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## MAY—ONCIDIINAE INTERGENERIC

### SPEAKER FOR THIS MONTH: TOM PURVIANCE OF "PARKSIDE ORCHIDS"

Our May speaker will be Tom Purviance of Parkside Orchids in Ottsville, PA, speaking on "The Latest Intergeneric Oncidinae Hybrids". His web site with online catalog is [www.parksideorchids.com](http://www.parksideorchids.com). He will bring plants for sale. I'm sure he would also bring any pre-ordered plants.

Parkside Orchid Nursery Inc. is located in historic Bucks county, Pennsylvania and is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday. We offer a great diversity of orchid species and hybrids for sale to the orchid growing public from the greater New York and Philadelphia regions.

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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](mailto:manuel.aybar@verizon.net) or by mail to Manuel Aybar, 2330 Saharah dr, Garland, TX 75044 or by calling 972-414-3725.

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## President's Message

We had an excellent attendance at our April meeting with many visitors. That's the way to help our society grow. Any way we can put our name out there to new people gives us that potential for growth.

An upcoming event is the Neighborhood Safety Fair to be held April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10-4pm at the North Central Police Station, 6969 McCallom (corner Hillcrest). It is sponsored by an umbrella group, North Dallas Neighborhood Association, which represents many groups in the area. We will have a table with a representative plant or two, brochures and other info to distribute.

Free drinks and hot dogs for participants. We will be outside, under a shade tree so hopefully it won't be too warm.

I could use some volunteers to man the table. If you'd like to participate, please give me a call, 972-414-8764 or cell 972-977-6969. It should be a lot of fun!

Linda Horton

President GNTOS

## DALLAS JUDGING CENTER By Nancy Cropp

90th SWROGA Show, Wichita Falls, TX, March 31, 2006

- 327 entries in show; 23 pulled for AOS consideration; 3 scored & rejected; 2 awards granted:
- Phal. Nankung's Steve 'Orchid Konnection' (Little Steve x Zuma's Pixie) HCC 75 points, owner: Orchid Konnection, Dallas, TX
- Ttdm. Jeanette Mallory 'Karlene' (Ttma. canaliculata x Cau. bicornutum) CCM 81 points, owner: Karlene Sanborn, Eldorado, KS

Dallas Judging Center, April 8, 2006

- Ten plants entered for consideration, 4 awards granted:
- (Prov.) 'Win Williamson' (Onc. Maple Dancer x (Rcdm. Spicey x Onc. Orchidom My Gold)) HCC 77 points, owner: Bill Williamson, Plano, TX
- Rcdm. Orchidom Happy Choice 'Wanice Mottola' (Rrm. Kone's Good Choice x Tolu. Orchidom Happy) HCC 77 points, owner: Bill Williamson, Plano, TX
- Onc. Orchidom Fairy Dancing 'Trudy Heithecker' (Fan Dancer x pulchella) HCC 78 points, owner: Bill Williamson, Plano, TX
- Onc. Memoria Ralph Yagi 'Libby Bowers' (Sniffen x Irene Gleason) AM 80 points, owner: Bill Williamson, Plano, TX

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME? By Glenda McIntosh

**Mexicoa ghiesbreghtiana (A. Rich. & Gal.) Garay**

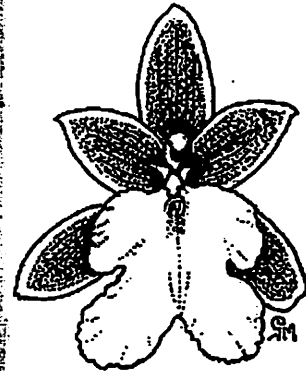
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*Mexicoa ghiesbreghtiana* (A. Rich. & Gal.) Garay

Pronunciation: mex-ee-COE-ah geeze-breg-te-AH-nah.

**Meaning of the name:** The genus name indicates the country of origin of this plant, and the species name honors the collector of the plant, M. Ghiesbreght, a Belgian who collected orchids for Linden in Mexico during the later part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. A. Richard and Galeotti also commemorated the geologist by naming the genus *Ghiesbreghtia* in his honor. Unfortunately, that genus name was later declared synonymous with *Calanthe*.



Originally this species *ghiesbreghtiana* was assigned to *Oncidium*, but Leslie Garay found a number of characteristics that did not fully tally with the generic description for *Oncidium*. He, therefore, segregated this species into the monotypic genus *Mexicoa* in 1974. *Mexicoa* differs from *Oncidium* by having a slender, arcuate, wingless column with a short obliquely descending short foot, and the lip articulated to the column foot.

Rogers McVaugh, author of *Flora Novo-Galiciana, A Descriptive Account of the Vascular Plants of Western Mexico*, tells us that Hagsater, (in *Orquidea [Mex.]* 4:328. 1975) does not agree with Garay. He states that the lip is not articulate with the column, the petals are not always porrect, and the so-called column foot is in fact the *tabula infrastigmatica* of *Oncidium* and its relatives.

**Synonymy:** *Oncidium ghiesbreghtiana* A. Rich. & Gal.; *Odm. warneri* Lindl.; *Onc. warneri* (Lindl.) Lindl.

**Habitat:** Blooms in May in the Mexican states of Oaxaca, Mexico, Michoacan, and Guerrero in oak forest at altitudes of 1400-2200 meters, growing with *Onc. nebulosum*. The foliage of *Onc. nebulosum* and *Mexicoa ghiesbreghtiana* are so similar that it is difficult to separate the species when not in bloom.

Rogers McVaugh's excellent description of the species is as follows:" (The bolding is mine.)

"Pseudobulbs 3-4 cm long, 1.5-2 cm wide, compressed; leaves mostly linear, thin-coriaceous, striate-veined, subacute; 8-15 cm long, 7-13 (-21) mm wide; inflorescence from the base of the pseudobulb, 15-20 cm high, the peduncle ca 1 mm thick, naked, strongly flattened below the raceme; raceme 6-10 cm long, ca 5-10 flowered; bracts scarious, fragile, clasping at base, 2-lobed, 4 mm long or less; pedicellate ovaries 1-1.5 cm long; open flowers yellow ca 2 cm across by 3 cm along the vertical axis; sepals elliptic or oblanceolate with narrow tapering base, spreading, ca 10 mm long, 3-3.5 mm wide; petals (described by Garay as "porrect," i.e. extending upward and outward) oblique, broadly oblong-oblanceolate to obovate from a base 1.5-2 mm wide, the blades 8.5-10 mm long, rounded or apiculate at apex, 3.5 mm wide, flushed with red toward base, and red-streaked to above the middle; lip ovate in outline, 12-14 mm long, with 2 broad obtuse or pointed lobes below the middle, 9-11 mm wide across the lobes, constricted above them, the midlobe ca 7-10 mm long, 6-7 mm wide, rounded or obtuse, or broadly 2-lobed and 9-10 mm wide, with an isthmus 4 mm wide below it; callus bright yellow, an elevated median ridge terminating in a prominent conical umbo 1-1.3 mm high, on the midline ca 3 mm from base; column 4-5 mm long, strongly incurved, the broad anther rounded, with short incurved beak; *tabula infrastigmatica* marked by a dark red transverse blotch at the base of the column."

The term *tabula infrastigmatica* may be new to recent members of our orchid society. *Oncidium* and their allies have an elongated column. On the front side of the column is an expanded, flattened 'table' situated just below the stigmatic surface. This table could be regarded as the landing pad for the pollinating vector (bee, wasp, fly, etc.) who can alight here on this conveniently flat surface, grasp the sides of the column and search for nectar which must be the source of the delightful aroma. As the vector searches the stigmatic area, it pushes aside the anther cap, revealing the pollinia. In the process of investigation, the pollinia become attached to the vector's head or back. The vector flies to another flower, still searching for nectar. This time when it lands on the *tabula infrastigmatica*, the attached pollinia sticks to the stigmatic surface, just below the anther cap, and this flower is pollinated.

If you want to grow this delightful miniature, it does well attached to cork or a tree fern plaque. Place it near the cool pads where the plant will receive frequent mistings and the added drop in temperature on our hot summer days. Be sure to fertilize and to water frequently during the growing period since mounted plants dry out much more quickly than potted plants.

## GNTOS Meeting Minutes

### GNTOS MINUTES

April 7, 2006

**President, Linda Horton**, called the meeting to order. She asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. There were none and the minutes were approved as printed.

**Carole Ann Fagan** introduced our eight visitors and thanked them for coming. Linda reported that we had received dues from new member, Beverly Halt.

Linda announced that Jim Williams, Manny Aybar, Hank Horton, and Emily Quinn were in Shreveport attending the visitation for Mickey Parker who died on Wednesday evening. His funeral will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Everyone was deeply saddened by Mickey's death. He was a cornerstone of the Judging Center and was instrumental in establishing the Shreveport Supplemental Judging Center. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Ronnie & Jerry Brandenburg are in Florida attending an AOS function. We will have judging on Saturday as scheduled.

### OLD BUSINESS

We will have our auction and pot luck dinner in June this year rather than in July. We have a very good speaker scheduled for July who was unable to make the June meeting. Since we did not want to miss the opportunity to have him speak, we changed our auction date.

We have our new library cabinet but it is not yet assembled. Hopefully, it will be assembled by our next meeting. We will have room to store some of our refreshment supplies in it, as well as additional books.

**Show Chairman, Bobby Dillard**, reported that we had a great show. We had eight vendors present and one vendor sold over \$22,000 on Saturday alone. We had excellent attendance and most of the vendors went home almost empty handed because sales were so good. We did have two vendors who had paid for display space but cancelled at the last minute. Bobby thanked everyone for all their hard work which made the show such a huge success.

Bobby said we did a dry run for computer registration at the show and will be handling registration that way at the AOS show next year. Many plants were entered in the wrong classification and two plants were not judged because of being entered incorrectly. If you are not sure about the classification of a plant, please get someone to help you. We had 391 entries which was a large amount for our show. At the AOS show, there will be between 1,000 and 1,200 entries. It took three hours to register 391 plants and it will take all day to enter plants at the AOS show. Some plants should actually be entered in two different classifications. We will be having sessions on registration before the AOS show next year so we can try to minimize mistakes.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Tom McIntosh** announced that the laws in the State of Texas covering non-profit organizations are very specific and are about to become even more strict with regard to what these organizations can and cannot do. We will be hosting the AOS Trustees' Meeting & Show next year and Treasurer, Kathy Halverson, has agreed to serve as Treasurer for a third year. This will be a very important and difficult year for the Treasurer and it is important that we have someone who is experienced and can handle the task. Tom made a motion that we amend our By-Laws to waive the two year limit for the Treasurer and allow Kathy to serve a third year. Dianna Rose seconded the motion. The motion will be printed in the newsletter and we can vote on it at our next meeting.

**Hilda Kicinski** announced that she had several kitchen utensils and items from our show to return to the proper owners.

The new 2006 Membership Directories are on the table in the back of the room and Linda reminded everyone to pick up their copy. Please take only one directory per family and sign the list when you get your.

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1. The purpose of this document is to provide a comprehensive overview of the current status of the project and to identify the key challenges that must be addressed in order to ensure its successful completion. The information presented herein is intended for the use of senior management and is subject to change without notice.

2. The project has made significant progress since the last report, with several key milestones being achieved. However, there are a number of risks and uncertainties that could impact the project's timeline and budget, and these must be carefully monitored and managed.

3. The primary risks identified are related to resource availability, technical complexity, and changing requirements. It is essential that the project team remains flexible and adaptable, and that regular communication and reporting are maintained to ensure that any issues are identified and resolved as early as possible.

4. In order to mitigate these risks, it is recommended that the project team should focus on improving resource allocation, enhancing technical expertise, and maintaining clear communication with stakeholders. This will help to ensure that the project remains on track and that any changes are managed effectively.

5. The project team is committed to delivering a high-quality solution that meets the needs of our customers and stakeholders. We will continue to work hard to overcome any challenges and to ensure that the project is completed on time and within budget. Your support and guidance are appreciated.

6. The project team consists of a number of highly skilled and experienced professionals who are dedicated to the success of the project. We will continue to work closely with you and your team to ensure that the project is completed to the highest standards.

7. The project is currently on track, and we are confident that we will be able to deliver a successful outcome. We will continue to provide you with regular updates and reports on the progress of the project.

8. The project team is committed to transparency and open communication. We will provide you with regular updates on the progress of the project, and we will be happy to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have. Your feedback is valuable and will help us to improve the project.

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## GNTOS Meeting Minutes

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Robert Marsh introduced our speaker for the evening, Ernie Germeinhardt. He is from Chicago, Illinois and has been growing orchids for 10 years. Ernie is a marine biologist and works for the Medical Center at the University of Illinois in Chicago. His specialty is growing orchids inside his home under lights and he presented a very interesting program on how you can successfully set up a light garden and do the same thing.

### BREAK

### PLANT TABLE

Nancy Cropp filled in for Emily Quinn this evening and judged the plant table, along with Bruce Bradham and Khanh Tran. Nancy thanked everyone who brought plants to the table and announced the following winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Blue Ribbon – Asct. miniatum – Bill Williamson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Red Ribbon – Odcdm. Yellow Dream – Ron Horton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – White Ribbon – Paph. – Unknown – Jean Whiting
- Species of the Month – Caularthron bicornutum – Robert Marsh
- Tri-Color Award – Grammatophyllum scriptum – Dianna Rose

### RAFFLE

Jim Drumwright was in charge of the raffle in Hank's absence. Hilda reminded those who brought refreshments to get their five raffle tickets. Bill Williamson donated plants for the table this evening.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Williamson, Secretary

## May's Refreshments

The following folks have signed up to bring goodies for the May 5 meeting

### Appetizers

Bottle Herrmann 972-612-8882

### Desserts

David Gould 972-686-4851

### Punch

Sandra Henson 903-651-1067

### Reminder:

The June meeting will be our Summer Pot Luck meeting. This is a change from usually having it in July. Please sign up at the May meeting to bring an item for the dinner meeting. Thank you.



Make sure to check the upcoming orchid shows in the SWROGA Region! Visit "The last page" of the newsletter for more info.



**Treasurer's Report** by Kathy Halverson

This newsletter will include both February and March Treasurer's report. Last newsletter didn't include February's, so we are including it in this issue.

<b>Treasurer's Report: Apr. 2006</b>		
Dated: 4-13-06		
Beginning Balance: \$4833.98		
	Income	Expenses
Dues	\$150.00	
Hospitality	\$	\$
Raffle	\$101.00	\$
Rent:		\$120.00
Snoopers	\$170.00	\$153.00
Speakers Fee/Honorarium:		\$
Speakers Air Fare		\$
Miscellaneous		Library Cabinet: \$224.98 2006 Yearbook: \$222.40 Office Supplies: \$30.00
Donations	\$40.00	
Special Sales: GNTOS Monogram shirts, caps	\$	\$
Special Sales: Dallas Home & Garden Show, Spring 2006	\$	\$
SWROGA Dues		\$
Auction		
AOS Trustees Show 2007		\$
GNTOS Show 2006 Trophy Fund	\$20.00	
Sales	\$330.00	
Year End Plant Table Awards		\$
<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>\$711.00</b>	<b>\$750.38</b>
Ending Balance: \$4794.57		

## Ask The Plant Groom™ by Dale Groom, The Plant Groom™

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We recently bought a home in where the landscaping around the pool area had been neglected other than watering since mid-summer 2004. There are some very healthy looking beds of carnations, cannas and large crape myrtles. They would be lovely in the spring and summer except they have been overrun with Bermuda grass. It spread from our yard into the beds. How may I save these lovely plants and get rid of the grass in my beds? - M. R.

In the near future clean out you beds. That is, remove all the dead plant tops and any debris. After this is done mulch the entire beds with 3-4 inches or more of a good organic mulch like pine bark mulch. This will reduce some weed problems itself plus help hold in moisture. It also gives any bed a "finished" appearance and improves the soil.

For the Bermuda grass that does come through this spring many gardeners have done the following. They use a product that contains the active ingredient glyphosate. You can find them at your favorite retail garden center under several labels. These products are absorbed by green foliage and should be used during the "active" growing season. You may decide to try it and if you do, apply on a non-windy day. A small hand spray bottle or sponge applicator will work well for controlling the application. When you apply any of these products use some sort of protection to keep it off of your desirable plants.

Another group of weed control aids to try are the 'Fusillades'. These can be sprayed directly on 80+ plants without harming them yet control the Bermuda. They are available a retail garden centers.

Both Fusillades and Glyphosates don't contaminate the soil. They do take time to do their job so don't be impatient. I think they do a great job when used correctly. Treat your Bermuda sprouts when they are two to three inches long. Please read and follow label directions.

I dearly love Ming Aralia but have managed to kill several. The last one was six feet tall when we purchased it and one by one it dropped its branches. I now have two plants almost devoid of leaves and know I will have to throw them out soon also. What can I do to keep them alive and whole? - A. B.

I also like Ming Aralias but do find them to be rather difficult to grow in my home over a long term. Aralia is a common name for a group of plants called Polyscias. The Polyscias most likely to be commonly called 'Ming Aralia' is P. fruticosa. It requires the following to do well:

1. Very bright filtered light. No direct hot sunlight.
2. Water well and keep rather evenly moist. Allow approximately one half inch of the soil to dry before watering again. Through the dormant season like now allow the top to dry one inch deep. Make sure the soil drains WELL. They do not like "wet feet".
3. Don't allow the temperature to drop below 65F. Warmth is essential but it does not like temperatures above 85F.
4. Keep out of hot and cold air drafts.
5. High humidity. Try setting your plants in decorative trays or pans on one to two inches of pebbles. Fill with water to the bottom of you Aralia container. Make sure the bottom is not setting in the water. NOTE: The application to all their leaves of an "Anti-Transpirant" like Cloud Cover would also help.
6. When needed, fertilize with a premium quality long lasting houseplant fertilizer according to label directions.
7. Watch out for spider mites. They can build their numbers rapidly in low humidity situations. Get them under control quickly with a product that contains Kelthane or other approved miticide. Mealy bugs may also be a problem at times. If you find them, treat with a product labeled for mealy bug control on houseplants according to label directions.

Good Luck and let me know how you come out.

I have two questions that I need some help with. First. What should I do with my potted Amaryllis I received for Christmas? It has finished blooming and it's leaves are thirty inches or so long. Second question, I have a six-year-old lilac that has never bloomed; yet it puts out beautiful green leaves each year. I have done everything I know to do for it to get blooms but to no avail. I have just about decided to dig it up this year if it does not flower. - A. L.

I have done two different things with my potted Amaryllis. One year after an orange variety we received quit blooming I cut the bloom stalk off near pot level. I placed it in a bright light area and watered as needed until all dangers of frost passed. I then placed it out of doors along with several of my houseplants. Through most of the spring and summer it was grown like a houseplant. Near the end of the summer for about 60 days it was kept on the dry side. After this, feeding and normal watering was resumed. It was returned indoors before the first fall frost and bloomed the next holiday season. Yours sounds rather large so you may want to repot it before you begin this type of culture. The next year we received another and enjoyed it also. I decided to plant both outside in a raised southern exposure bed that was mulched very heavily and see what happens. They survived our relatively mild winter and bloomed. We are now into their second winter with them if, you can call what we have had so far this year a winter.

Most lilacs have a hard time blooming in our area because it doesn't get cold enough for them to set flower buds. Young lilacs may not bloom for several years after planting. Give it two more years and see what happens. You may also want to purchase locally a specific named lilac variety 'Lavender Lady' that is suppose to bloom here.

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The purpose of this document is to provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of the project. It details the progress made to date, identifies key challenges, and outlines the proposed solutions and next steps. This information is intended for the internal use of project stakeholders and is subject to change as the project evolves.

The project has made significant progress in the areas of research and development. Key milestones have been achieved, including the completion of the initial design phase and the successful testing of the prototype. However, there are several critical areas that require further attention and resources to ensure the project's success.

The primary challenge identified is the need for additional funding to support the ongoing research and development efforts. This includes the procurement of specialized equipment and the hiring of additional personnel with the necessary expertise. A detailed budget and funding request are attached to this document for your review.

In addition to the funding requirements, there are also logistical considerations that must be addressed. These include the coordination of resources, the management of risks, and the establishment of clear communication channels. It is essential that all stakeholders remain engaged and informed throughout the project's duration.

The project team is committed to delivering high-quality results and is confident that the challenges ahead can be overcome with the right support and resources. We are grateful for your continued interest and support, and we look forward to your feedback and guidance.

The project is currently on track, and we are confident that we will achieve our goals. The next steps include the finalization of the budget, the approval of the funding request, and the implementation of the project plan. We will provide regular updates on the project's progress and any changes to the plan.

We appreciate your time and attention, and we are happy to answer any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further information or if you have any suggestions for improving the project.

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## UPCOMING SHOWS

April 28-30	Terrebonne Orchid Society Annual Spring Show and Plant Sale: Orchid Enchantment
May 5-7	Houston Orchid Society Flower and Plant Extravaganza
June 2-4	New Orleans Orchid Society Show
July 7-9	Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show