

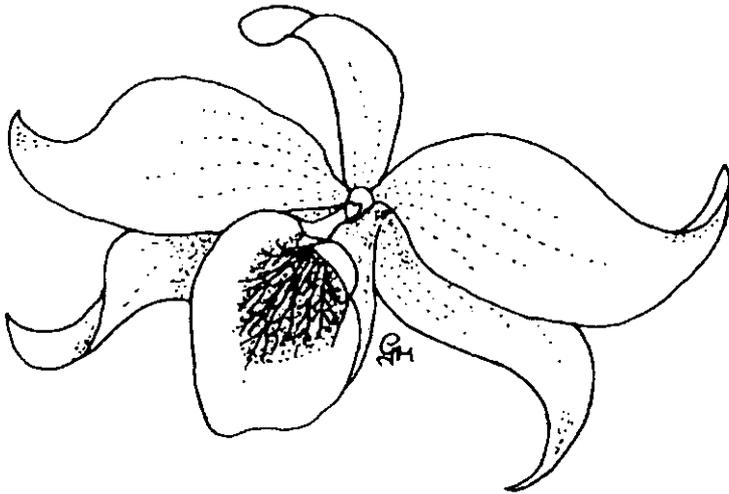
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### **Artwork in What's In A Name**

The artwork in the article "What's In A Name" was created by Glenda McIntosh specifically for use in this publication.

Please bring the enclosed **Proposed Bylaw Changes** with you to the September meeting.

## New Members

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## Note From The President

### Greetings Everyone,

Time has rolled around very quickly.

Our professional auctioneer **Jerry Brandenburg** kept us us bidding. With generous donations we received from our members we raised about \$1000.00, which is the cost of our newsletter for the year.

Enclosed in this newsletter are the proposed Bylaw Changes that will be voted on them at our September meeting.

We still need someone to chair our exhibit at the Fort Worth Show Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

**Ruth**

## GNTOS July 2003 Minutes

### Minutes of the GNTOS

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Friday, July 11, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 by President Ruth Wright after our potluck dinner.

Carol Ann Fagan, our greeter, introduced guests, Stephanie Staser, Larry Kaese (new member), Mitch Duplichon, Marlene Diaz (new member).

The June 2003 minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

The Ninth Phalaenopsis Symposium will be held at the Green Oaks Hotel, Fort Worth, July, 18-20.

The next newsletter will contain proposed by-law changes. Please review. The changes will be voted on at the September meeting.

Since Ruth will not be available for the August meeting, Jim Williams will conduct the meeting.

Show table results. Judges were Nancy Cropp and John Gilmer. Special assistants were Zach Hagwood, Lauren Hagwood, and Stephanie Staser:

Blue Ribbon: *C. Whitei* coerulea - Amy Drumwright  
Red Ribbon: Pot. Egyptian Queen 'Desert Eve' HCC/AOS – Bill Williamson  
White Ribbon: Gerberara Snow Ballet – Bill Williamson  
Tri-color Award: Basket for variety and arrangement – the Hortons  
Species of the Month: *Dyakia hendersoniana* – the Brandenburgs  
Meeting was adjourned and the auction was held. Jerry Brandenburg was the auctioneer.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Mahoney

## Future Speakers

**August 1, 03**

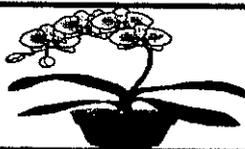
**Jim Watts** will talk on **Leafless orchids**. He has published two articles in the March 2003 AOS Orchids, pg. 190-203. Please review them . He is bringing plants to sell.

**September 5, 03**

**Dennis D'Alessandro**, Orchids of the r Boreno paphs.

**October 4, 03**

**Glen Decker**, Piping Rock Orchids, NY



## 2003 Up Coming EVENTS

**Oct. 11-12**

Fort Worth Fall Sale Fort Worth Botanic Gardens Sat. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Sunday 1:00 to 4:00 PM

**Oct. 31-Nov. 2**

Fort Worth Orchid Show , Botanic Gardens

We need a member to volunteer to chair the GNTOS Exhibit and people to help set up Friday and tear Down Sunday. The plants have to be put into classes and registered for judging

## What's In A Name

by

Glenda McIntosh

*Dendrobium nobile* (den-DROE-bee-um NO-bee-lee)

Synonyms: *Den. coeruleus*, *lindleyanum*, and *formosanum*.

It hasn't been very long since we had a lesson on *Dendrobium*, so I am sure you remember that the genus name is Latinized Greek meaning living on a tree indicating the epiphytic growth habit. The species name is taken from the Latin word *nobilis* meaning grand or noble. Indeed, *Den. nobile* with its many forms and varieties is a very grand species and is probably one of the most popular orchids in cultivation. It is native to India, Nepal, China, Burma, Vietnam and Thailand where it grows in deciduous forests, often in full sun, at elevations of 200 to 2000 meters.

The pseudobulbs or canes are clustered, erect at first but becoming pendent as they elongate up to 50 cm long, swollen at the nodes, about 2 cm wide. Old canes become furrowed with age. The leaves grow along most of the length of the cane, in two ranks, up to 7 cm long x 3 cm wide. The leaves usually drop off in the second year. The inflorescences arise from nodes of both leafy and leafless canes. They are short with 2-4 flowers measuring 6-8 cm across, waxy, fragrant, long-lived and variable in color. Sepals and petals are white basally, grading to rose or mauve distally; lip rich maroon at the base (in throat), yellow or white with a mauve or purple margin. Sepals oblong with acute tips up to 4 cm long x 1.5 cm wide; mentum short, obtuse. Petals ovate-oblong with slightly undulate margins, 4 cm long x 7.5 cm wide. Lip convolute basally, obovate-oblong, pubescent above and below, 4.5 cm long x 3 cm wide. Column 0.7 cm long, serrulate in front.

*Den. nobile* is closely related to both *Den. pendulum* and *Den. parishii*. It has several interesting varieties. Variety *virginale* is white with a yellow-green throat. Variety *albiflorum* is white with a red-purple throat. Variety *cooksonii* is a peloric form that unfortunately does not pass the trait to its progeny.

This species is easy to grow. As the plant size increases, move it from a pot to a hanging basket. Be sure to use a well-draining mix that will hold some moisture around the roots. Keep dry from Thanksgiving until the new growth starts in the spring. Then water and fertilize heavily. Give strong sunlight for best blooming. This species produces keikis to add more plants to your collection. You can also remove an old, leafless cane, chop it in pieces, lay on some sand and wait for new growths to start from the nodes. Don't try this with all Dendrobiums, it only works with nobile and its hybrids.

Den. nobile has been the basis of a colorful line of hybrids known as the Yamamoto Dendrobiums. They are renowned for producing many large full flowers on upright canes. Remember to withhold water to the nobile hybrids in the late fall to insure spring production of flowers and not keikis.

## Dallas Judging Center by *Nancy Cropp*

**JULY 12, 2003**

Four plants entered; two awards given:

Gastrochilus japonica var. Kaghinokiran 'Tom' (species) CHM  
84 points,  
owner: Tom Mulhollan, Ardmore, OK

Ascda. John De Biase 'Angela' (V. Kasem's Delight x Ascda.  
Yip Sum Wah) FCC  
90 points, owner: Bill Williamson, Plano, TX

Patsy Boersma, Jim Williams, Manuel Aybar and Dick Jamison will be planning the Judging Seminar for next year. Date probably in February, 2004, and location probably the Art Museum in Marshall, TX. Further details as they develop.

Because of construction, Judging in August may be relocated to the Sabine Building; Tom McIntosh will let us know.

## GNTOS 2003 Membership Dues

The 2003 dues are due prior to February 10, 2003, the deadline for our directory. Make checks to *Greater North Texas Orchid Society*

**Regular Member \$20.00** (first person in household)

**Regular Member \$10.00**  
(each additional members same address)  
**Joining after July 1,**  
**2003 Regular member \$10.00**

**Regular member \$5.00**  
(each additional member same address)

### Membership Renewal

Please, 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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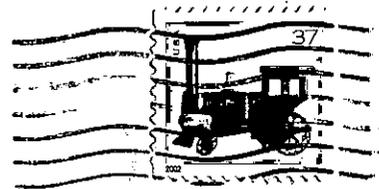
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