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No meeting for April: We go on a Greenhouse Tour instead!

The Greater North Texas Orchid Society
is having a
*Greenhouse
Orchid Tour*
and you are invited

On April 6, 2008, between noon and 6pm, members of the Orchid Society are opening their greenhouses and we invite you to join us.

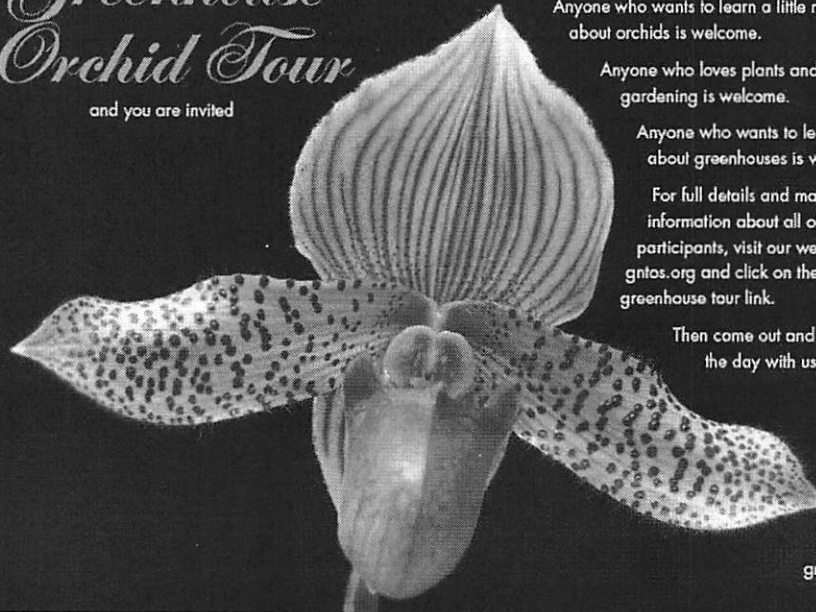
Anyone who wants to learn a little more about orchids is welcome.

Anyone who loves plants and gardening is welcome.

Anyone who wants to learn about greenhouses is welcome.

For full details and maps and information about all of the participants, visit our web site: gntos.org and click on the greenhouse tour link.

Then come out and enjoy the day with us.



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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 Sunday of each month at North Haven Gardens, which is located at the following address: 7700 Northaven Rd. Dallas, Texas 75230. The doors open at 1:00 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

President's Message by Manuel Aybar

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is doing fine.

We had a great meeting in March with the Repotting marathon. We have gotten a lot of positive feedback and this sessions should be made at least twice a year. It was a little awkward at the beginning since we have never done a potting class in this "musical chairs" format, but with patience and willingness I think everyone enjoyed the sessions.

Thanks for your patience in getting the yearbook out. David Gould has done an outstanding job putting all this pieces together that I had and the final product is just magnificent. If there is any questions regarding the Yearbook, please let me or David know.

Our librarian, David Hines, has been working diligently in classifying and invento-rying our GNTOS library... Here is an update from David: "I completed the first row of books and pamphlets on shelf four. The reason that the row took so long is because of so many pamphlets. There is one more row to go. Then on to shelf five and videos, etc.

This is a very slow and tedious process. Grooming the inventory will be in phase two.

I will probably skip class on Thursday noon to keep the inventory schedule go- ing. I have two new items in my weekly schedule for this next week. We shall prevail"

This is what I call dedication... David, thanks so much for taking this daunting task. After David is done, we will make the library catalog available online so members can request books in advance before going to the meeting. It will also help keep track of our library.

Hope to see you all at my greenhouse on April 6th. It should be a fun afternoon for everyone, and the weather is promising to be glorious.

Manny

WHAT'S IN A NAME? By Glenda McIntosh

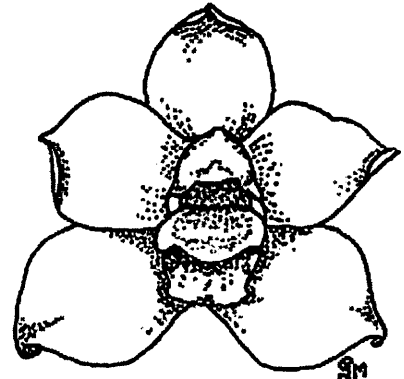
Subfamily: Epidendroideae

Tribe: Maxillarieae

Subtribe: Zygopetalinae

Genus: *Bollea* Rchb.f.

Species: *coelestis* Rchb.f.



Pronunciation: BOL - ee - ah see - LES - tis

Etymology: This genus was named in honor of Dr. Carl Boll, a German patron of horticulture, who lived during the 19th century. The species name, from the Latin *coelestis*, means sky-blue describing the color.

Synonyms: *Zygopetalum coeleste* (Rchb.f.) Rchb.f.; *Bollea pulvinaris* Rchb.f.

Taxonomy: H. G. Reichenbach described this genus in 1852 in the *Botanische Zeitung*. It is easily identifiable by the hooded column which protrudes over the large circular callus and the lip being firmly attached to the column foot. It is closely allied to *Pescatorea*, *Chodrorhyncha* and *Huntleya* and, indeed, they all resemble each other. *Bollea coelestis* is closely related to *Bollea violacea* (Lindl.) Rchb.f., which differs in having a violet flower with a purple callus, a narrower apex to the lip and narrower sepals and petals.

Distribution: There are perhaps eleven species in this genus and all are native to Brazil, Colombia, and Ecuador. *Bollea coelestis* grows in Southwestern Ecuador and in Colombia. It has not been reported from the intervening territory between the two locations of El Oro, Ecuador, and the area near Cali in the Cordillera Occidental of Colombia.

Plant description: This is a tufted epiphytic plant without pseudobulbs. **Leaves** 6-10 per growth, oblong-lanceolate, acuminate, 15-30 cm L, 3-5 cm W. **Inflorescence** several at one time, suberect to nodding, shorter than the leaves, with a small sheathing bract at each node, 1-flowered. **Flowers** 7.5-12 cm across, showy; sepals and petals bluish-violet, paler at margins and base, yellowish at the apices; lip bluish-violet with a buff-yellow crest; column bluish-violet above, yellow in front, spotted red towards the base. **Dorsal sepal** broadly ovate, curved forward, 4.5 cm L, 2 cm W; **lateral sepals** ovate-oblong. **Petals** similar to dorsal sepal, spreading. **Lip** with a large semicircular crest occupying the basal three-quarters, deeply grooved longitudinally into numerous rounded ridges, 2.5 cm L; lamina ovate, with recurved margins and apex. **Column** broad, arching, convex, hairy towards the base, 2.3 cm L.

Bloom season: Summer.

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Manual of Cultivated Orchid Species, Third Edition, Helmut Bechtel, Phillip Cribb, Edmund Launert, (1992), The MIT Press, Cambridge, MA
Orchid Names and Their Meanings, Hubert Mayr, (1998), A.R.G. Verlag, Koingstein, Germany

GNTOS Meeting Minutes By Manny

Sunday, March 2nd, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 3.00pm by our president, Manuel Aybar.

A discussion was made to accept the changes to the bylaws as proposed. Motion was passed. Discussion on the points for people that help put the GNTOS exhibit was brought up by member Linda Horton. Voting was taken from the floor and we agreed to place the points at 7 points for coordinating the GNTOS exhibit, and this points can only be earned once per calendar year. Motion was carried.

We will look into changing the non profit status of GNTOS from 501c5 to 501c3.

Manny explained the potting session as four areas to learn: Cattleyas, Paphs, Mounting and Phalaenopsis. Members rotated to each table like musical chairs.

Plant raffle was conducted and plant table judged.

38 plants judged by David Gould, Tham Johnson and Nancy Cropp

Blue Ribbon: Odcdm. Wildcat 'Golden Red Star' - owner Cecelia Pinson

Red Ribbon: Den. Yellow Song Canary - owner Dianna Rose

White Ribbon: Lc. Magic Bell 'Peach Parfait' - owner Kevin Fox

Species of the Month: Den. anosmum - owner Amy Drumwright

Tri-color: Den. aggregatum - owner Brandenburgs

Meeting was adjourned at 5.10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Manuel Aybar

Dallas Judging Center by Nancy Cropp

19 plants entered for consideration, four awards were given:

Paph. liemianum 'Brayden' (species) HCC 76 points, owner: Jean Whiting, Carrollton (her first AOS award!)

Phal. Ho's Passion Talk 'Spirit Creek' (Brother Yew x Hanover Passion) AM 80 points, owner: Dr. Olie Garrison, Nacogdoches

Srt. (Lc.) Trick or Treat 'Suzanne' (Sc. (L.) Icarus x Srt. (Lc.) Chit Chat) CCM 82 points, owner: Bill Williamson, Plano; 91 flowers and 50 buds on 14 inflorescences

Leptotes pohlitinocoi 'Judy' (species) CBR (for rarity and educational value), owner: Dr. Judy Cook, Gunter, TX

Remember, Training now begins at 11:30 AM, Judging at 1 PM, Richland College Horticulture Building, second Saturday of each month; visitors welcome!



Paph Michael Kooporwitz, WOC's Grand Champion Plant.

APRIL 2008 MEETING AGENDA

NO MEETING

GREENHOUSE FOR
TOURING WILL BE
OPEN FROM

12.00pm
UNTIL
6.00PM

SAVE THE DATES!

These are the meeting dates and times for next year's meetings at North Haven Gardens:
(ALL MEETINGS ARE SUNDAYS)

Sunday, April 6 - Greenhouse Tour (In Lieu of our monthly program)
12.00pm-6.00pm

Sunday May 4th
Eric Christensen
"VANDAS TODAY"
Meeting at 1.00PM

Bylaws 101 by Kathy Halverson

Did you know what is the **GNTOS Tax designation** ? Read on!

Note: This is not in the Bylaws, but it is important. GNTOS is a 501© 5 organization, not a 501© 3. As a 501© 5, GNTOS can accept donations; however, these donations are not tax deductible. Therefore, if you donate money, plants, or other items, you cannot legally deduct them on your tax return.

Treasurer's Report by Kathy Halverson

Financial Report: March 2008		
Dated: 3-03-08		
Beginning Balance: \$5786.61		
	Income	Expenses
Dues	\$180.00	Dallas Council of Garden Clubs: \$10.00
Hospitality		
Raffle	\$96.00	Ribbons: \$166.28
Rent		
Snoopers	\$50.00	\$45.00
Speakers Fee/Honorarium		
Speakers Air Fare/Travel		
Miscellaneous		Newsletter Stamps: \$ 49.20; Envelopes: \$12.42
Donations	\$200.00	
Special Sales		
SWROGA Dues		
Auction		
Plant Table Yr End Awards		
Library		
Subtotals:	\$526.00	\$282.90
Ending Balance: \$6029.71		