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August Program

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Paphiopedilum species and their influence on various Paphiopedilum

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He is married to Joyce, with three children Lisa, Todd and Mark with paphiopedilums named after each of them. He is owner of Paphanatics, unLimited; a judge in both the American Orchid Society and the Cymbidium Society of America for over 35 years.

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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 All,

The month of July has been a roller coaster for many of us. I have been on the road non stop, and my poor orchids have suffered the consequences. As I settled back in Dallas again, I resume my fertilizing and hopefully will be done with some repotting. Watch your greenhouses carefully for the hot hot hot days to come.

As I was in Germany visiting my aunt, I couldn't resist to pick an "On sale" Paph to give to her (Excuse for orchid shopping: If you cant bring orchid back, from Europe, shop for orchids and give to friends / family) You will get the same joy out of shopping and hopefully initiating someone else into the orchid hobby.

I have learned that our Hank Horton has been in the hospital. Lets keep the Hortons in our prayers as they go through some difficult times right now. The Hortons have been key contributors to our society, specially Hank with all the times he has volunteered to chair different committees for the Society.

One of the great benefits and opportunities of GNTOS membership is hosting guest speakers. Hosting presents a chance to visit at length with orchid experts with wide and varied experience. Many of us have had conversations about orchid issues far into the evening with people we would otherwise never have the chance to interact with.

Hosting includes such responsibilities as housing, feeding, and delivering the speaker to the meeting. You may also elect to meet the speaker at the airport, if they are flying. The obligation is traditionally for Saturday night, and possibly Sunday night, too.

If you would like to host a speaker, please contact Jim Williams, Program Chair/VP, at (903)271-1654. We can talk about details and options at that time. The one remaining speaker this year needing a host is Greg Butler from Oak Hill. Many of you know him--he has been at all our shows, AND he's bringing plants!

See you all at the meeting! Manny

GNTOS Meeting Minutes By Manny Aybar

The month of July brought our semi-annual auction. Although I was not there, I heard that it was a great success and lots of fun. We had around 37 members participate, and the format of having an afternoon lunch and then the auction worked very well.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made this auction possible!

Regards

Manny for Jeanne Thompson

Dallas Judging Center by Nancy Cropp

IPA Symposium July 11th, 2008

35 plants entered for AOS Judging, one award given:

Phal. Talin Gold 'Fangtastic' (Golden Amboin x Pinlong Cardinal) HCC 78 points, owner: Norman's Orchids, Montclair, CA

Dallas Judging Center, July 12th, 2008

No plants entered.

AUGUST 2008 MEETING AGENDA

1.00PM Orchids 101
1.30PM Program &

Introduction

2.45PM Break

3.00PM Business

3.30PM Plant Raffle

3.45PM Adjourn

Orchid Shopping by Manny



While in Germany I couldn't resist to take some pictures of orchid settings. Orchids in Europe are everywhere! Enjoy!



SAVE THE DATES!

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

July 6th, 2008
Annual Picnic and Auction

August 3rd, 2008
Norito Hasegawa
"Paphiopedilums Species"
(Lady Slippers)

September 7th, 2008
Greg Butler
Orchid Species

October 5th, 2008
To be announced

“Ask The Plant Groom”™ by Dale Groom, The Plant Groom™

Should I be pruning roses now? Thank you. - B. D.

Normally, the only pruning of roses done this time of year is ... "dead heading". I know it's a bit morbid sounding but it's the term-utilized nation wide. This limited pruning activity is the removal of spent blooms and their stalks.

On species and other rose types these structures are often left on the plant to grow and mature into rose hips that are often ornamental, add color and an interesting eye appeal to roses. Roses that are continual bloomers throughout the growing season are often deadheaded as a cultural practice to aid in the production of additional blooms. The spent bloom pods may be removed by cutting with a tool of pinched off by hand.

If your roses have become so large they grab you or anyone that walks past you may wish to conduct a selective removal of these

"grabbers". Severe pruning of roses in our state is mid Feb. removing of dead twigs may be done anytime.

Here's my note of recommendation for you and all readers of this column. Earth Kind Roses(tm) once established do not require pruning nor dead heading, provide an outstanding show of blooms throughout the season, do not require fertilizing or spraying and are Water-Wise.

When looking at adding additional roses to your landscape and for anyone wanting to plant the "first rose" I strongly recommend you select one of more of the (13) different Earth Kind Roses(tm) on the market today. Potential Earth Kind Roses(tm) are field tested in real world situations by Texas Cooperative Extension Horticulturists and collaborating partners state wide to earn the designation of Earth Kind Rose(tm).

Additional information regarding Earth Kind Roses(tm) is available at <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkindrose> and <http://dallas-tx.tamu.edu> then click on Horticulture, Home Gardening and Earth Kind Roses(tm). You will also find other valuable Earth Kind(tm) information at this location.

I'm looking for some evergreen shrubs to grow in large containers on our deck and would like to know what you recommend. - T. J....T. J., There are many possibilities here in Texas but I'll share with you some I personally prefer.

One item. I'm not sure how large your definition of ... large is. I'll base my recommendations on what Judy, my child bride of almost (39) years and I use. We use 16 - 20" containers of various configurations and construction.

Containers may be plastic, fiberglass, terracotta, ceramic, wood or just about any other material you wish to use. One key physical item that should be present in all containers is ... holes. Drain holes specifically. I have great results using 10, 15 and 20 gallon nursery containers when growing containerized evergreens and seasonal color for our deck, drive, walk and other locations.

Drain holes should be located on the sides just above the container's floor. This is similar to the location of drain holes in nursery containers. One drain hole centered in the bottom of a container often is not adequate to supply the necessary drainage for healthy root growth.

Remember, healthy roots = healthy plants. It is not possible to grow quality plants without healthy roots.

For ceramic and terracotta containers carbide masonry drill bits work well for drilling drain holes in these types of container. Wood, fiberglass, aluminum, stainless steel, copper and brass container may be drilled with most sharp high-speed drill bits. I recommend a minimum of (4) 1/2" diameter holes spaced evenly around a container's circumference.

Use a premium quality professional potting soil when installing plants in containers.

Take a look at the following plants for consideration in your containers that will be located in full sun location for (6) hours to all day Nandina including domestica, compacta, 'Gulf Stream' and 'Firepower'. Of the dwarf types 'Firepower' is my favorite. 'Winter Gem' boxwood does super. I do not recommend Japanese boxwood in containers. In the holly family there's a plethora of possibilities, some that are widely available include 'Carissa', 'Willowleaf', 'Dwarf Yaupon', 'Weeping Yaupon' and many more. The old fashion *Abelia grandiflora* and the newer hybrids 'Prostrata' and 'Sunrise' would provide; interesting foliage color, bloom color plus butterflies and hummers.

I would not plant euonymus or junipers in containers due to potential pest problems.

If you also look at some of the deciduous shrubs for your plantings that will add "eye candy" let me recommend the following: crape myrtles of all types and colors. Ask for the mildew resistant varieties when shopping. Altheas or Rose-Of-Sharon are especially great if you like the looks of hibiscus and they are available in various bloom colors and types. My favorite althea is 'Diana', a beautiful pure white variety.

Buddleia or Butterfly Bush should be on this list for fragrance, color, form, texture and ... butterflies.

Try some of these suggestions and let me know how they "work" for you.

Dale's Notes:

The "heat" will be arriving soon will for its annual visit. The following are some suggestions on how to manage the landscape during this time and be ... WaterWise:

* Install a drip irrigation system and only water when the plants need it. DO NOT water by some predetermined schedule

* Maintain a mulch such a pine bark, shredded bark, shredded tree trimmings or similar organic material 3-4" deep. DO NOT mulch beds with non-organic materials such as gravel. Gravel, crushed rock and similar products act as heat sinks. We do not need to add any heat to our soils, plus they do not add valuable texture, nutrients or water holding capacity to the soil.

* When installing seasonal color, shrubs, trees, vines, groundcovers and/or turf plant the best locally adapted Water Wise selections available. Following these suggestions I've outlined can reduce your potable usage in the landscape by 50% or more plus grow healthy and attractive plants.

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