

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER GNTOS
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NEXT MEETING January 6th, doors open at 6:30 pm
Texas A&M Extension Campus Education Building
17360 Coit Road, Dallas

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone for their support in 2005 and request your continued support in '06. We have a show this March as well as the continued preparation for our trustee's show and sale in '07. I hope everyone will be able to participate as these activities do require many man (and woman) hours to provide a good show.

We are in need of a librarian for the society. You don't need experience, just be at the meetings to check out books or accept them returned. I have a key so if the librarian is unable to make a meeting, I can help with the books. We are missing our new book on American Cattleyas. Please, please look around for any GNTOS books you may have forgotten about. You won't be tarred and feathered if you return a book late (very late). The society used to require a check in the amount of the book's cost to be cashed if the book is not returned. I'm not sure when this was discontinued but maybe we need to reinstate it to encourage member to return books.

Linda

FUTURE EVENTS

February 11, 2006 Dallas Judging Center at the Mickelson Art Museum in Marshall, TX

March 10-12, 2005 GNTOS Show & Sale
Texas A&M Extension Campus
Pavilion Building
17360 Coit Rd.
Dallas, TX

March 31-April 2, 2006 Red River Orchid

JANUARY PROGRAM: "Stanhopeas and Allied Genera" presented by Nina Rach

Nina is an AOS Accredited Judge and a member of the Houston Orchid Society. More information about her and her work can be found at <http://autrevie.com/AutreVie.html>

DALLAS JUDGING CENTER NEWS

December 10, 2005

Nine plants entered for consideration, one award given:

Den. Orchidom Dark Light 'Manny's Merlot' (Vintner's Reserve x Michael Sado) HCC 78 points, owner: Manuel Aybar, Garland, TX

Upcoming shows:

Jan. 27-29 Shreveport, LA
March 31-April 2 Red River Orchid Society SWROGA Meeting & Show in Wichita Falls
April 4-9 AOS Meeting & Show in Lake Buena Vista, FL
Hosted by Central Florida Orchid Society

Business Meeting Personnel Actions to be recommended for approval at the Spring AOS meeting:

- Elevation from Probationary Status to Accredited:
Richard Jamison of Shreveport, LA
Tom Mulhollan of Ardmore, OK
- Accepted request to move from Accredited to Senior Status:
Ken Nelson of Tyler, TX; will recommend to AOS for Emeritus Status

Please note, the February 11, 2006 Dallas Judging Center Workshop and Judging will be in Marshall, TX, at the Mickelson Art Museum

Everyone is welcome at judging!

NEW MEMBERS

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DECEMBER 2005 MEETING MINUTES

Our December meeting was the much anticipated Semi-Annual Potluck and Plant Auction. Thanks to everyone who brought plants and items to sell, your generous donations and the enthusiastic bidding by the members made the event a fantastic success.

The candidates nominated for office during our November meeting were accepted and voted into office for 2006. We still need volunteers for the position of Librarian and Historian. Anyone interested please let Linda Horton know.

The plant table awards were presented by Emily Quinn.

First Place - Bill Williamson
Second Place - The Horton's
Third Place - to be determined

With the new changes regarding how points were awarded, third place was still being determined at that time. The third place winner will be announced and the prize awarded during our January meeting.

Everyone was reminded that this year's Home and Garden Show at Market Hall is scheduled for the weekend of March 1st. Please mark that weekend off on your calendar as "busy" and plan on coming out to help the society with set up, take down and plant sales.

Respectfully submitted
Kathy Boerm

PLANT TABLE UPDATE

After a review of points the Third Place is awarded to the Brandenburg's. Congratulations!

SOCIETY EXHIBIT

Emily Quinn will be installing the society exhibit at the spring GNTOS show. The theme of course is Orchid Vacation. With that in mind, please begin to look at your plants that are spring bloomers and think of grooming them; staking and such. If you are not familiar with this practice call an experienced grower in our society for information. Also we are looking for steam trunks, large seashells, potted (and movable) palms and or other tropical foliage. Contact Emily (Emily.Quinn1@verizon.net or 214-607-4852) if you can help with the exhibit.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's Report: Dec. 2005		
Dated: 12-31-05		
Beginning Balance: \$2083.28		
	Income	Expenses
Dues	\$620.00	
Hospitality		
Raffle		
Rent:		\$120.00
Snoopers		
Speakers Fee/Honorarium:		
Speakers Air Fare	\$	\$
Miscellaneous		\$
Donations	\$	
Special Sales: GNTOS Monogram shirts, caps		
SWROGA Dues		
Auction	\$1645.00	
AOS Trustees Show 2007 (font and letterhead)		\$125.00
GNTOS Show 2006 (ad in SWROGA Newsletter)		\$45.00
Year End Plant Table Awards		\$250.00
Subtotals:	\$2265.00	\$540.00
Ending Balance: \$3808.28		

FOR SALE: Several items were generously donated to GNTOS by a couple newly arrived from Canada. Many of the items were auctioned off in December. Donated items remaining include: (7) 4' grow lights, numerous clip-on lights, 4-foot terrarium (damaged in transit, need to replace one glass end piece). Call Linda Horton for details (972-414-8764). Note: terrarium would be a nice start for an orchid window as described in the November 2005 Orchids magazine by our own Bruce Bradham!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

BY

GLENDIA McINTOSH

Oncidium cavendishianum Batem.

Pronunciation: on-Sid-ee-um cav-en-DISH-ee-ah-num.

The genus name comes from the Latinized Greek word *onkos* meaning mass or swelling and refers to the callus on the lip. The species name honors William George Spencer Cavendish, Duke of Devonshire, and at one time a president of the Royal Horticultural Society, who had his orchid collection at Chatsworth. His grower was the famous Joseph Paxton, regarded as the foremost gardener of his day.

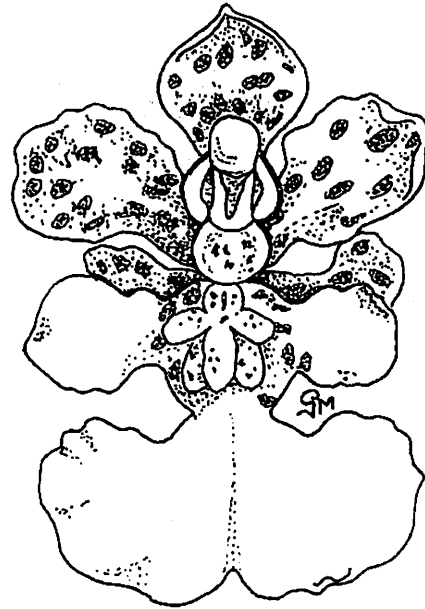
This plant was originally collected near Guatemala City by George Ure Skinner who sent the plant(s) to James Bateman. Bateman flowered the plant the following January and described it in *Orchidacea of Mexico and Guatemala* in 1837.

Distribution: Mexico, Honduras, and Guatemala up to 2800 m.

Synonym: *Oncidium pachyphyllum* Hooker.

Oncidium cavendishianum is a large epiphytic plant. The pseudobulbs are tiny, up to only 2 cm high concealed by several pointed, distichous, scarios sheaths, a single leaf at the apex. The leaf is erect, broadly lanceolate, up to 45 cm long, 13 cm wide, acute tip. The inflorescence is erect, stout, paniculate up to 150 cm long with many flowers. The showy flowers are 3.8 cm across, very fragrant, sepals and petals yellow or yellow-green, spotted with reddish-brown, lip deep yellow, callus white with red-brown flecks, column wings red-spotted. Sepals obovate, concave, up to 1.7 cm long, and 1.2 cm wide, rounded, margins crisped-undulate. Petals shortly clawed, obovate, to 1.6 cm long, and 1.1 cm wide, rounded, margins crisped-undulate. Lip deeply 3-lobed, to 2.5 cm long; side lobes obliquely obovate, to 1.3 cm long, and 1.2 cm wide, rounded; midlobe broadly reniform, margins undulate-crisped; callus of erect tubercles below, trilobate-tuberculate above. Column short, thick, to 1 cm high, apex with a falcate, deflexed wing on each side.

This species is closely related to *Oncidium bicallosum*.



**Oncidium
cavendishianum**