



GREATER NORTH TEXAS

ORCHID
SOCIETY

JUNE

Next Meeting:
June, 2nd

Orchid Auction

This month we will have our SemiAnnual Auction. Bring plants or divisions, as well as collectibles or any orchid related item. Then pick up a paddle and bid.

This is one of our two fund raising events for the society, so bring your bucks and get ready to buy!

Auction and Potluck.

Also, please remember to bring a dish to share with the group and lets have some fun.

PRESIDENT*Linda Horton***VICE PRESIDENT***Tim Carr***SECRETARY***Barbara McNamee***TREASURER***Kathy Halverson***SWROGA DIRECTORS***Barbara McNamee**Linda Horton***NEWSLETTER EDITOR***David Gould***GNTOS WEBMASTER***Manuel Aybar***PAST PRESIDENT***Judy Cook*

PLANT TABLE

Nancy Cropp

GNTOS May 5, 2019, Plant Table

Judges: Kathi McKenzie & newly elevated
AOS Associate Judge Jim Diffily**CATTLEYA ALLIANCE** (5 entries)

Blue – C. skinneri alba – Gerry Darver

Red – Elc. Carolina Orange D'Or
x Pot. Wm. Farrell – Gerry DarverWhite – Encyclia cordigera
– Sarah Hardesty**DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS**

(13 entries)

Blue – Masd. pinnocchio – Ashley Nguyen

Red – Zygostates alleniana
– Barbara McNamee

White – Den. Rambo – Jack Hickman

ONCIDIUMS (3 entries)Blue – Trichopilia hennisiana
– Linda Horton

Red – Onc. Mendenhall – Dan Lyons

White – Brassia Rex – Gerry Darver

PAPHS & PHRAGS (12 entries)Blue – Phrag. Memoria Jullus Dixier
– Ashley NguyenRed – Paph. Polani Quintal
– George BogardWhite – Phrag. Fritz Schombourg
– George Bogard**VANDAS & PHALS** (5 entries)Blue – Phal. Sosa Tuonchou
– Sarah HardestyRed – Phal. Dragon's Gold
– Sarah HardestyWhite – Phal. Pylo's Mosaic
– Sarah Hardesty**SPECIES OF THE MONTH**C. skinneri alba – Gerry Darver
Paph. haynaldianum – George Bogard
Phal. stuartiana var. nobilis
– Sarah Hardesty**PEOPLES CHOICE**

Phrag. Fritz Schombourg – George Bogard

38 total plants – great growing!

EVENTS

UPCOMING SWROGA SHOWS

05/31/2019 - 06/02/2019

New Orleans Orchid Society's Show and Sale

Lakeside Mall, Metairie LA

06/15/2019

Orchid Growing Seminar

Silkier botanical garden, Austin TX

07/12/2019 - 07/14/2019

Baton Rouge Orchid Society's Show and Sale

Burden Museum and Gardens, Baton Rouge LA

08/02/2019 - 08/03/2019

2019 Houston Orchid Society

40th Consecutive Workshop

First Christian Church, Houston TX

09/13/2019 - 09/15/2019

Galveston Bay Orchids Society SWROGA Show

Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake, Houston Texas

UPCOMING AOS WEBINARS

The Care and Feding of Stanhopea

Inge Poot

Wednesday, June 5th

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Members Only

Greenhouse Chat May 2019

Ron McHatton

Thursday, June 13th

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Orchid Q&A

DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

AOS Dallas Judging Center May 11, 2019

Twelve plants entered for consideration, one scored and not awarded, one award given:

Den. Hawaii Spectacular 'Buckboard'
(Big Alex x spectabile)
HCC 77 points
owner: Karl Varian, Plano



The Dallas Judging Center meets on the second Saturday of every month.

The next meeting is June, 8th at the Garland Senior Activity Center
600 West Avenue A, Garland, TX 75040.

ORCHID CONSERVATION

by Charles and Trudy Hess



Hexalectris spicata photo Alan Cressler



Hexalectris arizonica

JUNE MEANS ORCHIDS IN DALLAS!

As the annual Hexalectris survey at Cedar Ridge (Texas) is scheduled to start on Tuesday, Jun 4, we are once again reminded of the amazing biodiversity of Texas flora.

Stephanie Varnum of the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists will again lead the survey, and everyone interested in participating is welcome to join us. The surveys begin early, in order to take advantage of the coolest part of the day.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning June 4, and continuing for six weeks, we will meet at the park benches of the Cedar Ridge preserve for the 8am briefing. Occasionally the starting point will be at a different part of the park, so be sure to add your name to the email list to get updates. Let me know at the June Auction or email me at Charles_M_Hess@ymail.com.

How to prepare for one of

these outings? Dress in cool, light-colored clothes, bring water, wear sturdy shoes, and bring insect repellent. The walk along the survey trail takes 2-3 hours; you will be on your way home before noon.

On the way we can expect to see several species of Hexalectris, such as *nitida*, *warnockii*, and *spicata*. These small orchids remind us every year of the natural beauty to be found in Texas. It is always a very special treat to see them in their natural habitat only 30 miles from Dallas.

Happy orchid hunting for all this summer.



Hexalectris warnockii



Hexalectris nitida

VIRTUAL SHOW TABLE

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Phrag. Belle Courte
– George Bogard

George Bogard



Gerry Darver



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Bulb. Frostii – Dave Gould

Laelia purpurata v. *carnea* 'Homestead' – Dave Gould



Madeline Hernandez

Mike Beber



SOCIETY HISTORY

The history of the GNTOS goes way back. In the mid-40s there were only three orchid growers in town: Eli Sanger of Sanger Brothers, which was Dallas' biggest department store at that time; Roy Munger, known for Munger Place and Munger Street, and Percy Larkin.

Margie Corn, a garden columnist, was the source of any orchid information they could find and she gave their names to a woman running Hardy's Seed Company, Mrs. Moses. They gathered at her house one day in 1946 and it was Mr. & Mrs. Polhemus, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Carter, Homer Baldwin, Percy Larkin and a young man from Waxahachie named Costalanus. They decided they would apply for AOS membership and started receiving the Bulletin and meeting monthly. More and more people started to show up and they elected Percy Larkin, Jr. their first president in 1947. This was the North Texas Orchid Society.

They held their first show in 1950 at the Marsh Kaiser Fraiser automobile agency on Ross Avenue. Jack Morris was president of the society and Homer Baldwin sent out invitations to everyone who grew orchids in Dallas. Invitations also went to the big orchid firms who would send representatives from around the country to the show. They had everyone sign a book that came to that show.

There was an incident

that year that upset several members of the North Texas Orchid Society, so several members chose to leave and form another society calling themselves the Dallas Orchid Society. Percy Larkin was one of the members who left to form the Dallas Orchid Society. This society was never sanctioned by the AOS.

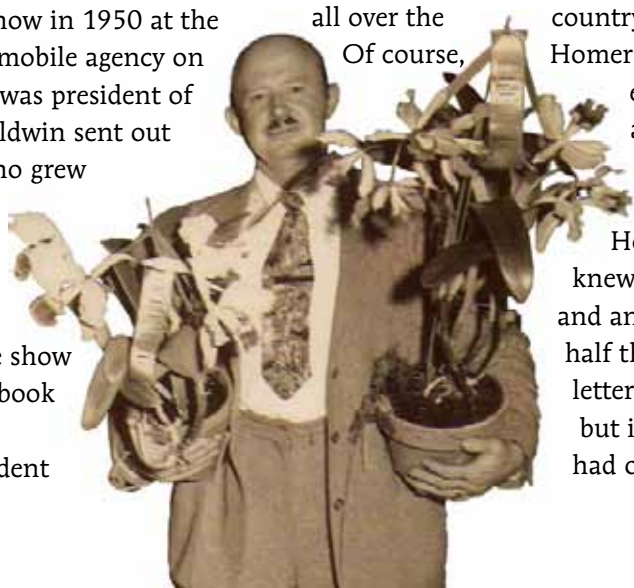
The following year with much encouragement from Homer Baldwin, most of the members from the Dallas Orchid Society came back to join the original society.

Later, they decided to become affiliated with the American Orchid Society so they wrote a Constitution and Bylaws for the society. On March 19, 1954, they were issued a charter by the AOS as the Greater North Texas Orchid Society.

They put on a show in the Dallas Garden Center but there weren't enough plants in the area so the bulk of the show was made up of boxes of blooms sent to them for free from commercial growers. They'd get five, six, or seven boxes of flowers from different growers from all over the country - even overseas.

Of course, Homer had mailed cards to everyone who had an ad in the Bulletin to achieve this.

Fortunately for Homer, Lena Baldwin knew how to type and she and another woman spent half the night writing letters on two typewriters but it worked and they had orchids for the show.



MEMBERSHIP DUES

GNTOS membership dues are paid yearly by January 31, in order for you to be listed in the published Yearbook.

- \$30.00 - New or Renewing Member (individual)
- \$15.00 - Additional Member (each additional person in same household)

Please mail completed form with payment to:

Kathy Halverson
1922 Baylor Drive
Richardson, TX 75081

Make check payable to GNTOS.

New Member Renewing Member

Name (#1): _____

Name (#2): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail (#1): _____

E-mail (#2): _____