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September Program

Ron McHatton and the Future of AOS



Dr. McHatton, a PhD Chemist by training, is currently the AOS Director of Education and Regional Operations. Prior to accepting this position he was Apopka production manager for Kerry's Bromeliad Nursery, possibly the largest wholesale orchid nursery in the United States and one of the largest Bromeliad wholesalers as well. Ron has been growing orchids for more than 43 years and has an eclectic collection of plants representing a wide cross-section of the orchid family. Ron's passion for orchids has spanned virtually every growing regime from windowsills to under lights to greenhouses running from a 200 square foot hobby house to several acres of commercial growing space. Over the years his private collection has numbered in excess of 2500 plants.

In addition to his professional position, Ron is an accredited American Orchid Society judge and has been volunteering for the AOS for over 25 years. During that time, Ron chaired several national committees, twice held a seat on the organization's Board of Trustees and briefly served as vice-president. In addition to Ron's volunteer support of the AOS, he has also been a long-time supporter of the Orchid Digest. In this role, he has served on its Board of Directors and Executive Committee for many years and as its President for three consecutive terms.

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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 last streaks of summer weather are in the air, and we should start preparing soon for the months to come. Now is a good time to start thinking about the different ways you can winterize your greenhouse. This will ensure no surprises if we have a sudden fall in temperatures.

This month we have the honor to host Ron McHatton, the Educational Director for the American Orchid Society (AOS). He brings us a fresh look at the future of American Orchid Society and where the organization is headed and the benefits to the membership.

Orchids 101 is in full swing and this month we will have Jeanne Thompson teaching us all the tips and tricks for orchid photography! Yes, I don't know if you know this, but our dear secretary is the official AOS photographer for the Dallas Judging Center. Remember that this session starts at 1.00pm right before the general meeting.

It was brought to my attention at the last meeting the level of cleanliness for the room once we vacated the premises at North Haven Garden. I had to stay and clean up a lot of paper cups, napkins, dirt, etc. Please clean up after yourselves and try to leave the room as tidy as we find it, in that way, I don't have to stay an extra half an hour cleaning up.

Last but not least, a special thanks to everyone that was involved in the auction and donated plants. The following folks donated plants for the auction, maybe more, as some were not labeled as to who brought them. Jerry thought it would be a good idea to recognize and thank them. I think he has a point. And they are: Camella Ryan, Dianna Rose, Jim Williams, Brandenburgs, Ann Herrington, Judy Cook (LOTS!!), Tham Johnson, Brit Harper (LOTS), and someone named Betty Ann or Betty Conn (hard to read). I apologize if I missed someone, and if so, many thanks as well.

To recap our fantastic July Auction:

Auction Income:	\$ 1506.00
Auction Expense:	279..00
Profit:	\$1227.00

This fantastic amount of money collected is the direct result of all your donations and several donors who wish to remain anonymous.

A huge Thank You goes to all who participated and to our Auctioneer Extraordinaire.

Thanks for all your support during my travelling and all of those I don't mention for my mind being involved in so many things. I appreciate you all and all you do.

See you all at the meeting! Manny

GNTOS Meeting Minutes By Jeanne Thompsom

Sunday, August 3, 2008

meeting called to order at 1:45 pm by our President, Manuel Aybar,

Manny talked about the SWROGA Show in Wichita Falls coming up in November, check the AOS website for more information.

Visitors: Norito Hasegawa, Noemi Quillin, Diana Lowe, Walter Foss, Patty Tipps
New Members: Jerry Strug, Shelley Edson,

Ribbon table:

Debbie Montgomery and Ann Herrington assisted with judging

Blue: *Trichoglottis philippensis* Manuel Aybar

Red: *Cychnoches Jean Monnier* Jerry Brandenburg

White: *Stanhopea grandiflora* - Manuel Aybar

Tricolor: BLC Fortune x *B. nodosa* - the Drumwrights

Species of the Month: *Dendrobium wassellii*

Our Vice President Jim Williams introduced our Speaker, Dr. Norito Hasegawa, who gave us a presentation on new directions in Paph breeding, focusing mainly on the *Parvisipalum* and *Brachypetalum* groups, also the *Maudiae* types and briefly, standard complexes and multiflorals.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 by our President Manny Aybar.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne

GNTOS Financial Report by Kathy Halverson

Financial Report: July 2008		
Dated: 7-12-08		
Beginning Balance: \$5255.58		
	Income	Expenses
Dues	\$ 50.00	
Hospitality		Tea for July luncheon mtg. \$12.96
Raffle	\$	\$
Rent		Storage unit rent for 3 months: \$150.00
Snoopers	\$	\$
Speakers Fee		
Speakers Air Fare/Travel		
Miscellaneous		Plastic storage totes: \$22.57
Donations		
Special Sales		
SWROGA Dues		
Auction	\$1506.00	GNTOS purchased plants: \$279.00
Plant Table Yr End Awards		
Library		
Website		
Subtotals:	\$1556.00	\$464.53
Ending Balance: \$ 6347.05		

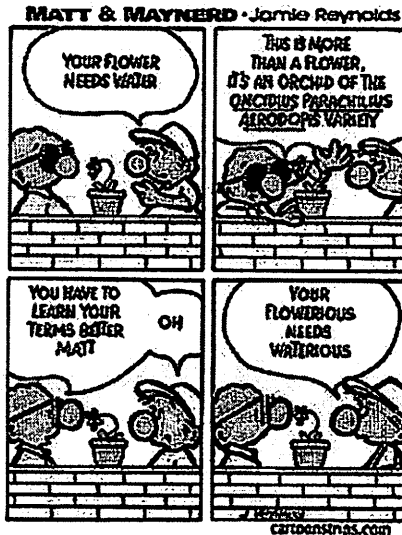
Financial Report: Aug. 2008		
Dated: 8-9-08		
Beginning Balance: \$6347.05		
	Income	Expenses
Dues	\$ 70.00	
Hospitality		
Raffle	\$	\$
Rent		
Snoopers	\$20.00	\$18.00
Speakers Fee		
Speakers Air Fare/Travel		Hotel room and dinner: \$112.61
Miscellaneous		Stamps: \$ 7.56
Donations		
Special Sales		
SWROGA Dues		
Auction		
Plant Table Yr End Awards		
Library		
Website		
Subtotals:	\$90.00	\$138.17
Ending Balance: \$ 6298.88		

Dallas Judging Center by Nancy Cropp

August 9th, 2008

Five plants were entered for consideration, no awards were given.

Orchids Laughs by Manny



You know you need another orchid when...
(All related to space)

... you have a pot's worth of space left in the house -- be it bedroom, bathroom, ceiling, or garden!

... that summer gardening bug hits you in the middle of the winter. All you can do is sliding a pot over to make room for one more in your sunniest window and wait for the cold winds to stop blowing.

... light is still leaking through your

window sill.

... you can actually see the glass in a window.

... you can tell if it's night or day by looking out the window!

... you notice a shaft of light can still get through the orchids in your window.

... after you've put yourself in to debt for \$12,000.00 for a new greenhouse you realize that the few three or four hundred orchids plants that you already have will be very, very lonely in all the new space you now have

... you can see the rails on the plant stand.

... you wake up to the buzz of metal halides in your greenhouse/ bedroom and see a space for another plant.

... you have to move the living room suite out of the living room to accommodate that 'deal you just couldn't resist.'

... even your six-year-old can't squeeze through the plants without bending a flower spike. Then you've got a reason to add another section to the greenhouse.

Happy Orchid Growing!

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

SAVE THE DATES!

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

October 5th, 2008

Judith Cook

The Genus Bulbophyllum

November 2nd, 2008

Greg Butler

Oak Hill Gardens

Orchid Species

December 7th, 2008

Annual Afternoon

Lunch & Auction