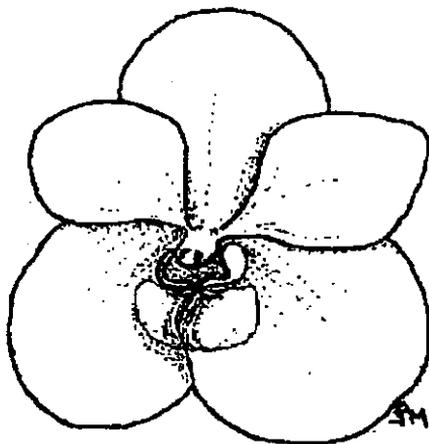


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Euanthe sandariora
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Greater North Texas Orchid Society

The GNTOS was formed in January 1954 as a result of the amalgamation of the Dallas Orchid Society and the North Texas Orchid Society. The new organization was formed as a nucleus for a larger and potentially great Society with an enthusiastic membership.

Meeting Information

Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at the Dallas Water Utilities Building, 8915 Adlora Lane, in Dallas. The doors open at 7 pm, and the meeting begins at 8 pm.

Newsletter

Members are encouraged to submit articles, information, or suggestions for publication in *Orchid News*. Send submissions to the Editor of *Orchid News* via e-mail at: mbeber@aol.com, by mail to Mike Beber, 1516 Bayberry Ct., Plano, TX 75093 or by calling 972 309-0445

Note From The President

Well another New Year and another new face in the GNTOS president's seat. To bad at the time of this writing we still don't have our national elections completed.

I am very excited and am looking forward to this year with the hope we can continue to grow our society both in membership and knowledge of orchid culture. We have a great team of officers, who are willing to get in and roll up their sleeves to make this a truly good year. If you're a new member don't be afraid to participate in the activities just because you haven't done "it" before. It's a good way to learn about GNTOS, our shows and you get to talk with some pretty interesting orchid growers.

Ann, Kathy, Violet and I with our first meeting, have exchanged some ideas for this New Year. Ann's ballot's showed we have a number of members interested in a newcomer's group. I hope to have this group off the ground by February, if all goes well. At this time I will be hosting this group but will need the help of our more experienced members. If you are willing to participate, please let me know. This group is specifically aimed at our newest members and will be focused on our society, the basics of orchid culture and displaying, with the emphasis on growing.

I want to thank the outgoing officers and volunteers of 2000 for all their hard work over the past year.

My wife Vikki and I wish you a healthy and happy New Year and hope all your orchids flourish!

Mike Beber



January Speaker

By: Ann Herrington

January's speaker is our own Ronnie Brandenburg. She will be giving her "Smokin' Orchids" program. No, you don't inhale but it's hot! hot! hot!, according to Ronnie. (well, she claims, maybe not that hot) but it does show what we're seeing on the judging table now. We can track the work of hybridizers and know we'll be seeing the latest and greatest soon so we need to study and be prepared.

Biography By Ronnie Brandenburg

Jerry got tired of fighting his way around our houseplants during the winter months and said "Look, if you let me buy an antique car, I'll let you have a greenhouse." And thus went our Christmas in 1968. He found a 1934 Ford 5-seat coupe for \$625 (which was what the man wanted in order to pay for the adoption fees for his daughter)! I had Ideal Greenhouse build a 14x28 foot greenhouse for about the same amount and our tropical plants started looking better. However, Jerry came home with two orchid plants from Northaven Gardens one day -- they were on sale for \$5 each -- and we were doomed! (Never did bloom those two plants but, boy, could they grow!)

We became interested in judging to learn more about our plants and joined the GNTOS monthly judging group which met at various homes. (We also found out that we had many "dogs" in our greenhouse.) Many of the old-time members will remember doing this like John Martin, Leon Fowler, Paul Rainwater, Jim and Rosy Graham, etc. There was a "standard" that each orchid society at that time could have a certain number of student judges based on their membership. Well, GNTOS had two openings and so we applied along with Bob and Patsy Webster. The judging group decided to let Jerry and Bob become students (where was Women's Lib when I needed it?) and so Patsy and I had to wait until the next year! (Besides, we were told there was an unwritten code that said husband and wife couldn't be approved at the same time! Bah! Humbug!) Anyway, Jerry became a fully accredited judge in 1979 and I achieved it in 1980 although not unanimously like he did! Several of us (Homer Baldwin, Clair Ossian, John Martin, etc.) pushed to create a judging center in Dallas but it took two tries before it was granted probationary approval in 1986
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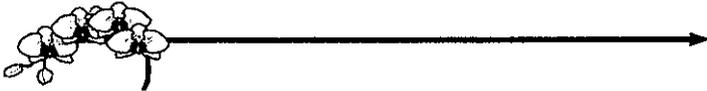
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as the Southwest Subregional Center -- Dallas. Jerry agreed to become the Vice Chairman of the Southwest Region to get us started and held that position from 1986-1990. I was elected Vice Chairman in 1994 and Chairman in 1996 when the AOS trustees decided to allow subregions to become fully-fledged centers (and they changed the title from region to center.) The year 2001 will be my last year since the center chair is limited to five consecutive years.

We travel to all of the AOS Trustees meetings, most of the SWROGA meetings, and a lot of shows in Texas and nearby states. This gives us exposure as to how other judging centers work plus we get to see plants that we can't grow in this area -- Disas, for instance.

I took early retirement from TI in 1991 but Jerry wasn't ready to go at that time so I agreed to come back as a contractor for a six-month project -- which extended to six years. Anyway, he retired in 1996 and, when I was still working in Sept. 1997, I finally put my foot down and quit and have remained firm in my resolve not to go back -- retirement is too much fun! Jerry put in almost 40 years with TI and retired as an Operations Manager in the Chemical Operations Department. I had 37 years (if you include my contracting years) and retired as Computer Manager of the DSEG Bid and Proposal Department.

We have six girls and one boy, 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren so our Christmases are exciting if a bit noisy!



The Dallas Judging Center News

By: Nancy Cropp

One award was given at Dallas Judging Center on Dec. 9:
Phal. Ever-Spring Light 'Lin' (Ever-Spring Star x Golden Peoker)
HCC 76 points.
Owner: Peter Lin, Irving

Other info:

There will be a Judging Workshop in Houston Feb. 17, 9 AM-4 PM, at the Museum of Health & Medical Science, more details are to follow. (There will NOT be a Judging Seminar in June in Dallas due to the workshop.)

Manuel Aybar, of Dallas, TX was accepted as a new Student at the Judging Center.

These student judges were elevated to Probationary status (pending approval of AOS at the Spring Trustees meeting): Patsy Boersma, Marshall, TX, Wilton Guillory, Alexandria, LA, & Meir Moses, Dallas, TX

Up-coming shows:

Shreveport Orchid Society Tabletop Show & Seminar May 5

Northeast Louisiana Orchid Society SWROGA Show April 7-8 in W. Monroe Convention Center



WHAT'S IN A NAME**WHAT'S IN A NAME**

BY

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Euanthe sandieriana (yoo-AAN-thee san-der-ee-AH-nah)

The genus name comes from the Greek *euanthes* meaning blooming and refers to the showy inflorescence.

The species name honors Henry Frederick Conrad Sander, famous orchid grower and owner of a large nursery at St. Albans, England. He later formed another nursery at Bruges, Belgium. Sander sent plant collectors world wide, and although he had many species named in his honor, he may be best known for his orchid folio, *Reichenbachia*, written in honor of his friend H. G. Reichenbach.

This species was first described by H. G. Reichenbach as *Vanda sandieriana* in 1882 and later transferred to the monotypic genus *Euanthe* by Rudolph Schlechter in 1914. This species differs from *Vanda* species because of its bipartite lip shape. The genus *Vanda* has a 3-lobed lip. The Royal Horticultural Society which controls registration of new hybrids still considers this to be a *Vanda*. The most valuable breeder of *Vanda* hybrids is not even a *Vanda*! One of the best things that *Euanthe sandieriana* imparts to its hybrids is the large lip.

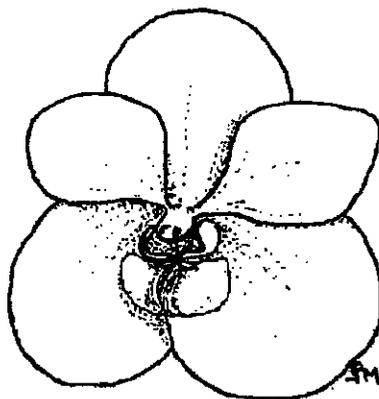
Euanthe sandieriana is a large, epiphytic plant with a monopodial growth habit. The leaves are ligulate, curved, deeply v-shaped, coriaceous, 30-40 cm. long and unevenly bilobed or truncate at the apex. The inflorescence is usually shorter than the leaves, erect, arising from a leaf axil and has between 4 and 10 flowers. The flowers are flat, very showy, as much as 11.5 cm across. In the type species the dorsal sepal is rose colored suffused with white; lateral sepals are tawny-yellow with reddish venation; petals are similar in color to the dorsal but with a tawny blotch spotted with red at the base; lip is variable in color basally, mostly tawny-

What's In A Name continued...

yellow streaked with red and reddish-brown at the apex; column is buff yellow. Sepals are broadly ovate, obtuse or rounded, 5-6 cm. long, 4 cm. wide. Petals are ovate-rhombic, obtuse, 4 cm. long, 3.5 cm wide. Lip is 3-lobed, concave at the base, to 3 cm. long, 2 cm. wide; side lobes are rounded, erect; midlobe shortly clawed, fleshy, spreading, strongly recurved at the apex with 3 prominent ridges. The column is short and stout, 0.6 cm. long.

Habitat: Mindanao in the Philippines growing on trees near the sea

Bloom season is the fall.



Euanthe sandarilaria
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December Minutes - by Violet Syrotiuk

December Minutes

As has become the custom in December, our meeting started with a very nice pot-luck dinner followed by our bi-annual auction. The auctioneer was the always entertaining Jerry Brandenburg, ably helped by his grandson Zach. Special thanks to Leigh Anne Harvey who donated such a large number of plants from her collection.

Nancy Cropp, who was assisted by Bobby Dillard and Manuel Aybar in judging, announced the winners of the plant table:

Blue: Slc. Fire Lighter, Owner: Sandy Lambert

Red: Slc. Jeweler's Art "Waiomao Plum", Owner: Sandy Lambert

White: Sc. Fairyland, Owner: Ann Herrington

Species: Bulb. medusae, Owner: Sandy Lambert

As well, Nancy announced the annual plant table awards. First place, with a total of 44 points was Ann Herrington. Second place went to Sandy Lambert with a total of 38 points, and third place went to Mike Beber with 20 points. The winners received gift certificates in the amount of \$100, \$75 and \$50. Nancy also reminded us that even plants that do not win ribbons are awarded points, encouraging us all to bring plants in bloom to display.

Nancy also held a drawing for a gift certificate from Northaven Gardens won by Eva Jackson.

Following the auction, our 2000 President John Gilmer passed the gavel to the new 2001 President Mike Beber. Mike and his executive staff, consisting of Ann Herrington as Vice President, Kathy Halverson as Treasurer, Violet Syrotiuk as Secretary, and Jerry Brandenburg as the A.O.S. Representative, were approved by a vote requiring no re-count!

GNTOS 2001 Membership Dues

For those of you who like to pay your dues early the calendar year January 1, 2001 - December 31, 2001 *The Greater North Texas Orchid Society* dues are:

- Regular Member \$20.00 (first person in household)
- Regular Member \$10.00 (each additional - same household)
- New Member
- Membership Renewal

Our society Bylaws state members who have not paid their dues by January 1st are automatically suspended from membership and will not be listed in the published roster.

Please check the boxes that apply to you, provide your name, street address, e-mail address, and phone number in the blanks below, and mail this form, with payment to:

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