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MARCH—TAKE AN ORCHID VACATION!

Greater North Texas Orchid Society
invites you to take an
ORCHID VACATION!
FREE ADMISSION!

Show & Sale
Sat. March 11 - 9 AM to 5 PM
Sun. March 12 - 10 AM to 4 PM

Texas A&M Dallas
Pavillon Bldg.
17360 Coit Rd. at McCallum

This month is our Spring Show. We encourage you to participate! More info inside.

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Greater North Texas Orchid Society

The GNTOS was formed in 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 greater Society with an enthusiastic membership. On March 19, 1954, they were issued a charter by the AOS as the Greater North Texas Orchid Society

Meeting Information

Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at the Texas A&M Extension Campus Education Building, 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX. The doors open at 6:30 pm for set up followed by mingling and meeting / program.

Newsletter

Members are encouraged to submit articles, information, or suggestions for publication in our Newsletter. Send submissions to the editor via email at: manuel.aybar@verizon.net or by mail to Manuel Aybar, 2330 Saharah dr, Garland, TX 75044 or by calling 972-414-3725

President's Message

I have tried to reach all members by phone or email who have not paid their 06 dues. I need to finalize the membership directory and those members who pay dues after the March meeting will probably not make it into the directory as printed.

We will have a GNTOS info and sales table that Hank will need help with during the show. As a money maker we will have some of the items donated late last year for sale, lights, bark, etc. as well as some unused trophies from previous shows.

We are continuing to work toward the GNTOS show and it will be on us before we know it. I encourage everyone who can to participate in some manner (be sure to wear your GNTOS shirt) as it is probably the most fun (and the most stressful) activity we can have all year. You learn sooooo much from just clerking for the ribbon judging.

We will not compete with our vendors by selling plants. Remember to be grooming any plants that might make it into our display. See you at the meeting.

What's in a name? By Glenda McIntosh

Tolumnia leiboldi (Rchb.f.) Braem

This orchid's name is pronounced toe-LUME-nee-ah lye-BOLD-e.

Leiboldi is a member of the group formerly unknown as the variegata *ocnidiums*. Then Rafinesque separated the distinctive group into a new genus known as *Tolumnia*. The genus name presumably is based on Tolumnius, a character mentioned in Virgil's "Aeneas." Rafinesque was known to use many obscure or unheard of characters for his dedications. It has been speculated that he made-up the names of the various angels that he cited. The species' name honors a real man named Leibold, a German collector of Central American bromeliads and orchids in the 19th century.

Basionym: *Oncidium leiboldi* Rchb.f. Synonym: *Tolumnia caymanensis* (Moir) Braem.

Type: Cuba, without a specific location.

There are twenty *tolumnia* species endemic to the islands of the Caribbean and Florida. They are small epiphytic, epilithic (growing on rocks and roof tiles), or, sometimes, terrestrial plants easily identified by the triquetrous or terete leaves and small showy flowers.

Tolumnia leiboldi produces epiphytic, stoloniferous plants to 50 cm high with many fine roots. The pseudobulb is rudimentary, hidden by several pairs of leaves. The leaves have overlapping (imbricate), folded (conduplicate) bases. They are leathery (coriaceous), rigid, lanceolate, sickle-shaped (falcate), keeled (carinate), with minutely saw-toothed (serrulate) edges, to 4 cm long and 1.5 cm wide. The inflorescence is lateral, slender, terete, distally several to many-flowered to 25 cm long. The flowers are small, 1.4 cm across, velvety, sepals and petals white to pale pink marked with fine red-brown spots on the bases; lip white, pale pink or purplish with fine red-brown spotting on disc under the callus; callus bright orange with red-brown spots; column, column wings and anther white with a band of reddish brown around the column just above the rounded base of the lip. Dorsal sepal is cuneate-oblong, obtuse, with smooth margins, to 0.5 cm long and 0.2 cm wide. Petals are broadly obovate, with a rounded, minutely apiculate (short, sharp pointed) apex, to 1.0 cm long and 0.6 cm wide. Lateral sepals connate, oblong-ligulate, to 0.7 cm long and 0.2 cm wide. Lip has a small rounded base, then is deeply 3-lobed, the side lobes are small, obtuse, the large midlobe reniform, emarginate (with a shallow notch), separated from the side lobes by a broadly cuneate isthmus with a toothed margin, to 1.3 cm long and 1.3 cm wide. The callus has two rows of three prominent, divergent, fleshy lobes. Column is short, slender, about 3 mm long with large, distally acute, basally blunt wings.

Distribution: Cuba, the Cayman Islands, and the Virgin Islands. Bloom season: Spring.

The name of this species is sometimes spelled with two i's, but the information found in Orchidaceae Antillanae by Mark Nir spells the species' name with only one i.

GNTOS Meeting Minutes—February 3, 2006

President Linda Horton called the meeting to order.

Carole Ann Taggart-Fagan introduced our two guests, Kathy Starling and Lucie Bellew, and thanked them for coming.

Linda announced that three members donated plants this evening. Stanley Greene donated plants to the raffle table and Jean Whiting donated plants to the snoopers table. Bill Williamson also brought plants tonight for the raffle table.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Linda asked if there any questions regarding the 2006 budget as printed in the newsletter, but there were none.

OLD BUSINESS

Ruth Wright said we need more volunteers to help at the sale at Market Hall, March 3-5. She encouraged all members to sign-up and said that you don't need too much expertise to sell because there will be culture sheets available to help you. The admission is free and the parking is free for those who are working the show. The plants have been ordered from H&R Orchids and Kodama. The sale will conflict with our meeting on March 3 and the people who will be working at the show Friday evening will miss our meeting. Please see Ruth tonight if you can volunteer a few hours to help.

Bobby Dillard gave an update on our spring show March 10-12. To date, 22 tables have been reserved for vendors, we have received money to partially cover trophy cost and the remaining amount will be donated by the Dillards. We have received the ribbons. He said they need volunteers to clerk and anyone who is interested should see him tonight. He reminded the members to get post cards from Nancy Cropp to distribute to neighbors, friends, co-workers, etc.

We are going to have computerized judging lists this year so all plants must be registered by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday in order to be entered into competition for judging. However, Ronnie Brandenburg said we will use the traditional tags and still need to fill out the information by hand just as we have done at previous shows because we are testing the computerized system this year in preparation for the AOS Trustee's Meeting/Show we will be co-hosting next year with the FWOS.

Emily asked that you let her know as soon as possible what plants you will have available for the society display. You can email her or call her ahead of time so she will have your information as early as possible. She is also still looking for some large tropical greenery plants that she can use in the display.

Linda said that table covers/skirts will be provided for the vendors only. The society members who are putting in displays will need to provide their own and black is suggested since that is what we are providing for the vendors.

Anyone who is putting in a display and needs a floor plug needs to let Ruth know since she is in charge of the layout for displays.

Hank discussed the different types of displays that you can do should you choose to put in your own display.

1. Corsages
2. Flower Arrangements/Cut Flowers
3. Orchid Collectibles
4. 5 Plants or Less
5. Group Exhibit
6. Society Exhibit
7. Novice Exhibit – never put in own display before
8. Large Grower - Large Greenhouse
9. Small Grower – Greenhouse less than 400 sq. ft.
10. Educational
11. Orchid Art

Hilda said there are sign-up sheets on the table at the back of the room for everyone to sign up for the foods they will be providing for the show as well as times they will be able to help serve. We will need a lot of food for Friday, Saturday and Sunday and she

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asked that everyone please volunteer to do whatever they can to help. We will serve breakfast and lunch all three days and will serve dinner on Friday and Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

Amy Drumwright asked anyone who has an overdue book to please return it to the library. Linda announced that we will be getting another library cabinet and that it should have enough room to hold some of the refreshment supplies.

Linda announced that the SWROGA Membership Directory will cost \$7.00 and if anyone would like to have a copy please let her know so she can get you one.

The next SWROGA show will be in Wichita Falls and anyone who is interested in putting in an exhibit needs to get an exhibit space application.

Manny is the new SWROGA webmaster and he said the website has been redesigned. You can visit it at www.swroga.com. Information on show schedules and judging are available as well as an alphabetical listing of orchid species you can request so you will know in which class to enter your plants for the show. If you have any questions or need help, please email or call Manny.

The people who brought food and drinks for the meeting this evening need to see Hank and get their 5 raffle tickets.

Robert Marsh introduced our speaker for this evening, Meir Moses, who is an accredited Judge at the North Texas Judging Center and owns Orchid Konnection. He gave an interesting and educational program on Phal. breeding of clear and near-clear yellows.

Break

Emily Quinn said we had a spectacular show table this month and thanked Mike Beber and Cecelia Pinson-Smith for assisting her in selecting the winners who were as follows:

- 1st Place - Blue Ribbon – Bl. Morning Glory 'Mem. Maurene Kirkpatrick' HCC-CCM/AOS – Bill Williamson
- 2nd Place - Red Ribbon – C. percivaliana - Amy Drumwright
- 3rd Place – White Ribbon – Odcdm. Pepper Pot – Jean Whiting
- Species of the Month – Rhynch. glauca (syn. B. glauca) - Hortons
- Tri-Color Award – Bark. Marti Marsh – Robert Marsh

Hank Horton conducted the raffle.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Williamson, Secretary



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" If you don't have "
" enough plants for the "
" show, you can enter a "
" floral arrangement! "
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" Let the creative juices "
" flow! "
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You know you need another orchid when... even your six-year-old can't squeeze through the plants without bending a flower spike. Then you've got a reason to add another section to the greenhouse.



Take an orchid vacation this month... Come and enjoy the GNTOS Show! March 10-12

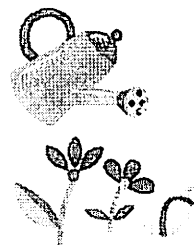
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Green Growers Meeting this Month

Green Growers Group will be meeting at Ron Horton's Sunday March 19 at 2PM. (You can come earlier if you wish) Lunch provided. Bring a covered dish if convenient.

Let Ron know what subject you would like to cover and we'll set up a talk for around 2PM. Get your questions answered to the best of our ability.

972-279-4001 – 11031 Odette, Dallas 75228. Nearest large intersection – NW Hwy and Shiloh. See you there.



Green Grower's meeting this month at Ron's Mark your calendar!!

DALLAS JUDGING CENTER By Nancy Cropp

Seven judging teams considered seventeen plants entered, two awards given:

Phal. Da Chien Spider Beauty 'Shadow' (Ching Shan Stripes x Pitts French Fantasia) HCC 75 points, owner: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Brandenburg, Dallas

Den. Burana Stripe 'Number 5' (Thanaid Stripes x Chorthip Ohashi) AM 81 points, owner: John Stubbings, Seabrook, TX

Would you like to sign for refreshments for the following months? Call Hilda Kicinski at 972-506-7685 to volunteer!

CLERKS NEEDED !



We need volunteers for clerking March 10th about 6.30pm to help with the judging of our GNTOS Show .

Volunteers don't need experience or knowledge, just willingness to work. It will be an important and rewarding experience.

You can call Hank Horton @ 972-414-8764.

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UPCOMING SHOWS

March 10-12	Greater North Texas Orchid Society Show: Orchid Vacation
March 24- 26	Alamo Orchid Society Show & Sale (celebrating the Society's 50th anniversary)
March 31 - April 2	Red River Orchid Society Show HOSTING SWROGA
April 28-30	Terrebonne Orchid Society Annual Spring Show and Plant Sale: Orchid Enchantment
May 5-7	Houston Orchid Society Flower and Plant Extravaganza