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GREATER NORTH TEXAS
ORCHID
SOCIETY

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meeting place.
Harrington Library
1501 18th Street
Plano, TX 75074

Next Meeting: *January 5th*
Daniel Callahan is the speaker

Daniel Callahan, local Greater North Texas Orchid Society (GNTOS) member and an American Orchid Society (AOS) judge at the Dallas Judging Center, will be giving a talk on *Orchid Shopping 101* (i.e., confirmed quality orchid and orchid suppliers).

Daniel has about 15 years of orchid growing experience as a hobbyist, the last eight of which he considers the most successful. He attributes recent success directly to information obtained through the local GNTOS and AOS membership. He is also an avid researcher and orchid window shopper, both of which strongly contributed to him enlisting as a student at the judging center and to his overall understanding of regional growing differences. The talk will share many key lessons learned including common failures and successes in growing orchids.

In his professional work life, Daniel is a Quality Director at Texas Instruments with a PhD in Materials Science and Engineering from Cal. Berkeley. He currently manages TI's worldwide network of failure analysis and reliability testing laboratories.

ORCHID SHOPPING 101



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PREZ LETTER

Linda Horton

Hello everyone. I hope your Christmas season was wonderful one. I certainly enjoyed our December auction and the wine that went with it. Thanks to all who attended, bid, won or even lost the bid. Thanks also to those who brought plants for auction. We certainly have some excellent growers in our area.

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It is in the old part of Plano (East of 75). 18th street dead ends into the north-bound access road for Central Exp. If you are driving north on Central Exp take

15th St. exit and go thru the intersection. 18th St. will dead into access road several blocks north. If driving south, just do a U-turn under the expressway and head back north. We have it actually from 1:30 - 4:30 but we will keep meeting time at 2:30 for now. If you know anyone who does not have email please give them this new address. See you there. Linda

Minutes

Barbara McNamee, Secretary

About 30 people attended the December plant auction. Thanks to Tom for providing the room and to Charlie for being the auctioneer and Dave, his lovely helper! And to all who attended and bid and helped support our society.



The Greater North Texas
Orchid Society presents:

Orchid Majesty

Orchid Show and Sale
March 6th – 12 pm until 5pm
March 7th – 9 am until 5 pm
Richardson Civic Center
411 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX
Free Admission gntos.org

Plant Table

Nancy Cropp

GNTOS Plant Table Judging Year-end Results

As announced at the Dec.1 meeting,
26 members
brought 405 plants
to 10 meetings & 1 show
for 11 judges to judge
resulting in 560 total points.
The top 10 scoring people are:

- #10 Tom Reddick – 13 points
- #9 Charles Hess – 20 points
- #8 (tie) Vee Du & Barb McNamee – 23 points each
- #7 Mike Beber – 24 points
- #6 Linda Horton – 35 points
- #5 Sarah Hardesty – 41 points
- #4 Ashley Nguyen – 46 points
- #3 (tie) Gerry Darver & Karl Varian
– 53 points each – winning \$50 each
- #2 Judy Cook – 71 points – winning \$75
- #1 George Bogard – 72 points – winning \$100

Congratulations!! Remember you earn points by bringing plants (1 point per plant, to a max of two points per meeting) and points for getting ribbons. Looking forward to another great year in 2020!

Monthly Meeting Points

Rules for the Plant Table:

At each regular Society meeting, space shall be provided to display plants brought by members. There shall be three awards given at the end of the year for the most points scored by exhibiting on the plant table, together with points accrued at shows.

In addition to the above awards, members will be asked to vote for their favorite orchid on the table by entry number. The plant with the most votes will be awarded the Tricolor Ribbon worth one point (People's choice award). In case of a tie, up to two awards will be given.

A first, second and third place may be awarded in each of these categories:

- Cattleya Alliance
- Dendrobiums & Others
- Oncidiums
- Paphs & Phrags
- Vandas & Phals

Members bringing plants to display will be credited with one (1) point per plant, to a maximum of two (2) points per meeting.

- 1st place** 3 points
- 2nd place** 2 points
- 3rd place** 1 point
- Species of the Month** . . . 1 point
- (up to three)
- Peoples Choice Award** . . . 1 point



DUES DUE
Dues are due in January.



EVENTS

UPCOMING SWROGA SHOWS

03/06/2020 - 03/07/2020

GNTOS Orchid Show and Sale

Richardson Civic Center,
Richardson TX

03/13/2020 - 03/15/2020

Calcasieu Orchid Society Show & Sale

Historic City Hall, Lake Charles LA

03/27/2020 - 03/29/2020

Terrebonne Orchid Society Show & Sale

Southland Mall, Houma Louisiana

04/10/2020 - 04/11/2020

Fort Worth Orchid Society Show

hosting SWROGA, Spring 2020
Fort Worth Botanic Garden,
Fort Worth TX

Tulsa Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale

04/18/2020 - 04/19/2020

The Tulsa Garden Center, Tulsa OK

UPCOMING AOS WEBINARS

Orchid Travels in Peru

Ken Jacobsen

Thursday, January 9th, 2020

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST

Peru Orchids in situ

Greenhouse Chat January 16

Ron McHatton

Thursday, January 16th, 2020

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT

Orchid Q&A

Dallas Judging CENTER

Nancy Cropp

AOS Dallas Judging Center Dec. 14, 2019

Seven plants were entered for consideration, no awards were given.

Officers for 2020 were installed:

Chairperson - Judy Cook
Vice-Chair - Linda Horton
Treasurer - Tim Carr
Secretary - Nancy Cropp

Shown is plant that was previously presented for consideration.

The Dallas Judging Center meets on the second Saturday of every month
The next meeting is on January, 11th at the Garland Senior Activity Center
600 West Avenue A,
Garland, TX 75040.

Presentations start at 11 am.
Judging starts around 1 pm.

Visitors are always welcome!



Phal. Mituo Purple Dragon 'Pylo'

Paph. Callosum

ORCHID GROWING TIPS

ENJOYING YOUR ORCHIDS INDOORS

“Happy Winter Solstice”! That means the shortest day of the year has just passed and after that, lengthening days. Unfortunately, there remain many cold days and even colder nights requiring vigilance for those of us that grow tropical orchids.

This is also a time when having flowering orchids inside the house is really nice, not just for fragrance, but a reminder that good times will return and we can enjoy spring flowers and warmer days.

There are a few aspects to bringing orchids inside that require your attention. First remember that home heating takes moisture out of the air. The same thing that dries your skin in winter dries out your orchid flowers and the plant itself. If you can set the pot containing your orchid inside a larger clay pot that sits in shallow water you will help your orchid flowers to last longer. A porous clay pot will wick water up and around the orchid plant limiting water loss. The ideal is for the clay pot to be large enough that there is space between pots. Misting occasionally will also help, but be sure you are not using water that goes through a softener.

One last suggestion is that you sterilize any pot you are using to hold your blooming plant while inside.

More and more orchids sold in the pot plant market are reportedly virused. While these flowers may look fine, viruses may be transferred to the next orchid that occupies the pot and lead to deformed flowers and the ultimate death of the orchid. Most of us don't test our plants for viruses, so it is best to just sterilize pot surfaces with a 10% chlorox solution.

Cymbidium growers need to pay careful attention to outside temperatures now in case there is a hard freeze. The cold should have initiated



bloom spikes by now. If that has not happened yet you may need a few more weeks of cool nights. A light frost will not hurt the plant, but a solid freeze will likely damage your cymbidium. Once spikes begin to form, cymbidiums should be kept from temperatures lower than 45° F. In the South, they may be moved into a garage on very cold nights and in colder climates maintained in the cool part of the greenhouse until buds open.

There are many types of dendrobiums that also need a cool, dry period to initiate buds. Some of these maintain their leaves such as *Dendrobium aggregatum*, while others, such as the nobile-types, drop leaves in response to the cold dry period. If you purchased the plant in flower and it has never bloomed again it may need this type of treatment. Unfortunately, the *Dendrobium* family is so large and found over such a wide range of environments that no single recommendation can be made. If you check the parentage of your dendrobium you can figure out its required growing conditions.

The flowering process for phalaenopsis should also be well along by now, with spikes emerging and perhaps even buds developing on larger plants. Once buds form, it is necessary to maintain temperatures above 60° F to prevent bud drop and to limit various diseases that ruin flowers. You will also need to watch new leaves for rots that flourish in a closed growing space.

by
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A monthly growers
advice column by
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This column was
written in humid
coastal North Carolina
and Florida, and the
advice given should
be adjusted to our
climate.

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.

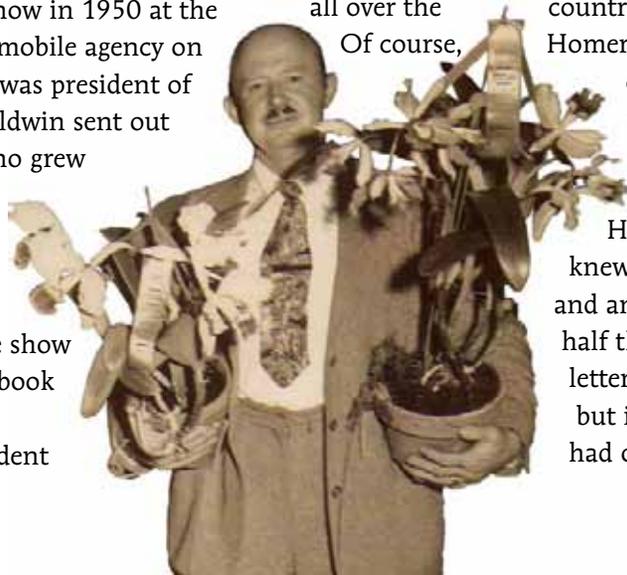
The following year with much encouragement from Homer Baldwin, most of the members from the Dallas Orchid Society came back to join the original society.

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): _____