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## AUGUST—ART SHADE CATTLEYAS WITH GENE CROCKER FROM CARTER & HOLMES

The August speaker will be Gene Crocker, Vice-President and General Manager of Carter and Holmes Orchids in Newbury, SC (<http://www.carterandholmes.com>). The title is 'Art-Shade Cattleyas'. He will bring orchids for sale.

Gene Crocker is Vice President and General Manager of Carter & Holmes Orchids, which was founded by Bill Carter and his cousin Owen Holmes in the mid-40s. This orchid nursery on Mendenhall Road in the small South Carolina town of Newberry is synonymous with the highly respected clonal names 'Newberry' and 'Mendenhall'. One of the most famous hybrid cattleyas ever created is the intensely colored, dark burgundy wine Blc. Oconee 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS.

Gene joined Carter and Holmes 20 years ago. He is responsible for general orchid production and hybridization, and is the photographer for their enticing catalog. Gene's educational training was as a textile chemist (BS) and meteorologist (BS), but orchids were his main obsession. Amazingly, he still has his first two orchids, which are approaching their golden anniversary in his possession. As you might guess, they are cattleyas, although his interests have grown to include all orchid genera. Gene made his first cattleya hybrid in 1961, and has already gone through three generations of orchid hybrids at Carter & Holmes. His "orchid claim to fame" may be the fact that he coined the term "mericlone" in 1964.

"Carter and Holmes Orchids will be giving a 25% discount for pre-orders from their catalog or web site, [www.carterandholmes.com](http://www.carterandholmes.com) that will be delivered to the GNTOS August 5th meeting. Members should specify the Dallas meeting when ordering. The last day for ordering will be Tuesday, July 25th." Gene will also have plants for sale at the meeting.

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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

## President's Message by Linda Horton

With all the extreme heat this season, keep a close watch on your orchids. It wouldn't surprise me if we have some "rolling brownouts". Just a few minutes is all it takes if your cooling system shuts off and its 110 outside.

Emily, bless her heart, stood watch for us when we were out of town recently, coming over during the heat of the day, watering and checking the plants. With increased heat come increased watering needs as well as fertilizer requirements. It's also good if you have a greenhouse to have a temperature alarm system to alert you to elevated temperature in the greenhouse.

If your growing area is in the home/window, touch the leaves, are they warm? May want to move the plants back a little. Also use extra misting in the summer (as well as the winter

with so mush dry heat in the home). Just some thoughts that may help our newer growers.

Hank and I just returned from a 2 week visit with our son in southern California. I brought to him some extreme heat and also returned with it!! He doesn't have air conditioning where he lives in the mountains at 4500 feet but got pretty hot during the day (90) with a humidity of 10-15%. We attended the Santa Barbara Orchid Fair/Sale and Norman's Orchids in Montclair. Quite a place and Norman was a very good host.

All in all, I'm happy to be back in God's Country. See you all at the next meeting. Linda

## DALLAS JUDGING CENTER By Nancy Cropp

On July 8th, 2006, seven plants entered for consideration, 2 awards granted:

- Phal. cornu-cervi alba 'D & B' (species) CCM 86 points, owner: Berry Woodson, Fort Worth, TX
- Bpl. Fiftieth Anniversary 'Daytona Beach Orchid Society' (Bl. Richard Mueller x Epi. magnoliae) CCE 92 points, owner: Bill Williamson, Plano, TX. This plant has previously received awards of HCC, CCM and AD. Awarded July 9, 2005, 87 flowers and 12 buds; November 12, 2005, 171 flowers and 8 buds; July 8, 2006, 259 flowers and 28 buds!

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

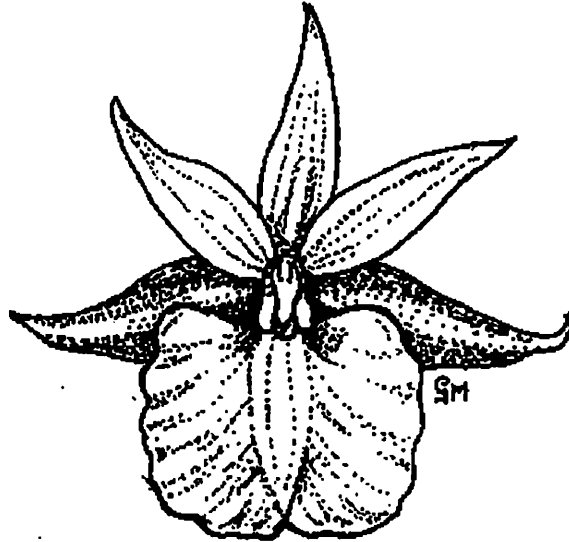
Tribe: Epidendreae  
 Subtribe: Laeliinae  
 Genus: Pollardia

**Pollardia ghiesbreghtiana** (A. Richard & Galeotti)  
 Withner & Harding, comb.

**Pronunciation:** pol-LARD-ee-ah geeze-breg-ti-AH-nah.

**Basionym:** *Epidendrum ghiesbreghtianum* A. Richard & Galeotti, 1845.

**Synonyms:** *Encyclia ghiesbreghtiana* (A. Richard & Galeotti) Dressler., *Hormidium ghiesbreghtianum* (A. Richard & Galeotti) Brieger., *Prosthechea ghiesbreghtiana* (A. Richard & Galeotti) W. E. Higgins.



**Derivation of Name:** The genus name honors Glenn E. Pollard who has done extensive work with Mexican orchids and whose book *The Genus Encyclia in Mexico* (1974) co-authored with Robert Dressler provided so much information for Carl L. Withner and Patricia Harding in their revision of *Encyclia/Epidendrum*. The species name honors Auguste Boniface Ghiesbreght, a famous 19<sup>th</sup> century collector of Mexican plants.

**Taxonomy:** The genus *Pollardia* is characterized by (1) a lip partially attached to the column, (2) resupinate flowers that come from a sheath, and (3) column teeth equal or subequal in length and generally the same size. The resupinate flowers separate this genus from *Anacheilium* and the equal length column teeth separate it from *Prosthechea*. This species is similar to *Pollardia hastata* but *P. hastata* is smaller and has pseudobulbs with only one leaf. This species, like *hastata*, sometimes has lateral lobes of the lip developed as projecting angles at the base of the lip.

**Description:** Plant almost a miniature, but produces flowers large for its size. **Pseudobulbs** clustered, ovoid or ellipsoid, 2-6.5 cm long, 0.5-2.4 cm wide. **Leaves** 2-3, ligulate-elliptic, acute or obtuse, 6-20 cm long, 0.7-1.3 cm wide. **Inflorescence** from within bases of leaves, a short stem rises often with a basal sheath 4-12 cm long, with 1-3 blooms. **Sepals and petals** pale green, densely spotted, or streaked with brown (or maroon), reverse side olivaceous). **Lip** white, with a few short purple veins near base, **Column** green with brown spots. **Sepals** lanceolate, acute, 15-24 mm long, 3-8.5 mm wide. **Petals** elliptic, acute, 14-22 mm long, 3-6 mm wide. **Lip** basally adnate to the column unlobed to 3-lobed (if lateral lobes present, they are very small), blade subquadrate-orbicular, the base cuneate to truncate, retuse, 16-27 mm long, 16-30 mm wide, callus oblong, running into three fleshy veins which run to near the margin. **Column** stout, 5-6.5 mm long, the teeth obtuse, subequal.

**Habitat and Distribution:** Mexico. Found at 2000-2700 m. elevation, in pine-oak forests, seasonally rather wet.

**Flowering time:** February to May.

**Culture:** This species prefers intermediate to warm temperatures with a pronounced seasonal (winter) dry period.

## GNTOS Meeting Minutes

**Friday, July 7, 2006**

In Linda Horton's absence, Vice President, Robert Marsh, called the meeting to order.

Carole Ann Taggart-Fagan introduced new member Ellen Safley of Plano and our visitors, Sandra Henson's family from Lake Texoma.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Saturday, July 15th, GNTOS will take a field trip to the Dallas Nature Preserve near Joe Pool Lake. We will meet in the parking lot of the preserve at 10:00 a.m. There is no charge but you can make a donation. Ronnie Brandenburg said when she attends the Ft. Worth Orchid Society meeting on Monday she will invite them to join us. Carpooling was encouraged. Robert said our speaker will be giving us more information about the preserve as well as what you should bring and appropriate clothing to wear.

We have free copies of Neil Sperry's new magazine available tonight.

Manny Aybar asked that anyone not receiving the newsletter by email please make sure you give him your email address so he can add you to the newsletter list. You can now see the newsletter when you visit our website at [GNTOS.org](http://GNTOS.org).

Robert Marsh introduced our speaker, Dr. Marcy Marsden, Assoc. Professor & Biology Dept. Chair at the University of Dallas. Dr. Marsden manages the Dallas Nature Preserve where she studies local orchids. She gave an informative program on *Hexalectis* Orchids – A Rare Mystery. She advised those coming on the field trip to bring a lunch and plenty of water and to wear long pants, tennis shoes or boots, and a hat. Also, bring insect repellent and sun screen.

After a short break, Hilda Kicinski gave an update on the cruise to Costa Rica and Panama and said she has brochures available to those who are interested. There will be a change in the printing on the flyers to reflect that **GNTOS will be benefiting from the cruise** rather than sponsoring the cruise. This will relieve GNTOS of all liability. Hilda said she plans to donate an amount of money to GNTOS from her profit from the number of trips she books for the cruise.

### PLANT TABLE

In Emily Quinn's absence, Nancy Cropp announced the winners of the show table.

1<sup>st</sup> place Blue Ribbon – Aliceara Evening Colors – Bill Williamson  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Red Ribbon – Epc. El Hatillo 'Pinta' – The Brandenburgs  
3<sup>rd</sup> place White Ribbon – Vanda Penang Manila 'Sherbert' – Bill Williamson  
Species of the Month – *Bulb. carunculatum* – The Brandenburgs  
There was no Tri-color award this month.

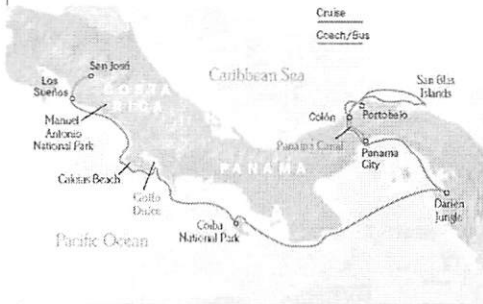
### RAFFLE

In Hank Horton's absence, Jerry Brandenburg was in charge of the raffle.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Williamson, Secretary

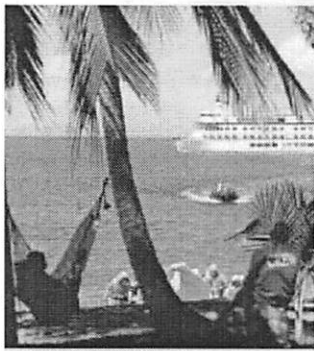
# COSTA RICA TOUR—By Hilda Kicinski



**Costa Rica & Panama**  
Between Two Seas  
'A Quest for Orchids'

March 8, 2007  
10-day Excursion  
Aboard the 100 - Guest *Pacific Explorer*

This tour will be benefiting the GNTOS.

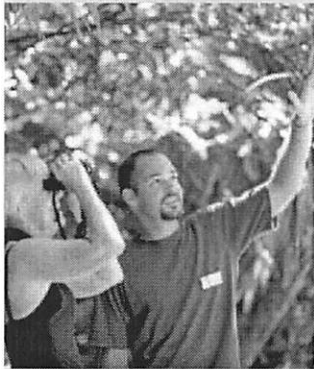


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For More Information and detailed tour schedule and reservation form, you can contact our GNTOS member Hilda Kicinsky or go to the GNTOS Web site ( <http://www.gntos.org> )

## A REFRESHING THANKS!

'Thank you to everyone who contributed refreshments at the July Meeting. It was a veritable smorgasbord.'

August refreshment volunteers:

Appetizers: Emily Quinn  
Dessert: Charles Hess  
Punch: Suzanne Williamson

Hilda

## ERRATUM

On Page 5 of the July Issue of the GNTOS Newsletter, some information regarding the Costa Rica Tour was published. It was supposed to say "Benefiting the GNTOS" instead of "Sponsored by GNTOS". Also the correction was made and it read "A percentage of the proceedings of this tour will be donated to GNTOS" and this statement should have read "Benefiting the GNTOS".

The correct flyer / information is posted in this issue of the GNTOS Newsletter.

Manny, Newsletter Editor

**Treasurer's Report** by Kathy Halverson

<b>Treasurer's Report: July 2006</b>		
Dated: 7-8-06		
Beginning Balance: \$4928.55		
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
Dues	\$40.00	
Hospitality	\$	\$
Raffle	\$85.00	\$120.00
Rent:		\$120.00
Snoopers	\$91.00	\$81.90
Speakers Fee/Honorarium:		\$100.00
Speakers Air Fare/Travel		\$
Miscellaneous		Storage boxes, interior envelopes \$30.97 Stamps \$7.56 2 yr. AOS Dues \$108.00
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		\$
<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>\$216.00</b>	<b>\$568.43</b>
Ending Balance: \$4576.12		

**Important Information**

Most members assume that GNTOS is a 501©3 organization. However, GNTOS was chartered as a 501©5 organization. 501©5 consists of the following categories:

- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Labor

Obviously, GNTOS falls under horticulture.

Under the provisions of 501©5, most items can be purchased for the use of the society without paying sales tax.

However, there is one major difference between 501©3 and 501©5. Donations to 501©3 organizations are tax deductible to the donor. Donations to 501©5 organizations are NOT tax deductible.

Please see Kathy Halverson if you have any questions.

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

QA1064

I saw a beautiful pink rose bush last week while on a trip that was covered with blooms. It was growing at one of our friend's home in the Dallas area. Our friend said it was called Belinda's dream.

I know some roses do better in one location or area than others. What we would like to know is will this rose do well in our area? Thank you. - F. E.

If your friends do indeed have a 'Belinda's Dream' rose they have one of thirteen roses designated as Earth Kind Roses™. These beauties perform well state-wide. They are truly roses for all of Texas. More information on Earth Kind Roses™ is available on-line at <http://dallas-tx.tamu.edu> then click on Horticulture and cruise the available horticultural information including Earth Kind Roses™.

Planting demonstrations of Earth Kind Roses™ in Dallas County include but are not limited to (a) Water Wise and Earth Kind™ Landscape Demonstration garden, 2311 Joe Field Rd., Dallas, 75229, (b) the State Fair of Texas grounds directly across from the Exposition building and (c) the City of Addison's public park in the 8900 block of Beltway. All of these public plantings are in association with Texas Cooperative Extension collaborative partners including; Dallas County Commissioners Court, Dist. 1, State Fair of Texas, Inc., City of Addison Parks Dept. and Dallas County Master Gardeners Assn.

Earth Kind Roses™ are also planted at the City of Tyler Rose Garden.

The following is the complete list of roses that have earned the designation of Earth Kind Roses™ and a very brief description of each:

Variety name, color, type, heights x widths in feet and fragrant or not

'Belinda's Dream', soft pink, shrub, 3-6 x 3-4, yes

'Caldwell Pink', lilac pink, polyantha, 3-4 x 4, no

'Climbing Pinkie', rose pink, climber, 8-12 x 6, yes

'Duchesse de Brabant', rose pink, shrub, 4-6 x 4, very

'Else Poulsen', bright pink, floribunda, 3-5 x 3-4, slight

'Katy Road Pink' also known as 'Carefree Beauty', medium pink, shrub, 4-5 x 4-5, yes

'Knock out'®, cherry red, shrub, 3-4 x 3-4, some

'Marie Daly', medium pink, polyantha, 3-4 x 3-4, very

'Mutabilis', yellow/red/orange (all three bloom colors appear on the same plant), China, 4-10 x 6', some

'Perle d'Or', golden yellow and pink blend, polyantha, 3-6 x 3, very

'Sea Foam', creamy white, shrub, 2-8 x 4, some

'Spice', blush pink, China, 3-5 x 3-4, yes

'The Fairy', light pink, polyantha, 2-4 x 4', some

These roses need; full sun locations with good air movement and well drained soil. Once established, Earth Kind Roses™:

Are not sprayed with or for anything

Do not require pruning or deadheading

No fertilizer of any kind is needed

And, minimum irrigation is utilized

In clay soils of any color to create an Earth Kind™ growing condition in the native soils blend 3" of expanded shale and 3" of plant derived finished compost with the soil 1" per pass with a tiller. After the amendments are blended with the soil crown the bed 6 – 9" in the center and taper to the bed edges. You are now ready to plant.

Note: In sandy soils don't use expanded shale, do increase the compost from 3" to 6" and complete bed development as described for clay soils.

Install selected plants with the root ball top level or slightly above the bed grade and water thoroughly. Drip irrigation is highly recommended as the water delivery system and if utilized now is the time to install. After the drip irrigation system is installed mulch the entire bed (covering the irrigation system) 3 – 4" deep with organic mulch. Shredded tree trimmings, hardwood or pine will all work for this application.

Set up properly by following the above information Earth Kind Roses™ are minimal maintenance.

These Texas tough beauties may be installed now from containers. They may also be installed in the fall.

I encourage you to plant 'Belinda's Dream' if this is one of the (13) Earth Kind Roses™ you like. Please take a look at other varieties too. Please let me hear back from you because I'd like to know how well your plantings work in the landscape.

Dale Groom, Extension Horticulturist-Dallas County, Texas Cooperative Extension, Native Texan, Columnist, Author, Radio/TV Host is also known as The Plant Groom™ state wide. You may 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>)

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
November 4 - 5	Kansas Orchid Society Show
November 17- 19	Oklahoma Orchid Society Show