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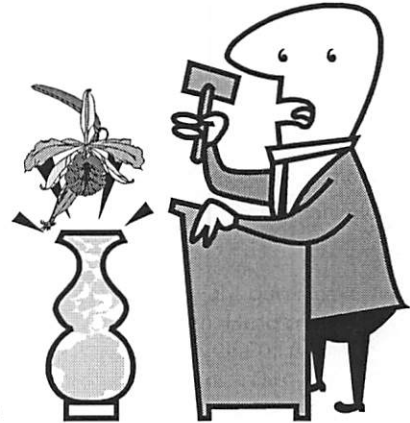
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## JUNE—RAISE YOUR BIDS ... IT'S AUCTION TIME!

THIS MONTH WE DON'T HAVE A SPEAKER, INSTEAD WE  
HAVE OUR ANNUAL AUCTION"

This month we will not have a speaker. We will have our Annual auction. As you know, this is the major fund raiser for GNTOS, and it's a lot of fun! You can bring any orchids you would like to donate, or orchid-related items as well. We will have a dinner pot luck style, and then let the auction begin! We will have a plant table for show and tell as usual.



In July, our speaker will be Dr. Marcy Brown Marsden, Head of the Biology Department at the University of Dallas, speaking on Native Dallas County Orchids. This will be followed in mid-July by a field trip to see the saprophytic orchid *Hexalectris* in bloom in the wild at the Cedar Ridge Preserve. More details in the July newsletter.

### 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

Everyone get ready, this is going to be a great summer! We're starting early with our semi-annual auction and pot luck dinner.

always have a great time with our very own Jerry Brandenburg at the helm.

Try to get there as close to 6:30-7PM as you can as it gives us more time for the auction.

Bring orchid/plant related items you wish to donate to the auction. Just be sure any plant material is free from pests, etc.

Linda

Bring your neighbors, friends and wallets. The auction, as many of you know, is our main fund raider for the year and allows us to keep membership dues etc down. We

Linda Horton

President GNTOS

## DALLAS JUDGING CENTER By Nancy Cropp

13 plants entered; one award given:

- Tolumnia (provisional) 'tba' (Onc. Moshi Moshi x pulchellum) HCC 77 points, owner: Bill Williamson, Plano
- At the AOS Orlando meeting in April, personnel recommendations were approved:
  - Elevated from Probationary to Accredited - Richard Jamison and Tom Mulhollan.
  - Change in status to Senior - Ken Nelson Dallas Judging Center Semi-Annual Business Meeting will be July 22 in Shreveport.

## GNTOS.ORG WEB SITE REDESIGNED By Manny Aybar

The GNTOS We Site has been redesigned to be easy to access and navigate!

Go ahead and take a look. The Newsletters (Back to March 2006), Detailed Orchid Shows in the SWROGA region, resources and other orchid related information is now available online.

The address is: <http://www.gntos.org>

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

*Galeottia burkei* (Reich.f.) (Garay) Dressler & Christenson

Tribe: Maxillarieae

Subtribe: Zygopetalinae

Genus: *Galeottia*

*Galeottia burkei* (Reich.f.) (Garay) Dressler & Christenson

**Pronunciation:** gal-e-OT-ee-ah BURK-ee-eye

**Meaning of name:** The genus name honors Henri Galeotti, an Italian botanist who explored Mexico in the 19th century. The species name honors David Burke, the Englishman who collected orchids for Veitch & Sons throughout South America during the 19th century.

**Synonyms:** *Zygopetalum burkei*, *Zygo.prainianum*, *Mendoncella burkei*.

**Habitat:** Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, Guyana, and Surinam growing as a terrestrial up to 2200 m. Other *Galeottia* species grow as epiphytes in moist forests from 300 m. upward in the same area, and also in Mexico.

**Taxonomy:** The name of this genus was originally *Galeottia* when published by Achille Richard and Henri Galeotti in 1845. It was switched to *Mendoncella* by A. D. Hawkes in 1963, after he discovered that the name *Galeottia* had been used incorrectly because in 1844 Ruprecht named a genus of grasses by the same name. At that time, it was illegal to give a genus of plants a name that was already in use for another plant genus. The name *Galeottia* was back in favor when Alec Pridgeon published *The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Orchids* in 1992. Obviously, the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature had made a change to the previous rule.

At the time that Hawkes renamed the *Galeottias*, he wanted to honor Dr. Luys de Mendonça e Silva who was the editor of *Orquidea*.

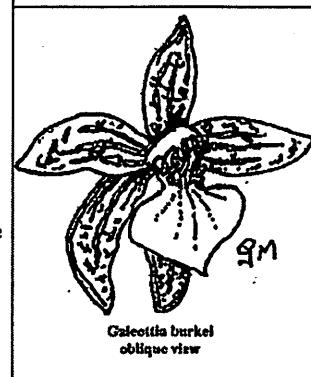
The International Code does not allow the use of "ç," but allows authors to choose between "s" and "c." Hawkes chose "s" intending to publish his new genus name *Mendoncella* for *Galeottia*. Senhor Mendoneça did not like the spelling of the name *Mendoncella*, and when it appeared in *Orquidea* in 1964, it was shown as *Mendoncella*. Although, Hawkes used the name *Mendoncella* in his *Encyclopaedia of Cultivated Orchids*, no where else has that spelling been used. Since the first publication was spelled with a "c" the official name became *Mendoncella*! In *Orquideologia* of April 1973, Dr. Leslie Garay revised the description of *Mendoncella* to include a number of species found in *Zygopetalum*, *Batemannia*, and *Stenia*. *Mendoncella* now includes 11 species that are wide spread in the American tropics.

The average orchid grower is so busy with his growing collection of orchids, that he does not have time to read the journal published by the ICBN every four years, nor prestigious foreign orchid journals dedicated to nomenclatural changes. The grower does not have time to be change nametags frequently. So it is only when the grower receives an American Orchid Society Award that these rules become important to him and a change is made to the original nametag!

**Description:** *Galeottia burkei* is a terrestrial species growing in boggy, acid soils. The pseudobulbs are narrow with 2-3 erect, tough, oblanceolate, acute to acuminate, petiolate leaves 30-45 cm long. The inflorescence is racemose, about 60 cm tall, with up to 6 fleshy flowers. Flowers are variable in color intensity, green with heavy brown marks on sepals and petals, very similar to *Galeottia jorissiana*. The lip is white and the basal crest is heavy, with many points, white with some red-purple marks. The anther cap is yellow with a red rostellum. Both sepals and petals are lanceolate, acuminate. Lip is 3-lobed at the base, pubescent on margins of the midlobe, acuminate, erose on the front margin, fimbriate; callus is several-ridged, fleshy, broad across the base of the midlobe.



*Galeottia burkei*  
front view



*Galeottia burkei*  
oblique view

## GNTOS Meeting Minutes

### FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2006

President, Linda Horton, called the meeting to order.

In Carole Ann Fagan's absence, her husband Wayne introduced our newest member Jody Graham. Linda welcomed another new member, Patty Gowan, who joined last month.

### OLD BUSINESS

Since there were no corrections or changes to the minutes as printed in the newsletter, they were approved as printed.

Linda reminded members who had not done so to pick up their new membership directory.

Linda said we need to vote on the motion made at the last meeting as printed in the May newsletter to amend our bylaws to allow the Treasurer to hold office for more than two consecutive years.

Robert Marsh said that he did not feel like this was best for the society and that he would vote against it. We have had the two year term limit for all officers in our bylaws for 30 years and it has worked well for the Society. We don't really need to change it, but should it become necessary at sometime in the future, we could have a one time amendment to take that into consideration.

After a lengthy discussion by the membership, Olin Heifner made the motion to accept the original motion as printed in the May newsletter. Hilda Kicinski seconded the motion. The motion failed to carry.

A revised wording of the failed motion was presented to the membership and will be printed in the next newsletter. We will vote on it at our June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. If passed, the motion would change Article VII, Section 2 of our bylaws to read as follows:

"Section 2. The **Officers** of the Society shall hold office for a period of one (1) year from the date of their installation or until such later date as their successors are chosen and installed. No Officer may serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. However, the term of the office of **Treasurer** may be extended for one (1) year by a majority vote of members present at a regular Society meeting no later than October when the Nominating Committee is announced. At the expiration of terms of office, all Officers shall deliver to their successors all records belonging to their offices. Such transfer shall be completed before the next regular meeting of the members of the Society."

### NEW BUSINESS

Ron Horton announced he will host another "Green Growers" meeting at his house from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. He invited everyone to come early and bring a covered dish and talk about orchids and share information on growing orchids. He asked the members to bring problem plants so they can get some advice from other growers. He is planning to have these meetings every other month and encouraged everyone to participate. Please call Ron if you need directions.

Hilda Kicinski passed around a signup sheet for the pot luck dinner we will have at the June meeting, along with our auction. Due to program scheduling, we will have the dinner and auction in June this year rather than July.

She also provided information about a possible cruise to Costa Rica and Panama that would include visits to orchid growers and places of interest where orchids grow in Costa Rica. The cruise dates being considered are March, 17 or 26, 2007 or April 13, 2007, and it would be for 100 people or less. It will be offered to the Ft. Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Austin Orchid Societies as well. The price will be approximately \$3,800 per person including airfare. Please let Hilda know if you are interested in the cruise.

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## GNTOS Meeting Minutes

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Linda announced that Glenda McIntosh had triple bypass surgery today and is in ICU at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. She will be in ICU until Sunday when she will be moved to a room. You can call 214-820-0111 to get her room number. She would appreciate cards or calls from our members.

Linda announced that the Brandenburgs, Manny Aybar and Jim Williams are in Houston for the show and sale. She said that Jerry Brandenburg will assist with our auction next month and she encouraged everyone to come and support the Society. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year.

Robert Marsh introduced our speaker this evening, **Tom Purviance**, owner of **Parkside Orchid Nursery** in Ottsville, PA. Tom started his career as a pianist and moved from that into raising money for colleges. After he became interested in orchids, he went into business in the early 90's with his partner, John Salvanti. They have five greenhouses devoted to different species of orchids. He presented a very informative and interesting program on warm growing Oncidiums.

### BREAK

### PLANT TABLE

Emily was assisted in judging the plant table this evening by Charles Hess and Raymond Moltz. Congratulations to the winners:

Blue - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Asctm. christensonianum - Judy Cook  
 Red - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Tolu. Orchidom Fairy Dancing – Bill Williamson  
 White – 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Max. (striata x luteoalba) – The Hortons  
 Tri Color – E. cordigera v. rosea – Bill Williamson  
 Species of the Month – Max. tenuifolia – Judy Cook

She also thanked Charles Hess for displaying two of his beautiful orchid watercolors.

### RAFFLE

Thanks To Mary Heifner for donating a plant for our raffle tonight.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Suzanne Williamson, Secretary

## June: Potluck Time!

There is no refreshments sign up for our June Meeting. Remember this is our auction month, so we will have a Pot Luck dinner instead.

## Calling all the green growers

Ron Horton will host another green growers group at his home on **Sunday, May 21st 4-6 PM.**

Come early if you wish and bring a dish for pot luck if convenient as he will be cooking.

If you want to attend and have a particular subject covered in the discussion give him a call. Ron's address and phone number are in the GNTOS directory.



**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

<b>Treasurer's Report: May. 2006</b>		
Dated: 5-10-06		
Beginning Balance: \$4794.57		
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
Dues	\$20.00	
Hospitality	\$	\$
Raffle	\$93.00	Plants for several months \$320.00 Plants for May \$120.00
Rent:		\$120.00
Snoopers	\$130.00	\$90.00
Speakers Fee/Honorarium:		\$
Speakers Air Fare/Travel		Ernie Gemeinhart: \$173.13 Purviance: \$458.30
Miscellaneous		\$
Donations	\$	
Special Sales: GNTOS Monogram shirts, caps	\$	\$
Special Sales: Dallas Home & Garden Show, Spring 2006	\$	\$
SWROGA Dues		\$
Auction		
AOS Trustees Show 2007		\$
GNTOS Show 2006		
Year End Plant Table Awards		\$
Subtotals:	\$243.00	\$1281.43
Ending Balance: \$3756.14		

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

For: QAI061

**Hello Dale,**

**Last year you gave a list of tomatoes suited for Texas. I have lost my list and forgotten what you recommended. Will you please send me the list for our area and suggestions for planting? I live in Sand Flat north of Tyler where as you might guess we have very deep sandy soil. - P. S.**

In thoroughly improved clay soils of North, Central and West Texas or sandy soils in East Texas the following varieties do well; 444, Celebrity, Carnival, Porter and Roma. Plant your selections in soils that are amended with 6" of organic matter in full sun locations and have good air movement. Now is a great time to plant.

**Dale,**

**Can you tell me what flowers are good for attracting bees? In my garden last year I had almost no squash and someone said I probably did not have many bees to pollinate the blooms. My husband hates honeysuckle so what else would be good. I live in Central Texas near Temple. Thanks so much. - M. C.**

Bees and other flying insects as well as the wind help to pollinate squash and other plants. Hollies and Abelias are two of my favorite blooming shrubs. Additional plants bees like include; Redbud, Sunflower, Mint, Black-eyed Susan, Cosmos, Thickweed, Majoram, Rosemary, Basil, Clover, Apple, Goldenrod, Pumpkin, Blackberry, Cucumber and ... Squash. To attract a bee population these garden workers need shelter and nectar sources. Be Earth Kind in your utilizations of pest control aids. Most aids that control flying insects will impact bees.

**Dale,**

**I have had what appear to be wild strawberries growing in my year for years; I call them wild because I have never planted strawberry plants, as we don't eat them. The plant foliage is exactly like a regular strawberry plant but the fruit is very small, about 1/4" - 1/2" in diameter. The tiny fruit is very dry, but is red and had seeds just as a regular strawberry. The plants are impossible to kill, so I have given up and have potted the plants for the birds and squirrels around my house. My question is, is there any way to fertilize or enhance the fruit so as to be larger and more like real strawberries? Thanks, - C. W.**

P.S. I wrote to you last year about squash rotting on the vine. I have made my garden bigger this year and in an area where the air flow is better. I have a lot of bees around and hopefully they will work my garden for me.

I have always had a small and/or potted garden because of a pot-bellied yard pig (who is no longer here with me) that liked the vegetables more than we.

The wild strawberry plants you are inquiring about are considered broadleaf weeds and are not a true fruit strawberry. Weed control aids containing the active ingredient Trimec should control wild strawberries and other broadleaf weeds in your lawn. If you decide to use these products always read and follow label directions.

Growing wild strawberries or any other plants as cultivated selections is an individual choice. There is no cultural activity I'm familiar with that will make these fruits ... better.

I wish you well with your squash plantings this season. Please let me know your results.

### Dale's Notes

It's time to:

Plant cucumbers, tomatoes, squash, peppers of all types, eggplants, black-eyed, crowder, purple hull, crème and other Southern peas, corn and other frost/freeze sensitive veggies.

Plant spring/summer annuals

Test your soil for nutrients. You may send me your request for a FREE Soil Test Kit. To secure one send your request plus a self addressed, long envelope with two 1<sup>st</sup> class stamps on it to; Soil Test Kit, Dale Groom, 10056 Marsh Lane, Suite B-101, Dallas, TX 75229.

Service your mower

Dale Groom, Extension Horticulturist-Dallas County, Texas Cooperative Extension, Native Texan, Author, Columnist, Radio/TV Host is also known state wide as The Plant Groom™. Send your lawn, garden and landscape questions to Dale at [dalegroom@mycvc.net](mailto:dalegroom@mycvc.net).

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**UPCOMING SHOWS**

(See <http://www.gntos.org>)

June 2-4	New Orleans Orchid Society Show
July 7-9	Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show
August 4-5	Houston Orchid Society Summer Workshop
September 15-17	Galveston Orchid Society Show "Orchid Fantasy"
September 29 - October 1st	Fort Worth Orchid Society Show
September 29 - October 1st	South Texas Orchid Society Show
October 6-8	Central Louisiana Orchid Society Show
October 20-22	Heart O' Texas Orchid Society Show Hosting SWROGA



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