



**MEETING  
AGENDA**

- 2:30  
Orchids 101
- 3:00  
Meeting Begins
- 4:15  
Break
- 4:30  
Business Meeting
- 5:00  
Adjourn

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JUNE MEETING SPEAKER: THOMAS MIRENDA

**The Smithsonian Orchid Collection**



Our speaker for June will be Thomas Mirenda, and he will be talking about the Smithsonian Orchid Collection, a survey of the history of the Smithsonian orchid collection, who started it, how it flourished, its ups and downs, exhibitions plans and goals for the future.

An orchid grower since his childhood, Tom is a very enthusiastic orchid grower and promoter of the Orchid Lifestyle i.e. lots o'plants, old worn-out clothes and furniture and a diet with no protein. Even though he studied Marine Biology in college on the West Coast, (the world's most impractical major) he always returned to horticulture as a hobby and eventually a career. He has worked at some of the East Coast's most cherished botanic gardens and private estates.

Tom's interest in orchids has influenced him to travel extensively through Latin America and he is an expert on the orchids of Costa Rica and Panama.

Tom has worked for many years as the Museum Specialist for the Orchid Collection at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. The Smithsonian collection is an extremely diverse assemblage of species and hybrids from all over the world, collected for their educational, conservation and ornamental value. He is also responsible for supplying blooming plants year-round for the many horticultural displays of the Smithsonian, including its annual, five months in duration, Orchid Exhibition.

Tom is an accredited American Orchid Society judge and writes the "Orchid Checklist" column in *Orchids* magazine.

## ORCHIDS 101

HOW TO  
FERTILIZE YOUR  
ORCHIDS

Jerry Brandenburg will tell us how and when to fertilize our orchids. He is an accredited judge at the Dallas Judging Center and has been growing orchids for over 40 years. He has given this talk to us before and this is one you will not want to miss.

## NEWSLETTER

Members are encouraged to submit articles, information, or suggestions for publication in our newsletter. Send submissions to the editor via email at: david@gouldcreative.com



I want to thank all of you who contributed plants for our display at Oklahoma City. We had about 150 plants that Kevin, along with help mainly from Emily, Linda and Manny, cleverly arranged in a wonderful display with a Wagon Trail theme. He won a trophy for the exhibit, there were about 39 ribbons won by the plants and one trophy for the best vandaceous alliance flower. There were 10 plants pulled for AOS judging and Meir Moses had an HCC award to a lovely vinicolor

Paph. Petula's Magic. I know several of you came to the show and I hope you found it enjoyable. Some of us also over-enjoyed the vendors who were there!!!! Shreveport will be hosting the Trustee's meeting in the Spring of 2011, so start getting plants ready now for that and for our next GNTOS show which we are hoping to schedule for the spring of 2011 at the TAMU site. Negotiations for that are still in progress.



**Paph. Petula's Magic**  
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an HCC

Remember to make your plans for the trek to my house for the July 4 meeting WHICH WILL BE HELD SUNDAY JUNE 27 at my house and greenhouse. Please remind friends from the Fort Worth Society, as they are also invited. I am looking forward to having an opportunity for people from both societies to have a little time to socialize. I will provide a map for the next newsletter, although most of you have GPS of some sort. A word of warning... Texas has 2 Gunters – one toward Shreveport and one toward Sherman – and my GPS usually defaults to the wrong one!! For those who like to plan ahead, the street address is 411

Kerfoot Drive and the zip is 75058. We will have more time than we would have at North Haven, and will have a cook out before the auction. I will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, and the remainder will be pot luck in the way we normally do for the auction meetings. We can discuss it at the meeting, but I would suggest that we get together about 1 pm and people can visit, tour the green house, and eat, and we can plan the business meeting and auction for about 3 pm. We will NOT do show and tell. Please start looking for plants to donate – so you can make room for the new ones you will acquire at the auction ;0). Also, please plan on bringing folding chairs or blankets to sit on – I have a few, but not enough for everyone. I would greatly appreciate it if you could RSVP – preferably by e-mail - to: judymd@gojudy.net – (or by phone to 903-433-3104) – to let me know if you are coming and your name and the names of any guests. That way we can have name tags and be sure I have enough burgers on hand!! See you at the meeting.

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## PAST PRESIDENT

Jim Williams

Bobby Dillard, Society Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3 pm.

Visitors included Cathy Green, from the Greater Akron Orchid Society, and Walter Foss.

Lorna Kissling is now taking the photographs for the Plant Table Winners. Photos will now be posted monthly on the web page

Manny Aybar announced that the Society (or its members) won 31 ribbons at the Oklahoma AOS Show. Details should be available soon.

Manny also announced that if you have not be able to get into the member part of our GNTOS website, he will be fixing that in the next week. If you have troubles with the site, please contact Manny.

Tom Larkin from Whippoorwill Orchids provided a presentation on Designer Cattleyas. Several members purchased from his crosses. We should see them blooming in a couple of years.

Next month, our speaker is Tom Miranda who is the orchid collection specialist at the Smithsonian. Sounds like a fantastic job. I just received the latest issue of Orchids magazine from the AOS. I realized that he writes the Orchid of the Month column as well as Orchid Checklist column. Topic to be announced.

**Plant Judging Results** from Nancy Cropp

Judges: May Lorfing, David Hines

Bobby asked for all plants to be introduced.

**Cattleya Alliance (7 entries)**

Blue – Slc. Roblar ‘Orange Charm’  
HCC/AOS – Robert Marsh

Red – Sch. undulata ‘Lenette’  
x Lc. Rojo ‘Redhear’ - Dillards

White – Blc. Haw Yuan Beauty  
‘Rainbow’ x Pot. Haw Yaun  
Glory ‘Golden Angel’  
– Mike Beber

**Dendrobiums & Others (2 entries)**

Blue – Pleurothallis longissima  
– Amy Drumwright

Red – Dec. aggregatum  
– Barbara McNamee

**Oncidiums (5 entries)**

Blue – Onc. Space Race – Manny Aybar

Red – Rdc. unnamed (Rdc. Starlet  
x Tolu. Elfin Star ‘Kosaki’)  
– Robert Marsh

White – Rrmc Orchidom Toms Fantasy  
x Tolu Talisman ‘Arbe’  
– Manny Aybar

**Paphs & Phrags (1 entry)**

Blue – Paph. Black Velvet  
– Amy Drumwright

**Vandas & Phals (4 entries)**

Blue – Phal. Brother Sarah Gold  
– Dave Gould

Red – Phal. Salu Peoker x Tristar Peoker  
– Manny Aybar

White – Phal. unknown – Don Brigham

**Species of the Month**

Phal. stuartiana – Ruth Lazar  
Pleurothallis longissima

– Amy Drumwright

Den. aggregatum – Barbara McNamee

**Peoples’ Choice**

Slc. Roblar ‘Orange Charm’ HCC/AOS  
– Robert Marsh



Blood Red Sun



Epi Rioclarense (pink Lip)



Pacific Matriarch



Shin-y Diamond

**DALLAS JUDGING CENTER**

Nancy Cropp

Dallas Judging Center, May 8, 2010

Congratulations to Emily Quinn and Linda Horton on their elevations by AOS from Probationary to Accredited Judge status!

8 plants were entered for consideration, and no awards were given

The Semi-Annual Business Meeting will be June 12, and will include regular judging - bring plants!

(Photographs are of plants exhibited but not awarded)

**GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT**

Kathy Halverson

**Financial Report: February 2010**

Dated: 4-1-10 thru 4-30-10

	Income	Expenses
Beginning Balance:	\$ 8413.34	
Dues . . . . .	\$ 30.00	
Hospitality	-	
Raffle	\$ 88.00	
Rent . . . . .	\$ 150.00	
Snoopers . . . . .	\$ 154.00	..\$139.20
Speakers Fee	-	
Speaker's Meals	-	
Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$ 88.00	
Donations	-	
Special Sales	-	
SWROGA Dues	-	
Plant Table	-	
Library	-	
Website	-	
Subtotals: . . . . .	\$ 580.94	..\$816.46
Ending Balance: . . .	\$ 8177.82	

## ORCHIDS IN THE HOME

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### A Selection of Plants Suited for the Home

**Angraecums** Dwarf Madagascan species, fragrant at night; bright light.

**Cattleya Alliance Hybrids and Species** Choose miniature types less than 10 inches tall; bright light of southern exposure is best.

**Dendrobiums** Dwarf phalaenopsis types, or higher-altitude miniatures; bright light at south window required.

**Oncidiums** Many types available in flower, best if smaller growing; bright light.

**Paphiopedilums** Lady's-slipper orchids grow well under home conditions, giving long-lasting blooms; provide African-violet conditions.

**Phalaenopsis** Moth orchids are absolutely the number-one best orchid houseplant; provide Africanviolet conditions.

Anyone can grow orchids in the home without living in the tropics or having the luxury of a greenhouse. If you have ever successfully grown a houseplant, or enjoyed a flowering potted plant, you can grow orchids. The good news is there are plenty of options to give yourself a beautiful display of flowering orchids year round. Hint: Orchids grown in the home during the colder months will respond wonderfully well to being summered outdoors in a protected area. This will also extend the range of plant selections available to you. Be sure to read the AOS's companion sheet *Orchids in the Garden and on the Patio*.

**LIGHT** No flowering plant will do well without sufficient light. In the home, where most available light is incidental (that is, at an angle, and therefore less intense), plants will need to be fairly close to an east or west, or lightly shaded south, window. A north window will rarely provide adequate light. If light is too intense in a southern exposure, a sheer curtain could be hung to diffuse the light. Extra hours of light will not entirely compensate for poor light quality. Indeed, extending daylength artificially to more than 16 hours can be detrimental to the plants' health and often will prevent flowering.

**TEMPERATURE** The plants will be comfortable where you are comfortable. Typical home temperatures of 55° to 60° at night and 75° during the day are fine. Guard against excessively low or high temperatures immediately adjacent to glass windows. Some leeway for seasonal fluctuations is allowed.

**HUMIDITY** Rugs, drapes and some furniture act as giant wicks that absorb the home's humidity, as do heating and air-conditioning systems. Also, it is not advisable to have the home's interior be too wet to accommodate the plants. Solutions: Group plants to take advantage of their collective transpiration (exhaled moisture) or place them on gravel-filled humidity trays to raise the humidity to 50 percent.

**WATERING** Care must be taken to balance the rapid surface drying that can take place in the home with the plants' lower metabolic processes resulting from lower light. Each particular type of orchid will retain its basic water needs, whether for moisture or periodic dryness. The home grower also needs to give thought to the logistics of watering. You can carry plants to the sink or even outdoors (when weather allows), or water them in place and remove excessive water so the containers do not sit in water.

**FERTILIZER** Fertilize regularly at a low dosage of approximately one-quarter strength with a fertilizer appropriate to the potting mix in which your plants are grown. Fertilize less often during the winter.

