
Chick Little Tie
2. Cynodes Jumbo Puff
Gene Schurg Tie

3. Rlc. Ronald's Canyon 'Koko Head' AM/AOS

Thomas Voytilla

FIRST BLOOM SEEDLING:

1. Paph. Harold Koopowitz
Gene Schurg



2. Paph. Kim Spring-De
Dan Gillespie

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE:

1. Burr. Stefan Isler 'Lava Flow'
Linda Browne
2. Onc. Tsiku Marguerite
Thomas Voytilla
3. Tol. Magic 'Hildos'
Gene Schurg

PHALAENOPSIS:

1. V. (Bangyeekhan Red x Princes Blue)
Thomas Voytilla
2. V. (syn. *Ascocentrum christensoniana*)
Marc Levenson



CATTLEYA ALLIANCE:

1. Rlc. (Prada Green Nation x Erin Kobayashi)
Barry Woolf
2. Rlc. Imperialis
Jerry Rice Tie
2. B. Little Stars
Gene Schurg Tie
3. C. Crystelle Smith 'Gold Throat'
Thomas Voytilla Tie
3. Rlc. Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/AOS
Jeff Johnson Tie

PAPHIOPEDILUM:

1. Paph. Memoria Darrell Runyan
Roddy Gabel
2. *Paph. spicerianum*
Sue Spicer
3. Paph. Frosted Velvet
David Meadows

DENDROBIUM:

1. *Den. spectabile* f. *flavum*
Gene Schurg
2. Den. Hilda Poxon
Barry Woolf

MINIATURE:

1. *Aerangis luteo-alba*
Gene Schurg
2. *Brasiliorchis schunkeana*
Barry Woolf Tie
2. Masd. (barleana x strobilii)
Martha Knight Tie
3. *C. cernua* 'Leesburg'
Jeff Johnson Tie
3. *Lepanthes calodictyon*
Piret Lai-Neubacher Tie

Our thanks to this month's judging team, Roger Cole and Ken Meier. There were 64 plants on the show table. Special thanks to everyone who brought in plants.

Societies and AOS

Pennsylvania - Southeastern
Pennsylvania Orchid Society
www.sepos.org

Pennsylvania - Susquehanna Orchid
Society
www.susquehanna-orchid.org

Baltimore - Maryland Orchid Society
www.marylandorchids.org

Frederick - Catoctin Orchid Society
www.catoctinorchidsociety.org

Montgomery County -
Rock Creek Orchid Club
Chrissy Mavrides (240-432-9248)
JoBeth Roberson (240-385-6608)

Alexandria - Hollin Hills Orchid Society
www.hollinhillsorchidsociety.com

Winchester - Lord Fairfax Orchid
Society – Zita Winzer
zitawinzer@me.com

Richmond - Virginia Orchid Society
www.vaorchidsociety.org

Richmond - Richmond Orchid Alliance
www.richmondorchidalliance.com

Delmarva - Orchid Hobbyists of
Delmarva: DE- Mary Sherwood (302-
628-3416); MD- Lois (410-228-3804);
VA- Bill (757-665-4108)
www.easternshoreorchidlovers.org

National - American Orchid Society
www.aos.org

NCOS Events 2015 (updated 1 January) (dates firm unless otherwise noted)

Future CY 2015 Member Meetings

Members' meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month (except for June, July, August, October and December) at USNA. Gate opens at 6:30.

- February 16: David Sorokowsky, Paph Paradise, California, will present "Albino Paphiopedilums". He will also speak at the Paph Forum
- March 16: (Tentative) Dennis Whigham, SERC, will speak about the Native American Orchid Program at SERC
- April 20: Barry Woolf, NCOS member, will speak about the culture of Asian/miniature Cymbidiums
- May 18: Ken Cameron will present "Vanilla"
- June 28: Picnic and monthly meeting (auction; no speaker)
- September 21: Guillermo Salizar will present "Epidendrum Species and Culture"
- October 10-12: NCOS Annual Show
- November 16: Jay Tullos, NCOS member, will speak on the 2015 Native Orchid Conference meeting and field trips held June 1-3, 2015 at Gorham, NH
- December 14: Holiday Party

CY 2015 Board Meetings

Board meetings will be held on January 5, March 2, May 4, September 14, and November 2 at USNA from 6:30 to 9:30.

CY 2015 NCOS Special Events

- February 8, **Sunday**: Annual Orchid Auction. Behnke's, Beltsville, MD.
Note change in day of week
- February 14, Saturday: Paph Forum. All day event at the USNA.
- February 20-22: VOS Show. Strange's, Richmond, VA.
- March 6-8: MOS Show. Timonium, MD.
- March 28-29: LFOS Show. Winchester, VA.
- April 10-12: CPOS Show. State College, PA.
- May TBD: Orchid Walk. Thompson Preserve, VA.
- June, Saturday: Behnke Garden Party.
- June 28, Sunday: Annual Picnic and Meeting. North Chevy Chase Christian Church, Chevy Chase, MD.
- October 10-12: Annual Fall Show, Columbus Day Weekend
- December 14: Holiday Party/Awards Ceremony/ Business Meeting.



BOOST YOUR ORCHID ENJOYMENT!

SUNDAY, February 8th--the National Capital Orchid Society holds our **37th Annual Orchid Auction (10 am to 3 pm)**. Plan to join us in the feeding frenzy! ~ ~ ~ Hundreds of rare and unusual blooming (or near-blooming-size orchids) from well-known growers coast to coast, and private collections. One of the largest Orchid Auctions in the country!

Schedule: 10 am to 11 am ~~~ Preview

Fast-paced Auction: 11 am to 3 pm with **Bump Stickers** ~~~ only \$2 each to have the plants you are interested in bumped up to the 'head of the line'-- direct to the auctioneer for action!

Where: *Behnke Nurseries Co.*
11300 Baltimore Ave.
Beltsville, MD 20705
301.937.1100

Free admission--food on-site!

Checks/VISA/MasterCard/Discover cards gladly accepted! www.NCOS.us

For further information, contact **Chairman Dan Gillespie** at danmgillespie@aol.com,
or to volunteer contact **Nancy Burns** at nburnsva@gmail.com

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