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December Meeting

It's Auction Time!

For the December meeting, we will have our End of Year Auction and Potluck.

We will start at 1.00pm. Please bring your bidding spirit as we will have great plant selection for the auction. Feel free to bring items to donate to the auction.

We will also have a pot luck luncheon. This worked well last July. GNTOS to provide Beverages and Plates, Cups, etc. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish, meat or dessert.

There will be no plant table show and tell, no snoopers table sales, and no orchids 101 session.

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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 Y'all,

Happy Holidays! I can't believe that we are in December. I would like to express my gratitude to all of you that have helped me lead the GNTOS this year, especially my peers at the executive board. It has been a great year for us as a Society. We have accomplished many milestones this year and this would have not been possible without your help.

The biggest challenge we were faced with this year was our operating costs. By moving to North Haven, sharing speakers with other societies and watching our expenditures, our balance sheet looks healthier and healthier. We still need to watch the expenses in the coming years so we can continue to operate successfully.

The Speaker sharing between the societies in Texas was a big cost reduction driver and enabled us to bring high caliber speakers without incurring high costs. By not sharing cost in the past, we would have spent up to 600 dollars per speaker when we bring famous out of town and well renowned ones. This year by sharing with Texas Societies, we kept the cost per speaker to 200 dollars per speaker. Thanks Jim and all the Vice Presidents of the Texas Societies for your arduous job in syncing and working together. I am hoping we continue this approach.

The Orchids 101 sessions were instituted as part of our meeting schedule. Kudos to David Gould for coordinating them and procuring speakers to lead our green growers into learning the ins and outs of our beloved hobby.

Our July auction raised record amounts. A first this year was the greenhouse circuit / tour, also led by David Gould and a team of volunteers. This event will become a signature event due to its proven popularity and success. Our library has been cataloged, reorganized and inventoried. This huge task could have not been accomplished without the help of David Hines, our Librarian.

We even participated in a Neighboring society show (Wichita Falls) by putting a Floor exhibit, and we won the show trophy!! Thanks to Kevin Fox for his creativity and for leading the group, and thanks to everyone that sent plants for the exhibit and of course all the volunteers that helped set up and tear down at the end. I would like to see in the future a committee that is in charge of putting exhibits in neighbor shows... do I hear anyone volunteering?

I am very appreciative of the open environment that we have fostered this year. I have received many emails with both positive and constructive feedback that have helped make our GNTOS a better society. I cannot thank you all enough for initiating the contact and having the professionalism and kindness to take the time and give me feedback personally. The membership is the reason of existence of our group, and listening to the membership should be the number one priority of any person that serves in a board of directors.

Many more exciting GNTOS years are ahead of us, be on the watch... Manny

GNTOS Meeting Minutes By Jeanne Thompsom

Sunday, November 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1.35 by our President, Manuel Aybar

New Business:

Our Nominating Committee this year consisted of:

Amy Drumwright, Jim Drumwright, Jerry Brandenburg, Kathy Halverson, Nancy Cropp

Our proposed slate of officers for 2009: SWROGA Director: Kevin Fox; Immediate Past President: Manny Aybar; Treasurer: Kathy Halverson; Secretary: Ellen Safley; Vice President: Manny Aybar; President: Jim Williams. Voting will take place during the December meeting.

The SWROGA show will be in Wichita Falls next weekend, anyone who can donate plants for the GNTOS display please do so, and be sure to groom them for show!

Hoosier Orchids is going out of business, and they are selling plants in \$300 lots. If anyone wants to go in together and place a group order please contact Jim Williams.

2009 - February: No speaker, but we will have a potting demonstration and in April we are planning to have another Greenhouse Tour.

We had 4 Visitors: Noemi Quillin, Eunice Mornon, Laurie Celella, Stephanie Kinneh

Presentation: Our speaker, Greg Butler, was introduced by our own Dr. Judy Cook. He gave a talk on warm-growing orchids suitable for our environment here in North Texas. Warm-growing defined as 55 degree night-time temperature-tolerant and able to withstand 100+ degrees. Characteristics of good outdoor orchids: Thick leaves, pseudobulbs, large plants, drought and fungus resistant.

Better indoors, smaller plants, Paphs, Phals, Aerangis, Gastrochilus, most with no pseudobulb.

Warm growing species:

Best indoor: *Leptotes bicolor*, *Maxillaria lankesteri*, *Ornithochilus fuscus*, *Kefersteinia tolimensis*, *Phal braceana*, *Aerangis biloba*.

Indoor/Outdoor: *Bulbo odoratissimum*, *Dendrobium denudans*, *Dockrilla rigida*, *Dendrochilum wenzellii*, *Galeandra baueri*, *Tainia hookeriana*, *Tolumnia sylvestre*.

Best outdoor: *Seidenfadenia mitrata*, *Bulbo carunculatum*, *Cattleya aurantiaca*, *Coelogyne pandurata*, *Coryanthes macrantha*, *Eria acervata*, *Eulophia euglossa*, *Gongora tricolor*.

Common-sense feeding tips:

Varied collection - Mix up formulas and brands! A homogeneous collection can be fed a 'uniformulate' or the same mix, however rotating brands is in any case, the best.

Spring/Summer: 30-10-10, balanced 20-20-20 or Cal-mag 15-5-15. Skip every 4th or 5th week.

Fall/Winter: Balanced 20-20-20, Bloom Booster 10-30-20 and skip every 3rd or 4th week.

Plant Table judging was assisted by Ellen Safley and Debbie Montgomery.

Blue Ribbon: Rsc Glen Maidmont

owner: Jean Whiting

Red Ribbon: Pot Royal Beau 'Hihimanu'

owner: Barbara McNamu

White Ribbon: Paphinia Majestic

owner: Jean Whiting

Tricolor: *Brassavola cordata*

owner: Drumwrights

Species of the Month: *Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry*

owner: Dr Judy Cook

Adjourned 3:30 pm by our president, Manny Aybar

GNTOS Financial Report by Kathy Halverson

Financial Report: Nov. 2008		
Dated: 11-11-08		
Beginning Balance: \$ 6343.17		
	Income	Expenses
Dues	\$230.00	
Hospitality		
Raffle	\$110.00	
Rent		
Snoopers	\$177.00	\$159.30
Speakers Fee		
Speakers Air Fare/Travel		\$200.00
Miscellaneous		
Donations		
Special Sales		
SWROGA Dues		
Auction		
Plant Table Yr End Awards		
Library		
Website		
Subtotals:	\$517.00	\$359.30
Ending Balance: \$ 6500.87		

Dallas Judging Center by Nancy Cropp

Dallas Judging Center conducted the regular monthly judging on November 8, 2008, in Wichita Falls in conjunction with the Red River Orchid Society SWROGA Show. Seven plants were entered for consideration, and no awards were given. Ten Dallas Judging Center personnel were present along with 20 Judges and Students from other Judging Centers.

AOS judging was done at the Show on November 7 with 18 plants pulled for consideration from 345 show entries. Ten Dallas Judging Center personnel were present along with 32 Judges and Students from other Judging Centers. Three awards were given:

Paph. (provisional) (Joan Thomas x Kay Day) HCC 76 points, owner: Norito Hasegawa, Anaheim, CA

Barkeria Jim Balch 'Judy' (scandens x uniflora) HCC 77 points, owner: Dr. Judy Cook, Gunter, TX

Oenla. polystachys 'Byron' (species) HCC 77 points, owner: Byron Rienke, Winfield, KS

2009 Proposed Calendar by Manny

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

January 4th- Jerry Brandenburg—Topic TBD

February 1st—Re-Potting Musical Chairs Style

March 1st- Tom Biggart-Australian Dendrobium Species

April 5th—Don Garling—Treating Pests & Diseases with Home made and Organic remedies

April 18-19 GNTOS Greenhouse Tour

May 3rd- Greg Allikas—Orchid Photography

June 7th— Eric Michels—Gongoras and Obscure Genera

July 5th—Fund Raiser—Auction

**December 2008
MEETING
AGENDA**

1.00PM Luncheon
2.00PM Business

Meeting

2.15PM Auction
3.45PM Officer

Installations &

Adjourn

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