



ORCHIDIST

GREATER NORTH TEXAS
ORCHID
SOCIETY

FEB

We have a new meeting place.
Harrington Library
1501 18th Street
Plano, TX 75074

New Meeting Time:
Meetings start at 2:00
Orchids 101 at 1:30

Next Meeting: *February 1th*
Karl Varian is the speaker

This talk will review the recent changes in the SWROGA show schedule in regards to the Cypripedium Alliance. The major changes are dealing with Paphiopediums and aligning the SWROGA classess around the presently recognized Paphiopedilum subgenera instead of color. The talk will review these changes with examples followed by an example/discussion period.

Karl Varian is an Associate Judge at the Dallas Judging Center living in Plano, Texas. He has been growing orchids since -1960 and his collection is a collage of warm and intermediate growing plants with a mild focus on Cattleya alliance, Dendrobiums, Phalaenopsis, Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums, and Vandas.



CYPRIPEDIUM ALLIANCE

2020 SWROGA
Show Schedule

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PREZ LETTER

Linda Horton

We had a very good turn-out at our first meeting at the Harrington library in Plano. New members and visitors. Yea! Discovered we do need stack and replace chairs as they were found. I misunderstood initial instructions. We also need to sweep up anything dropped on the floor. I will bring broom and dust pan. Thus far I have received much positive feedback for our current location. I would like to meet with show

committee (and anyone who wishes to have a role in the show) after our meeting Feb 2nd. Its hard to believe our show is only a little over 2 months away. I will be passing our volunteer sign up sheets at our next meeting also,; so get your volunteer pants on and sign up. We need you!

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I would like to thank Tim and Kathy Halverson for their considerable efforts in arranging an paying for our meeting room. It turned out to be a very difficult and frustrating experience. I can only hope it gets easier as time goes by. Hope to see everyone at the meeting and we have to find more chairs.

Minutes

Barbara McNamee, Secretary

Linda Horton began the meeting at 2:30 pm, 38 people in attendance, several were guests and 2 joined!

It was decided to move the meeting going forward to 2:00 pm and have Orchids 101 at 1:30 pm, at the same Harrington Library in Plano, on 18th just east of 75.

Linda introduced our speaker Dan Callahan, his topic - "Shopping, 101". Thank you Dan for all the valuable information provided.

Show information, volunteers, donations, etc., to be discussed at February meeting.

Nancy announced the plant table winners, judges were Tim Carr and Barbara McNamee.

Linda conducted the plant raffle.

Linda also supplied the refreshments today – thank you, Linda. There is a sign-up sheet to bring snack items, if you like to enjoy, do your part and supply.

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm.



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 Jan. 5, 2020,
Plant Table Judging Results

Judges: Tim Carr & Barb McNamee

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE (13 entries)

Blue – Lc. Troy Aikman – Mike Beber

Red – C. bowringiana – Judy Cook

White – Bc. Maikai 'Louise'
– Laurie White

DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS (3 entries)

Blue – Den. (unknown) – Sarah Hardesty

Red – (Phalocalanthe Kryptonite
x Calanthe Grouville) – Karl Varian

White – Bulbo ciliatum – Jim Williams

ONCIDIUMS (1 entry)

Blue – Bllra. Tropic Lily – Judy Cook

PAPHS & PHRAGS (8 entries)

Blue – Paph. Hengduan

Chocolate Freckles – George Bogard

Red – Phrag. Sedeni – George Bogard

White – Paph. Hawaiian Jewel
– David Gould

VANDAS & PHALS (8 entries)

Blue – Angr. eburneum – Manny Aybar

Red – Phal. Formosa Cranberry
– George Bogard

White – (V. Joanne Jones
x V. Copper Pure) – Karl Varian

SPECIES OF THE MONTH

C. bowringiana – Judy Cook

Paph. insigne – George Bogard

Angr. eburneum – Manny Aybar

PEOPLES CHOICE

Lc. Troy Aikman – Mike Beber

ORCHIDS 101

Kathi McKenzie
& Lorna Kissling



Orchids 101 classes are tailored to the beginning orchid grower. Our topic this time:

“Growing Orchids in your House in Winter”

We will meet at 1:30 for 30 minutes so we can discuss that and also get all questions answered in time for the meeting at 2:00.

Dues Due

Dues are due now.





EVENTS

UPCOMING SWROGA SHOWS

GNTOS Orchid Show and Sale

03/06/2020 - 03/07/2020
Richardson Civic Center,
Richardson TX

Calcasieu Orchid Society Show & Sale

03/13/2020 - 03/15/2020
Historic City Hall, Lake Charles LA

Terrebonne Orchid Society Show & Sale

03/27/2020 - 03/29/2020
Southland Mall, Houma Louisiana

Fort Worth Orchid Society Show

04/10/2020 - 04/11/2020
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

Large-flowered Cattleya Species

Art Chadwick

Tuesday, February 11th, 2020
8:30pm EST

Learn about the labiate cattleyas
and how to grow them.

Greenhouse Chat January 16

Ron McHatton

Tuesday, February 18th, 2020
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT
Orchid Q&A

Greenhouse Chat January 16

Ron McHatton

Tuesday, March 19th, 2020
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT
Orchid Q&A

Dallas Judging Center

Nancy Cropp

AOS Dallas Judging Center Jan. 11, 2020

Two judging teams considered 10 plant entries, and three awards were given:

Phragmipedium America 'George's Delight'

(Les Dirouilles x kovcchii)

AM 83 points

exhibitor: George Bogard, Rockwall

Phal. Pylo's Novelty 'Orchid Konnection Red'

(phal. Mituo King Bellina x Phal. Brother Ambo Passion) HCC 76 points

exhibitor: Meir Moses

Dendrobium nemorale 'Buckboard'

HCC 78 points

exhibitor: Karl Varian, Plano

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!



Dendrobium
Nemorale 'Buckboard'



Phal. Pylo's Novelty



Phrag.
America

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Laurie White



Charles Hess



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California Girl – Mike Beber and Rhonda Whitson

Gerry Darver



Sherry Baby – Sudha Ramakrishna

Bl. Morning Glory 'Remar' – George Bogard



FROSTBITE AND SUNBURN

This has been a year of extremes; hot and cold. Questions addressed to me these past months reflect that fact. Most questions this month related to cold. Even hobbyists who thought that they were ready for winter were caught off guard. My greenhouse heating system is based on the historic coldest night. I also build in redundancy. If one system fails all will not be lost. This past month, the value of that planning has paid off, but that does not mean that there was no damage. Record low temperature coincided with a failure in the automatic vent that allows fresh air in when ventilation fans turn on. The vent was open all night when I was away and temperatures fell below freezing.

No plants were lost as a result because a backup heater kept the greenhouse warm enough to avoid catastrophe. However, my orchids were below the minimum lowest temperature orchids should experience and were damaged by the cold.

The most likely result from excessive cold (above freezing) is future bacterial rots. If this happens to all of your orchids it is a good idea to be pro-active and treat all of your orchids and growing area. I sprayed everything

with Kocide at half strength as a preventative. There are other copper based sprays that are equally effective. When using copper sprays make sure that the water you use is above pH 7 to prevent copper toxicity to your orchids. This treatment usually limits damage to only the newest growth or to tender orchids. If there are a few plants that show damage after the preventative treatment, remove the damaged tissue and treat the wound with hydrogen peroxide. Be sure to let any damaged plants dry more than usual before watering.

Unfortunately, not every grower will be aware that their orchids were damaged. This seems to happen more to windowsill growers who do not realize that their orchids adjacent to the window had leaves touching the glass and became so cold the plant was damaged. If rot develops on leaves it can spread to the entire plant. Phalaenopsis are especially vulnerable.

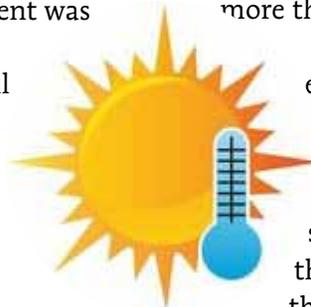
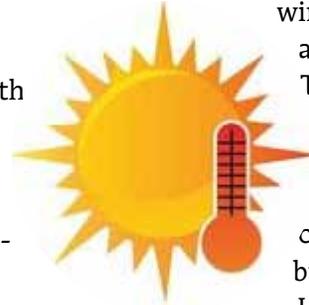
Some of the questions that came last month initially sounded like cold damage. However, the damage to leaves was brown and hard, not black and soft. Brown and hard indicates sunburn. Despite cold weather and

dim light levels, the sun is at its lowest level of the year and reaching into windows with more intensity and longer than in summer. Typically, cold weather also brings with it extremely clear skies and low humidity and this combination can increase light intensity and burn tender leaves.

Usually, an orchid on a windowsill will not experience this type burn damage because they slowly adapt to a change in light intensity if they have not been moved. Just about every time an email arrives with the above damage description, the orchid was recently moved, even if it was just an inch or two. In one case, a cattleya was put back in the exact spot where it had grown for a year. While in flower, it was moved into the kitchen. After flowering it was placed in the exact position, where leaves burned within a few days.

Orchids produce pigment in leaves to prevent sunburn, just as people do. Orchids can also locate chloroplasts closer to the leaf surface when light levels are low.

Placing an orchid under low (or no) natural light for a couple of weeks is enough time for an orchid to adapt and be unprepared for its previous light level.



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.

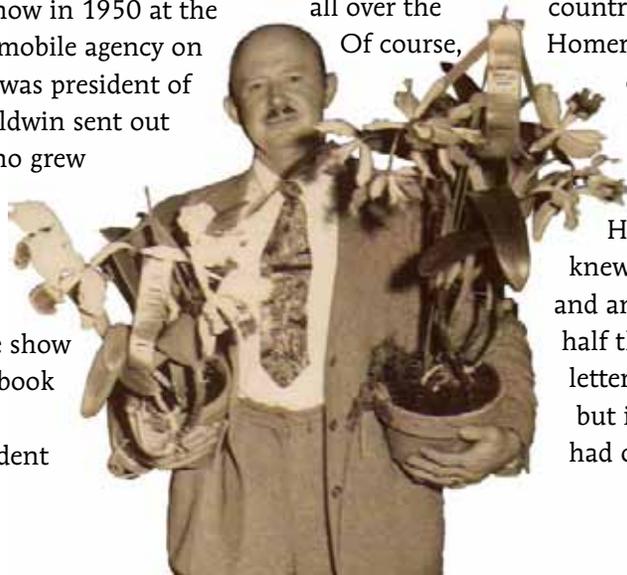
The following year with much encouragement from Homer Baldwin, most of the members from the Dallas Orchid Society came back to join the original society.

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): _____