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MEETING AGENDA

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

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MAY MEETING SPEAKER: TOM LARKIN

Designer Cattleyas

Whippoowill Orchids, founded in 1991 by Tom & Barbara Larkin, was a natural extension of a hobby that started in 1950 at a very young age. The business end of Whippoowill was closed in 2007 and now is limited to hobby growing, hybridizing and exhibiting. With the amount of hybridizing Tom does he can always come up with a few seedlings to take to society talks.

An avid passion for hybridizing, that in the '50s concentrated on red cattleyas and green cymbidiums, In the '90s and into the new Millenium focused on novelty Phalaenopsis, multifloral Paphiopedilums (of small plant size), white Paphs and Phragmipediums, now focuses on colorful Cattleya alliance

Retired from their professional careers, Tom and Barbara are both heavily involved in the orchid world and are honored lifetime members of both the Orchid Society of the Ozarks (OSO) and the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City.

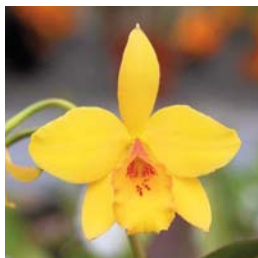
Tom and Barbara have both served as committee members for AOS and MAOC. Tom is a Senior AOS Judge, Some past offices held include Director with ODC, Director with IPA, member of Board of Directors of the Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks, Vice-President SOA, and Vice-Chair and Training Director of the Mid-America Judging Center. Barbara has served as secretary and Vice President of the MAOC as well as two 2-year terms as President of the local OSO. Tom and Barbara were instrumental in founding the OSO and are heavily involved as supporters and worker-bees with this local group. After fifteen years breeding and growing of novelty phals,paphs and phrags, Tom has moved on to another group close to our hearts, the Cattleya Alliance, focusing on small and compact plants with larger classic style blooms and fragrance, a group he coins as 'Designer Cattleyas'.

We are basically a small greenhouse (2000 sq. ft), and a small laboratory operation. Our lab is limited to our own.

We are located in the Ozark Mountains of Northwest Arkansas on the shores of Beaver Lake.



Sierra Drummer



Hoku Country



Little Bright Circle

ORCHIDS 101

MOVING YOUR
ORCHIDS
OUTSIDE FOR
THE SUMMER

Not all of us have greenhouses but that doesn't mean that your orchids can't go outside and play all summer in the bright light and fresh air. Jeanne Thompson will talk about how to safely move your plants outside.

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



What an exciting meeting we had for April. We had our usual array of wonderful plants, and actually had TWO of them win AOS awards. I hope the whole process was educational for all of you and that you see what the judging process is about, and that more of you will start coming to the regular judging and bringing some of your wonderful plants. There have been many times when plants are brought to the society meeting and really should go to judging and it was nice to be able to bring the judging to the society. I would certainly like feedback from folks about how you felt about it and whether you would want to do this occasionally.

I really hope some (as in MOST) of you have plants for the Oklahoma City Show – we are going to have a BBBIIIIIGGG display and need a lot of plants (we are from TEXAS afterall!!!) I will not have as many available as I would like to have, and we really need all comers to help. The drop off people are going to be myself (for points north), Linda Horton and Kevin Fox if you want plants taken and are not going to the meeting yourself. You need to arrange to drop them off by Tuesday evening!!! I DO HOPE A LOT OF YOU WILL GO FOR AT LEAST ONE DAY!!!! If you are taking your own plants, please get there as early on Wednesday as possible. We are always working on a time deadline to set up the display and get plants entered, and if you come at the last minute, you might have a prize winner that won't get entered. Please remember, when you submit plants, to tag the plant with the plant's name and your name (those mailing labels are great, and can go on the lower edge of a pot), and give us a list of the plants you are submitting so we get everything back to the right person. Please also put your phone number on that sheet so that if you get an AOS award we can contact you for the clonal name you want – and/or if you are really optimistic, put a clonal name on the plant's id tag. If you have tags and can fill them out and send them with the plants, that will be tremendously helpful – then we only have to add exhibit and class numbers. If you know a plant's name, but not it's parents, and don't have Orchid Wiz, if you can e-mail the name (and the color) of the plant to one of us ahead of time, we can do the research before going to the show rather than trying to do it in the midst of all the chaos. There is always room for more helping hands in setting up exhibits, and we are always willing to start training new people to learn how to do some of this

Sadly, I will not be able to be at the GNTOS meeting on May 2, because I will have to be in OKC taking down the display with Kevin. I am sad, because the speaker will be Tom Larkin, and I have known he

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GNTOS MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010

Dr. Cook called the meeting to order with 30 people in attendance. One visitor, Pat Stringer, attended.

Dr. Cook asked for a volunteer to take pictures of the Plant Table winners.

Jim Williams, Past President, reported on the condition of Ron Horton's greenhouse. Linda Horton reported that her husband will speak with Ron about a rescue of his plants and planting materials. Jim indicated the importance of arranging for the rescue of plants in the case of an emergency or worse.

Dr. Cook wore a t-shirt with an orchid on it which was created by a neighbor. She indicated that these might be sold at a GNTOS meeting if there was interest.

Dr. Cook asked several GNTOS members who are AOS judges to take part in the program. These GNTOS members were divided into 2 groups and they judged the Plant Table orchids while other members observed the process. The judges pulled plants from the winners and performed AOS judging on those items. Members of each audience watched the process and asked questions

JUDGING RESULTS

Judges: Manny Aybar, Ronnie & Jerry Brandenburg, Judy Cook, Linda Horton, Tom Mulhollan, Jim Williams

Cattleya Alliance

- Blue – C. Summer Spot 'Carmela'
– David Gould
- Red – Unnamed (Pot. Fordyce Prelude x Blc. Love and Fame)
– Gerry Darver
- White – Pot. Afternoon Delight 'Magnetism' – Cecelia Pinson

Dendrobiums & Others

- Blue – Lycaste unknown hybrid
– Judy Cook
- Red – Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds'
– Hortons
- White – Den. Pixie Charm
– Bettyann Sturges

Oncidiums

- Blue – Brassia Rex 'Sakata'
– Gerry Darver
- Red – Howeara Lava Burst
– Barbara McNamee

Paphs & Phrags

- Blue – Paph Kemp Tower
– Lorna Kissling
- Red – Paph. William Amber
– Lorna Kissling
- White – Phrag. Pemns Creek Cascade
– Judy Cook

Vandas & Phals

- Blue – Dtps. Alice Girl
– Cecelia Pinson
- Red – Phal. Brother Sara Gold 'Peach'
– David Gould
- White – Phal. Jeanette Brandon 'Crownfox Lemon Ice'
– Cecelia Pinson

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UPCOMING SHOWS

Ellen Safley

The **Oklahoma Orchid Society** (OOS) is hosting an OOS, AOS & SWROGA show April 28th-May 2nd. Judging is April 29th. Clarion Meridian Hotel and Convention Center, 737 S Meridian Ave., OKC, OK 73108. Kevin Fox will be coordinating our Society exhibit for this event. <http://2010aosshow.oosorchids.org/>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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and Barbara for years. They are wonderful people, very knowledgeable growers and breeders and you should get some really useful information from them and a good glimpse of things to come in Cattleyas. Bobby will be back to run the meeting, and Manny will also be back to help with things, so I may find myself without the president's job when I get back :0}

MEETING MINUTES

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Species of the Month

Epi. parkinsonianum – Judy Cook

Ascocentrum ampulaceum

– Barbara McNamee

Cym. canaliculatum 'Rio Rojo'

– Jim Williams

Best Flower

Paph. Kemp Tower – Lorna Kissling

Best Grown

Paph. William Amber – Lorna Kissling

DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT

Kathy Halverson



April 10, 2010

13 plants entered for consideration,
3 awards given:



Phal. Philishill 'Peter Lin'
(*philippinensis* x *schilleriana*)
AM 81 points
owner: Peter Lin
Southlake, TX



Phal. Snow Man 'Suzanne'
(*Mantilla* x *Snow Job*)
CCM 82 points
owner: Bill Williamson
Plano, TX

Phal. Brother Rush 'Kathy Stark' (*Brother Buddha* x *Mem. Anna Ventosa*)
CCM 86 points
owner: Bill Williamson
Plano, TX



**Dallas Judging Center
Special Judging**

at GNTOS Meeting 4/11/10

48 plants entered on plant table
7 pulled for AOS consideration
2 awards given:



Zygonisia Cynosure 'Cindy Cinsation'
(*Ang. Cyanea* x *Zygo. Skippy Ku*)
HCC 78 points
owner: Linda Horton, Garland, TX

C. Summer Spots 'Carmela'
(*Summer Stars* x *aclandiae*)
HCC 77 points
owner: David Gould, Mesquite, TX

Financial Report: March 2010

Dated: 3-1-10 thru 3-31-10

	Income	Expenses
Beginning Balance:	\$ 8315.21	
Dues	\$ 80.00	
Hospitality	-	
Raffle	\$ 98.00	
Rent (Storage Unit)		
Snoopers	\$ 159.00	..\$142.20
Speakers Fee:		
Official AOS		
Judging\$ 50.00
Speaker's Meals	-	
Miscellaneous	\$ 20.72	..\$ 25.95
Donations	-	
Special Sales	-	
SWROGA Dues	-	
Auction	-	
Plant Table	-	
GNTOS Exhibit	-	
Library	-	
Audit Check	-	
Website	-	
Subtotals:	\$ 337.00	..\$238.87
Ending Balance:	\$ 8413.34	

MONTHLY CHECKLIST FOR MAY AND JUNE

by Ned Nash and James Rose, Cal Orchids

CATTLEYA The last of the spring-flowering types – those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb – will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While *Cattleya* will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.

PAPHIOPEDILUM The *Paphiopedilum Maudiae* types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in *Paphiopedilum fairrieanum*-derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you, but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development. The multiflora types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths. Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the inflorescences grow so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.

PHALAENOPSIS Except for the latest-spiking plants, all *Phalaenopsis* should be ready for potting or already potted. Because *Phalaenopsis* are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a *Phalaenopsis*. The summer-flowering types, based on *Doritis* background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the summer season. *Phalaenopsis* potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots

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growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area.

Prepared by Ned Nash and James Rose.

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TYLER EXHIBIT



Members who submitted plants for the Central East Texas Orchid Society Show GNTOS exhibit in Tyler were: Manny Aybar, Hortons, Judy Cook, Dillard, Kevin Fox, Ellen Safley and Barbara McNamee.

2010 CALENDAR

by Bobby Dillard

- June 6** Tom Meranda – “Orchids Magazine”
- June 27** Picnic and Sale at Judy Cooks Greenhouse
- August 1** Grahm Wood – “Red Paphs”
- September 5** Carl Allen – “Orchids Pests and Diseases”
- October 3** Francisco Mirenda – “Vandas”
- November 7** Local Speaker
- December 5** Dinner and Sale

SNOOPERS CORNER

Barbara McNamee

Snoopers Corner is for items that are too large to bring to the snoopers table. Members can give-away or sell items that are orchid or greenhouse related.

You can give away an item free to a good greenhouse, but if you sell an item, GNTOS will receive the regular 10% for handling the deal, on the honor system,

same as the snoopers table.

Members who want to place an ad should contact Barbara McNamee: 972-279-9685. Submit a brief description and a small photograph if necessary. Each entry will run until it sells or for 3 months, whichever comes first.

GREATER NORTH TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

Manuel Aybar
2330 Saharah Drive
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



ORCHID STAND for Sale

- Holds dozens of plants in 8 sq.ft. of floor space (2' deep, 4' wide, 7.5' tall)
- Shelves are adjustable to hold three different size plants
- Humidity trays to keep the moisture level high
- Made of aluminum tubing for strength and rust resistance

\$220 (Comes with the original lights as shown)

I also have a set of three custom light fixtures which provide three times the light as the original fixtures shown above. I paid \$500 to get the lights made but I will sell the lights and the orchid stand together for **\$600**

David Gould 972-686-4851
david@gouldcreative.com

MEMBERSHIP DUES

2010

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

- \$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): _____

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Phone: _____

E-mail (#1): _____

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