

May Orchidist



A NEWSLETTER OF
THE GREATER NORTH
TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

MEETING AT:
NORTH HAVEN GARDENS
7700 NORTHAVEN RD,
DALLAS, TX 75230,
MAY 1ST, 2:30

Mini Catts: Delightful Cattleyas in Minature

Peter T. Lin will be presenting a talk on one of his favorite topics: Mini-Catts, also known as miniature Cattleyas. Peter will be sharing a fast-paced Powerpoint presentation on these charming orchids. The journey will begin with a review of the miniature species, early hybrids, and then to some of the relevant hybrids of today. He will also review how to grow these wonderful plants.

Peter started growing orchids over 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 15 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with



other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has thousands of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can

view them by typing this address into the internet: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/> His website: www.diamondorchids.com

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, in the house under LED lights, as well as offsite greenhouses.

Peter will be taking pre-orders for plants that he will ship to members. There will be a 10% discount for pre-orders. Members can view his catalog on his website: www.diamondorchids.com and can order by phone: 909-573-6751 or email: lin.peterT@yahoo.com

PRESIDENTS LETTER

Karl Varian



I am seeing signs of spring; my *Bletilla striata* (Hardy Chinese Ground Orchid) is blooming in the yard and on a recent walk saw a pair of Scissor-tailed Flycatchers.

Since spring is here, it is time to continue preparing for our Spring Show and Sale, show dates May 28-29. The

more volunteers we have, the less anyone has to do.

- Mike Beber is looking for clerks for Friday night.
- Judy Cook is looking for volunteers for membership/door monitoring.
- Kathy Halverson is looking for refreshment contributions during the show (see earlier email from David Gould).
- Additional volunteer task details are available from the above leads. If you don't have their contact info, they (or a sign-up list) will be at our next meeting. We are waiting to hear from you.

A GNTOS membership item, I would like to remind everyone to check and make sure that you have renewed your GNTOS membership. If not contact Barbara McNamee.

And the final item, unlike prior years, our present show location permits additional individual member exhibits. If you are interested in having a table at the show contact David Gould.

Looking forward to seeing you in May and for those individuals that are interested don't forget about Orchids 101 starting at 2:00 pm, before our meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Carol Varian

- Karl called the meeting to order and requested that everyone make certain that David Gould had up to date email addresses on them.
- A SWROGA Directors meeting will be held in Wichita, KS on April 29.
- Cesar Uchima presented a lovely program entitled "The 2020 Japan Grand Prix International Orchid and Flower Show."
- Show information firmed up. Texas A&M AgriLife: Water & Land Resources Building contract signed for the Show Titled "Orchids to Go" is moving along for May 27th – 29th.
- Information will be placed on the GNTOS and AOS and SWROGA websites.
- Karl presented a slide show about the facility.
- Only four exhibits are presently registered. Those who have registered are:
 - Karl Varian: 2 Exhibits – One regular, one Education/Membership
 - Linda Horton: Orchid Collectibles
 - Society Exhibit – contact Emily Quinn with contributions
 - The Fort Worth Orchid Society (still in the planning stage, need to confirm).
- Volunteers are needed for refreshment needs, front door monitors, clerks for judging, help with set up and tear down. A sheet will be passed around for folks to sign up. Please be generous with your time and help.

Show Schedule

Friday May 27

- 6:30-8:00am – Room set up
- 8am – 5 Plant Registration, Judging sheets – placement and Awards prep.
- Exhibits Setup
- Vender Setup
- 5pm – 6:30 Judges Dinner
- 6:30pm – 9 Judging, placing awards and pictures.

Saturday May 28th

- 8am – Opens to staff and members
- 9 – 5 Open to General public

Sunday May 29

- 8am – Opens to staff and members
- 9 – 3 Open to General public
- 3pm – 5 Tear Down and reset room to initial configuration.

- Next meeting set for May 1 at North Haven Gardens.

PLANT TABLE JUDGING RESULTS

Nancy Cropp

Plant Table Judging Results April 3, 2022

Judges: Barbara McNamee & Cesar Uchima

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE (10 entries)

Blue - Epi. ciliari - Kathy Halverson

Red - Rhyncattleanthe - Kathy Halverson

White - Lc. Trick or Treat x C. lawrenciane - Judy Cook

DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS (13 entries)

Blue - Angcst. (Lyc. Rowland x Ang. clowesii) - George Bogard

Red - (Den. Blue Twinkle x Aliannie) - Gerry Darver

White - Charmangis hariattiane - Kathy Halverson

ONCIDIUMS (1 entry)

Blue - Brassia Rex 'Sakata' - Gerry Darver

PAPHS & PHRAGS (8 entries)

Blue - Paph. Meda Ballard - Karl Varian

Red - Paph. Oberhausen's Diament - George Bogard

White - Paph. Toni Semple - George Bogard

VANDAS & PHALS (8 entries)

Blue - (Phal. Jia Ching Lover x Little Gem Stripes - Judy Cook

Red - V. Pachara Delight - Kathy Halverson

White - Phal. unknown - Karl Varian

SPECIES OF THE MONTH (11 entries)

C. loddegessii - Judy Cook

Epi. ciliari - Kathy Halverson

Angraecum leonis - Dan Lyons

PEOPLES CHOICE

Only 6 votes for 6 different plants – no winner/VOTE next time!

Please excuse any of my misspellings - can't always read your writing - sorry.



The Greater North Texas
Orchid Society
presents "Orchids to Go" an

Orchid Show and Sale

Vendor Setup

Friday, May 27th, 8 to 5

Open to Public:

Saturday, May 28th, 9 to 5

Sunday, May 29th, 9 to 3

at the

Texas A&M AgriLife Water
& Land Resources Building,
17360 Coit Road
Dallas, Texas 75252

Between Campbell Rd. and
President George Bush Tpke

We expect lots of good
traffic from the busy
surrounding streets.

for more information
gntos.org

AOS DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

AOS Dallas Judging Center
April 9, 2022

No plants entered for consideration
and no awards given.

NEW LOCATION

Bring your plants for judging, come for the training session at 11 am, judging at 1 pm. Learn about being in the AOS judging program. The Dallas Judging Center meets on the second Saturday of every month.

The next meeting is on May, 14th at the Carver Center located at 222 Carver St., Garland, TX 75040.

Visitors are always welcome.

SHOW HOSPITALITY

Kathy Halverson, Barb McNamee, Linda Horton

As you know GNTOS is hosting our Orchid Show May 27, 28, and 29. The following is a list of suggested food items hospitality will need. Please look over this list and think of the food items you can bring. We will need these types of food items for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. For sandwiches or anything requiring refrigeration, please bring them close to serving time. We do not have a refrigerator in which to store perishable items.

At our meeting in May, I will pass around signup sheets for each day. Please do participate and if you have some other dish, that is fine. This is our society.

Thank you,
Kathy, Barb, and Linda

Suggested food items:

Morning:

Bagels
Muffins
Donuts
Breakfast burritos
Juice

Lunch:

Chili
Sandwiches
Soups
Hot dogs, relish
Hamburgers
Casseroles
(and with some of these: potato salad, coleslaw, etc.)

Snacks:

Cookies
Chips
Cheese sticks
Bananas
Apples
Nuts
Cupcakes

Drinks:

Canned soft drinks—
your choice
Fruit juices