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## November Program

### *Greg Butler on "Warm Tolerant Orchid Species"*



Greg grew up on the East Coast and has been a Boston Red Sox fan since 1967. He was graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1981 with a Bachelor of Business Administration/ Finance. For 15 years out of college he was employed with Wallace Computer Services, a national provider of business forms and computer supplies. Most of his time there was spent in sales and sales management, with a brief stint in the training department.

In 1996 he removed his monkey suit and noose in favor of shorts and a t-shirt, and entered the wonderful world of orchids at Oak Hill Gardens. He had the incredible foresight (and good fortune) to marry Liese Pigors (founder Hermann's daughter) about 10 years earlier, hoping someday for a shot at orchid infamy. Upon joining the Oak Hill Gang he instantly became the "idiot son-in-law" that every family business is loath to take on board. The company has remained in business to this day despite his best efforts to run it into the ground. His duties include, but are not limited to, sweeping the head house and driving the van. He reports directly to his wife.

Greg and Liese have two intelligent and handsome teenage sons, Cameron and Jared. Greg's hobbies include road cycling, skiing, guitar and drinking wine. He also likes to hold hands watching the sunset while walking on the beach dancing naked in the rain. Greg will bring lots of orchid species 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 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](mailto:manuel.aybar@verizon.net) or by mail to Manuel Aybar, 2330 Saharah dr, Garland, TX 75044

**President's Message** by Manuel Aybar

Hello All,

It is the time of the year where the Nominating Committee meets for electing a new group of officers for next year. According to the bylaws, the Nominating Committee is a group of members in good standing that are appointed by the President of the organization. Their charter is to identify potential candidates for holding office for the organization.

This month our speaker drives (literally) from Dundee, Illinois. Greg Butler from Oak Hill Gardens will speak on "Orchid Species we can grow in Dallas" He will also bring plants for sale at the meeting.

For Orchids 101 in November, we are going to demonstrate the correct way to repot your orchids. Charles Hess has been growing orchids for over 25 years and he has a lot of tips to share with us on the best way to successfully repot your plants. Bring your questions. We will meet in the greenhouse next to the meeting room at North Haven Gardens at 1:00 on November 2. We will finish in time for the main GNTOS meeting at 1:30.

GNTOS will be participating in the upcoming SWROGA show in Wichita Falls, TX. We will support the show by having a floor exhibit. Kevin Fox has volunteered to help with the exhibit and he will need your full support in this matter. We need as many plants in bloom for the exhibit since we are installing a floor exhibit.

Linda Horton and Kevin Fox have been designated as drop off points for plants that are going to be entered. If you have a plant that will be available for us to take, please make sure you put your name on the plant so it can be returned to you! Upon our drive back from Wichita Falls, you will pick up at your drop point. Please let us know at the meeting if you can help with the exhibit set up on Friday, November 7th, 2008.

I have a family commitment so I won't be at the meeting. Jim Williams will lead the meeting, so please give him your full support. He will also finish coordinating the logistics for the GNTOS exhibit set up.

Manny

## GNTOS Meeting Minutes By Jeanne Thompsom

Sunday, October 5th, 2008

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

Jim Williams introduced our speaker, Dr. Judy Cook, who is an Accredited Judge and Training Coordinator for the Dallas Judging Center. Judy spoke on “Dangling” stuff, which includes different genera of Orchids with pendant inflorescences. They include Stanhopeas, Gongoras, even Draculas. A lot of beautiful pictures of plants we can actually grow!

Plant Table: assisted by Hank Horton and Mike Beber.

~~Blue Ribbon: Miltonia Honolulu Warner'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~~

Greg Butler from Oak Hill will be here for November. Kevin Fox has volunteered to lead the GNTOS exhibit at the Wichita Falls, TX SWROGA fall show. Linda Horton / Kevin Fox have been designated as orchid drop off points if you want to send plants to the show.

Adjourned 4:15 by Manny Aybar.

**GNTOS Financial Report by Kathy Halverson**

<b>Financial Report: Oct. 2008</b>		
Dated: 10-10-08		
Beginning Balance: \$ 6380.43		
	Income	Expenses
Dues	\$70.00	
Hospitality		
Raffle	\$147.00	\$
Rent		Storage Unit for Oct, Nov, Dec \$150.00
Snoopers	\$178.00	\$160.20
Speakers Fee		
Speakers Air Fare/Travel		
Miscellaneous		AOS dues for 2 years \$108.00 Smart Drive for audit \$14.06
Donations		
Special Sales		
SWROGA Dues		
Auction		
Plant Table Yr End Awards		
Library		
Website		
<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>\$395.00</b>	<b>\$432.26</b>
<b>Ending Balance: \$ 6343.17</b>		

**Dallas Judging Center** by Nancy Cropp

3 Plants were entered, No AOS awards were given.

**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

**About Oak Hill Gardens** by Manny

Oak Hill Gardens was founded in the fall of 1973 when Hermann and Dorothy Pigors purchased the five-acre site with three existing greenhouses, home and service buildings. Hermann had the benefit of five years professional training and work experience in Germany plus an additional 17 years of working with orchids and orchid hobbyists with the Hausermann firm in Villa Park, IL.

The previously empty greenhouses purchased in Dundee were gradually stocked with a variety of house plants and orchids. The houseplants were propagated on site and the orchids were purchased from domestic and overseas sources. An internal laboratory for seedling and tissue culture was established, producing many thousands of unusual orchid species from seed and tissue culture, as well as hybrid varieties. Many of these were and are exported world-wide.

Initially a price list was issued, then catalogs were mailed to customers every two years. Thus a substantial mail-order business has been established. Participation in orchid shows in the continental US and Canada was and is a part of the steady growth.

The business quickly grew to require additional help beyond immediate family members Robert, Liese, and Susan, who all helped during their school years. Robert and Liese remained active full-time after school, and Liese returned in the summer of 1995 with husband Greg and sons Cameron and Jared. The firm is now incorporated and includes Greg and Liese as officers. Since 2001, Greg and Liese have been primarily involved in the day-to-day running of the business. Hermann has been concentrating on the development of the laboratory, and most of his time is spent in this capacity. Six additional employees make up the entire staff at this time.

Oak Hill Gardens' diversified business includes plant rental, gift plant deliveries to the Chicagoland area, orchid and house plant walk-in trade (both retail and wholesale) as well as mail-order to the orchid hobbyist, a segment of the business which has grown substantially over the last five years. Species orchids are an especially strong feature of the firm as well as hybrids of the unusual type for the hobby grower. Expansion has brought a total of over 20,000 sq. ft. under glass in eight greenhouses.

**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**

**January**