

July Orchidist



A NEWSLETTER OF
THE GREATER NORTH
TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

MEETING AT:
NORTH HAVEN GARDENS
7700 NORTHAVEN RD,
DALLAS, TX 75230,
JULY 3RD, 2:30

The Dendrobium Family

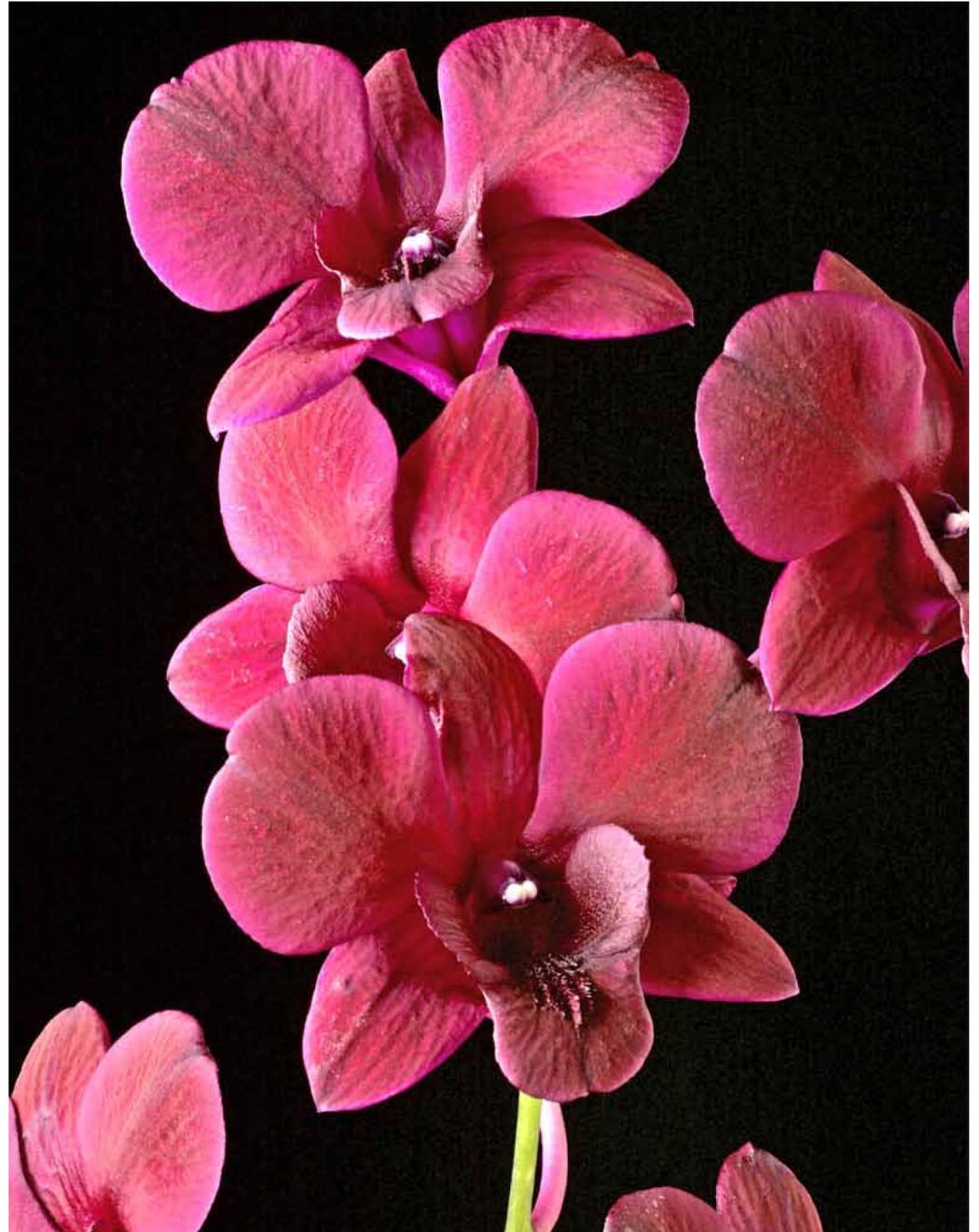
AND 'WHAT HAS BEEN AWARDED IN THE SOUTHWEST REGION'

BY KARL VARIAN

The talk will begin with where are dendrobiums native, briefly cover what are dendrobiums and the various sections, then focus on the sections most common in the United States with an emphasis on plants awarded in the Southwest region of the United States.

Karl started growing orchids over 60 years ago, resulting in building six greenhouses in five locations. He was less active with orchids during most of this time due to other commitments; school, family, and career. Upon retiring, he has been able to refocus his time to increasing his orchid knowledge.

In his present greenhouse, roughly 14' x 14', Karl has an eclectic collection of intermediate orchids, Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, Phalaenopsis, Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums, Encyclias, Vandas, Epidendrums, and other intermediate to warm growing orchids.



PRESIDENTS LETTER

Karl Varian



Just got back from a weeks stay at 8400 feet in Carol's 'COOL' Colorado.

We had a VERY successful auction last month and I would like to thank all that participated.

While I was in Colorado I received a phone call from Manny Aybar

informing me of the sad news that Meir Moses had passed away. Meir has been a continuous GNTOS member since 2009, a behind the scenes supporter, personal mentor of mine, and someone that all could count on supporting the Greater North Texas Orchid Community. His mentorship will be missed.

We are in the process of dispersing his collection. A possible solution will be a 'mini' auction at future GNTOS meetings. We will start with around 20 plants in our July meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you in July meeting 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 welcomed 3 new members and a guest to the society and auction.

He spoke about the surveys passed out to vendors and volunteers.

- Vendors loved the harp music, crowd, advertising, signage, location, and are looking forward to our next show and sale.
- Suggested a raffle of a very nice plant, tablecloths, and vendors along the perimeter of the room with displays in the center.
- All and all vendors were very pleased with the business.
- The volunteers thought the advertising was great, wanted to include 'select' non-orchid vendors to bring in a more diverse crowd, thanks to all the volunteers who provided food and to Kathy Halverson for maintaining the kitchen.
- Need to request the table plugs be repaired and in working order for the next sho.
- Table pricing should be in increments of two since the tables are smaller.
- Need to advertise that admission is free, and place both couches inside the curtain.
- Need a better method of verifying plants were sold.

- Limit the number of plants a society member can sell on the society table.
- Better layout instructions for resetting the room.
- Encourage more members to assist with the set up and tear down of the show.
- Name tags for helpers so guests can identify helpers.
- Figure out a way to manage folks who come early. Vendors who were there wanted them in.
- Left over items were claimed and preliminary financials were gone over.

Karl will be presenting a program on July 3rd about dendrobiums.

The plant auction was VERY successful. Thanks to all who donated plants.

PLANT TABLE JUDGING RESULTS

Nancy Cropp

Plant Table Judging points gained from GNTOS Show

Members gain points from show participation as well as from the regular monthly plant table judging. Nine members contributed plants to the Society Show exhibit and earned points: Jim Williams, Mike Beber, Linda Horton, Charles Hess, George Bogard, Sarah Hardesty, Tim Brown, Meir Moses, and Judy Cook. Also earning points at the show were those six members who put in exhibits: Karl Varian, David Gould, George Bogard, Linda Horton, Tim Brown, and Charles Hess. As GNTOS exhibit coordinator, Emily Quinn also earned points. Great show all!

Top points earners so far this year, in alphabetical order, are: Mike Beber, George Bogard, Judy Cook, Gerry Darver, Kathy Halverson, and Karl Varian. Stay tuned for future reports.

Due to the Orchid Auction last month there was no plant judging and no points awarded.

Our long standing member and orchid expert Meir Moses has passed away very suddenly. He will be greatly missed both for his knowledge and his friendship.

His plants have been rescued and a number of them will be auctioned off at the end of our next several monthly meetings instead of a raffle.

Purchasing one of his plants is a great way to keep his memory alive in orchid collections around North Texas while also helping the society.



This is a small collection of the many plants Mier Moses had awarded.



"Meir was a good friend for many years, a quality member of the AOS judging community, very knowledgeable and helpful and we miss him already"
Jerry and Ronnie Brandenburg"



AOS DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

AOS Dallas Judging Center
June 11, 2022

Twelve plants entered for consideration,
two awards given:

Acianthera asaroides 'Judy's Joy'
CCM 85 points
exhibitor Judy Cook, Gunter

Encyclia argentinensis x *selligera*
(not yet registered) 'Buckboard'
AM 81 points
exhibitor Karl Varian, Plano

Center to recommend to AOS elevation
of Tim Carr from Associate to Accredited
Judge, and Tom Reddick acceptance as a
Student. These will become official at the
Fall AOS meeting in November.

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.

