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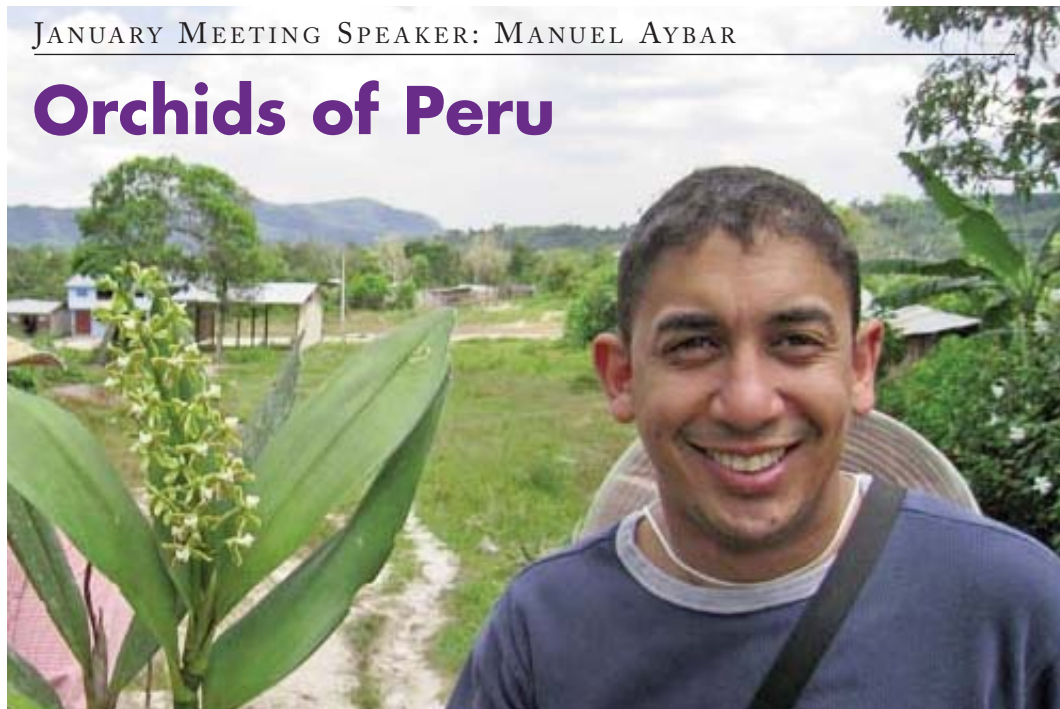
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Meeting Begins
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Break
- 4:30
Business Meeting
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Adjourn

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JANUARY MEETING SPEAKER: MANUEL AYBAR

Orchids of Peru



It is estimated that Peru has around 3000 species, as diverse as *Chlorea pavonii* growing in the Andean valleys up to 3100 meters high to the spectacular and world-known *Cattleya rex*, native of Moyobamba in the eastern slopes of the Andes. It is not known that in Cuzco in time of the Incas there was a love story based in a beautiful orchid of red flowers (*Masdevallia veitchiana*). This flower, according to many specialists, is one of the most beautiful orchids in the world. In his recent adventure to Machu Pichu and Moyobamba, Manny captures the beauty of many of the peruvian species and gives us a virtual trip into the Orchids of the Sacred Valley of the Incas and the warm jungles of Moyobamba.

Manuel Aybar is originally from the Dominican Republic (A grower's paradise, as he describes it). He has been growing orchids for approximately 19 years. The genus that got him started was *Dendrobium* in which he specializes (phalaenopsis-type). He is a member of the American Orchid Society since and the GNTOS, and is an Accredited Judge of the American Orchid Society Judging program. His current research includes the orchids of the Dominican Republic, for which he has gone in numerous orchid collecting trips back to his home country. He has been extensively involved in the judging of many shows around the US.

NEWSLETTER

Members are encouraged to submit articles, information, or suggestions for publication in our newsletter. Send submissions to the editor via email at: david@gouldcreative.com



Well, now that I am the president of this organization, I guess I have to do something besides bring in plants to show off!!! It is quite an honor to be elected president of the group and many thanks need to go to both Jim William and Manny Aybar who did such a fantastic job last year in running the society, getting wonderful speakers, dealing with finding a new place to have our meetings and putting on a really good show.

When I was training to be a judge in the Atlanta Center, the judging center chairman always stressed that we “need to have fun doing this, since we don’t get paid”. For societies we also need to have a lot of fun. Because we do a lot of things for this orchid passion, and not only don’t get paid, we usually commit more money and time than we will ever want to admit. But my own experience is that being involved is where the fun is, and you never know what wonderful people and places that may lead you.

When I moved to Alabama, I joined the Birmingham Society, and they were fairly assertive about asking people to volunteer. We had a show coming up and I volunteered to help wherever I could. I was asked to ‘clerk’, and not having a clue what that was, I agreed to do it. I had a great time and did it again at the next show and that got me started on the road to being a judge. When I was asked to help with AOS at the national level I again had no idea what I was getting into, but have really been glad that I did. I have been on committees there for several years and it has also given me an extended ‘family’ of people with whom I share my passion for orchids.

The AOS president toured societies explaining to people that this is ‘OUR AOS’, not an organization of strangers down in Del Ray Beach, Fl. If you look at our society, we have several members who are involved in the AOS. Most of them are judges, but you do NOT have to be a judge to be involved with AOS.

So I want all of us to focus on having fun, and also on getting involved. Many of you would like to be involved and don’t know how to go about it. I recommend you approach any of the current officers and let them know you would like to be active. When there are calls for volunteers, raise your hand – it could turn out to be a blast! We are getting many new members and I encourage all of you to get involved and join the fun. If you are an ‘old timer’, reach out to the newcomers and welcome them, and consider taking one or two of them under your wing.

The AOS is built by societies like ours, growing our membership, getting involved locally and then up to the national program. Presently, the AOS is struggling, and I would encourage people to get involved if you can, donate time, skills, ideas, and money. Because it takes efforts from the local societies to make the AOS go and grow. A-N-D be sure to plan to go to the AOS Trustees meeting in April in Oklahoma City where you can get a sense of what AOS is and what goes on. We will be putting in a display, so start grooming your plants NOW so they will be in prime shape for that show.

GNTOS MEETING, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

Over 30 people were present at the annual holiday potluck and auction.

New members included Jim and Georgina Logsdon.

President Jim Williams indicated that the Society netted a little over \$300 on the fall show and sale.



The Society has joined the Orchid Conservation Alliance and has the right to display their logo. The Alliance has purchased some land to protect

native species and our money is helping to provide regular monitoring of the property.

The new officers were announced and will take office in January. The officers are:

- Judy Cook, *President*
- Bobby Dillard, *Vice President*
- Ellen Safley, *Secretary*
- Kathy Halverson, *Treasurer*
- Charlie Hess, *SWROGA Rep.*
- Jim Williams, *Past President*

The officers should be affirmed in January. Thank you to the Nominating Committee (Jean Whiting, Barbara McNamee, David Gould, Ellen Safley, Charles Hess, and Nancy Cropp) chaired by Nancy Cropp.

Jim also announced that 3 of our 2010 meetings fall on holiday weekends. The Executive Committee will determine if adjustments to the calendar will be made.

A special thank you goes to Jerry Brandenburg who was the auctioneer of the auction event. Ronnie Brandenburg assisted.

2009 Plant Table Judging results:

Nancy Cropp announced the 2009 Plant Table Judging Results

32 members brought plants to show, there was a total of 235 plants entered for the year, and 16 members helped judge the tables.

Top ten point gatherers:

- # 10 Charles Hess
- # 9 Jim Williams
- # 8 Jean Whiting
- # 7 Barbara McNamee
- # 6 The Brandenburgs
- # 5 Kevin Fox (33 points)
- # 4 Manny Aybar (35 points)
- # 3 Amy Drumwright (45 points)
awarded a \$50 check
- # 2 The Hortons (46 points)
awarded a \$75 check
- # 1 Judy Cook (48 points)
awarded a \$100 check

The January lecture will be given by Manny Aybar on Peruvian Orchids.

Happy New Year!

DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT

Kathy Halverson



Dallas Judging Center
Dec. 12, 2009

Five plants entered for consideration,
one award given:

Bardendrum Nanboh Pixy 'Shadow'
(Bard. Terusan x Barkeria Scandens)
HCC 75 points
Owner: The Brandenburgs
Dallas, TX

A Judging Workshop is being
planned for Feb. 13, 2010, focusing
on the Cattleya Alliance. Further
details will come.

At the AOS Spring Meeting, a rec-
ommendation will be made to the
Judging Committee to approve eleva-
tion from Probationary to Accredited
status for Emily Quinn and Linda
Horton.

Bring plants for judging or visit to
observe training session and judging
January 9 at 11am to Texas A&M
Extension Center, 17360 Coit Road,
Dallas. Visitors always welcome!

Financial Report: November 2009
Dated: 11-1-09 thru 11-30-09

	Income	Expenses
Beginning Balance:	\$ 7058.52	
Dues	\$ 80.00	
Hospitality	-	
Raffle	62.00	
Rent (Storage)	-	
Snoopers	72.00	.64.80
Speakers Fee219.00
Speakers Hotel		*28.27
Miscellaneous:		
Flash Drive		12.98
Donations: Orchid Conservation Alliance:		\$300.00
Special Sales	-	
SWROGA Dues210.00
Auction	-	
Plant Table	-	
Yr. End Awards225.00
GNTOS Exhibit	-	
Library	-	
Audit Check	-	
Website	-	
Fall 2009 Show	-	
Subtotals:	\$242.27	\$1088.31
Ending Balance:	\$ 6212.48	

* Note: Speaker's Hotel- Half paid by
Ft. Worth OS: \$56.53

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
Judy Cook

VICE PRESIDENT
Bobby Dillard

SECRETARY
Ellen Safley

TREASURER
Kathy Halverson

SWROGA
DIRECTOR
Charlie Hess

NEWSLETTER EDITOR
David Gould

GNTOS WEBMASTER
Manuel Aybar

PAST PRESIDENT
Jim Williams

January 3rd Manny Aybar – “Orchids of Peru”

February 7th Tom Harper – “The Genus Phalaenopsis”

ORCHID TIP

If the sepals wilt on your flowers, the cause is most likely due to ethylene gas contamination. To solve this problem, check your heating system and check that there is no ripening fruit or decaying plant material in the area.

GREATER NORTH TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

Manuel Aybar
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Garland, TX

SOCIETY 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

2010

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.

New Member Renewing Member

Name (#1): _____

Name (#2): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail (#1): _____

E-mail (#2): _____