



ORCHIDIST

GREATER NORTH TEXAS
ORCHID
SOCIETY

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Next Meeting: *March 1th*
Stephanie Varnum is our speaker

Native Texas ORCHIDS

Stephanie Varnum has been a Texas Master Naturalist since 2002 and has volunteered as part of a Citizens Science Project for 16 years doing an annual botanical survey of native non-photosynthetic orchids in Texas. She will be giving an overview of the 54 species of wild orchids that grow in Texas. They range from moderately common to extremely rare and critically endangered.

Each summer, North Texas Orchid Lovers venture into the woods in search of the rare *Hexalectris* orchids, leafless orchids that depend on fungi to survive. Led by Stephanie Varnum, this annual survey of these orchids is a great hands-on experience - being nose to nose with gorgeous flowers, including the Texas Purple Spike (*Hexalectris warnockii*).

Starting this year, this survey has been adopted as GNTOS's volunteer education opportunity in support of SWROGA's Conservation Committee strategy.

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at the Garland Senior
Activity Center
600 West Avenue A,
Garland, TX 75040.

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



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PREZ LETTER

Linda Horton

Hello to all - Well its happened again. We are unable to use Harrington Library due to early voting. I have arranged for us to meet at the Garland Senior Center for the March 1 meeting. It will be in the same room where the judging center meets. Its much smaller and not as nice but at lease we have it. We will discuss at the meeting whether to keep our meeting place

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there (cheaper than the library) or go back to the library. Since we will be limited in space I request you bring no more than 3 plants for the show and tell table. Yes, we will still have the snoopers table

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as well as refreshments table.

As far as prep for the show, I have all the trophies prepared. I will bring the signup sheets at the meeting. This will be our last meeting before the show so be prepared to volunteer. Hope to see everyone at the meeting, it will be cozy!!

Linda



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

Minutes

Barbara McNamee, Secretary

Meeting started at our NEW START TIME – 2:00 pm with about 31 people in attendance, a few were visitors and we gained 2 new members.

Linda sent around a snack sign-up sheet for our meetings, please do your part and sign-up.

She also sent a volunteer sign-up sheet for helping at our show, Friday March 6, 8am-noon is set up, registration until 4, open to the public from noon to 5. Saturday 9-5. Judges dinner is Friday at 5:30, judging at 7. Mike is in charge of the clerks and briefly explained their duties. Judy is in charge of the judges. The show schedule will be a full page printout rather than booklet style to save expense. Show posters and post cards were available to distribute as show advertising.

Linda introduced our speaker Karl Varian, his topic was The Cyripedium Alliance, he covered show schedule changes, how to register plants, etc., thank you Karl for an enjoyable and informative presentation.

Following the break, a brief talk about show vendors and as Greater North Texas Society (GNTOS) members, we are also members of Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association (SWROGA). Charles mentioned donations for Conservation.

Nancy announced the Plant Table winners, judges were Barbara and Lorna.

Linda conducted the raffle. Meeting adjourned at 3:50

Plant Table

Nancy Cropp

GNTOS Feb. 2, 2020
Plant Table Judging Results

Judges: Lorna Kissling & Barb McNamee

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE (11 entries)

Blue – Blc. Ports of Paradise
'Gleneyorie Green Giant'
– Karl Varian
Red – Bc. Pastoral 'Innocence' FCC/AOS
– Sarah Hardesty
White – Bc. Maikai 'Lea' – Charles Hess

DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS

(11 entries)
Blue – Clo. Pierre Couret
– Kathi McKenzie
Red – Bulb. baucoense – Judy Cook
White – Den. no ID – Ashley Nguyen

ONCIDIUMS (2 entries)

Blue – Onc. ampliatus – Judy Cook
Red – Onc. Sharry Baby – Judy Cook

PAPHS & PHRAGS (5 entries)

Blue – Paph. unknown – Wendy Wang
Red – Phrag. America – George Bogard
White – Paph. Freckles – Judy Cook

VANDAS & PHALS (8 entries)

Blue – V. Motes Adorbs – Shane Stewart
Red – Vf. Pat Arcari 'Judy's Joy'
– Judy Cook
White – V. pomimal x Asc. aloifolium
– Mike Beber

SPECIES OF THE MONTH

Den. speciosum v. pendunculatum
– Linda Horton
Max. vareabilis – Judy Cook
Paph. insigne – Judy Cook

PEOPLES CHOICE

Bc. Maikai 'Lea' – Charles Hess

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.



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

Greenhouse Chat March 19

Ron McHatton

Thursday, March 19th, 2020

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT

Orchid Q&A

A Junior Orchid Show

Barbara Schmidt

Tuesday, March 131th, 2020

8:30pm EST

How to involve kids in orchids.

Dallas Judging Center

Nancy Cropp

AOS Dallas Judging Center Feb. 8, 2020

Eighteen plants entered for consideration,
five awards given:

1

Phal. Yaphon Gelacea 'Peter #3'
(Yungho Gelblitz x Chang Maw Jade)
AM 82 points,
exhibitor: Big Leaf Orchids, Southlake

2

Phal. Yaphon Gelacea 'Green'
(Yungho Gelblitz x Chang Maw Jade)
AM 81 points
exhibitor: Big Leaf Orchids, Southlake

3

Phal. Yaphon Gelacea 'Emerald'
(Yaphon Gelacea x Chang Maw Jade)
HCC 78 points
exhibitor: Big Leaf Orchids, Southlake

5



Dallas Judging Center

Nancy Cropp

4

Paph. Hsinying Majakun 'Hayden's Dream'

(Janet Kunkle x Maudiae 'Napa Valley')
HCC 77 points
exhibitor: George Bogard, Rockwall



5

Phal. LD Giga King 'Mituo #1'

(gigantea x LD's Bear King)
HCC 76 points,
exhibitor: Big Leaf Orchids, Southlake



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!

VIRTUAL SHOWTABLE

Show us what you grew.
Submit your orchid photos to:
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and subject "Orchid Photo"
for the newsletter.
Deadline is the 15th of the
month



Laurie White



Charles Hess



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Gerry Darver



George Bogard



ADVICE AND EXPERIENCE

There are many keys to becoming a great orchid grower but the most important is learning from your mistakes. That does not mean that reading “How To” books is not useful. In fact, they provide a wealth of information easy for a novice to understand, whereas long-time growers tend to go into too much detail for beginners. The problem is that books for the beginner provide a generic approach that experienced growers have then modified as they learned from their mistakes.

The best place to learn from more experienced growers is at your local orchid society. There you will see orchids brought in by different levels of grower who grow under an array of different conditions. Rarely will you find a hobbyist unwilling to share their experience and techniques. The problem is that there are many different ways to grow orchids to perfection and it can be difficult to determine whose advice to follow. But, hobbyists at your local orchid society can provide you with a place to start.

Most of us continue to learn about the orchids we grow and sometimes in ways that we wish would not have oc-



curred. This winter, I arrived home after several days away to find an exhaust vent locked open. The max-min thermometer told me that those cold nights reached into the greenhouse wasting lots of propane and creating temperatures below a healthy minimum for most of the orchids I grow. The cold winter had already produced night temperatures lower than what I try to maintain.

Nothing in the greenhouse froze, but the typical problems of increased bacterial infections and loss of buds occurred within the next week or so. One particularly cold spot in the greenhouse was treated with a weak solution of copper

sulfate and individual orchids sprayed with hydrogen peroxide as small spots appeared. At this time it does not look like any orchids, even seedlings, will be lost.

It is hard to avoid frustration when an event such as this occurs. Close examination of my orchids in the following weeks noted a few that looked better than they ever have before. Several phals with origins in the Himalayas have exploded with branched spikes and buds. Usually, they only produce a few buds each year and typically suffer badly during summer. While I have figured out how to nurse them through our hot summers, they have never bloomed this well. Most surprising were other orchids that I did not associate with cooler climates. They also responded similarly and I am hoping to see more blooms from them this spring. Next year, I will treat these orchids as I do the ones that I know come from colder climates. These are placed outside or in the coldest corners of the greenhouse and monitored with a max-min thermometer.

Cymbidiums are already treated differently from my other orchids, i.e. lots of light and cold in winter and heavy shading in summer. Windowsill growers may not appreciate how much colder some windows are than others and can use this to their advantage if they just attach some thermometers to their windows and note the early a.m. temperatures.

by
Courtney Hackney

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.

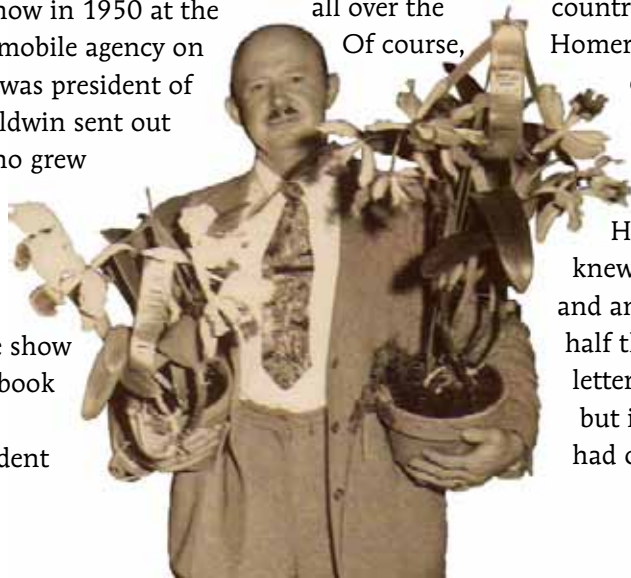
The following year with much encouragement from Homer Baldwin, most of the members from the Dallas Orchid Society came back to join the original society.

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): _____