



**MEETING  
AGENDA**

- 2:30  
Orchids 101
- 3:00  
Meeting Begins
- 4:15  
Break
- 4:30  
Business Meeting
- 5:00  
Adjourn

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JULY MEETING SPEAKER: WEYMAN BUSSEY

**Mexican Orchid Species You Can Grow,  
And Some You Can't**

Born in Germany and raised in Belle Glade, Florida, after collecting his first orchid in the Big Cypress Swamp at the age of 12 on a Boy Scout camping trip, he knew his life was predestined to forever work with orchids. Weyman went to Colombia, South America for the 7th W.O.C. when he was 17 and there he fell in love with the tropics. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1976, where he studied



One of Weyman Bussey's unregistered hybrids crosses a Cattleya with a Mexican native Brassavola nodosa orchid.

Botany and Ornamental Horticulture. After college, he spent four years in Colombia setting up a tropical foliage nursery and looking for orchids.

In 1980, Weyman accepted a position with "the godfather of the flower industry" in Mexico. Eighteen months later he formed his own partnership and started a very successful flower operation called "Rancho La Joya". In 1989, Weyman, started a new company called "Save the Flora International". This company's objective was to promote ecologically sustainable development and salvage some of the millions of orchid plants he had observed dying from the slash and burn harvesting technique for lumber, without concern for other endemic species.

Meanwhile to make a living and pursue his life long ambition, he has continued to grow orchids, give talks around the country, and set up other orchid nurseries. He specializes in Mexican species, has a laboratory for propagation, has created a line of Tropical flowering Cymbidiums and tries to grow any orchid that he doesn't kill, by accident of course!

He lives part time in Mission, Texas where he has set up a new up and growing nursery under the name of "Abunda Flora" to distribute his Mexican produced orchid plants. Most of the time, he claims to live in his pickup truck in Mexico.

An adventurer at heart, an orchidist to the core, professor of innovation and a great lecturer on Mexican orchids and tropical orchid growing, Weyman says anybody can grow an orchid. They can be obtained with a minimum investment and require only the right environment and lots of love.

**ORCHIDS 101****HOW TO REPOT AN ORCHID.**

Mike Beber will show us what to do when our plants have outgrown their pots. We will also discuss various potting mixes and how to select the proper pot.

Bring your questions and we'll try to provide some answers. 2:30 in the greenhouse.

**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



First order of business is an apology and an explanation for the switch that occurred last month. We usually have the fund-raising auction in July, but we had a chance to get a great speaker for July at the last minute. I say that last minute, meaning the decision was made the end of May to move the auction forward. The only notification was in the newsletter, and I apologize for any inconvenience. The speaker in July will, I'm sure, justify the last-minute confusion.

We have four ways of raising money for society operations: dues, of course; the monthly raffle; the two auctions; and, not to be forgotten, the Snooper's Table. The Snooper's Table serves double duty, not only raising money, but also affords the opportunity to share divisions of plants you may have in your collection. So keep the Snooper's Table in mind as a way to share plants and raise a few bucks for the organization.

Summer is upon us, and heat so necessary in the winter greenhouse now becomes the enemy. I hope many of you are taking advantage of the shade trees in your yard by moving at least some of your plants outside. Orchids enjoy a vacation, too.

If you're not taking a vacation, we'll look forward to seeing you on July 5th for our next meeting and program on Mexican orchids and their habitats, many and varied.



Richard John Avery Jr.

**REMEMBRANCE**

Richard John Avery, Jr. departed this life peacefully on May 22, 2009. Richard his wife and parents were members of GNTOS in the late 60s and early 70s. He was elected GNTOS president in 1969 and 1970. He was the founder and owner of Avery A/C. He also built greenhouses – his A-frame greenhouse was pictured on some of the early GNTOS show schedules.

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## DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

David Gould, Photo

Dallas Judging Center

June 13, 2009

Six plants entered for consideration, one award given:

**Neofinetia falcata var. shoujou 'Elation'**

(species)

AM 81 points

Owner: Tom Mulhollan,  
Denton, TX

## 2009 CALENDAR

by Manuel Aybar

**August 2nd** – Peter Tobias from the Orchid Conservation Alliance “Orchid Species Conservation”

**September – 2nd** Bob Fuchs from RF Orchids, “Vandaceous Orchids”

**October 4th** – American Orchid Society Orchid Judging. Learn what is involved in Judging

**November 1st** – Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids “Cynoches and Mormodes Orchids”

**December 6th** – Greater North Texas Orchid Auction/Sale  
No program, Auction open to the public.

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1 Month – \$10

1 Year – \$100

Full Color

2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 2<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"

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HISTORY**

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, we were issued a charter by the AOS as the Greater North Texas Orchid Society

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

2009

GNTOS Membership Dues are paid yearly by January 31, in order for your name to be listed in the published Year Book.

- \$20.00 – New or Renewing Member (individual)
- \$10.00 – Additional Member (each additional person in same household)

Please mail completed form with payment to:  
Kathy Halverson  
1922 Baylor Drive  
Richardson, TX 75081  
Make check payable to GNTOS.

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