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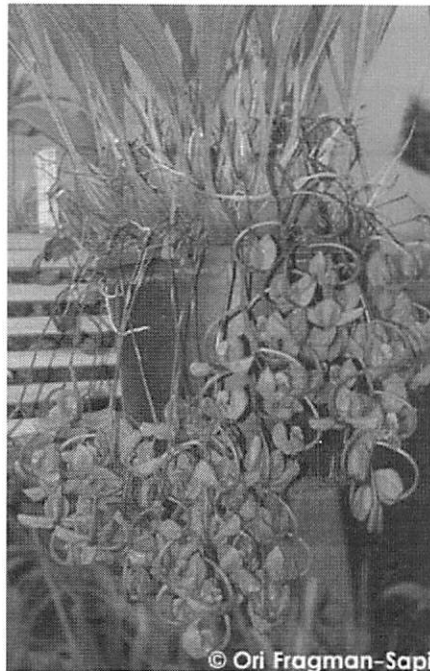
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October Program

Judy Cook on "Orchids that Dangle and other Strange Things"



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I know, the subject sounds weird. This month our own Judy will be talking about "Orchids that dangle".

Society member, Dr. Cook, has been growing orchids for 30 years, has been an American Orchid Society Judge for ten years, and has made six trips to see orchids in the wild.

See you all 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 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,

If you haven't done so already, it is a great time to start winterizing your greenhouse. With all the craziness of my life, I end up winterizing when they announce the first frost coming, but this year I have promised myself (like previous years) that I will winterize early enough. By winterizing I mean checking that my heater works, that there are no cracks that can let the heat escape, cleaning my cooling wall, etc.

This month we will feature our own Judy Cook, and she will be talking about "dangly stuff". I must confess that I wasn't fond of these plants when I started growing orchids, and now a bunch of baskets hang in my greenhouse with Gongoras, etc.

For Orchids 101 in October, Jerry Brandenburg will talk to us about "How to fertilize your Orchids". Jerry has been growing orchids for over 35 years and has been a judge for almost that long. So bring your questions about fertilizer. What kind. When. How much. Or for that matter any other questions related to Orchids. Remember that this Session meets at 1:00 just before the main meeting in the greenhouse next to the meeting room .

Last month we had a fantastic spread of plants for the show and tell table. It looked like a mini show! It has been brought to my attention that sometimes some of us (including me) who arrive late and / or bring many plants to the plant table don't pay attention to the other plants that are there already. Some members have had their show and tell plants damaged because of other member's not paying attention when they place / arrange their plants. It is ok to rearrange a little bit the plant table to feature your plant, but it is not "gentille" (French for kind) to shovel other member's plants around. Keep that in mind when you are arranging your plants on the plant table.

Again, I cannot thank you all enough 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, September 7th, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 by our president, Manuel Aybar

Jim Williams introduced our speaker, Dr. Ron McHatton, the Director of Education and Regional Outreach of the AOS. He gave us an overview of the history of the AOS, which was founded in 1924 to successfully fight legislation banning importing orchids from England. The AOS currently has 455 affiliated societies today, and over 17,000 members. Dr. McHatton talked about the various benefits of AOS membership, including admission to many major botanic gardens and institutions around the country. He also discussed coming upgrades and modernizations to the AOS and its website, its images and programs. He also brought some images of the AOS grounds and gardens.

Plant Table: assisted by David Hines and Leonard Ingalls

Blue Ribbon: *Miltonia Honolulu* Warne's Best
owner: Dr. Judy Cook

Red Ribbon: *Miltonia Sandy's Cove*
owner: Dr. Judy Cook

White Ribbon: *Eria hyacinthodes*
owner: Dr. Judy Cook

Tricolor: *Stanhopea graveolens* 'Crownpoint'
owner: Dr. Judy Cook

Species of the Month: *Angreacum eburneum*
owner: Dr. Judy Cook

Judy Cook will be our speaker for October
Greg Butler from Oak Hill will be here for November

Adjourned 4:15 by Manny Aybar.

GNTOS Financial Report by Kathy Halverson

Financial Report: Sept. 2008		
Dated: 9-7-08		
Beginning Balance: \$6298.88		
	Income	Expenses
Dues		
Hospitality		
Raffle	\$111.00	\$
Rent		
Snoopers	\$122.00	\$109.80
Speakers Fee		
Speakers Air Fare/Travel		Meals: \$41.65
Miscellaneous		
Donations		
Special Sales		
SWROGA Dues		
Auction		
Plant Table Yr End Awards		
Library		
Website		
Subtotals:	\$233.00	\$151.45
Ending Balance: \$ 6380.43		

Dallas Judging Center by Nancy Cropp

September 13th, 2008

Judging cancelled due to Storms / Hurricane Ike.

Orchids Myths by Manny

Here are some of the popular orchid myths

#1 Orchids are Carnivorous.

They are not. However insects of various kinds are important in orchid reproduction. Many orchids pollinate by luring insects to them and then the insects transport the pollen to another orchid. Many orchids have a complex relationship with insects in the wild but they do not in fact eat the insects.

#2 Orchids come from the Tropics.

Some orchid flowers do come from the tropical climates but they grow in any climate and in any country, even Alaska.

#3 Orchids are Expensive.

Not anymore. There has been an increased interest in orchid gardening and in the number of orchid growers. Now there are modern reproductive methods for orchids and so orchids are now more reasonably priced. Some orchid flowers last as long as 3 months. That makes them even less expensive than a nice bouquet! And they last longer and you have a plant (an new orchid friend) that can bloom again and again.

#4 Orchids are Hard to Grow.

This orchid myth is far from the truth. They are not anymore difficult than any other plant. They need the basics, water, light, air and fertilizer. Once you know what they need and meet those needs your orchid will thrive. The plant can last for many years and flower repeatedly. Happy Orchid Growing!

OCTOBER 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)

November 2nd, 2008

Greg Butler
Oak Hill Gardens
Orchid Species

December 7th, 2008

Annual Afternoon
Lunch & Auction